



timely topics

June 2023

Sivan/Tammuz 5783

 OLD YORK ROAD
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L'hitraot – Until We Meet Again

Every Rabbi has their Torah. It weaves its way in and out of pastoral conversations, sermons, classes, divrei Torah, and even committee meetings. It has been my honor and pleasure to share my Torah with all of you at Old York Road Temple – Beth Am these last six years. Just as a refresher, in case you don't remember hearing it, here is some of my Torah:

- Each of us has the opportunity to make a life of meaning.
- The Torah is a gift we must receive anew each day and in each generation.
- The challenges and questions to which the young will apply Torah and its values have not been invented yet.
- Every person matters.
- People “throw their lot in” with a community when they know that they matter to that community.
- The core of Jewish living and learning is becoming and living as a mensch.
- Gratitude is a spiritual tool that can enrich our lives.

Gratitude is what I bring to this moment of my rabbinate. I have been honored and delighted to serve Old York Road Temple – Beth Am and our Mensch Lab. I treasure the warm relationships I have been privileged to help nurture, and the memories we have made together. I have shared with you learning, good questions, spiritual uplift, sadness, excitement, and celebration. We have lived Judaism together these last years, and I am so blessed to have been a part of it.

There is more work to do, though. The work of living. The work of growing. The work of marking time; of making meaning. The work of repairing the world.

I am heartened by the teaching of our Sages: “It is not our duty to complete all the work; but neither are we free to shirk our responsibility.” We remain committed to the tasks of being a people and building our world together.

I have been grateful for your partnership in our work, each and every day.

Kol Tuv—Kol Y'hiyeh Tov
“It's all good”—“It all will be good.”

Rabbi Tornberg

June Erev Shabbat Schedule

6/2 - 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Tornberg & Cantor Zarkh
Pride Shabbat with T'filah Band
& June Birthday Blessings. Molish
Sanctuary/Livestream

6/9 - 6:00 p.m. - Rabbi Tornberg & Cantor Zarkh
Kabbalat Shabbat in **TBT Chapel**

6/16 - 6:00 p.m. - Rabbi Leib & Cantor Zarkh
Kabbalat Shabbat in **TBT Chapel**

6/23 - 7:00 p.m. - Rabbi Leib & Cantor Zarkh
Pre-Neg 6:00 p.m.
Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.
in Molish Sanctuary/Livestream
We celebrate the installation of our Executive
Committee members and new Board members.
Additionally, we will extend our heartfelt thanks to
our outgoing President, Joshua Posnan, and pass
the gavel to our incoming President, Bruce Sham.

6/30 - 6:00 p.m. - Rabbi Leib & Cantor Zarkh
Kabbalat Shabbat in **TBT Chapel**

Book of Remembrance

We will continue the sacred Jewish custom
of publishing a "Book of Remembrance."
This will include the prayers and readings
used during our annual Yizkor service on
Yom Kippur day. Kindly submit your names
via ShulCloud no later than **Friday, July 14**
to honor the memory of your loved ones.

**See Thursday's ChaiLights email for the
Book of Remembrance Form.**

\$12 per name

Individual names must be listed (cannot be a
general message/greeting.) Please call the
office if you need assistance **(215) 886-8000**.

July & August

Shabbat Schedule

All services 6:00 p.m.
& Zoom TBT Chapel



**We welcome you to join us on
Saturday mornings for our Torah
Study at 9:00 a.m.**
& Peer-led Shabbat at 10:00 a.m.
in the TBT Chapel

School Of Early Learning
Playground & Water Play Fun!
Wednesdays 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
June 21
July 12
August 9
\$6.00 per family! Venmo or ShulCloud
Pizza, chips, ice-pops, fun & friends!
Be sure to bring a towel.
Bike room fun if it is raining.
Come and make some new friends!

Temple Beth Torah School of Early Learning
at Old York Road Temple Beth Am
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Registration Now Open for the 2023-2024 School Year!

MENSCH LAB

2023-2024 Program



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2023 - 2024 PROGRAM

Grades 7 (Post-b. mitzvah) 8, 9, & 10*

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Sundays

K-7 (pre-b. mitzvah)
Early arrival breakfast
included!

9:30 a.m. - noon

Mitzvot, Bible, Hebrew & Prayers
T'filah/music/movement
Holiday Celebrations
Blue/white team monthly games
Trips & Family Education
Programs
b. mitzvah prep class for
7th graders
1 Elective activity or Jr. Choir
(11:30 - noon)

☆ One-on-One tutoring for grades 4,5 & 6
(Scheduled with family not during class time)

Tuesdays

Grades 4-7 (pre b.mitzvah)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Pizza dinner included
Experiential learning activities
Monthly Ma'Ariv services
Monthly discussion groups with
Rabbi Leib and/or Cantor Zarkh

Questions or Additional information:

Call the office (215) 886-8000

LUNCH 'N LEARNS (MONTHLY)

Special topics related to being a Jewish teen.
Tentatively Sundays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Lunch provided)

PREPARE AND HOST SHABBAT
DINNER FOR BEIT NOAR FAMILIES.

PLAN, FACILITATE, & ATTEND A
JEWISH HOLIDAY PROGRAM OF
YOUR CHOICE

ATTEND HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

ATTEND & PARTICIPATE IN 2
SATURDAY MORNING PEER-LED
SERVICES

PARTICIPATE IN 2
MITZVOT PROJECTS

TWO FIELD TRIPS

*CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION SESSIONS
WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THE
SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR

Register by June 30

Tuition, trips & materials fee total \$536.00
\$100.00 deposit is required at registration.
Your deposit will be applied towards tuition.
Balance due by August 15.

Questions or additional information ☆contact the office
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Timely Topics

A Farewell from President Joshua Posnan

I look back fondly on the past two years and realize that they seemed to have flown by. I have enjoyed my time serving Old York Road Temple - Beth Am as President. I felt like it was a period of relative calm. As we welcomed our Beth Am family back into the building after what seemed like forever watching from home, we also:

- Celebrated Beth Am's 75th Anniversary with an incredible gala which raised \$114,000
- Dedicated the Czech Holocaust Torah Memorial
- Packed 3,000 meals with the Mensch Lab for Rise Against Hunger
- Enjoyed the amazing AppleFest
- Worked together as a community during another successful Mitzvah Day
- Shopped at Sisterhood's Vintage Sale
- Held Brotherhood's Murder Mystery in-house for the first time
- Brought families together to celebrate Israel's 75th birthday
- Made security improvements, including our new building access system
- Transformed the library into a multi-use space
- Voted on a new update to our congregational by-laws

Last, but not least, my family and I celebrated the joyous occasion of my son, Miller, becoming a Bar Mitzvah in June of 2022. As I step into the role of Immediate Past President, know that I'll still be around, still dedicated to making Old York Road Temple - Beth Am a place where all feel welcome and a place our children will be able to call home as well. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Beth Am.

B'shalom,
Josh

Jenkintown Food Cupboard

June Donation List

- Baked Beans
- Canned Chili
- Barbecue Condiments
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Pineapple
- Canned Mangos
- Fruit Juices
- Bran/Granola Cereals

Please continue to support your local food cupboard by dropping your donations by the back door of the synagogue!

Mazal Tov High School Graduates: Class of 2023

Parents, we need your help!

We want your high school graduate(s) to stay connected to Beth Am while at college. Through our College Connection program, your young adult can stay up to date with ChaiLights and receive holiday gifts throughout the year. Additionally, they will be invited to share their experiences and connect with the clergy during their breaks. If you would like to add your child to the list, please send their full name, student address, and email to smardt@oyrtbetham.org.

Mazal Tov 2023 College Graduates!