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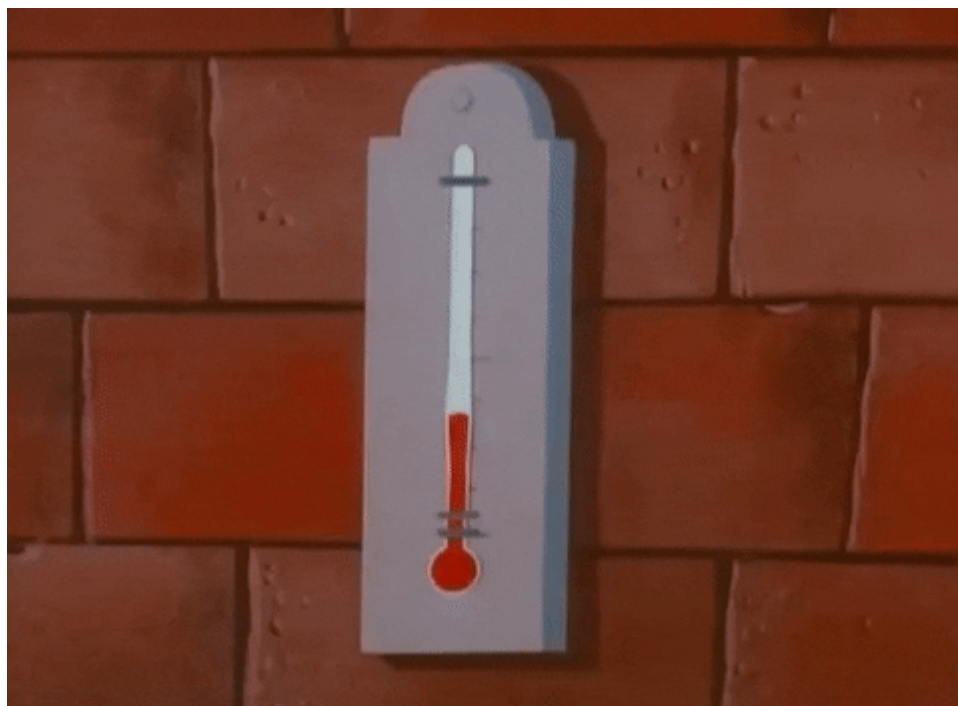
## Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / January 19, 2023

**We knew that after 50 years of serving us well that at some point our old boiler was not going to make it much longer. So when it stopped working in February (2022!), we got right to work securing bids and hiring a company to replace it with funds from a grant we had secured.** When the supply chain crisis hit and estimates of the boiler delivery shifted from September to October and then to November, we knew we had to change our plans.

We hired a boiler genius to take apart the old boiler and completely rebuild it to get it working again while we wait for the new one to arrive. It's a temporary fix and comes with its own issues, but we are lucky that for the moment we are no longer shivering in the Sanctuary or dealing with frozen tootsies in the Kahaner.

**A generous member is matching donations toward our boiler repairs, up to \$10,000.** We are so grateful that these thoughtful members of our community are leading this effort, and hope YOU will catalyze their matching offer by specifying donations toward boiler repairs by clicking [here](#).



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## Shabbat Service and Kiddush in Honor of Phyllis Kramer

Saturday, January 28

Please join us for Shabbat services and Kiddush in honor of our beloved Phyllis Kramer, on January 28.

If you would like to make a donation in her honor or sponsor Kiddush [click here](#) or please call the Temple office.

A well wishes form has been created if you would like to send Phyllis a message of good luck in her future endeavors. [Click here to send a message.](#)



## First Fridays @ BZBI featuring The Penn Shabbatoners

Friday, February 3, 5:00/6:00/7:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate **First Fridays @ BZBI** with a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat service and performance by The University of Pennsylvania's Jewish a cappella group (including BZBI's own **Elle Baker**).

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**. Feel free to BYOKW (bring your own kosher wine).

The cost is \$18 per adult and \$12 per child under 12. *If cost is a barrier to your participation, [please contact Liat Kovnator](#) ([Liat.Kovnator@bzbi.org](mailto:Liat.Kovnator@bzbi.org)).*

[Click here to sign up!](#)

## Worship

**Do you need a ride to Shabbat morning services on Saturday but don't have a car? Do you drive in to services and are willing to pick up a fellow congregant? [Fill out this form to let us know!](#)**

**Friday, January 20**

4:47 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

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## Shabbat Morning Service

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

Kiddush is sponsored by Sarah and Asher Kahn in honor of the anniversary of Tal Kahn's Bar Mitzvah.

Flowers are sponsored by Marianne Ruby Emmett in memory of Sonia B. Ruby and in honor of Gary Emmett's birthday. Flowers are also being sponsored by Joseph Zuritsky in memory of Renee Zuritsky.

## Parshat Va-era

- **Torah Readers:** Larry Kessler, Johannah Lebow, Gabby Marantz, Oren Pollak, Sarah Greis Kahn, Tamar Fox, Tal Kahn
- **Haftarah:** Carmie Levine
- **Shabbat Learning:** Leah Coleman

*Leah Coleman is the Principal of Stephen Girard Elementary School in West Passyunk and a 2019 Neubauer Fellow in Educational Leadership. She will share with us stories about our volunteers' work in the Stephen Girard Library and what the near future holds for her school.*



5:50 PM Shabbat Ends

[BZBI's Shabbat Learning and related videos are now available on the Shofar Blog.](#)

[To watch Dr. Jason Schulman's Shabbat Learning from last week, click here.](#)

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We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

### In Honor Of:

- Naomi, Zev and Noa Asia by Daniel and Carolee Asia
- Sarah Fleishman by Oren and Reena Saks Pollak
- Leo Pritzker's Bar Mitzvah by Charles Steinberg and Eileen Dwell
- Robin and Doug Barg on the birth of their grandchild by Lynne and Arthur Ellis, Charles Steinberg and Eileen Dwell, Seth and Sheryl Gross & Arthur Fischman and Janet Margolies
- Rabbi Mort Levine's Birthday by Arthur Fischman and Janet Margolies

### In Memory Of:

- Sheldon Goldberg by Toni Goldberg
- Milly Harrington by Shelley Wallock and David Lerman & Arthur Fischman and Janet Margolies
- Mae Bernard Robinson by Barry and Susan Penn
- Shirley Hellman by Bill and Judy Brookover
- Aubrey Garber Wasilewsky by Sharri Horowitz and Michael Carrier

## Yahrzeits January 21 - 27

Albert Adlin | Doris Cohen | Goldye Comisky | Morton Fleischman | Lenore Gordon | Burton Horen | Isadore Horen | Miriam Kalman | Julius Kaplan | Shirley Kaplan | Barbara Klinghoffer | Minnie Laver | Norman Levinson | Benjamin Lewensohn | Fruma Lewensohn | Freda Lowe | Dorothy Luxenberg | Mollie Pusick | Louis Rosenberg | Mary Rosenberg | Minerva Rosenthal | Dorothy Roth | Tibie Rudofsky



## Events



### **BZBI Book Club**

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

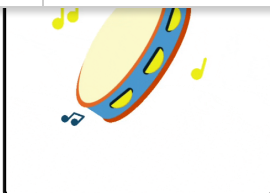
Join the BZBI book club members as they discuss [Dinners with Ruth](#) by Nina Totenberg. The discussion will be led by BZBI member Phyllis Fisher. **[Join by Zoom here.](#)**

*Book Club will take a break in February and continue meeting in the Spring.*

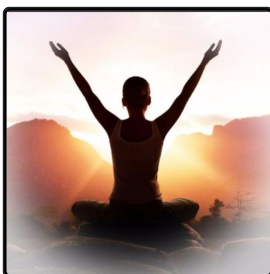
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Do you love to sing? Join BZBI's Singing Group! Meetings will be every first and third Wednesday each month. This group is mask-optional. **Please contact Liat** with any questions, or to let her know you will be attending. We look forward to singing with you here!



### Shabbhakti Yoga is Back at BZBI with Deb Glassman

*Saturday, February 4 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:** February 4, March 4, April 22 & May 6.



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

*Sunday, February 5 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM*

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. There will be crafts, treats, planting, and more!

This event is open to the community. Tickets are \$10.00 for children under 12. Adults are free, but donations are always welcomed. **To register for the celebration, click here.**



### 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

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and demonstration of Jewish ritual items. We will study 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.



### 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!

## Around the Community

On January 26 at 6:00 PM, **The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History** will be screening the documentary *Rebuilt from Broken Glass* in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Following the film, the audience is

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important film screening. [Reserve your tickets here.](#)

**One Book, One Jewish Community** presents [Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai](#) by Matti Friedman. A reading will be presented online, on March 19 at 11:00 AM. Registration for this event will be posted in the coming weeks.

**Are your kids interested in sports?** Sign them up for Camp Ramah's Summer Sports Academy that will be running for its sixth summer in a row. Sports include soccer, basketball, baseball, swimming and tennis. Information sessions are held on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM, [click here to register for a session](#). If you already know about this summer program, [sign up now!](#)

**JFCS supports more than 32,000 individuals in the Greater Philadelphia area.** Some people come to JFCS when they are experiencing a crisis and others require longer term help. JFCS serves children, families, and individuals from all backgrounds and faiths, from creating families to building community, from providing care during a crisis to helping older adults age safely in their homes. Right now they are in need of more donations to continue supporting people in need, [click here to learn more and donate.](#)

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