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# Beth Zion - Beth Israel

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*Spotlight*

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*This Shabbat we honor our beloved Phyllis Kramer. We will honor Phyllis with an Aliyah during the Torah Service and hope you will join us for a celebratory Kiddush afterward.*

Phyllis Kramer worked for BZBI for 37 years, and has been a part of the BZBI community for 40 years. Originally from Philadelphia, Phyllis lived in Rittenhouse Square for the majority of her working life, and raised her children there with her husband Jack.

She started working at BZBI when there was only a typewriter on her desk. Phyllis worked alongside five different Rabbis, ten Board Presidents and six Executive Directors.

When Phyllis was asked what her favorite part of BZBI was, she noted "the people, definitely the people, our congregants, the friends I have made, and everyone who worked with me in the office over the years."

She has made such an impact on everyone at BZBI and will be missed tremendously.



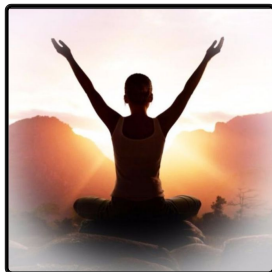
### **First Fridays @ BZBI featuring The Penn Shabbatoners**

*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)).*



## 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.

## Worship

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

### Friday, January 27

4:55 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

### Saturday, January 28

#### Shabbat Morning Service

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

Kiddush in honor of Phyllis Kramer is sponsored by many congregants, past presidents, staff and friends. See below for the full list.

Flowers are sponsored by Phyllis Kramer in honor of the office and maintenance staff of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel.

#### Parshat Bo

- **Torah Readers:** Tamar Fox, Melissa Lerman, Oren Pollak, Johanna Lebow and Ken Cohen

5:58 PM Shabbat Ends

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

The BZBI Israel Engagement Committee has found a Middle East centered Israel TV channel which comes with some basic subscriptions to Xfinity/Comcast TV. The station is I24 Israel News and as suggested by its name, is on 24 hours per day. It is also available on Xfinity channel 1118. There are news programs specifically on Israel, the Middle East and other countries of interest like Iran, Iraq, Turkey, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Palestine.

If you have an interest in what's happening in Israel and in the Middle East, check it out. This channel is also available on radio service apps and on regular smartphone apps.

## Members

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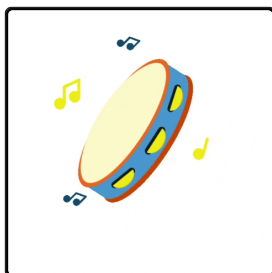
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## Yahrzeits January 28 - February 3

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## Events



### BZBI Singing Group

Wednesday, February 1 from 7:00-8:30 PM

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!



### POWER Interfaith Meeting

Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 PM

Please join the BZBI POWER Committee for our winter planning meeting to discuss our approach for the coming months. We're looking for input from the congregation to guide our direction for 2023. Please fill out **this Google Form** to let us know which direction you're interested in. Come to our next meeting on Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 PM to help us choose our focus for 2023. **Join our Zoom meeting here.**



### 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.**

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Join the Sisterhood for their monthly planning meeting on February 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. [To sign up for the meeting, click here.](#)



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

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

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 the mitzvot of Jewish ritual garb? Join us for a discussion 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.

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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. Sixteen people have expressed interest so far, and cost will depend on how many people sign up. So join us!

## Around the Community

Today, 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 welcome to stay for a Q&A with the director, Larry Hanover, and star of the documentary, Fred Behrend. **Reserve your tickets here.**

Do you enjoy music? On Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 PM there is a Klezmer Jam taking place at the Kelley Center for Music at NO cost. They are welcoming musicians of all ages and ability levels to participate, as well as folks who just want to clap along or dance. The Kelly Center is generously providing the space but no staff nor food. So, they are **inviting attendees to bring a snack to share.** If anyone wants to help with setup and takedown, that would also be appreciated. **To RSVP, click here.** If you have further questions **please feel free to reach out to Doug Barg.**

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.**

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.



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