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Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / January 5, 2023

As we enter the new year, BZBI would like to thank all of our community members who took part in the many initiatives that were planned for Serve for 8. With your help, we collected 168 pairs of socks, 25 pairs of gloves, 48 hats, 20 new undershirts and 2 cases of hand warmers for Project Home and the Bethesda Project.

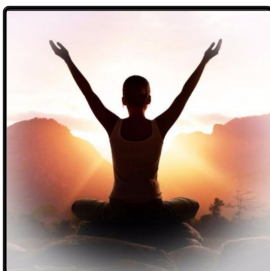
Additionally, 15 members cooked and served Christmas dinner at Trinity Winter Shelter, 5 members cooked or delivered food to teens at the Youth Emergency Shelter, and 8 members donated baked goods for the Gift of Life Family House.

BZBI would like to give a special thanks to **Alyssa Bailkin, Doug Barg and Eileen Dwell** for all of their hard work this holiday season planning these special projects.

Spotlight

Important information for this week:

- **January 6** is the deadline to sign up for Shabbhatki Yoga. [Sign up here.](#)
- Rabbi Mort Levine's class will return on **Monday, January 9**
- Rabbi Stone's classes will return on **Tuesday, January 10**



Shabbhakti Yoga is Back at BZBI with Deb Glassman

Starting this Saturday, January 7 at 9:45 AM

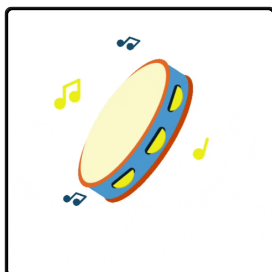
Join BZBI in an alternative spiritual journey into the heart of Shabbat through yogic movement, meditation, and song with Dr. Deborah Glassman. Classes will take place on *select Saturdays from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM in the Kahaner Auditorium.*

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

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

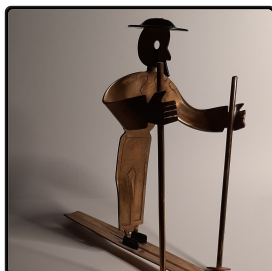
The class schedule is as follows: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 22 & May 6.



BZBI Singing Group

Wednesday, January 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM

Do you love to sing? Join BZBI's Singing Group! The first meeting will be held on January 18th at BZBI, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Meetings will be every first and third Wednesday each month. This group is mask-optional. **Please contact Liat** with any questions, or to let her know you will be attending. We look forward to singing with you here!



Congregational Ski Trip

Sunday, February 26 at Elk Mountain

Travel through the wilderness and make *aliyah*. BZBI will be traversing the Northeast Extension and riding the chair up Elk Mountain. That's right, we're going skiing! In order to plan the day, we need an idea of how many people are coming. **Please click here to let us know your interest, skiing level and equipment status.**

You will be able to sign up for equipment rentals, group or private lessons as well as lifts. Eleven people have expressed interest so far, and cost will depend on how many people sign up. So join us!

Worship

Friday, January 6

4:32 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat in Sanctuary ft. percussionist Joe Tayoun

Saturday, January 7

Shabbat Morning Service

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

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of her birthday.

Flowers are sponsored by **Toba and Larry Kerson** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Leo.

Parshat Vayechi

- **Torah Readers:** Mort Levine, Larry Kerson, Saul Schiffman, Ed Kerson, Michael Pritzker, and Leo Pritzker
- **Haftarah:** Leo Pritzker
- **Shabbat Learning:** Rabbi Abe Friedman

5:36 PM Shabbat Ends

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



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Members

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

In Honor Of:

- **Phyllis Kramer** by Sheila Davidson, Steven Rothman & Janice Fisher, and Margaret Musleah
- **Lisa Dresner** by Gail Gold
- **Mattea Lewitt MSW** by Lynne & Michael Lewitt
- **Debbie & Bob Fleischman** becoming grandparents by Arlene Fickler, Virginia Greene and Seth & Sheryl Gross
- **Rabbi Abi Weber** by Michael & Jennie Pritzker

In Appreciation Of:

- **The kitchen committee's** dedication to the renovation project by Drew & Nicole Morris
- **High Holiday honor** by Eve & Charles Robbins
- **Shabbat services on New Year's weekend** by David Zipkowitz

In Memory Of:

- **Sheila Rosenblum** by Judith Wertheim and Virginia Greene
- **Mary Plumer** by Pearl Plumer
- **Elsa Klughaupt** by Linda & Stephen Schaffzin
- **Norman Levinson** by Cara Levinson

Yahrzeits January 7 - 13

Joseph Berger | Theresa Elfman | David Freedman
 | Rosalyn Goldman | Joseph Hirsh | Elsa Klughaupt | Nan
 Lacheen | Sol Levy | Ethel Rosenberg | Frances Roth
 | Philip Wallock | Bruce Zakheim | Jack Zeitenberg | Lee
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Events



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

TOMORROW, 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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Sisterhood Meeting

Monday, January 9 at 7:00 PM

This is a reminder that the Sisterhood monthly planning meeting will be **Monday, January 9 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.**

[Click here to register.](#)



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

Wednesday, January 11 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 approximately 3,400 households monthly. JRA 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 (for young children) will take place from **9:00-10:00 AM**. All ages packing is from **10:00-11:30 AM**. Food delivery will start at either **10:00 AM or 11:30 AM**. After packing, volunteers are also able to deliver packages on a specified delivery route.

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Philadelphia Museum of Art Private Jewish Tour

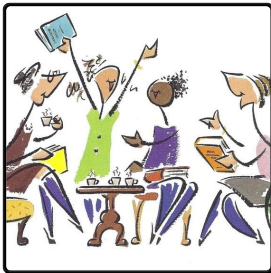
Sunday, January 22 at 11:30 AM

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.](#)**



Happy Birthday Etzi: A Tu Bishvat Party for the BZBI Tree

Sunday, February 5

Last year, BZBI planted a brand-new tree outside the synagogue. Join us as we celebrate Etzi's first birthday just before Tu Bishvat, the traditional Jewish holiday of the trees. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Scarves, Hats, and Fringes: The How and Why of Jewish Ritual Garb

Saturday, February 11 after Kiddush (approx. 12:45pm)

Have you wanted to wear a tallis or kippah but didn't know where to start? Are you thinking about what you will wear on the bimah for your child's brit mitzvah or other simcha? Are you interested in learning more about

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texts and share our own personal stories about the mitzvot of Jewish wear. All are welcome regardless of prior knowledge or experience.



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

Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at BZBI

As Israel swears 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.

Around the Community

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*.

Are your kids interested in sports? JCC Maccabi Games boys basketball and soccer tryouts are this Sunday, January 8! **[Sign up here to register.](#)**


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