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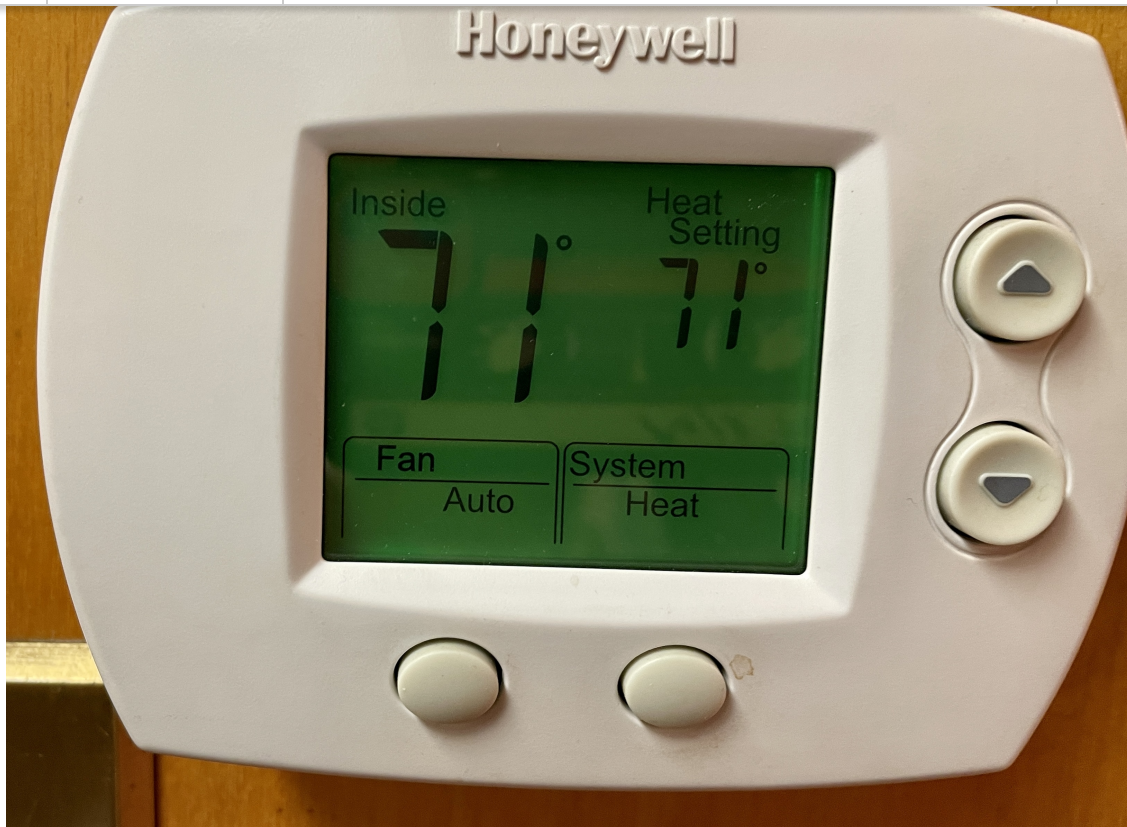
Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / December 15, 2022

Happy Hanukkah from BZBI!

We hope your holiday is filled with light, laughter and latkes!





"There was only one small cruse of pure oil, enough to light the menorah in the Temple for one day. But it lasted eight days, in time to produce new pure oil and the menorah was able to remain lit and never burn out."

Although our heater didn't last, our hope did! BZBI is now fully heated once again. Thank you to the workers who came in for weeks to help us resolve this problem -- we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to our entire community for being patient and trusting us during this difficult process. Join us in the sanctuary this Shabbat to experience the warmth of our community for yourself.

Spotlight



Latke and Hanukkah Candle Pickup

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Youth and Family Hanukkah fundraiser! If you ordered latkes and/or candles through the fundraiser, please pick them up in the Kahaner Auditorium during any of the following pickup windows:

Tomorrow, Friday, December 16, from 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 17, 12:15 - 12:45 PM

(immediately following Shabbat morning services in the Kahaner)

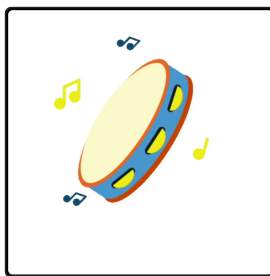
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Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat

THIS Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 AM

Everything we do at BZBI depends on our many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Join us this **Saturday, December 17** as we recognize all the people who help our community shine. After Shabbat morning services we will all join for a celebratory kiddush in Kahaner Auditorium.

Kiddush Sponsors: Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg, The Cohen-Ludwig Family, Jasmin & Akil Bowler, Terri & Matt Whitehorn, Doris & Shlomo Cohen, Suzanne Litke & Lisa Myers, & Jeremy & Shoshana Bannett

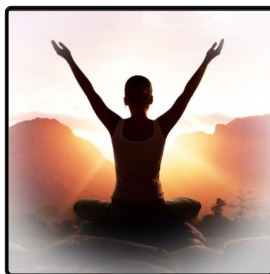


Family Avodah this Saturday

Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 - 10:45 AM

Family Avodah is our monthly experiential Youth and Family service **designed for children in 1st-7th grade to attend together with their parents/guardians** whether or not you are enrolled in Neziner Hebrew School. **The service takes place in the Kahaner Auditorium from 10:00 to 10:45 AM.**

Co-led by Rabbi Abi, Rabbi Max, and Jonathan Goldstein, the service is designed to bring children and families from our entire BZBI community together for prayer, singing, discussion and interactive activities exploring big questions and themes related to Jewish prayer.



Shabbatki Yoga is Back at BZBI with Deb Glassman

Starting January 7 at 9:45 AM

Join BZBI in an alternative spiritual journey into the heart of Shabbat through yogic movement, meditation, and song with Dr. Deborah Glassman. Classes will take place on **Saturdays from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM in the Kahaner Auditorium.**

Registration is required for these classes, and non-members must pay in advance. **The cost is \$18 per session for BZBI members and \$25 for community members.**

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The class schedule is as follows: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 22, & May 6.

Worship

Friday, December 16

4:18 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, December 17

Shabbat Morning Service

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9:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Goldberg Sanctuary

Parshat Va-yeishev

- **Torah Readers:** Harris Devor, Jeremy Bannett, Tamar Fox, Bill Brookover, Oren Pollak, Dan Segal
- **Haftarah:** Shoshana Bannett
- **Shabbat Learning:** Rabbi Abi Weber

5:22 PM Shabbat Ends

BZBI's Shabbat Learning and related videos are now available on the Shofar Blog.

Watch Last week's Shabbat Learning with Rabbi Abe Friedman



Be the Face of BZBI

You know the feeling you get when you come in out of the cold and the first thing you see is a warm, wide smile? We are recruiting a team of friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to welcome folks as they arrive at BZBI on Shabbat mornings. Your participation just once every other month turns our tagline, "Where You Belong," into reality for everyone who comes in the door. Contact [Liat Kovnator](#) or [Eileen Dwell](#) to sign up or learn more.

We are saddened to inform the community of the passing of **Sheila Rosenblum**, a long-time member of BZBI and the wife of our former **BZBI Rabbi Herbert Rosenblum**. May her memory be for a blessing.

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

In Honor Of:

- **The Marriage of Matt Fleischman & Avital Levine** by Melissa Lerman & Eric Berger
- **The Marriage of Eliana Rosenthal & Zach Gardner** by Jeremy & Shoshana Bannett
- **Phyllis Kramer** by Chaim Dworkin
- **Josh Rosenberg** by Akil & Jasmin Bowler
- **The birthday of Yara**, daughter of Rabbi Abi Weber & Diana Tamir by Jessica & Greg Phillips
- **The B'nai Mitzvah of Samson & Meyer Day** by Beverly Goldberg
- **Phyllis Kramer** by Sheila Davidson
- **Lisa Myers & Suzanne Litke** by Sue & Ken Myers
- **Rabbis Friedman & Weber** by Violet Zeitlin
- **Sheila Rosenblum** by Suzanne Litke & Lisa Myers
- **Merissa Richmond** by Jeremy & Shoshana Bannett
- **Seth & Sheryl Gross** by Judy Torrance

In Memory Of:

- **Harvey Steinberg** by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
- **Katie Loeb** by Barbara Spector
- **Harry Rosenberg** by Esta Schwartz
- **Miriam Copeland** by Laurie Segal & Larry Copeland
- **Ronnie Jasse** by Clare & Sandy Mozes
- **Samuel Emmett** by Fran Kahn, Jay Mudrick & Judy Torrance
- **Samuel Penn** by Susan & Barry Penn
- **Irene Bernard Katz** by Susan & Barry Penn
- **Sheila Rosenblum** by Arlene Fickler, Ira Siegal & Sharon Wassbach
- **Frances Kotzin** by Miriam Kotzin
- **Arthur Kaplan** by Sharon Kaplan

Yahrzeits December 17 - December 23

Penina Adlin | John Beer | Ida Devor | Mary Epstein | Joseph Fassler | Isadore Fickler | Adolph Fickler | Cyrus Gordon | Arthur Hanau | Julie Kaplan | Mildred Katz | Samuel Penn | William Remer | Harvey Steinberg | John Wertheimer | Rachel Ziobro



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blue and on our website. Changes have been made to the event schedule. We can't wait to see you there!



Hanukkah Happening

Sunday, December 18 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join BZBI in creating your very own Hanukkiah just in time for the first night of the holiday! Supplies will be provided, and we encourage you to bring a few of your own as well.

Families can also decorate their own Hanukkah blessing sheets to take home with them, eat delicious sufganiot and create postcards and placemats together with the Jewish response to hunger initiative organization 'Mazon.'

For up to three menorahs per household, tickets are \$18 per household if you pre-register, and \$25 at the door, so that we can guarantee a menorah for everyone. We can't wait to see you here for a morning of light and laughter! **[Sign-up here to pre-register](#)** or just show up on Sunday morning!



Candlelighting and No Limit Texas Spin 'Em Dreidel Tournament

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM

Who will reign supreme in BZBI's first ever No Limit Texas Spin 'Em Dreidel Tournament? Join other adults to test your luck, enjoy light refreshments, and light Hanukkah candles together. All participants will receive an initial stake in the tournament, with a limited number of re-buys available. **[A \\$10 suggested donation can be gifted here.](#)**

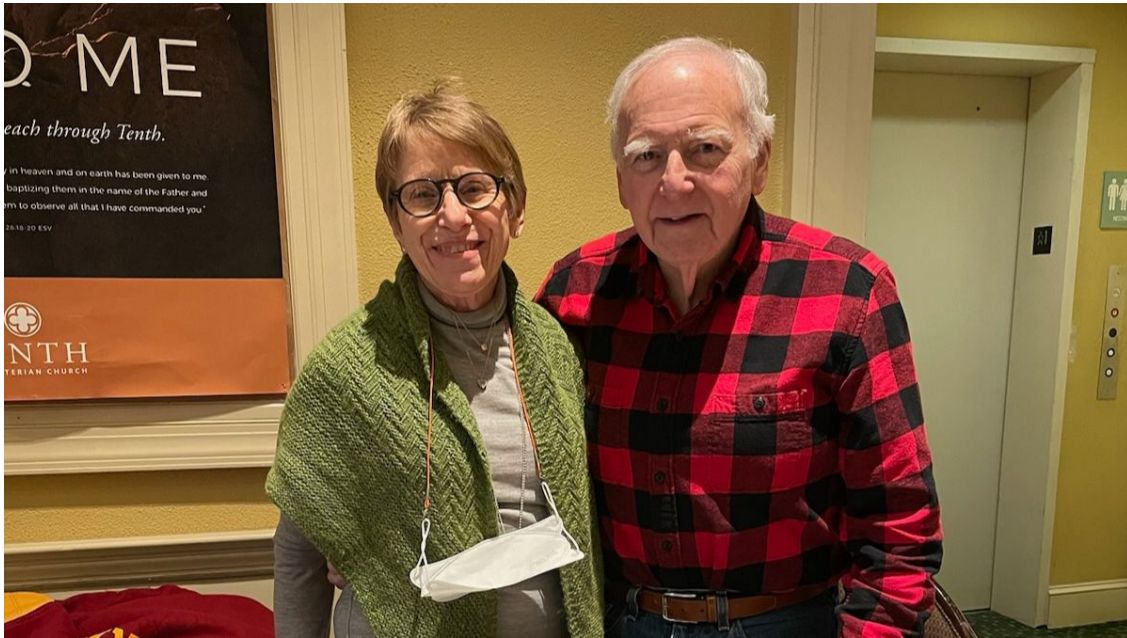
***The World Premier of "A Dicey Chelm Hanukkah" will now take place during the Dreidel Tournament.**

BZBI has a limited number of Hanukkiyot, so please bring your own Hanukkiyah if possible.

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Due to the impressive success of our mighty Philadelphia Eagles (who will be roundly defeating the Dallas Cowboys on December 24), the Chinese Food and Movie program will be postponed until next year. Fly, Eagles, fly!

Events



Eileen Dwell and Chuck Steinberg volunteering at the Red Cross Blood Drive.

The Blood Drive yesterday was a success! Thank you to the more than 36 people who volunteered, gave blood, or both!



Wednesday Mahjongg

Wednesday, December 21, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Bring your competitive instincts and be ready to have fun at our weekly in-person Mahjongg game in Klinghoffer Chapel.

Please note that on December 28 we will not be playing.



Spend December 25th at the Weitzman

December 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Join us on December 25 (Christmas Day) at The Weitzman. There will be performances, seasonal film favorites, make-and-take crafts, storytime, and the galleries will be open for exploring. Get excited for family

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workshop with percussionist Joseph Tayoun, and Hip Hop with Movemakers Philly.

[To purchase tickets, click here.](#)



Knitting and Crocheting with Eileen Dwell

December 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

On the last Monday of each month, Tikkun Olam invites you to Join Eileen Dwell on Zoom for knitting, crocheting and conversation. Learning and laughter will be had by all. [If you would like to participate, sign up here.](#)

[To join the Zoom meeting, click here.](#)



First Fridays @ BZBI: January Kabbalat Shabbat and Catered Dinner

Friday, January 6, 5:00/6:00/7:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate **First Fridays @ BZBI** with a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service at **6:00 PM**. This month our service will feature percussionist Joe Tayoun.

Families with young children are invited to an early dinner at **5:00 PM**, and the entire community is invited for a late dinner at **7:00 PM**.

[In order to join either dinner, you must pre-register here.](#) The cost is \$18 per adult and \$12 per child under 12. *If cost is a barrier to your participation, [please contact Liat Kovnator.](#)* The deadline to sign up is **January 3rd at Noon**.



Israel Engagement Presents: A Night of Israeli Art with Shel and Penny Bernick and Noa Hagiladi

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Join Shel and Penny Bernick at their home for an evening full of Israeli Art. We will be joined by Israeli Glass Artist and Speaker, Noa Hagiladi, who is currently pursuing an MFA at Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

Noa is a multidisciplinary artist and mental health advocate who has given over 80 lectures about her artistic life story, including at the UN. She has previously trained at Bezael -- The Israel Art Academy. She will speak this evening on her art and life experiences.

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Philadelphia Museum of Art Private Jewish Tour

Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Join the BZBI Sisterhood on a private tour of Jewish art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and an optional lunch at Stir afterwards. The cost of the private tour is \$26 for seniors and \$28 for others. Sisterhood members have first opportunity to sign up for the tour through January 5; thereafter, we will open it to the BZBI community.

If you would like to join the Sisterhood, please call the Temple Office (215-735-5148).

[For the Art Museum tour sign up, please click here.](#)



BZBI Book Club

Monday, January 23, at 7:00 PM in the Chapel and on Zoom

Join the BZBI book club members as they discuss [Dinners with Ruth](#) by Nina Totenberg. The discussion will be led by BZBI member Phyllis Fisher. **[Join by Zoom here.](#)**



Congregational Ski Trip

Sunday, February 26 at Elk Mountain

Join BZBI on a congregational ski trip to Elk Mountain! Transportation will be provided to and from the mountain. Have some fun on a cold winter day with your fellow congregants.

[Please fill out this short survey](#) to let us know if you are interested in joining us.

Around the Community

Help stuff backpacks at Bethesda Project's Our Brothers' Place. In all they will need about 250 bags, but many hands make light work! The minimum age for this event is 18 years old. This volunteer opportunity will take place on Tuesday, 12/20 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, and Wednesday 12/21, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (if needed). **[Send an email to Jeffrey Isaacson to let him know you are coming!](#)**

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for jkidphilly's Get Together Grant and get up to \$100! Invite 1–3 families from our synagogue, and enjoy Hanukkah together! **Apply today!** **Email Bari Jacobson**, Coordinator, jkidphilly Get Together Grants with any questions. And if your children don't already receive PJ Library (ages 0–8) or PJ Our Way (ages 8.5–12) books — free Jewish books sent to your child monthly! — **register today**.

Help JRA deliver food and gifts to families in need this Hanukkah! The Jewish Relief agency will be delivering boxes of nutritious food for Hanukkah and other critical supplies to over 4,300 households along with holiday gifts for over 450 children. Volunteer on December 11, 12 and 13 to support their cause. Visit jewishrelief.org for more information!

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