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Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / September 9, 2022

A message from Vice President Gary Bramnick:

It is hard to believe a new year is nearly here. As we approach the High Holy Days, this is a time of looking forward as well as backward. We reflect on the past year and look to the coming year with equal introspection. What have we accomplished? Where may we have fallen short? What do we want to achieve for ourselves? I am personally hopeful and excited about what the future holds for our synagogue community.

I am honored to serve as one of your two Vice Presidents and to be co-chairing the Strategic Planning Process – helping to determine the synagogue community we want to create for our future. Last year, many of you helped develop the Vision Document that is guiding our work today. And we still want your help. If you're interested in helping the Strategic Planning process, please reach out to me directly (gary@garyb.com).

I look forward to seeing each of you as we come together to celebrate the new year. Please remember to check with the office if you have not received information about your tickets or have not completed your membership forms. *L'shana tovah u' metukah*. May you and your families have a happy and sweet year!

Spotlight

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If you haven't seen our Gift Shop in a while – come and look!

Our BZBI Sisterhood Gift Shop is stocked beautifully with items for the High Holy Days and all year too! We have new apple & honey dishes, candles, Kiddush cups, Holiday greeting cards, Shofars, fun & educational toys, books, and games for children. Remember that proceeds from Gift Shop purchases support our Neziner Hebrew School and Early Childhood Education programs. Call the Temple office to make an appointment to come shop with us.

In-Person Mindful Minyan with the Philly Prayer Project

TOMORROW, Friday, September 9 at 7:45 AM in Rittenhouse Square (South Lawn)

This Friday morning, BZBI will partner with Netanel Zellis-Paley and Nancy Wygant of the Philly Prayer Project for an outdoor, meditative davening experience. Bring a picnic blanket/lawn chair and siddur to the South Lawn (near the Goat) and prepare to open your heart to prayer.

Worship

Friday, September 9

7:01 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, September 10

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9:30 AM - 12:00 PM *in the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom*

[Parashat Ki Teitzei](#)

- **Torah Readers:** Shoshana Bannett, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, Cara Levinson, Jacob Weiner
- **Haftarah:** Shoshana Bannett
- **D'var Torah:** Rabbi Max Nissen, Director of Youth and Family Education

[Kiddush Sponsors:](#)

Kiddush is sponsored by grandparents **Robin and Ronald Neifield** in honor of the naming of their granddaughter.

7:58 PM Shabbat Ends

[Last week's D'var Torah Video by Tamar Fox - The Complexity of our Values](#)

Shiva Minyan Information Week of September 9 - 15

Betty Whitehorn
Florence Devor

Shiva for Betty Whitehorn

At the home of Terri and Matt Whitehorn

The Family will receive comforters Sunday through Tuesday beginning at 5:00 PM

Shiva for Florence Devor

At the home of Debra and Harris Devor

The family will receive comforters at the following times:

- Friday afternoon until sundown
- Saturday night, 8:00 - 9:00 PM
- Sunday through Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Minyan at both houses will begin at **7:00 PM**. BZBI's zoom *minyan* link will also be available at 7:00 PM Sunday through Thursday for those unable to attend a *minyan* in person. Note that these 7:00 PM *minyanim* replace the regular *minyan* times **for this week only**.

There are no changes to the morning minyan locations or schedule.

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.

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Members

Mazel Tov To:

- Parents Zara Neifield & Adam Szumski and grandparents **Robin & Ronald Neifield** on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter
- **Julie Perilstein Mozes** on being recognized as a 2022 Jewish Federation Young Leadership Award Winner with the Jack Goldenberg Young Leadership Award

Condolences To:

- **Matthew Whitehorn** on the passing of his mother, Betty Whitehorn
- **Harris Devor** on the passing of his mother Florence Devor
- **Maurice Mitts** on the passing of his father-in-law Samuel Broudo

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations

In Honor Of:

- **Gary Bramnick** by Michael Bramnick

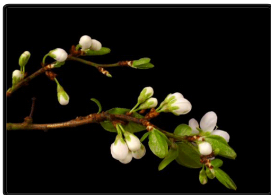
In Memory Of:

- **Bernard Roth** by Joan & Elkan Siegal, Terri & Matt Whitehorn, Clare & Sandy Mozes, Jeremy & Shoshana Bannett, Hon. Arnold & Shelley Robins New, Ellen J. Siegel, Shelley Wallock & David Lerman, Robin Lebow, & Debbie & Bob Fleischman, & Gary Bramnick
- **Sidney August** by Lynne Ellis
- **Betty Whitehorn** by David Haas & Valerie Joseph, Phyllis & Michael Laver, Sara & Adam Laver, Debbie & Harris Devor, Virginia Greene, Shoshana & Jeremy Bannett, Robin & Doug Barg, Ellen Rothman, Judy & Steve Hurok, Barbara Spector, Reena & Oren Pollak, Lisa Heller & Harry Roth, Cara Levinson, Bill Brookover, Nancy & David Colman, Terry & Paul Hirshorn, Lynne & Michael Balaban, Phyllis Kramer, Staci Schwartz, Janet Margolies, Art Fischman, Allison Goldberg, Lawrence Kessler, Gary Bramnick, Susan Zeelander, Bev Cohen & Family, Tanya Hess, David, Michael & Sarah Torok, Robin Lebow, Debbie & Harris Devor, David & Sarah Torok, Rosemary Loverdi, Virginia Greene, Suzanne Litke & Lisa Myers, Ivy & Josh Weingram, Sherri & Daniel Cohen, Heidi & Josh Levy, Valerie Joseph & David Haas, Sheila Davidson, Doris & Shlomo Cohen
- **Florence Devor** by Sara & Adam Laver, Phyllis & Michael Laver, Phyllis Kramer, Arlene Fickler, Bev Cohen & Family, Gary Bramnick, Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine, Tanya Hess, David & Gayle Smith, Susan Zeelander, Terri Soifer, Jake Rainwater, Lisa Heller & Harry Roth, Heidi George, Sherri & Daniel Cohen, Amy & Randy Schulz, Debbie & Harris Devor, Terry & Paul Hirshorn, Ellen Rothman, Estelle Fleischer, Shelley Wallock & David Lerman, & Lynne & Michael Balaban, Jack & Linda Galinsky Kirshner, Sally & Edwin Rosenthol, Janet Margolies & Art Fischman, Rabbi Joel Seltzer, Bruce & Lynne Norton Robins, Sheila Davidson, Valerie Joseph & David Haas, Heidi & Josh Levy, Arnold & Shelley Robins News, Bob (z"l) & Betsy Horen, Doris & Shlomo Cohen, Nancy & David Colman
- **Vivian Seltzer** by Debbie & Harris Devor, Debbie & Bob Fleischman, Robin & Doug Barg, Judy Torrance, Virginia Greene, Suzanne Litke & Lisa Myers, Bruce Lipton, Nancy & Rafael Levites

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[Yahrzeits September 9 - 16](#)

Sidney August | Lester Baker | Eleanor Brody | Regina Fassler | Alex Field | Marc Finberg | Gertrude Horwitz | Eugene Kaplan | Marilyn Lashner | Blanche Levy | Paul Lipow | Bernice Meyers
Frieda Rosenberg | Joan Shuster | Lewis Weiss



[One on One Spiritual Check Ins](#)

During the month of Elul, we have an opportunity to pause and reflect on how we have changed and to lift up our hopes for what we would like to see in the coming year. Our clergy are here to listen, witness and support you wherever you find yourself in this time. [Click here for information and to schedule a twenty-minute spiritual check-in with Rabbi Abe, Rabbi Abi or Gedalia Penner Robinson.](#)

You will find the available dates and time slots available to meet with one of the Rabbis. ***Available time slots will be highlighted in green.*** [Please contact Julia Pollock](#) to request an appointment. The document will be updated so time slots in red will show that the slot has been filled. If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to Julia.



[Registration for High Holy Day youth programming and childcare](#)

High Holy Day childcare and youth programming is available during service times for children and teens ages 2-years-old through high school. **[All childcare/youth programming attendees must click here to pre-register by Monday, September 12, at noon.](#)**

Registration is mandatory to participate in childcare/holiday programming. To participate, all children must be ***fully potty trained and able to wear a mask at all times.***

Parents or guardians may **[NOT](#)** leave the building while their two-year-old through 7th grade children are in childcare/youth programming. Children in 7th grade and older may check in and out of childcare on their own without an adult; Children in 6th grade and younger must be checked in and out by a parent/guardian or another adult designated on the registration form.

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THE FOOD DRIVE
 Sunday, September 25 through Wednesday, October 19

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will be accepting food donations for the High Holy Day Season. *Please no glass jars, open packages, or expired items.* **All food items (canned goods, non perishables, etc.) can be dropped off in the boxes provided in the 18th street lobby.**

If you have any questions regarding the food drive, please **[contact Julia Pollock.](#)**

Events

For more information on these upcoming events, [please check our website.](#) Unless otherwise noted, for all events below please let Liat know you will be joining us by [clicking here.](#)



Voter Engagement with POWER

The BZBI POWER Committee is holding a voter registration event at **Atria Senior Living on Tuesday, September 13 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM** to help residents get registered and request mail in ballots. We want to encourage new residents to register to vote in Philadelphia.

We are also holding in person phone banking at BZBI on **Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM** in the Chapel. This will be on the shared POWER Center City calendar and will be open to other POWER congregations.



Wednesday MahJongg

Wednesday, September 14 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.

Shabbat with Gedalia Penner-Robinson

Saturday, September 17, 9:30 AM and After Kiddush at BZBI

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Shabbat services and spend time with the community. After kiddush, come back inside to the chapel to learn High Holiday melodies and engage in spiritual preparation with Gedalia.

This visit is generously sponsored by Virginia Greene.



Community Selichot Program & Soul Spa

Saturday, September 17, at 8:30 PM

Society Hill Synagogue, 418 Spruce Street

After a two year hiatus, BZBI and partners Society Hill Synagogue and Congregation Leyv Ha-Ir welcome you to join in a spiritually rousing and heart-opening experience of prayer, song, and contemplation led by musicians, clergy, and prayer leaders from all three communities. The Selichot service marks the beginning of the High Holy Days season and our Soul Spa is the perfect opportunity to get your heart, mind, and soul ready for Rosh Hashanah.



High Holiday Journaling with Director of Engagement Liat Kovnator

Wednesday, September 21, 6:00 PM

Come join members of BZBI for a High Holy Day Journaling Program at the synagogue! We will reflect inward on the past year, and set goals for the new year ahead. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided.

If you have any questions and/or would like to RSVP ahead of time, [please contact Liat.](#)



Virtual Challah Bake

Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 22, 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Join Eileen Dwell, Gary Bramnick, and Carmie Levine over Zoom to bake egg and vegan challah together for the holidays! Recipes, materials for baking, and a Zoom link will be sent out to participants once you have signed up.

[Click the link here to sign up.](#)

RH² in Rittenhouse Square

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park. Join us for the eighth year of Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square (RH²) and mark the start of the *Yamim Noraim* with an evening of spirited music and a family-friendly service.

We are reaching out for your support in helping us continue this inclusive evening of music and prayer. This event is a major undertaking, and your assistance is essential in allowing people to enjoy the concert and service.

[For more information on how to become a sponsor, please contact Executive Director Lynne Balaban, or click here for the sponsorship form.](#)

Around the Community

The Jewish Relief Agency for Food Distribution have many volunteer opportunities, including **Sunday, September 11. [To find out more and sign up, click here.](#)**

BZBI member Ilana Trachtman is co-hosting a parlor meeting on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:30-7:00 PM to spread the word about *Finding North* -- An immersive learning adventure in Haifa for folks 55 and over that integrates Jewish wisdom, slow travel and the power of *midrash* – Jewish storytelling. *Finding North* is a creation from Rabbi Golan Ben-Chorin and award-winning writer and journalist, Johanna Ginsberg. Finding North is a 30-day curated Israel insider experience. Explore Jewish text study and storytelling. [To register, email \[info@findingnorthllc.com\]\(mailto:info@findingnorthllc.com\). Find us at \[www.findingnorthllc.com\]\(http://www.findingnorthllc.com\) and on Facebook at \[Finding North\]\(#\).](#)

Honor those at rest by joining your community for a cemetery cleanup at Har Nebo, a local historic Jewish cemetery on September 18, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Volunteer tasks will include raking, picking up trash and clipping overgrown vines. The cleanup will end with a memorial service to honor all of those buried. You can [Register here](#) for the cleanup.

The Open Doors Campaign is a stepping stone for recent high school graduates as they pursue new endeavors. Open Doors has posted a brief survey where graduating high schoolers share what the immediate future looks like for them. Please share [this brief survey](#) with the recent high school grads in your life, so USCJ can connect them in the future with their nearest Jewish community and help them get a “foot in the door.” **This helps to ensure emerging adults (i.e. first few years after high school) can connect to Jewish experiences, resources, and relationships** that can be valuable for them during this new stage of life no matter where they are headed.

Mah Jongg & Canasta Game day will take place Thursday, September 15, 2022, 11:00 AM through 3:00 PM at The Barbara and Harvey Brodsky Enrichment Center. All proceeds will benefit the support of JFCS's food security initiative.

Walk together in American history with the **Philadelphia Civil Rights Mission** to Atlanta,

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Israel Mission 75 invites you to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Jewish State's founding from May 14 - 21, 2023. **[To learn more, visit the Jewish Federation website. You can find information on these and many more events on the BZBI website](#)**



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