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Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / October 7, 2022

Spotlight



First Fridays @ BZBI: Potluck in Rittenhouse Square

TOMORROW Friday, October 7 at 5:00 and 6:00 PM on the South Lawn of Rittenhouse Square

Mark your calendar for our next Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck, this time in Rittenhouse Square! The main event will be spirited services at **6:00 PM**, and you can join us for a bring-your-own Shabbat dinner (early shift) at **5:00 PM** or potluck picnic at **7:00 PM**. Bring a vegetarian dish to share along with a blanket or lawn chair.

[Click here for Zoom links for Sukkot on Monday October 10, and Tuesday October 11.](#)

Worship

Friday, October 7

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service in Rittenhouse Square (see above for picnic/potluck details)

6:15 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, October 8

Shabbat Morning Service

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[Parashat Vayeilech](#)

- **Torah Readers:** Suzanne Litke
- **Haftarah:** Lisa Myers
- **Shabbat Learning:** Rabbi Abi Weber

7:12 PM Shabbat Ends

[Last week's Shabbat Learning with Rabbi Abe Friedman](#)

Multi-Access Services (change in schedule for the next two weeks) in person and on [Zoom](#).

Friday, October 7 – 7:45 AM & 6:00 PM *in-person only in Rittenhouse Square*

Shabbat, October 8 – **9:30 AM**

Sunday, October 9 – **9:00 AM**

Monday, October 10 (Sukkot Day 1) – **9:30 AM**

Tuesday, October 11 (Sukkot Day 2) – **9:30 AM**

Wednesday, October 12 – 7:45 AM & 8:30 PM

Thursday, October 13 – **7:45 AM** & 8:30 PM

Friday, October 14 – 7:45 AM

Shabbat, October 15 – **9:30 AM**

Sunday, October 16 (Hoshanah Rabah) – **9:00-11:00 AM**, Followed by New Member Sukkot Meet & Greet

Monday, October 17 (Shemini Atzeret) – **9:30 AM** with Yizkor and **6:15 PM** Erev Simchat Torah and **6:30 PM** Hakafot

Tuesday, October 18 (Simchat Torah) – **9:30 AM** with Simchat Torah Hakafot

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

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

More than a Minyan...

It's simple. Download WhatsApp to your smartphone and sign up for "BZBI

Members

BZBI would like to give a warm welcome to all of our new members!

Richard Weiner and Judith Foreman | Ross Wladis | Lori Serbian Lasday and Jeffrey Lasday | Jose Zigelboim and Natalie Hoyer | Mark Segal | Linda and Stephen Schaffzin | Claire Flaxman | Amanda and Evan Kramer | Ariel Koltun-Fromm | Michele Farber and Richard Berger | Emily Shoyer | Judd and Rhoda Peskin | Bradford Sadowick | Patricia Kozuch | Matthew and Noa Laver | Aaron Guttenplan | Richard and Florence Frantz | Arnold Lurie | Lynn Schwartz Stein | David and Zelda Greenstein | Judy Farber and Michael Suckle | Emilie Feldman and William Klerk | Richard and Donna Porwancher | Lauren Beslow | Taylor Turner | Jennifer Retig and Benjamin Smith | Anna Shaffer | Nancy Leaderman and Matthew Bray | Ethan Morris

The Temple mourns the passing of **Lee Shai Weissbach** and extends condolences to his wife Sharon.

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

Condolences to:

- **Bruce Horowitz & Family** by Betsy Horen

In Appreciation Of:

- **Holiday Honor** by Judy & Steve Hurok, Daniel Cohen, Sara & Adam Laver
- **Rabbi Abe Friedman** by Abbe Fletman & Deborah Saltman
- **Rabbi Abi Weber & for Holiday Honor** by Esta Schwartz
- **Simchat Torah Family Program** by Sara & Adam Laver

In Memory Of:

- **James R. Chew, Jr.** by Heidi Levy & Family, Phyllis & Michael Laver, Art Fischman & Janet Margolies, Joan Divor & Elkan Siegal, Esta Schwartz, Arlene Fickler, Robin Lebow, Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg, Virginia Greene, Beth Garstkiewicz, Seth & Sheryl Gross
- **Lee Shai Weissbach** by Bev Cohen, Rosalie Kurz, Seth & Sheryl Gross
- **Aunt of Barry Abelson** by Betsy Horen
- **Anna Schwalb** by Amit Schwalb
- **Sydney Jaffe** by Audrey Block
- **Ethel Maiman & Morton Maiman** by Penina Gould
- **Florence Devor, Betty Whitehorn, Bernard Roth & Lee Shai Weissbach** by Rachel Gross & H.P. Baker

Yahrzeits October 8 - 15

Jeanette Adler | Zola Aronson | Lillian Barr | Gertrude Dalinka | Peter Domb | Esther Fleischman | Ralph Freedman | Julius Goldberg | Marcelle Goller | Michael Harrison | Sydney Jaffe |



Adult Education with Rabbi Ira F. Stone

Exploring the Talmud as Philosophy

Mondays beginning October 24, 10:00-11:00 AM on Zoom

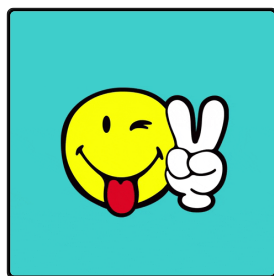
Starting at the beginning of the Talmud, the first chapter of Tractate Berachot, we will try to determine what philosophic questions the authors/editors of the Talmud were exploring and how and why the text came into being in such an idiosyncratic form. Tuition for BZBI members is \$180, and the general community is \$250.

Two Philosophic Books of the Bible

Tuesdays beginning October 25, 10:00-11:00 AM on Zoom

We will explore two later books of the Bible that consider deep philosophic issues. First the Book of Ecclesiastes (Kohelet) and then the Book of Job. We will engage in close reading of the texts and also situate each book, as much as possible, in the context of the time they were composed. Tuition for BZBI members is \$180, and the general community is \$250.

[Register here for either class.](#)



Buddies for BZBI

BZBI has recently welcomed nearly 30+ new households to our community. Please consider becoming a "Buddy" to help these new members feel welcomed and supported. If you are interested, or would like more information please reach out to **[Sara Shaiman](#)**.



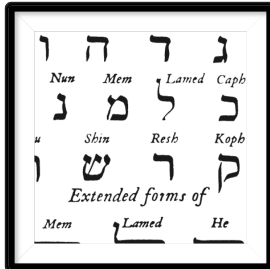
On One Foot: Introduction to Judaism

Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 PM, beginning October 26 at BZBI

Judaism is a world unto itself, encompassing rituals, ideas, and thousands of years of history. If you've been curious about Jewish learning but didn't know where to start, this is the place for you! The American Jewish University's *On One Foot* curriculum covers all of the essentials in an interactive format that encourages personal engagement.

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community rabbis for a year-long adventure in Jewish learning. [Register here](#). If you or anyone you know is interested in conversion to Judaism, register for this class through [the Goodblatt Academy](#).



Basic Prayer Book Hebrew

Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00pm, beginning October 26 at BZBI

Learning to read and understand basic Hebrew opens a world of opportunities for worship. Would you like to be able to comfortably follow along in the prayer book? Are you planning to read Torah for the congregation someday? Do you simply want to be able to easily tell each letter on the dreidel apart? Join us at BZBI to learn the basics of Hebrew reading, pronunciation, and comprehension.

This is a class for those with no background in the language, even if you can't tell *alef* from *tof*, and will provide a strong foundation for liturgical Hebrew. [Register here](#).



Open Sukkah Hours

Everyone in the community is invited to make use of BZBI's Sukkah (on Spruce Street near 18th Street). Note that you will need to bring your own food, folding chairs, and other furniture. We request that you refrain from entering the Sukkah when it is in use for BZBI programming. Please take any garbage with you when you leave.

Open hours for use:

Sunday, October 9, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday, October 10, 2:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, October 11, 2:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Thursday, October 13, 12:00 - 1:00 PM & 3:00 - 9:00 PM

Friday, October 14, 12:00 - 1:00 PM & 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 15, 1:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, October 16, 1:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday, October 17, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

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](#).

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Now 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 and the chapel.**

If you have any questions regarding the food drive, please **contact Julia Pollock.**



Open Sukkah Event

On Monday, October 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Please join BZBI in welcoming residents of Northern Liberties, Fishtown, and surrounding areas in an 'Open Sukkah'. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Please contact Liat for more information and location.**



Wednesday MahJongg

Wednesday, October 12 from 5:00 - 6:00 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.



Phone Bank for Voter Registration

Thursday, October 13

Join POWER in helping Philadelphians register to vote. There will be in person phone banking on Thursday, October 13 at 12:00 - 2:00 PM and 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Society Hill Synagogue, 418 Spruce Street. **Click here to register.**

Email Bill Brookover if you need help registering to vote, or applying to vote by mail.



New Members Sukkot Program

Sunday, October 16, from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Are you a new member of BZBI? Please come join old and new members alike for a *New Members Sukkot Program* at BZBI! We will be meeting at the sukkah in front of the synagogue. A light brunch will be provided. Come chat with old and new

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**membership Committee Chair.****Israeli Dancing with BZBI and Don Schillinger!**

Thursday, starting October 27, at 6:30 PM

Do you want to learn how to Israeli dance? Do you want to expand on what you already know in Israeli dancing?

BZBI is offering Israeli Dancing classes beginning on Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 17. (10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17). The cost is \$10.00 per class, and will be led by Don Schillinger. It will start at 6:30 pm. **Please reach-out to Liat to register for classes.** We can't wait to see you there!

**"The Jews of Ukraine and the Slave Markets of Istanbul: Disaster and Rescue in the Seventeenth Century" by Professor Adam Teller**

Monday, October 31, 7:30 PM at BZBI

The Brown Club of Greater Philadelphia and BZBI invite you to a free presentation by Adam Teller, Professor of History and Judaic Studies at Brown University. **Click here to RSVP for this special event.**

Around the Community

As we have seen on the news, Hurricane Ian has not slowed down since coming to the Florida region. **Click the link here to find ways to support the communities in Florida** that are being affected severely by the storm. The hurricane has also already greatly impacted Puerto Rico, **click the link here to donate to disaster relief at the Chabad of Puerto Rico to help those in need,** or **click the link here to send direct relief to the communities of Puerto Rico.**

Registration for USY Summer Experience 2023 is NOW OPEN - and after an EPIC summer of travel across the globe, we are couldn't wait to open registration once again for all USY programs - both in Israel and in North America. Early bird discount is \$200 off for returning participants and \$100 for new participants now through October 31, 2022. From volunteering in the Dominican Republic, to traveling all over the United States - to exploring across the world in the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Israel - there are countless options for you to have the best summer EVER with USY.

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**

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