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Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / August 10, 2023



This week Rabbi Abe visited BZBI's campers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Summer highlights include sports, overnight camping trips, and Max Shandler's upcoming role in Saturday night's Geshur play – rehearsals have been conducted under a veil of deep secrecy, so we have no idea what that might entail...

Back row, L-R: Jacob Cohen, Jonah Silverman, Azzi Krasner Friedman, Brooke Carrier, Yael Silverman, Odelia Krasner Friedman, Rabbi Abe, Nathan Weingram, Reuben Shandler, Max Shandler, Jake Weiner

Front row: random freeloaders who came to get snacks



The Happy Rosh Hashanah Honey Fundraiser is back!

Send some holiday cheer while also supporting BZBI's programming. The BZBI Ritual Committee is once again sponsoring the Rosh Hashanah Honey from the Heart Fundraiser. Each member will receive a jar of Kosher honey along with a card listing all the people who donate in their honor.

To send a jar of honey with Rosh Hashanah greetings, refer to the personalized code that was sent to you in a recent email. If you need assistance with finding this code, please contact the office. Deadline to participate is Friday, September 8th at 12:00 PM.

Wishing you an early L'Shanah Tova!



Pop Up Sisterhood Movie Night

TONIGHT, August 10 at 6:45 PM - The Ritz Five at 214 Walnut Street

Join the sisterhood to watch Barbie, the movie about the doll with Jewish origins that's taking the world by storm!

[Click here to purchase your tickets](#) and let us know you are coming by emailing sisterhoodbzbj@gmail.com so we know how many seats to save.

Worship

Friday, August 11

7:46 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, August 12

9:30 AM [Shabbat Morning Services](#)

Flowers are sponsored by **Sandy and Clare Mozes** in memory of his late wife Gail.

Parashat R'eih

- **Torah Reader:** Ed Kerson
- **Haftarah:** Ed Kerson
- **Shabbat Learning:** Ken Cohen

Summertime; time for vacay! And more challenging to make a minyan. If you haven't already, **please sign up for [BZBI Minyan Alerts on WhatsApp](#)**. That way, you'll know if we're running short and can log in if you're able.

Members

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

In Honor Of:

- **Greg's Birthday** by Matt Whitehorn & Terri Brown-Whitehorn

In Memory Of:

- **Rosalie August** by Judy Shadden Torrance and Robin Lebow
- **Gail Harary Mozes** by Robin & Allen Vogel
- **Betty Whitehorn** by Alissa & Jeffrey Hurok

Yahrzeits August 12 - 18

Nathan Abrahams | Jeanne Aronson | Mollie Groff Bartash | Samuel Borowsky | Ronald G. Brownstein | Obadiah Cohen | George Daniels | Lena Fagelson | Sue Wachter Fink | Marion Getzik | Herbert Goldstein | Samuel Hartman | Claire Levi | Abraham J. Levine | Aliza Rachel Levites | Barbara Lou Lipman | Randy Lustbader | Jay Maisel | Celia Mosler | Betty Obus | Louis Packer | Sophia Reichman | Max Rosenbaum | Bernard Roth | Samuel Sagan | Lenora Schwartz | Beatrice Wachter | Rose Waldman | Bernard Weisberg | Hyman Bernard Winitsky



Dear members of the BZBI community,

Hi, I'm Noa Friedan. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I'm doing a book drive for the Philly Book Bank benefitting Philadelphia public school teachers and students.

If you could donate some books that are age appropriate from Pre-K - 18 years old, there will be a bin in the sanctuary for the next few weeks.





High Holy Days Information Below:

The High Holy Days are quickly approaching and BZBI would like to make sure everyone feels prepared and included in all of the wonderful services and programming we are offering. For complete details regarding the 5784 High Holy Days, [please click here to visit the BZBI website.](#)

- [Click here for the full High Holy Days Schedule](#)
- [Member Tickets Can Be Requested Here](#) *If you prefer a version of the form that you can download and print, [click here](#)*
- [Guest Tickets Can Be Requested Here](#) *If you prefer a version of the form that you can download and print, [click here](#)*
- [Click here for High Holy Days Child Care and Youth Programming Registration](#)
- [Click here to order your Lulav and Etrog Sets](#) *If you wish to print the form out and bring it into the office, [click here](#)*



High Holy Days Food Drive

Saturday, September 16 through Sunday, October 8

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will be accepting food donations for the High Holy Day Season. Please do not bring glass jars, open packages, or expired items. All food items (canned goods, non perishables, etc.) can be dropped off in the box provided in the **18th Street lobby**.

You can also bring in ShopRite, ACME and Giant gift cards for the Mitzvah Food Program for clients to use at their local stores. Gift cards up to \$50 are preferred, please give gift cards to Leslee or Aleksandra in the office. You can also purchase food through the [Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List](#) so that products are shipped directly to a local pantry.

Events



Torah Study with Rabbi Mort Levine

Wednesdays, immediately following morning Minyan

Join Rabbi Mort and his students on Zoom for learning and conversation! Weekly Torah study is an informal class on varying topics. Each session stands by itself so you can join at any time! You can join by using our regular service link (the same we use for Minyan and Shabbat).

We are currently studying halakhah about driving electric vehicles on Shabbat. Texts are provided via “screen sharing” in English translation on Zoom. Asking questions is highly encouraged.



Psalms for the Season: An Exploration of Tehillim for Elul and Beyond

Mondays, August 14 & 21, 5:00–5:45 PM

\$18 for BZBI Members / \$36 for the General Community

Our siddur is full of strange and beautiful poetry, much of it written thousands of years ago. Where do these prayers come from and what do they mean? Join Rabbi Abi for this multi-session in-person discussion of liturgical psalms, with a focus on psalms for the season of repentance. [Register here.](#)

Students are warmly invited to stay after the class for Monday Evening Minyan at 5:45pm.



Mindful Minyan on the Square: Rosh Hodesh Elul in Rittenhouse

Friday, August 18 at 7:45 AM in Rittenhouse Square (on the grass near the goat)

As we usher in the month of Elul with shofar blasts and psalms of praise, join BZBI for a special Mindful Minyan in Rittenhouse Square. Meet us on the grass near the goat sculpture for this spiritual and spirited morning service.



Tot Shabbat Park Playdate

Shabbat, August 26, 4:30 - 5:30 PM in Fitler Square

Families with children 0-5 years old are invited to join us for a summer Shabbat playdate series with Tot Shabbat leader Sarah Fleischman. Older siblings, family, and friends are also welcome! BYO Snack!

For more information about Tot Shabbat and to learn more about all our programs for children in preschool, pre-K, kindergarten, and older - please feel free to contact [Stacey Lasky](#).



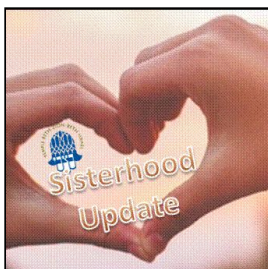
Fighting Hate for Good after Pittsburgh & Colleyville: Changemakers in Conversation

Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

BZBI has been accepted as an ADL Kulanu Congregation - part of ADL's national synagogue engagement program. We have an opportunity to join with other ADL Kulanu congregations from across the country for a conversation with Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker and Marnie Fienberg, champions of change after the antisemitic attacks that forever changed their lives.

Discover why these two inspiring leaders channeled their time and effort into combating antisemitism and hate after personally experiencing a hate-based tragedy that reverberated through their congregations, the Jewish community and North American society at large.

This exclusive webinar is for Kulanu congregations and will be moderated by Tema Smith, ADL's Director of Jewish Outreach and Partnerships. [Click here to register.](#)



Sisterhood Monthly Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 5 in the Chapel & on Zoom at 6:15 PM

Join the Sisterhood for their monthly planning meeting! September's meeting will be held in person in the chapel and on Zoom. To see the full schedule of Sisterhood meetings for the coming year, [click here.](#)

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



BZBI Book Club: *I was Better Last Night* by Harvey Fierstein

Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel and on Zoom

Join the BZBI book club review their next book choice, *I was Better Last Night* by Harvey Fierstein. Bill Brookover will be leading the discussion. This meeting will take place both in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Let Carmie Levine know you would like to join!



Reverse Tashlich 2023

Sunday, September 10 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Temple Beth Zion - Beth Israel and Repair the Sea | Tikkun HaYam invites you to participate in Reverse Tashlich. Join Jewish communities around the world as we reverse the Tashlich tradition and pull our "sins" (debris) from local environments. The event meet up location is Schuylkill Banks at Lloyd Hall Recreation Center. Contact **Eileen Dwell** or **Liat Kovnator** with any additional questions, or visit **www.repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich**.

Please sign-up for the program **[here](#)**.

The Mission of Repair the Sea - Tikkun HaYam is to share the spiritual wonders of water and the Sea from a Jewish perspective, promote interfaith harmony and cooperation and raise awareness and encourage action to address the many threats facing the aquatic environment.



Challah Bake

Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Get ready for the Challa-days! Join Eileen Dwell, Gary Bramnick, and Carmie Levine on Zoom for a 2-day class – making, braiding, and baking challah.

Session 1: prepare your dough and learn about the history & importance of challah

Sign up for both sessions by [clicking here](#).

Recipes, materials for baking, and a Zoom link will be sent to registered participants. This event is free, but donations to the BZBI Kitchen Fund would be warmly welcomed and can be made on the [BZBI website](#).

Around the Community

JTS New Online Hebrew Course for Fall 2023

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:40 PM on Zoom

This 6-credit course covers the 7 Introductory Units and Lessons 1- 8 of Hebrew from Scratch. It takes the student from learning the mechanics of reading and writing unpointed Hebrew to active mastery of 500 words; knowledge of the present tense and infinitive verb forms; reading and enactment of dialogs relating to everyday life; and reading comprehension of short descriptive, narrative and informative texts. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Discover the Weitzman Museum's Treasures

Thursdays through Sundays at 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Their docents lead Summer Drop-In Tours escorting you through five floors and almost four centuries, fueling your curiosity about American Jewish history as you unveil the unexpected. For questions, email frontdesk@theweitzman.org. Tours are free! [Book Your Visit Here!](#)

Sensory-Friendly Sunday at the Weitzman

August 13 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Together with JKidAccess and Adoughma Play, The Weitzman presents another sensory-friendly morning with storytime, gallery walk, and crafts. Generous accommodation will be provided for families with disabilities; contact us for support. [Learn more by clicking here.](#) Make your [Reservations at JKIDACCESS.](#)

The Jewish Relief Agency

Sunday, August 13th at 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia, PA, 19154

Each month, with the help of dedicated volunteers, JRA packs and delivers kosher, nutritious food and other essential items to 3,400 low-income households experiencing hunger in the Greater Philadelphia area. JRA sees a significant slump in volunteerism in the summer, but the needs of our neighbors do not decline; rather, a lack of access to free breakfast and lunch in school means our food boxes and kid-friendly snack bags are even more essential for some this time of year. Register online at <https://jewishrelief.org/register-to-volunteer>. Contact volunteering@jewishrelief.org with questions.

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