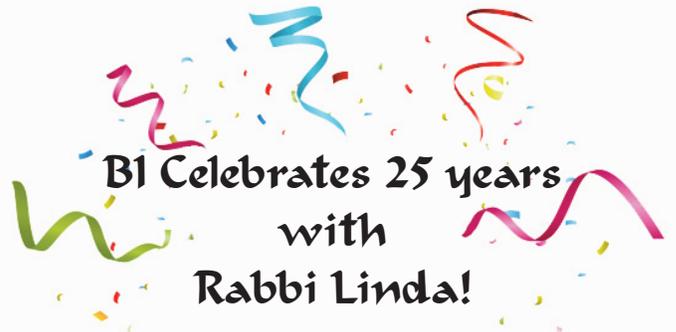


The Israelight

*Congregation Beth Israel of Media
A Reconstructionist Jewish Community*



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Congregation Beth Israel is delighted to continue celebrating Rabbi Linda's 25 years of service and connection to our community.

Over the Shabbat of February 25-26, the congregation will come together for special Friday night and Shabbat morning services where we will all share song, prayer, and Torah with and about Rabbi Linda to honor her many years of dedication to BI.

Friday night services will be on Zoom (link forthcoming in our emails). Shabbat morning services will, hopefully, be a hybrid of in-person and zoom.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone together!

If you plan to attend in person please register [here](#).

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BI's ANTIRACISM SUMMIT, A PIECE OF TIKKUN OLAM

Each day in our country and on the world stage we are reminded of the hatred, prejudice, injustice and violence that plague our planet. We long for the time when all embrace the Torah perspective that regards every person as created in the image of the Divine. In order to be part of the solution our community has committed to actively engaging with the sacred work of antiracism. Although our summit took place before the harrowing events in Colleyville Texas, that afternoon brought home the necessity of this type of tikkun olam work even further.

Beth Israel held our first antiracism summit on January 9th supported by 35 participants. Members and leaders of the community gathered on zoom to share ideas about how we might move forward with this mission. After hearing words of Torah and reviewing norms for conversation we broke into five smaller groups to brainstorm and evaluate ideas. In the paragraphs that follow you'll hear about the seven Torah based discussion norms, the five different conversations that took place and lastly, ways to get involved.

Conversations about racism and antiracism bring up a myriad of challenging feelings including discomfort, grief, anger, confusion and defensiveness. Our hope was that the Torah based norms for conversation would help us to talk with one another openly and safely. They included:

- Shema: Strive to listen and to understand when someone speaks
- Practice "Kavod"/Honor: Speak from your own experience; Use "I" statements; Respect others
- Practice "Rahamim"/Compassion for yourself and others
- Stay Curious, everyone has something to learn
- Practice "Anava"/Humility: make room for other voices and points of view; accept that we are all imperfect and will do this important work imperfectly;
- Contribute your thinking – add an idea or ask a question, each voice matters
- Assume good will on the part of others, as our sacred texts teach "judge others on the side of merit"

The five discussions centered around these topics:

1. Looking at BI: Working together to explore how our practices and our presentation might be more inclusive, safe and welcoming to JOC/POC
2. Policy or Investing: Exploring how we might engage with one another and possibly with other groups to work on addressing racist social and political policy and moving toward antiracist social/political policy. Exploring and working on how we as individuals and as a community might use whatever resources we have to support antiracism institutions and policies.
3. Spiritual: Building antiracism into our Mussar work that is open & available to the entire congregation. Making sure that we are doing this work with loving kindness toward self and others. Keeping these intentions present through prayer at services & through our holiday celebrations
4. Learning: Creating study sessions and/or study groups or ongoing resources. Examples: Learning the history that we were not taught; Using the RJ curriculum about reparations. What learning would you like to do?
5. Social Action Projects: Continuing to engage in social action projects that address the consequences of racial and economic injustice, including but not limited to the work of SAC. Each group had a robust discussion and reported their ideas when we reconvened as one large group.

Many of the ideas will go directly to committee chairs, as they fall under the purview of preexisting committees, such as adult education, social action, religious practices, communication, design and Hebrew School. You may receive invitations from one or more of these groups to join in a conversation about antiracism work that will be more deeply integrated into existing programs and projects.

Some of the subgroups from the summit are continuing to meet, like the policy group and the group looking at BI. These meetings are open to all members so please feel free to participate. As time goes on you will notice many other opportunities, initiated by different groups in the congregation. Please engage as fully as your schedule allows.

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Finally, a small Antiracism Support Team or Steering committee is in the process of formation. The tasks and mission of this committee will include:

- Overseeing and/or supporting and coordinating the work of committees and other informal groups
- Keeping up internal communications of our antiracism efforts, including creating an annual summary
- Representing/informing the BOD (formal reports through BOD President or EVP)
- Creating space & invitations to process feelings around antiracism

Friends, this is a work in progress. We will undoubtedly make mistakes even as we do some good work. If you have ideas or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Rabbi Nathan or our president, Emma Lefkowitz.

When I think about the textual underpinnings of and support for this endeavor, I am drawn to two different verses from the Mishnaic text, Pirket Avot (Ethics of the Ancestors). One teaches that the world stands on Torah, sacred service (avodah) and acts of loving kindness. (chapter 1:2) The other teaches that the world stands on justice, truth, and peace. (chapter 1:18) We, along with people across the country, are on a journey to learn, grow and heal - to do the work of antiracism. Rooted in Torah, we hold this work as sacred service, performed lovingly, in the service of justice and peace. As we know, no one can finish the work in one lifetime, but again the Mishnah reminds us, we are not free to desist from it. So, with compassion for ourselves and for one another, let's continue the work of antiracism together. We are called to approach the work with humility and with trust in the vision that by working together, we will be bringing more chesed (loving kindness) & tzedek (justice) into the world. This is the work of liberation – our own and that of our country.

Rabbi's Note

Rabbi Nathan Martin



Friends, in the wake of the events at Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX, I was reminded again of the vulnerability I experience as a Jew in today's volatile world. And I also realize how important it is for us to continue building relationships with our neighbors and communities, to face the challenges and brokenness together. May we all continue to reach for connection. And may we also advocate for our own safety and find our way as a country to more peaceful waters.

How to Reach our Rabbis

By phone: (610) 566-4645, choose option 1 if Diane does not answer. A voice message left for either Rabbi will reach them quickly.

By e-mail: Rabbi Linda: [ravlt@bethisraelmedia.org](mailto:ravltp@bethisraelmedia.org) Rabbi Nathan: rabbinate@bethisraelmedia.org

Not sure who's 'on' this weekend? Check the calendar, easily available at bethisraelmedia.org and on the penultimate page of this Israelight. Also, each rabbi's e-mail account responds with a message indicating which rabbi is 'on.'

In cases of a real emergency...

Senior Rabbi Linda's and Associate Rabbi Nathan's home phone numbers can be found in the Member's Area of our website under How to Reach Our Rabbis and in our Directory.

The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists in most Reconstructionist communities to ensure the maintenance of a good working relationship between the rabbis and the congregation. While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with Rabbi Linda or Rabbi Nathan, they may at times feel more comfortable talking to the Rabbinic Liaison committee. Issues raised by congregants are discussed confidentially and, when appropriate, are shared with a Rabbi in a constructive manner. To discuss a question or concern with a lay member of the committee please feel free to contact: *Julian Yates* (jyates@udel.edu) *Deb Erie* (debjoerie@gmail.com), *Emily Levine* (emily@emilysquireslevine.com), or *Linda Cohen* (lhc@comcast.net).

President's Messages:

EMMA LEFKOWITZ



Dear Friends,

This year is Rabbi Linda's 25th at Beth Israel. Wow. I have only known Rabbi Linda since 2014, when my family joined BI, and I have found that she is so easy to know! She is warm and open, a great listener, a great thinker and has a wonderful sense of humor - easily earning affection, trust and respect. But that's not all! Rabbi Linda inspires us spiritually, guides us morally, pushes us intellectually and supports us unconditionally. We are all so blessed to have her. Thank you, Rabbi Linda, for being you.

At the Congregational Meeting on Dec. 19th, we presented Rabbi Linda with a special book of tributes, compiled from across our membership, in honor of her 25th year here. It was planned as a surprise, which is hard to pull off on zoom! But we did it and I must say that Rabbi Linda was completely surprised and very moved, as we had hoped.

We were so honored to be able to present that book, and then, later this month, on Friday February 25 and Saturday, Feb 26, we will have the joy of celebrating Rabbi Linda at very special Shabbat services. I cannot give the details at this time! - but please mark those dates on your calendar for a chance to show our love and appreciation of our 25-year rabbi. (These events are currently planned to be Zoom on Friday night and In-person + Zoom on Saturday). I hope to see you there!

Smile. You're on Candid Amazon! While you're smiling, consider helping Congregation Beth Israel of Media ("BI") by designating BI as the charity you support whenever you log on to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com).

Currently, we have 156 member groups consisting of over 500 individuals. Of that number, 62 have chosen BI as their Smile charity. Way to go! But we do have a way to go. In either 2026 or 2029, depending on first services or corporate documents (more on that later), BI will celebrate its 100th birthday. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, to help us prepare, financially, at least an additional 34 individuals/families chose BI as their Amazon charity?

Please consider adding BI as your Amazon charity, at your earliest opportunity. Contact Joyce Romoff if you want or need more information.

Thank you, Joyce Romoff

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP? For those of you who may need some assistance for your small business or other financial issues that have arisen from the pandemic, consider consulting the following resources: The Hebrew Free Loan Society of Philadelphia: <https://hflphilly.org/> Grants, loans, other resources: jewisstogether.org run by the Jewish Federations of North America.

As usual, check your email for more information and for zoom links.

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Spotlight on: The Religious Practice Committee

Another entry in our continuing column highlighting each of our committees.
by Past President Lynn Cashell

The work of the Religious Practices Committee ("RPC") is at the core of our life as a religious community. The mission of the RPC is to help shape Shabbat, festival, High Holy Day and life cycle services in a way that meets the spiritual needs of our members.

As Reconstructionist Jews, we wrestle with our rich Jewish past and, out of it, forge a practice that works for our community. Working closely with the Rabbis, we study the Jewish tradition and carefully consider how we can apply it to the practical task of bringing that tradition alive today. We learn about services to make them more meaningful and study Jewish texts so they can inform the decisions we make.

Some of the specific tasks of the RPC include:

- Working to enhance the Shabbat experience
- Coordinating High Holy Day services
- Organizing festival observances
- Assisting in life cycle events for members
- Addressing any ritual concerns or issues that arise within the congregation
- Stimulating participation in all synagogue religious activities
- Working with the Adult Ed committee to bring about innovative programs such as Torah Treks.

One of the strengths of Beth Israel is the active role that congregants play in leading services, reading Torah, giving divrei Torah (lessons about the Torah portion), leading festival celebrations, participating in High Holy Day services and participating in life cycle events for members of the synagogue.

Another quality that makes Beth Israel special is the spiritual energy and communal warmth that mark our services. The RPC is the locus for the vision, creative ideas and hard work necessary to maintain and build our spiritual community. During the pandemic, the RPC has managed to continue to keep our spiritual ship afloat.

All members of Beth Israel are welcome to participate in this exciting work.
Contact Larry Hamermesh: larry@hamermesh.com

DISABILITIES AWARENESS SHABBAT - Friday February 11 at BI Zoom Services

Friends, this year we'd like to have our own members speak out on our Disabilities Awareness Shabbat. Do you or a member of your family have a disability? Would you be interested in sharing, if only for a few minutes, the nature of your challenges, what you have learned from your experiences and ways in which you or your loved ones are currently supported or would like to be supported?

Together let's generate some important Torah on this subject and at the same time get to know one another just a bit better.

Are you interested? Please let Rabbi Linda know if you can be present on the 11th or if not, if you'd be willing to write a paragraph or two that could be shared as part of the evening. RSVP by February 8th. Thank you!

Purim and Passover 2022 with BI

Save the Dates

Purim

Thursday March 17 at 8:30 am
Morning Spiritual Practice, with Megillah

Saturday March 19 Time TBA
Megillah chanting and Shpiel

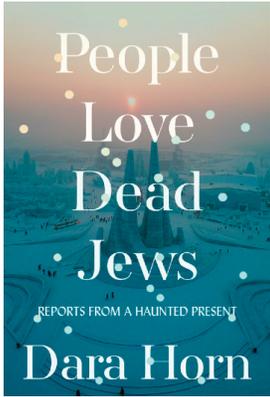
Passover

Second Night
Community Seder
Saturday, April 16
Time TBA



**As we get closer to each date, we will have more details
about how we will celebrate –
on Zoom?
in person in the sanctuary?
in a tent outside?
For now, mark your calendars!**

ONE BOOK ONE JEWISH COMMUNITY
BI Book Discussion
Led by Candy Berlin and team
Wednesday, February 16 7:30 on ZOOM



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TORAH TREKS : The Torah of What Concerns us NOW

Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 on Zoom or Saturdays 11:00 - 12:30 location TBA

Saturday February 12 at 11:00

Rain is Love: The Role of Precipitation in our Ancient Texts and our Liturgy.

with Rabbi Helen Plotkin

We will examine biblical and rabbinic texts that illustrate the rich metaphor of rain in the Jewish tradition as a symbol of the flow of blessing from the divine realm. How does this metaphor inform our understanding of the relationship between ourselves and our environment?

Wednesday March 2 7:30 - 9:00 Jewish Women's History from Antiquity to the Present with Dr. Rebecca Winer

JOURNEYING THROUGH JUDAISM with Aya Baron

February 9 Jewish Prayer: A Deeper Connection To The Amidah

MUSSAR GROUP with Rabbi Linda

February 22 noon

Looking Forward:

THURSDAY March 10, 17, 24 NOTE revised dates.

R. Richard Hirsh will lead three sessions on: "Others" in the Bible – Who is "Us" and "Not Us"?

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MOVING FORWARD WITH ANTIRACISM WORK

The adult education committee will meet on Sunday February 13 at 10:30 to work with the recommendations from the antiracism summit and to plan education programs on antiracism. All voices are welcome as we move forward with this important work. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute your ideas please share them with Marion Hamermesh, Rich Remenick or Rabbi Linda.

Name	Deceased	Relationship to mourner	Yahrzeit 2022	Yahrzeit 5782
Jerry Feldman	Nathaniel Feldman	Son	February 01	30 Shevat
Lois Deutsch	Anne Schwalb	Mother	February 02	1 Adar I
Samuel Ruby	Max Ruby	Son	February 04	3 Adar
Andrea Wasser	Mae Lachman	Mother	February 05	4 Adar
Randy Tiffany	Carol Tiffany	Mother	February 06	5 Adar I
Mitchell Weiser	Herman Weiser	Father	February 07	6 Adar
Marilyn Drukin	Mel Drukin*	Husband	February 08	7 Adar
Jane Laffend	Sylvia Laffend*	Mother in law	February 09	8 Adar I
Jackie Gelman	JoAnn Slate	Mother	February 11	10 Adar I
David Cashell	David Naylor	Brother	February 13	12 Adar
Amy Strauss	Eleanor Strauss	Mother	February 13	12 Adar
Richard Strauss	Eleanor Strauss	Wife	February 13	12 Adar
Katherine Sibley	Bill Sibley	Father	February 14	13 Adar
Helene Gumerman	Rose S. Abrams	Mother	February 15	14 Adar
Deborah Erie	Herbert Drill	Brother-in-law	February 16	15 Adar
Me'ira Pitkapaasi	Wilma Pitkapaasi	Mother-in-law	February 18	17 Adar
Eve Biskind Klothen	Saul S. Biskind	Father	February 18	17 Adar I
Jennifer Lenway	Jonathan Raz*	Husband	February 18	17 Adar I
Nancy Handwerger	Jacob M. Bluestone	Father	February 19	18 Adar
Sharon Kleban	Jacob M. Bluestone	Grandfather	February 19	18 Adar
Arnie Schwartz	Gertrude Silverstein	Aunt	February 20	19 Adar
Louis Friedler	Mary Friedler	Mother	February 20	19 Adar
Daniela Eskenazi	Ismail Sammy" Rabinovic"	Uncle	February 20	19 Adar
Ronald Romoff	Nathan Romoff*	Father	February 25	24 Adar I
Jeffrey Golan	Harold Golan	Father	February 25	24 Adar I
James Wilson	James Wilson	Father	February 25	24 Adar I
Sharon Kleban	June Kleban	Mother-in-law	February 26	25 Adar
Rissa Sklar	Jeanett Kaplan Teitlebaum*	Mother	February 27	26 Adar I

*after a name indicates that there is a plaque.

Yahrzeit begins at sundown the evening before the date shown.

Capital Fund

Jennifer Lenway

Social Action Committee

Wendy Waterston for Better Start for Babies Campaign

Anne and Scott Mondell

Restoration Fund

Bonnie Rusinek to the Eskenazi Family in memory of Jak Eskenazi,
beloved father of Vitali Eskenazi and father-in-law of Daniela Eskenazi

Condolences

To *Mary Ellen Maatman* on the passing of her father, Gerald Maatman, father-in-law to Arnie Schwartz and grandfather of Steven and Rose Schwartz. May Gerald's memory be a blessing to each of them.

With great sadness we share the news of the passing of *Arnold H. Bennett*, beloved father of Jill Bennett Gaieski, father-in-law of David and grandfather of Ethan and Clay. Arnold Bennett passed on December 15th.

Your generous support not only enables Beth Israel to provide a robust variety of programs that foster the spiritual needs of our community, your support also enhances our ability to bring about tikkun olam through our social action initiatives. Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever. Please consider honoring a friend or a loved one through a contribution to any of our designated funds.



Please be sure to let the Rabbis know when you or someone in the congregation is in need of a blessing for healing.

General Fund

Penny and Sheldon Bernick

Burton J Cohen Endowment Fund

Lois Drake in memory of my brother Burt Cohen at the anniversary of his passing

Reisa Mukamal and Steven Arnold in memory of Arnold Bennett, beloved father and father-in-law of Jill and David Gieski, and grandfather of Ethan and Clay.

Anne and Scott Mondell in memory of Burt

Rabbis' Discretionary Fund

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Randi Raskin Nash and Kevin and Elan Nash with love to Mukamal/Arnold Family

in memory of your beloved son and brother Noah. May his memory always be for a blessing.

Bimas

Miriam Sigler in memory of Mildred Zitt, sister of Judy Kinman and founder/conductor of
Toms River Intergenerational Orchestra

Amy Strauss in memory of *Judy Kinman's* sister Mildred

Peter Bernstein and Ala Hamilton-Day in memory of Judy Kinman's sister Mildred Zitt

Library Fund

Amy Strauss in memory of Judy Kinman's sister Mildred

Golden Book

Rabbi Linda TO:

The Maatman/Schwartz Family in memory of Gerald "Jerry" L. Maatman, Sr., beloved father of Mary Ellen, father-in-law of Arnie and grandfather to Steve and Rose

Judy Kinman with deepest condolences on the passing of your sister, Mildred Zitt.

Friedman Family, Susannah, Steve, Rebecca with condolences on the passing of Sue's mom, Marianne Friedenberg. May her memory be a blessing to each of you.

Mark Schlam With condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, Caroline Schlam.

Helena Landis With condolences on the loss of your father, Julian Kulski.

Deborah Dymond Markman & David Markman With deepest condolences on the passing of Leslie Dymond, beloved Muthie and on the passing of Deb's beloved brother Mark.

The Eskenazi Family With deepest condolences on the loss of Daniela's precious uncle, Sammy Rabinovic

Elaine Waskenas With deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, Ethel Kesselman

Phil & Lauri Mansky With condolences on the loss of Phil's beloved mom, Violet Mansky

Ron & Emily Levine With deepest condolences on the loss of Ron's beloved mom, Miriam Levine

Steve Goldfield & Ellen Merriweather With deepest condolences on the passing of Steve's beloved mom, Sylvia Goldfield.

Shel & Penny Bernick On the passing of Shel's brother, Herbie Bernick. May his memory be a blessing.

Karen Vesely & Evan Siegelman On your marriage. Wishing you decades of happiness!

Ken & Eve Klothen Mazel Tov on the marriage of Erich to Ruth Mandelbaum!

Amy Nabut In honor of your affirmation! Mazel Tov & welcome to Beth Israel.

Adam Nichols & Patty Prior Mazel tov on the marriage of your Alisha to Mike Evans!

Sea Amundsen & Kyle Mackie Mazel Tov on your marriage! Wishing you decades of happiness!

Gornstein Family Mazel Tov on Rachel's Bat Mitzvah! So proud of Rachel!

Yates/Winer Family Mazel Tov on Naomi's Bat Mitzvah. So proud of Naomi! So happy to be back in the sanctuary for B'nai Mitzvah!

Lefkowitz Family Belated Mazel Tov on Ruthie's Bat Mitzvah So proud of Ruthie and her family for making an awesome celebration, despite pandemic limitations!

Jamie Cashell & Tom Martin Mazel tov on celebrating your marriage! Wishing you decades of happiness!

Sending you blessings for healing:

Dottie Jenkins, Ron Romoff, Andrew Kelly, Alan Fink, Deanie Heller, Jane Laffend, Lynn Kelly, Helena Landis, Geoff Horowitz

BI Food Drive for Purim

The Social Action Committee will host a drive-by food donation drive, benefiting the Media Food Bank, in concert with the planned distribution of Shaloch Manot bags. Ala Hamilton Day is chairing this effort.

Chester Eastside Tutoring Report

Tutoring continues, coordinated by Louis Friedler. Currently 13 are tutoring and all but three are BI members.

MLK Day and Knitting Projects

The knitters, crocheters, and users of the loom were scheduled for several events in January 2022. On MLK Day, January 17th, a group met on ZOOM to knit warm items for Jewish Family and Children's Services to distribute through their Our Closet program, benefiting diverse communities from West Philadelphia to the Northeast. The knitting group has also made plans to meet in person at BI to knit some more for this project on Sunday, January 30th, pandemic permitting. Additionally, a warm clothing drive is planned for January 30th and 31st, also to benefit the JFCS "Our Closet" program. Meeting and drop off times are listed in the BI calendar.

Gefilte Flicks Movie Night

Join the Social Action Committee for its "Gefilte Flicks" movie discussion of *The Farewell*. BI members are invited to view the film ahead of time and join your friends on ZOOM for a no-cost group discussion, led by Louis Friedler on March 5, at 7:30PM. Louis has led discussions about this film at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Temple University. The film *The Farewell* explores the difference in values between those Chinese who have remained in China and those who have emigrated to the US. It has won several awards, including the actress Awkwafina's Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical. *The Farewell* is available on Amazon Prime (as of January 14) at this link: It can also be viewed with a Delaware County library account via Kanopy.com. It is also available to rent on Youtube and Apple+. More information will be distributed closer to the March discussion date.

FOR T'MICHA MEMBERS, CURRENT & FUTURE
Supporting One Another In Community
FROM YOU I RECEIVE ~ TO YOU I GIVE... with Rabbi Tsurah August
Sunday February 6 1:00 ~ 2:30 on BI ZOOM

When we join a synagogue, we become part of an intentional community. A community that provides us with spiritual, ethical, cultural, social, emotional, intellectual nourishment. A community with whom we can share our nachas (pride and joy) and our tsuris (troubles and sorrows). A people with whom we celebrate life's greatest life passages and where each person can receive support in times of need.

Support is needed in the best of times. In these difficult times the need is even greater.

To Tmicha members, those of you who have been giving support to Beth Israel congregants, you may be needing a boost for yourself. Perhaps a "compassion tonic" is needed for you – as well as more congregants to share the holy work.

Newcomers are encouraged to show up. Come if you are seeking a new way to engage or to contribute or if you are simply curious.

At this workshop Rabbi Tsurah August will serve a little "tonic": a discussion on the blessings and burdens of being a source of support as a member of Tmicha. We will explore some Jewish texts and share personal experiences, hopes, and wisdom gained from doing this important mitzvah.

About Rabbi Tsurah August: Rabbi August is the staff chaplain for Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia, serving individuals and families in hospice, acute care, long-term care health facilities and senior residences. She also provides on-line bereavement and spiritual support for groups and individuals. She is an experienced workshop leader and presenter who combines her background in the arts, chaplaincy and counseling to create interactive workshops. She has presented at local, national and international conferences and currently creates videos and on-line programming.

Rabbi August received her rabbinic ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion and from Aleph, Alliance for Jewish Renewal. She received her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) from the HealthCare Chaplaincy's Jewish Chaplaincy program. She is a member of the Board of Rabbis of Philadelphia and the Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains.

HAR JEHUDA
By Marilyn Drukin

mldrukin@gmail.com or 610-742-9485

Beth Israel's section at Har Jehuda belongs solely to our synagogue family and family members. You may remember Rabbi Nathan mentioned a cemetery clean up day this past November when volunteers worked together to help clean up some of the sections. In addition, Larry Moskowitz who manages the cemetery, spoke with the Mayor of Upper Darby where the cemetery is located to discuss challenges pertaining to the upkeep of the grounds. Since the number of funerals has declined, the income of the cemetery has decreased thus causing the challenges. The Mayor then contacted Upper Darby Fire Department and firefighters volunteer 5 hours each week assisting in maintaining the grounds, section by section. Those of us who have visited the cemetery notice the improvements.

It is so important for all of us to think ahead for ourselves and for our families. In addition, Beth Israel receives a donation from Har Jehuda every time we purchase a plot or a cremation plot. Should you have any questions, please let me know. Also, if you want to speak directly with Larry Moskowitz, his number is 610-789-2104.

Please remember to donate personal care items and toiletries for the homeless shelters and the Community Action Agency. The collection box is on the main floor, under the coat rack. Thank you.

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30 Shevat 28 9:30am No Hebrew School 11:00am SAC Warm Clothing Drop Off	31 Shevat 29 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 4:30pm SAC Warm Clothing Drop Off 5:30pm SAC Food Service Drop Off 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Me'ira 7:30pm Space Rented	1 Shevat 30 Rosh Chodesh Adar I	2 Adar I 1 Rosh Chodesh Adar I	3 Adar I 2 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 2:00pm Israel Lecture Presentation 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Shira 6:45pm Space Rented	4 Adar I 3 5:06pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Nathan (on zoom)	5 Adar I 4 Terumah 9:45am Shabbat Services with Rabbi Nathan (on zoom) 6:16pm Havdalah
6 Adar I 5 1:00pm Tmicha Speaker Rabbi Tsurah August: From You I Receive, to You I Give	7 Adar I 6 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Me'ira 7:30pm Space Rented	8 Adar I 7	9 Adar I 8 7:30pm Journeying through Judaism - Jewish Prayer: Amidah, with Aya Baron	10 Adar I 9 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 2:00pm Israel Lecture Presentation 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Shira 6:45pm Space Rented	11 Adar I 10 5:15pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Rabbi Linda (on zoom)	12 Adar I 11 Tetzaveh 9:45am Shabbat Services with Rabbi Linda (on zoom) 11:00am Torah Treks with Rabbi Helen Plotkin (zoom) 6:24pm Havdalah
13 Adar I 12 9:30am Hebrew School	14 Adar I 13 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Me'ira 7:30pm Space Rented	15 Adar I 14 Purim Katan	16 Adar I 15 7:30pm Adult Ed Book Discussion: People Love Dead Jews by Dara Horn	17 Adar I 16 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 2:00pm Israel Lecture Presentation 6:00pm Online Hebrew School with Shira 6:45pm Space Rented	18 Adar I 17 9:30am RPC Meeting (on zoom) 5:23pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Services with Aya Baron (on zoom)	19 Adar I 18 Ki Tisa 9:45am Shabbat Services with Aya Baron (on zoom) 6:32pm Havdalah
20 Adar I 19 9:30am No Hebrew School - President's Day	21 Adar I 20 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 5:45pm No Hebrew School - President's Day 7:30pm Space Rented	22 Adar I 21 12:00pm Mussar with Rabbi Linda on zoom (closed group)	23 Adar I 22 7:30pm Social Action Committee meeting (via Zoom)	24 Adar I 23 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 2:00pm Israel Lecture Presentation 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Shira 6:45pm Space Rented	25 Adar I 24 5:31pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Shabbat Services honoring Rabbi Linda's 25 years (on zoom)	26 Adar I 25 Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Shekalim Vayakhel 9:45am Shabbat Services honoring Rabbi Linda's 25 years (in sanctuary) (registration required to attend in person) 6:40pm Havdalah
27 Adar I 26 9:30am Hebrew School 10:00am Board of Directors Meeting (on Zoom)	28 Adar I 27 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Me'ira 7:30pm Space Rented	1 Adar I 28	2 Adar I 29 7:30pm Torah Treks: Jewish Women's History from Antiquity to the Present with Dr. Rebecca Winer	3 Adar I 30 Rosh Chodesh Adar II 8:30am Morning Spiritual Practice 2:00pm Israel Lecture Presentation 5:45pm Online Hebrew School with Shira 6:45pm Space Rented	4 Adar II 1 Rosh Chodesh Adar II 5:39pm Candle Lighting	5 Adar II 2 Pekudei 6:48pm Havdalah 7:00pm SAC Movie Night



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