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Beth Zion - Beth Israel

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / October 12, 2023

The phonathon originally scheduled for this Sunday, October 15th has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 12th. We know that feelings in the community are running high because of the situation in Israel and we want to give everyone the space to focus on what they need at this time. We still need your support, and encourage you to make your Annual Campaign gift to BZBI now.

We are here to support you and your family in whatever way we can. We have listed below information regarding opportunities for involvement and support. As we learn of more, we will forward the information along to you as well.

With prayers for peace,

Lynne Balaban,
Executive Director

BZBI STANDS



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current moment in Israel and in our own Jewish community. We are also offering an opportunity for community members to gather and share as a group after kiddush this Shabbat (October 14, around 12:45 PM), in the Klinghoffer Chapel.

March for Israel

Monday, October 16 – starting at 4:00 PM at City Hall

If you would like to walk to the march as a group, meet at the corner of 18th & Spruce at 3:40 PM.

Let's march in support of Israel and peace! We will take to the streets to show solidarity with the Israeli victims of Hamas' attacks. Our march will end in a rally with songs, messages and prayers of unity. After the March, **there is a solidarity rally starting at 5:00 PM at Independence Hall.**

This event is being held to show support for the victims in Israel and to condemn the atrocities. This is not a political event. [To learn more, click here.](#)



How You Can Help:

Wondering how you can help Israel directly? The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has set up an [emergency response fund](#) to aid in relief efforts.

Donations will help fund:

- Shelter and psychological trauma support for 15,000 people who have been displaced.

- Training for additional emergency personnel is needed to replace the first responders who have been murdered or kidnapped.
- Equipment for additional emergency personnel, including protective vests, flashlights and first aid kits.

If you would like to donate to the Israeli Red Cross, Magen David Adom – [please click here](#). Your donation ensures that Magen David Adom's 33,000 paramedics, EMTs, first responders, and first-aid providers -- volunteers and staff -- have the training, equipment, and medical supplies they need to treat all injured and ill people in Israel. Ambulances and Lifesaving Vehicles.

Urge Elected Leaders to Stand with Israel:

Please urge your elected officials at the federal, state, and local level to speak out and make a clear and unequivocal statement in support for our ally Israel and its right to defend itself. [Fill out this Jewish Federations of North America form](#) to get connected with your representative.

Israelis and friends that are living abroad:

There are many Israelis that are currently stuck abroad because of the war and have no way of returning because all flights are canceled. They are sad, scared, and probably out of money. If you or anyone you know will generously be willing to host Israeli travelers until they will be able to get back home, [please fill out this form](#).

Dedicated News Sources:

- Comcast (Xfinity) has a 24 hour Israel/Mideast News TV Channel. I 24 Israel News is now airing many breaking news specials, discussions and analyses if you are looking for ways to find news coverage. I 24 News can be seen on Xfinity channel 1118.
- The Jewish Telegraph Agency is another source to get new and upcoming information, to visit their website – [click here](#).
- USCJ has compiled a vast list of Israel resources for the Jewish Community, [click here to view their page](#).

Spotlight



Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5

Join BZBI for 3 days of music, food, learning, and community!

The weekend will feature a **Rising Song** concert with **Aly Halpert**; lectures by **Dr. Anne Albert** and **Dr. Sigal Ben-Porath**; learning sessions led by rabbis and community members; yoga, meditation, board games, and more.

[Click here to sign up.](#)



On One Foot: Introduction to Judaism

Mondays, October 16, 2023 – April 1, 2024, 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Klinghoffer Chapel at BZBI

Judaism is a world unto itself, encompassing rituals, ideas, and thousands of years of history. If you've been curious about Jewish learning but didn't know where to start, this is the place for you! Join Rabbis Abe Friedman, Abi Weber, and other community rabbis for a year-long adventure in Jewish learning. **[See here](#)** for the full schedule and list of topics. **[Register here](#)** if you are interested in conversion to Judaism, or **[register here](#)** if you are taking the course for general interest.

Worship

Friday, October 6

6:06 PM Shabbat Candlelighting

Saturday, October 7

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

Kiddush is sponsored by **Ann and Ely Risch** in honor of their granddaughter Ilana Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah.

Flowers are sponsored by **Ann and Ely Risch** in honor of their granddaughter Ilana Wasserman's Bat Mitzvah.

[Parashat B'reishit:](#)

- Haftarah: Ilana Wasserman
- Shabbat Learning: Rabbi Abe Friedman



Mazel Tov to Ilana Wasserman!

Ilana is a seventh grader at Friends Central school. She loves reading, playing the flute and spending time with her friends and family and her dog Sasha.

Ilana attended Perelman Jewish Day School through the fifth grade and continues her Jewish learning through Makom Community.

During the summers Ilana attends French Woods Festival performing arts camp. For her Mitzvah project, Ilana prepared several biographical statements about members of BZBI for this year's Book of Remembrance.



Sponsor Our Neziner KIDdush!

After our Community Avodah Service each Shabbat, we would love to bring back a kiddush of challot and grape juice. With a sponsorship of only \$54 each week, we can make sure our students experience the blessings over bread and wine together as a community.

To sponsor a KIDdush for Neziner Hebrew School, [click here](#).

Members

We gratefully acknowledge this week's donations:

In Honor Of:

Jenni & Andrea Hollman Jenni

- **Barbara Spector for her commitment to the community and her recognition as Kallat Bereisheet** by Sondra Katz
- **Janet & Robert Kreitman on the birth of their granddaughter** by Rachel Oram & Gary Edelson
- **Our High Holy Days Honor** by Lynn Schwartz Stein & Perry Stein

Mazel Tov To:

- **Shayna Flink and Barbara Spector who were honored this year as BZBI's Kallat Torah and Kallat Bereisheet, congratulations and thank you to the both of them for their service to our community** by Arlene Fickler and Judy & Steve Hurok

In Memory Of:

- **Herb & Sheila Rosenbloom** by Avi Decter
- **Rabbi Aaron Decter** by Avi Decter
- **Our parents, Doris & Isadore Tannebaum and Clara & Morris Hurok** by Judy & Steve Hurok
- **Fagie Hurok** by Judy & Steve Hurok
- **Morris Harris** by Doug Lerner & Ken Cohen
- **Morris Katz** by Doug Lerner & Ken Cohen

In Appreciation Of:

- **Yom Kippur Honors** by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
- **Robin Lebow and Doug Barg** by Danielle Holtz
- **Aleksandra Konior, Lynne Balaban and Rabbi Abe Friedman** by Danielle Holtz
- **The BZBI Clergy for meaningful and inspiring High Holy Days services** by Doug Lerner & Ken Cohen
- **Kallat Bereisheet Honor on Simchat Torah** by Barbara Spector

Yahrzeits October 14 - 21

Mildred Baturin | Clorra Belman | Nathan Benjamin |
Dora Berger | Betty Berman | Samuel Cohen | Rose
Epstein | Lillian Epstein | Clara K. Fishman | Dora
Freilich | Herman Gelb | David Gelfand | Svi Greis | Mary
Kaplan | Morris Katz | Bess Klarin | Solomon Lockshine |
Ray Lourie | Leonard Moonblatt | Edward Picker | Julius
Popowich | Esther Schwartz | Sarah Tooehensky | Mollie
Litt Weller | Hilda Wurtman



This is a reminder that Sisterhood dues can be paid through Shul Cloud or by writing a check for \$40 payable to Sisterhood BZBI.

Being a member of Sisterhood and paying your dues gives you access to all Women's League for Conservative Judaism resources; helps Sisterhood to



Sisterhood "Sock It To Em" Drive for the Bethesda Project and Project Home

October 15 through November 30

Sisterhood is sponsoring our third annual sock drive. We are looking for gently used or new socks and men's t-shirts for the Bethesda Project and Project Home. Drop off donations in the 18th Street Lobby. If you do not have time to drop off donations, **you can order them here** and ship them to Eileen Dwell & Charles Steinberg at 1919 Chestnut St. Apt 2401, Philadelphia, PA 19103.



Sima's Stitches

Wednesdays, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Klinghoffer Chapel

Sima Hanau was a long time member of BZBI as well as an avid reader and stitcher. Sima passed away last month and her daughter generously donated her knitting, crocheting and embroidery books and guides. In addition, the Hanau family gifted BZBI all of Sima's many knitting needles, notions and bags and bags of yarn.

Sima made hats and blankets for babies in the Jefferson Hospital NICU for many years. From the beginning of the pandemic, Sima continued making hundreds of hats and scarves for the clients of Project Home and the Bethesda Project. She enjoyed meeting monthly via zoom with other BZBI knitters and chatting about her family and her creative projects. Her positive attitude was a joy to experience.

To honor Sima's memory, the knitters at BZBI are naming our group Sima's Stitches. We will be meeting weekly in the chapel to knit and stitch together. Ellen Goldberg and Eileen Dwell will teach anyone who has an interest learning how to knit.

Please be in contact with **Ellen** or **Eileen** if you are interested in joining the group or learning how to knit. We have plenty of needles to lend and lots of yarn to give you. If you are already a knitter please consider joining us

Events



The Amerita Chamber Players Concerts Series

Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM in the Goldberg Sanctuary

The Amerita Chamber Players concert series returns to BZBI to host Hai-Ye Ni, Principal Cello of The Philadelphia Orchestra, Allen Krantz, who heads the guitar program and teaches chamber music at Temple University and Joyce Lindorff, professor at Temple University Boyer College of Music and Dance in keyboard studies.

Join us Wednesday evening for beautiful music in the Goldberg Sanctuary. No registration required.

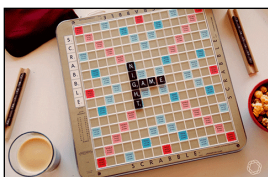


Functional Judaism with Rabbi Abe Friedman

Select Mondays, Starting October 23, from 12:30 - 1:30 PM in the Klinghoffer Chapel

Functional Judaism is a series of mini-courses designed to orient BZBI's staff and interested congregants to some practical aspects of Judaism and Jewish life. Our first two units focus on Jewish time: the flow of our calendar and the cycle of holidays.

This course is free of charge, and will be meeting during the day on select Mondays starting on October 23.



Board Game Shabbat

Shabbat, October 21 at 1:00 PM after Kiddush in the Kahaner Auditorium

Join members of BZBI for Board Game Shabbat after Kiddush! Play some of your favorite games from Mah



BZBI Book Club

Monday, October 23 at 7:15 PM in the Chapel & on Zoom

Join the BZBI book club as we discuss "*Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy*" by Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

Please note that this book club meeting will be taking place at 7:15 PM this month rather than 7:00 PM.

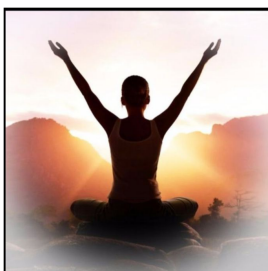


Pink Shabbat

Shabbat, October 28 at 9:30 AM

Join BZBI for our Pink Shabbat, a morning service in honor of breast cancer awareness.

We are encouraging everyone to wear pink to this service to show their support of breast cancer awareness. Our Kiddush will feature pink treats in honor of this special month.



Shabbhakti Yoga with Deb Glassman

Saturday, November 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. Member cost is \$18 per person, and general community is \$25 per person.

[To register for November, please click here.](#)

9:00 AM – JRA Juniors: Reserved for families with young children to come and volunteer at a pace that is comfortable for them. Children will be pushing carts down an assembly line while filling a box with food for a family in need. Ideal for kids under 10.

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Deliver Food (Route Delivery): Register in advance for a delivery route, then drive up to our pick-up tent to receive your instructions and items to deliver. Volunteers may choose to deliver only or join us for the packing shift and head out to deliver afterward.

10:00 AM – All Ages Packing: This is our "traditional" JRA packing style, where some volunteers pass out food, while other volunteers walk through the assembly lines carrying boxes.

[Register for any of the above options here.](#)

Volunteering at Wintershelter

Starting November 1

Wintershelter is a small shelter for about 22 homeless men, located in the basement of Trinity Memorial Church at 22nd and Spruce Street. Volunteers for the shelter cook and/or serve dinner every night from November 1 – April 30. Some BZBI members in the past have used this opportunity for community service for their Brit Mitzvah children. If you or your family are interested in volunteering, please contact **[Terry Hirshorn](#)** for more information.

The Philly Friendship Walk

Sunday, November 5, 1:00 – 3:30 PM, 272 South Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr PA

Join the journey! Kick off a new year of the Philly Friendship Circle with an uplifting crowd of new and old friends. Promote genuine connections between youth with AND without disabilities – no matter what stage of the journey each friend is on. **[Register for the friendship walk here.](#)**

Klezmer Jam

Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 PM at the Kaiserman JCC, Wynnewood PA

David Brown and Marvin Weinberger will lead the group in playing many traditional Klezmer melodies, as well as explore the Sephardic Ladino tradition and related genres that have evolved as part of the Jewish journey through history. Musicians of all ages, origins and ability levels are welcome to join; sheet music will be provided. We also welcome those who simply want to listen enthusiastically. Participants are welcome to bring a vegetarian snack to share! To learn more or register, **[click here.](#)**

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