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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / December 22, 2022



The Hanukkiyah making program was a success! Thank you to everyone in the community who came to participate. We had lots of fun and hope you did too!

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No Limit Spin 'Em Dreidel Tournament Winners: Liat Kovnator (2nd), Carmie Levine aka Meyer Sopranovitz (1st), and Rob Sample (3rd). Thank you to everyone who came out and participated!

Important information for the next two weeks:

- The Temple office will be closed on **Monday, December 26** and **Monday, January 2**.
- Early Childhood Education will be on winter break beginning **Friday, December 23** and will return on **Tuesday, January 3**
- The deadline to sign up for First Friday Shabbat Dinner is on **Tuesday, January 3**. [Sign up here](#)
- Neziner Hebrew School is on winter break and will return on **Wednesday, January 4**
- The deadline to sign up for Shabbatki Yoga is on **Friday, January 6**. [Sign up here](#)
- Rabbi Stone's classes, (Both Mondays and Tuesdays) will take a two week break, and return on **Monday, January 9**

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BZBI will be emailing all 2022 Tax Receipts this year. In preparation, please take a moment to log into your Shul Cloud account to verify that your email is correct. **Log Into Shul Cloud** here. Individual requests for a paper mailing of your tax receipt can be submitted to Leslee at bookkeeper@bzbi.org after January 9, 2023.

Spotlight

Being  at Christmas.
ANNUAL DAY OF FAMILY FUN



Sunday, December 25 ♥ All Day

Details & Tickets at TheWeitzman.org/Dec25

The Museum is open. The galleries are warm. All we need is YOU!

- *Sing and dance with **Lolly Hopwood**
- *Learn lion dancing with the **Philadelphia Suns**
- *Get in the groove with percussionist **Joseph Tayoun**
- *Test your Hip Hop skills with **Movemakers Philly**
- *Get the whole family on the dance floor with **Benny the Vildachaya**

...and so much more!

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Spend December 25th at the Weitzman

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

Join us on December 25 at The Weitzman. There will be performances, seasonal film favorites, make-and-take crafts and, story time. The galleries will also be open for exploring.

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



First Fridays @ BZBI: January Kabbalat Shabbat and Catered Dinner (Featuring Unit Su Vege Chinese Food)

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.

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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.**



Shabbhatki 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 select **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.**

Participants should wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if possible; mats at the synagogue are limited.

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

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Last night BZBI hosted the exclusive world premiere of the short film, *A Dicey Chelm Hanukkah*, now streaming exclusively on BZBI's Vimeo page. [Click here to watch!](#)

Worship

Friday, December 23

4:21 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, December 24

Shabbat Morning Service

Kiddush is Sponsored by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg in honor of Eileen reading Torah on Shabbat Hanukkah.

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

Parshat Mi-Ketz

- **Torah Readers:** Jesse Bacon, Oren Pollak, Tamar Fox, Gaby Marantz, Barbara Spector, & Eileen Dwell
- **Haftarah:** TBA

5:25 PM Shabbat Ends

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

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More Than A Minyan

Last Monday's after-minyan study with Rabbi Mort Levine revealed lots of new information about Hanukkah. The holiday will never look the same. Want to pick up some new insights? Join us on an upcoming Monday.

Excitement abounds over the next 10 days!

On Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 AM we'll be together in person (and online) to celebrate Hanukkah and Rosh Chodesh. Joseph Freedman will be leading and Barb Spector reading. Barb is also observing the yahrzeit of her friend, Katie Loeb, with a post-service nosh.

On Monday morning, December 26, at 9:00 AM, a civic holiday, we continue our tradition of open mic davening during our multi-access minyan (in the chapel and on zoom). Pick a prayer to lead and jump right in. No experience necessary. And we'll do the same again on Sunday, January 1. Kick off 2023 with a prayer - it couldn't hurt.

You have two chances to try leading a prayer or two the next two Mondays. Warm up an old favorite prayer, learn a new nusach, or prep something you haven't attempted before using [Hadar's easy to use library](#) or [Rabbi Abi's recording](#) of the full service.

To keep posted on more minyan happenings, sign up for BZBI Minyan Alerts on WhatsApp. Participation has almost doubled since Rosh Hashanah, but there's still time to be in the Early Majority.

Members

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

Mazel Tov To:

- **Debbie and Bob Fleischman** on the birth of their new granddaughter Shylee Esther, daughter of Matt Fleischman & Avital Levine by Phyllis & Michael Laver, Josh & Heidi Levy, and Robin Lebow

In Honor Of:

- **Merissa Richmond** by Shoshana & Jeremy Bannett
- The marriage of **Eliana Rosenthal & Zach Gardner** by Robin Lebow
- **Phyllis Kramer** by Joan Divor & Elkan Siegal

In Appreciation Of:

- **Aliyah** by Joe Freedman

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- [Mildred Katz](#) by Douglas Lerner
- [Sheila Rosenblum](#) by Estelle Fleischer, Sharon & Avi Greis, Doris & Shlomo Cohen, Josh & Heidi Levy, Rosalie Kurz & Joseph Klein, Joan Divor & Elkan Siegal
- [Mamie Fickler, Mary Kaplan, Isadore Fickler, Jacob Kaplan & Adolph Fickler](#) by Arlene Fickler
- [Samuel Emmett](#) by Cecily Morris and Rosalie Kurz & Joseph Klein
- [Melvin Weiss](#) by Wendy Weiss & Greg Rowe
- [Katie Loeb](#) by Barbara Spector

Yahrzeits December 24 - December 30

Joan Ayres | Liesel Baker | Esgchel Dayanim | Anne Gellmin | Rachel Gomel | Svia Greis | Jack Haimowitz | Rita Hirsh | Hyman Jelin | Jacob Kaplan | Marilyn Klein | Heryn Lacheen | Abraham Litke | Katie Loeb | Fruma Ludwig | Rita Metzker | Jack Nathan | Karen Pressel | Harry Rosenberg | Harry Shrier | Charles Shubin | Akiba Stone | Hillel Stone | Melvin Weiss



Events

#Servefor8

There are still many opportunities to volunteer for those in need during Hanukkah, including the sock drive and **two more chances** to cook and serve food. [See here for a complete list of activities in the coming days.](#)



Knitting and Crocheting with Eileen Dwell

Monday, December 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

On the last Monday of each month, the Tikkun Olam Committee 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.

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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 Bezalel--The Israel Art Academy. She will speak this evening on her art and life experiences.

The address will be given with RSVP as this event has a limited capacity. [Sign up here!](#)



BZBI Day at The Jewish Relief Agency

Sunday, January 15

JRA delivers food and essential household items to around 3,400 households monthly. JRA's serves a diverse population of low-income individuals and families who are struggling with food insecurity. Volunteers help at the JRA warehouse by packing boxes and bags of food and delivering to JRA's recipient households.

This event will take place at the JRA Warehouse 10980 Dutton Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19154. JRA junior packing will take place from 9:00-10:00 AM, all ages packing is from 10:00-11:30 AM, and food delivery will take place at 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM.

After packing, volunteers are also able to deliver packages on a specified delivery route. [Please sign up here for any packing and delivery shifts you would like to do!](#)



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.

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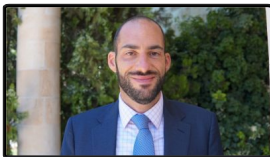
[For the Art Museum tour sign up, please click here.](#)



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.](#)**

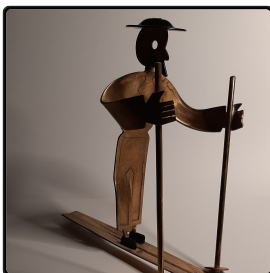


What's Next for Israel? An Evening with the Israel Policy Forum's Michael Koplow

Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm at BZBI

As Israel prepares to swear in a new government that looks radically different from the previous one, what can we expect to see in the Middle East? Join BZBI and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Philadelphia for an evening with political analyst Michael Koplow. Following the program, young professionals are invited to have a drink with Michael at a nearby bar.

Koplow is the chief policy officer of Israel Policy Forum. He holds a Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University, where he specialized in political development and ideology, and the politics of Middle Eastern states. He writes Israel Policy Forum's weekly Koplow Column and edits Israel Policy Exchange, which is a leading source for commentary and analysis on Israel and American Jewry, and his work regularly appears in Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the Atlantic, and the Forward, among other publications.



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.

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The 42nd annual Jewish Film Festival is streaming on demand from January 7 to January 9! **Purchase tickets on their website here** to watch the fabulous assortment of films that are available. Films being featured include *A Radiant Girl, America, Jewish Shorts, Karaoke, and Reckonings*.

Chinatown: Not just a place to eat on Christmas! A group of Chinatown residents is coming together with the Jewish community to oppose proposed development in the neighborhood. Learn more about their [Christmas Day protest here](#).



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