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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / June 30, 2022

This week, many of us are still reeling from uncertainty in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey.* At such a time, it is difficult to know what to do next. In the coming weeks, BZBI has organized a number of opportunities to both process your feelings and find ways to act in response. See below for details on processing sessions, Jewish learning, and **tonight - a meeting to organize voter engagement in Philadelphia over the next two months.** Together, we are stronger in facing the challenges ahead.

This Monday, July 4, is Independence Day. BZBI offices will be closed, and there will be no school programs. Morning Minyan will be **held on zoom at 9:00 AM**, and there is *no evening service.*

BZBI would like to give a warm welcome to our new board members! To view the installation of the new board, **click here** to watch the annual meeting.

Spotlight

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. Thanks to the generosity of Bruce and Lynne Norton Robbins, we now have a new *tallit closet.*

Many personal items remain in the old tallit closet. 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. Many of your friends

ritual items clean and organized as each cubby will have your individual name.

Please contact Phyllis in the Temple office to reserve your new space.

Book of Remembrance

Submit by Friday, July 15

We are quickly approaching the deadline for your submission in the Book of Remembrance used 4 times a year when Yikzor is recited. Please return your memorial form or, if you have any questions, **call or e-mail Phyllis in the Temple office.**

Tomorrow, Friday, July 1, is the last day to receive the 10% off early bird discount.

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.

Worship

Friday, July 1 - Tamuz 2

Kabbalat Shabbat

6:30
Picnic in Filter Square

7:30 PM
Fitler Square (in case of rain: Klinghoffer Chapel)

Shabbat Candlelighting
8:15 PM

Saturday, July 2 - Tamuz 3

Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom
Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush

- **Torah Readers:** Jesse Bacon, Carmie Levine, Johannah Lebow, Larry Kerson, Tamar Fox, Rabbi Abe Friedman
- **Haftarah:** Ken Cohen
- **D'var Torah:** Jesse Bacon

Shabbat Ends
9:22 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.

On Thursdays - we will have coffee and donuts for Kiddush after morning services sponsored by our minyan goers. Please join us and stay to shmooze.

Our full minyan schedule, including Zoom-only services seven days a week, can be **found here.**

This Week's Downloads

- **Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook**
- **Shabbat Prayerbook**
- **Torah Readings for Parashat korach**

Last Week's D'var Torah

Making it Count - D'var Torah on June 25, 2022 by Jeff Hurok

Whose Lives do we Value? by Rabbi Abe, on Saturday, June 25

Members

Donations this Week

In Honor of:

- **Elkan Siegal's** 75th birthday & chanting Haftarah on the 62nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah & new home by Ira Siegal
- Rabbi Friedman's Advisory Group: **Art Fischman, David Miller, Robin Lebow and Sabrina Rubin Erdely** by Rabbi Abe Friedman and Rebecca Krasner

In Memory of:

- **Doris Tannebaum** by Judy and Steve Hurok
- **Larry Bishoff** by Natalie Landro
- **Fannie Shrier & Isidor Belinsky** by Ruth Shrier

Yahrzeits July 2 - 8

Alfred Block I Allan Cantor I Howard Goldberg I Louis Golen I Marvin Isack I Julia Marmorstein I Matthew Mosenkis I Samuel Reich I Edith Robbins I Leon Robbins I Esta Schlick I Hedvah Shuchman I Posey Silberman I Doris Tannebaum I Barney Weinstein

Events

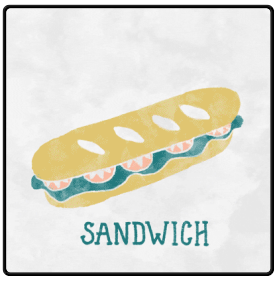
TONIGHT! Thursday, June 30 at 6:00 PM

Click here to Register both in person and on zoom.

The elections in Pennsylvania next November will be among the most important in our state's history. It is essential that Philadelphians turn out to make our voices heard. BZBI has joined a cohort of Center City congregations planning voter engagement efforts throughout the summer and fall - phone banking, door knocking, letter writing, voter education, and more. **Join us tonight to begin the planning process.**

Tonight from 6:00-8:00 PM, there will be an initial planning meeting at First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia (2125 Chestnut Street). Word on the street is that there will be vegetarian pizza available. A Zoom link is available for registrants who can't be there in person; **register online at this link**.

Please also email BZBI's Tikkun Olam Chair and POWER representative, **Bill Brookover, to let him know that you are attending.**



Shabbat Picnic at Fitler Square

Friday, July 1 at 6:30 PM

After the wildly successful Yesod Picnic last month, BZBI is pleased to present another Friday evening picnic at Fitler Square. BYOBD (Bring Your Own Blanket and Dinner) and join us for a relaxed Shabbat dinner followed by a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat with the BZBI Davening Team.

Monthly Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 PM

Join the sisterhood for their monthly planning meeting on zoom. **The link to register can be found here.**

Phillies Game: Last Chance to Purchase Tickets

Tuesday, July 5 at 7:05 PM

On July 5, come join BZBI's Men's Club at the Jewish Heritage Night: Phillies vs. Washington Nationals. The game will start at 7:05 PM and tickets are $36.00 each. Kosher food will be available for purchase. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, July 4 - **click here to purchase your tickets.**

Post-Roe Processing: Session for Women and Trans* People

Thursday, July 7 at 7:30 PM

Join Rabbi Abi to share feelings stories and resonances in a facilitated processing session about last Friday's Supreme Court ruling. *This session is open to all people who may have at some point needed, or may in the future, need access to abortion or other reproductive healthcare for women.
This meeting will be **on zoom - register here.**

Ice Cream Social

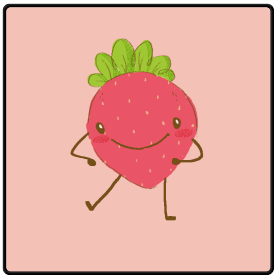
Friday, July 8 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Come make your own ice cream sundae in Filter Square, cool off, and enjoy some sweet social time with your friends from BZBI! Different flavors and toppings will be provided! **Please contact Liat** for more information and to let us know that you plan to attend.

Summer Tot Shabbat Playdates in the Park

Saturday July 9, July 30 and August 27 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Join us in Fitler 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**!



Farmers Market Meet Up

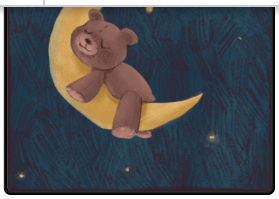
Sunday, July 10 at 11:00 AM

Do you love fresh flowers, fruit, and veggies? How about socializing with other congregants and new friends? Then come to Headhouse Market (located at 2nd and Lombard Street) on Sunday, July 10 at 11:00 AM for some farmers market fun! **Contact Liat** for more information, and if you plan to attend.

Pajama-Rama

Wednesday, July 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

On July 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, come join us in your pajamas at Rittenhouse Square, for some story-reading and cookie crumbling fun! Listen to bedtime stories read by crowd favorites like Rebecca



Don't forget to bring a blanket, your favorite pair of pjs, and something cozy to snuggle with – Milk and cookies will be provided! We will meet at the Goat. **Please let Liat know if you plan to attend.**

Outdoor Movie Night

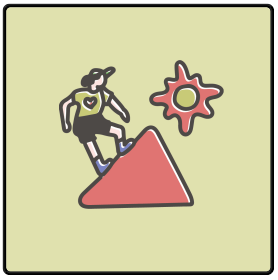
July 21 at 8:00 PM

On Thursday, July 21 at 8:00 PM, 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.**

Sisterhood Summer Soiree

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

Come join the sisterhood for an evening happy hour to meet old friends and make new ones, the location is TBD and will be posted next week. The sisterhood will be providing light appetizers, and individuals pay for their drinks. **Click the link here to sign up.**



Hike and Heal

Sunday, August 14 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

On Sunday, August 14 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.**

Take me to the slopes!

Winter 2023

Yep, summer's coming with hot weather and long days, but if you long for the cold, ice and snow, you must be a skier! We're planning a congregational ski trip for next winter. Probably a day trip to probably Elk Mountain, probably in February. Clearly we've got a bit of tightening up to do and could use some help. But even if you're not interested in helping but would like to join the fun, let us know by **signing up here.**

Wednesday MahJongg

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

Bring your competitive instincts and be ready to have fun at our weekly in-person MahJongg game in Klinghoffer Chapel. You must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. **Contact Liat for more information.**

Knitting and Crocheting

Monday, July 25 at 7:00 PM

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

Cool Caps for Keppies

Monday, July 4 through Monday, September 5

BZBI Sisterhood is collecting gently used 'baseball' caps to be donated to Bethesda Project and Project Home. A collection box is located in the Temple lobby.

The Sisterhood is also asking those who are able to purchase caps for donation through **Amazon Smile.** An example is **Gelante Baseball Caps in Wholesale 12 Pack** for $25 to $30.

Please contact **Eileen Dwell** for more information, including the delivery address for baseball cap orders. Your act of kindness is greatly appreciated.

NCJW
National Council of Jewish Women

The Torah of Abortion Justice with R' Danya Ruttenberg

Thursday, July 14 at 1:30 PM

Join NCJW Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg for an in-depth teaching on Jewish sources on reproductive freedom. Learn more about the all-day NCJW training the following weekend. This meeting will be **on zoom - register here.**

Israel 75: Travel to Israel on a Mission Trip!

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.

The next informational parlor meeting is **July 15 at 10:00 AM in Long Port, New Jersey**. **Click here to register to learn more about this amazing opportunity!**

2022-2023 Hebrew School and Youth and Family Programming

We are busy planning for the 2022-2023 Hebrew School/ Youth and Family programming year. Planning for the year is a lot of fun, and also a significant labor of love. By registering your child(ren) on time, you make it possible for us to plan for the year.

With that in mind, please be aware that **the deadline to complete Hebrew School/Youth and Family registration is Monday, August 1 at 12:00 PM. 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

The Cantors Assembly is sponsoring an international, free virtual spring/summer concert series.

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.

The Torah of Conservative/Masorti Judaism has a new digital home called **ExploringJudaism.org**.

You can find information on these and many more events on the BZBI website

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