



# *Tiferet Bet Israel*

## *Congregational Learning & Engagement*

**5781**

**2021**

***January-March***

## Engagement

### **Booze & Schmooze with Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser**

Thursdays  
5:00-6:00pm  
April 1, 15, 29  
May 13 and 27  
June 20 and 24



Who is ready for a HH? HH as in Happy Hour!  
Let's meet informally and without any agenda whatsoever to have some informal conversation and engage with each other in friendly schmooze...BYOB (bring your own booze), we will provide the schmooze...

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### **Kibbitz & Coffee with Matan Silberstein**

Thursdays  
8:30-9:30am  
April 8 and 22  
May 6 and 20  
June 3 and 17



Sunday at Wentz Run Park  
9:00am  
June 13

Join Matan on zoom for coffee (or tea)! We will kibbitz, we will kvell, and we are excited for you to join us as we build our TBI connections! #coffeekibbutzkvell On April 22, May 20 and June 13 group will meet outside. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

## Talmud Torah

### Women's League Rosh Chodesh

#### Hot Topics with Edie Harris

Wednesday

April 28

7:00pm

Join Women's League for another Rosh Chodesh discussion led by our very own Edie Harris. She will lead us in conversation around how our ancient tradition handles contemporary situations. Always an interesting conversation!

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### ACTS of Jewish Worship with David Aston

#### Wednesdays

April 7, 14, 21 and 28

10:30am-11:30am

ACTS of Jewish Worship is an examination and discussion of portions of the Shabbat morning service. We will explore the meaning and spiritual benefits of Jewish worship as we discover why and how we worship our God. <https://sites.google.com/view/jewish-worship>

*David W. Aston is trained and certified as a teacher of Bible and worship. He is also the author of three books, a well-received public speaker and preacher, and maintains a blog to instruct and inspire Jews-by-Choice. He has extensive experience teaching both Bible and worship to congregational groups from teens through adults. He has presented to clergy gatherings and trained volunteer Bible teachers. He has arranged creative worship experiences for both Jewish and non-Jewish communities for over forty years. His personal website is <https://sites.google.com/view/welshabba/>*

## Engagement

### Virtual Book Nosh

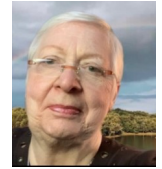
Wednesdays

April 21

May 19

7:00pm

April will be a Poetry reading with three poets followed by a Q & A. The poets are Marilyn Gross, Steven Pollack, Cathleen Cohen.



**Steve Pollack** hit half-balls with broomsticks, rode the Frankford El to Drexel University, sailed across the equator on USS Enterprise, across the Mississippi to the University of Texas at Austin. He's been an usher, delivery boy, drug crisis volunteer, engineer, project manager and administrator. He advised local governments, directed an affordable housing co-op, built hospitals, science labs and public schools. Poetry found him later. He serves on the advisory board of the Montgomery County Poet Laureate program and sings bass with Nashirah. His debut chapbook, *L'dor Vador - From Generation to Generation*, was published in 2020 by Finishing Line Press.

**Marilyn Gross** has always loved words - English and Hebrew - and could get lost in the world of a book. Crosswords and puzzles of all kinds have always been a welcome pastime. As a teacher and mother, she always thought reading to children was an important and enjoyable activity. Serendipity led her to a poetry group in 1991 and she found herself writing poetry, something she had never done before. In 1994 she joined a memoirs group and has been teaching memoir writing at the Senior Center in Souderton since 1997.

**Cathleen Cohen** was the 2019 Poet Laureate of Montgomery County, PA. A painter and teacher, she founded the *We the Poets* program at ArtWell, an arts education non-profit in Philadelphia ([www.theartwell.org](http://www.theartwell.org)). Her poems appear in *Apiary*, *Baltimore Review*, *Cagibi*, *East Coast Ink*, *North of Oxford*, *Passager*, *Philadelphia Stories*, *Rockvale Review*, *Rogue Agent*, *Camera Obscura* (Moonstone Press, 2017) and *Etching the Ghost* (Atmosphere Press, forthcoming 2021). She

received the *Interfaith Relations Award* from the Montgomery County PA Human Rights Commission and the *Public Service Award* from National Association of Poetry Therapy. Her artwork is on view at Cerulean Arts Gallery ([www.ceruleanarts.com](http://www.ceruleanarts.com))

The book selection for May will be *Out of the Pantry* by Ronni Robinson. Ronni will be joining us for the discussion.



Pre-teen Ronni is a seemingly normal girl growing up in the suburbs, until the day her mom hides cookies. Soon after, Ronni has an unexplainable compulsion to eat more and more and more junk. In secret and shame, she overeats and binges through tween years, high school, college, an abusive first marriage, and even a loving second marriage. Over thirty years, she steals food, eats food off of others' plates, and scavenges food out of the trash, until one night, once again stuffed after a binge, on TV, she hears the words "compulsive overeater." She searches and she learns she has an eating disorder, a mental illness, a disease. Armed with this knowledge she attacks her compulsion full throttle. She goes to therapy, Overeaters Anonymous meetings, read books, and namelessly blogs in an attempt to gain power over food. A brutally honest glimpse into the trials, pervasive thoughts, and heartbreak of a compulsive overeater, discover how Ronni gains the courage and strength to live her life without being a slave to food.

## Talmud Torah

### Torah Study

Fridays  
11:00am-12:00pm  
April 9 and 23  
May 7 and 21  
June 4 and 18  
with Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser



April 16 and 30  
May 14 and 28  
with Rabbi Danielle

Please join Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser and Rabbi Danielle. They will take turns as we meet to discuss Parshat HaShavua (weekly Torah portion) every week. Let's enjoy a lively Torah discussion together!

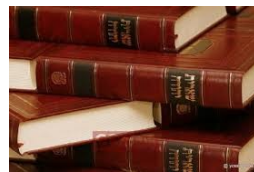
"For in the Torah are hidden every wonder and mystery, and in her treasures is sealed every beauty of wisdom."  
-Rabbi Moses ben Nachman (Ramban)

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### Halakah Class with Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser

Tuesdays  
10:00-11:00am

April 6, 13, 20, 27  
May 4, 11, 18, 25  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Are we, Consecutive Jews, 'halakhic' Jews?  
What does this question even mean?  
Let's explore these and other legal questions together.

## Talmud Torah

### Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Eliseo Rozenwasser

Saturdays  
April 3, 24  
May 29  
June 12 and 26  
9:15-9:45am



Join Rabbi Rozenwasser for a discussion prior to the start of services about the weekly Torah portion.

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### Ancient Aliens and the Bible with Buzz Bray Tuesdays

April 13, 20 and 27  
May 4 and 11  
7:00pm-8:00pm



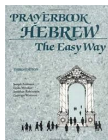
Ancient Aliens and the Bible.  
Many people claim to have seen UFOs and E.T. But did you know that our Bible contains strange accounts of visitors descending from the sky? It also has prophets flying up into the sky in fiery chariots. There are giants, angels, and voices from the sky.

Some experts believe there may be as many as 350,000,000,000,000 civilizations in the universe. Is it possible that we have been visited? Join us as we explore the possibility that our Bible actually describes such events! The course is open to everyone. Just bring an open mind.

## Hebrew

### Prayer Book Hebrew with Rabbi Danielle

Thursdays  
12:30-1:30pm  
April 8, 15, 22, 29  
May 6, 13, 20, 27



Students will continue working through the textbook Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way in order to understand the language of our siddur and appreciate Hebrew as a holiday language filled with poetry and magic.

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### Adult Hebrew with Ilana Margolis

Sundays  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Cost: \$475  
April 11, 18, 25  
May 2



9:00-10:00am Hebrew for Beginners: For those who don't yet know the aleph-bet, as well as those who can read and want to achieve greater mastery.

10:00-11:00am Prayers and Torah in Hebrew: Learn the texts of the prayers and the Torah in Hebrew. Understanding through reading, translation, and discussion. For this class, only reading ability is required.

11:00-12:00pm Hebrew for Intermediate students: Intermediate Hebrew is a continuation from the advanced beginners class. It is easy and fun to learn Hebrew while continuously expanding your vocabulary and language skills.

12:00-1:00pm Spoken Hebrew for Advanced Students: Comprehension, reading and speaking.

## Engagement

### Yom Hashoah Program

Thursday  
April 8  
6:30pm



Join our Keshet Academy students for a Yom Hashoah memorial experience. We will bear witness to a Holocaust survivor's story provided by the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center from 6:30-8:00 pm followed by a Yom Hashoah memorial minyan at 8 pm.

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### Women's League Yoga Class with Clare Brown

Thursday  
April 22  
7:00pm



Clare has been practicing and studying yoga since 2003. She completed her initial teacher training with Sue Elkind and Naime Jezzeny at DIG YOGA. Clare loves to learn and continues to strive to deepen her practice and teaching. She currently teaches private & small group classes. Having been a ballet dancer and teacher for many years, Clare's yoga classes share the joy of movement, the power found in the strong alignment of the body, and the strength of allowing grace to be the support for one's yoga practice and life.

## Shlemut Wellness, Wholeness & Healing

### Young Widow and Widower Support Group

Mondays  
7:00-8:00pm  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7



If you are looking for a community of TBI people experiencing similar thoughts, feelings, and life changes to you because of the loss of a spouse, please consider attending this session or a future session when you feel ready.

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### Women's Circle with Rabbi Danielle

Thursday  
April 9  
10:00am-11:00am  
May 13  
7:00pm-8:00pm



Join Rabbi Danielle for a monthly meeting of study, reflection, meditation, and ritual inspired by the rhythm of the Hebrew calendar and the Torah cycle. We hope you will make the commitment to come every month in order to cultivate community and sacred connection. May the journey together be for great blessing!



***Learning is a service  
in and of itself***

*-Abraham Joshua Heschel*

**Questions about Congregational  
Learning at TBI?**

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