

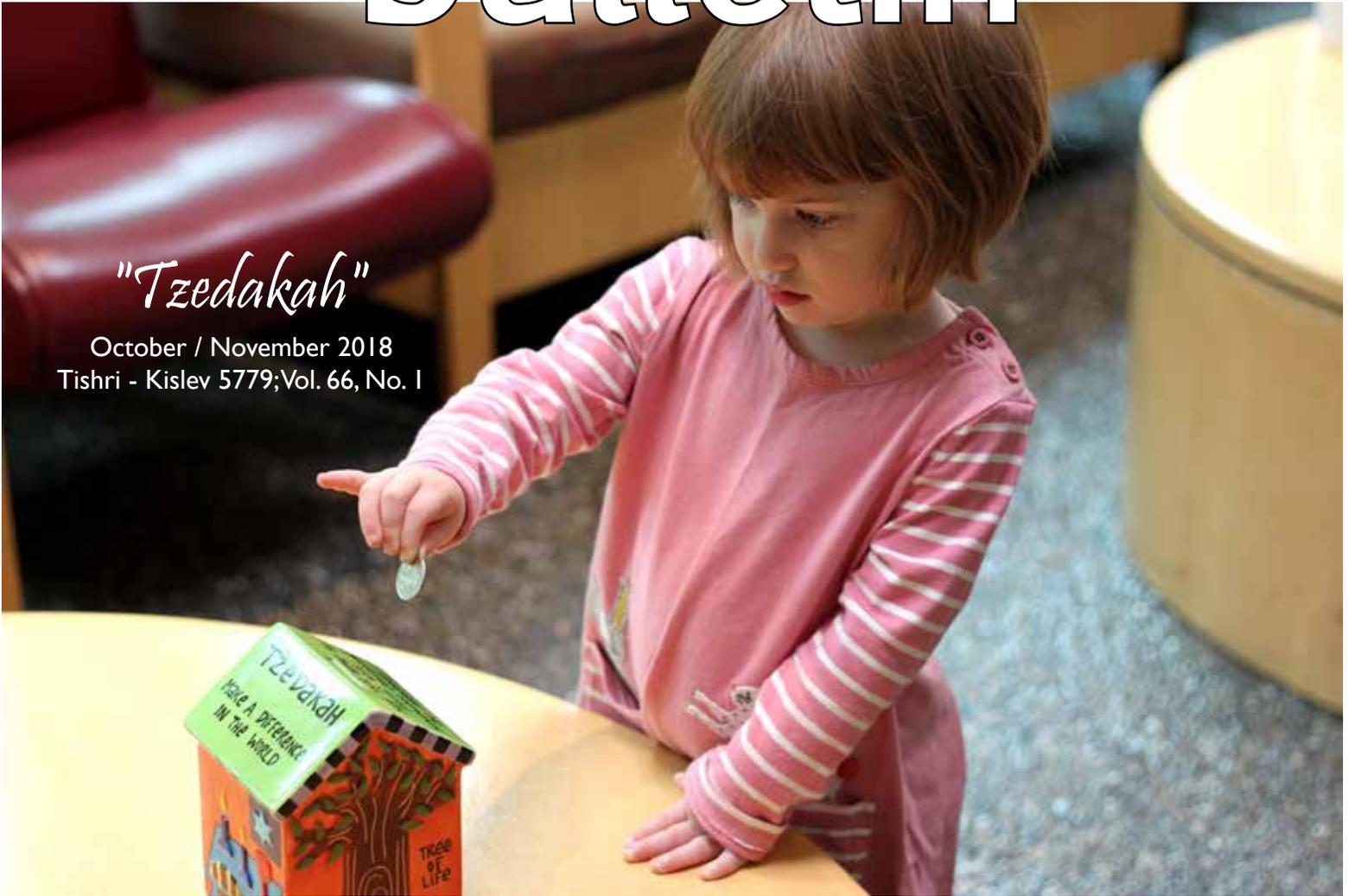
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Hannah Charlton gives tzedakah. Her mother, Gaby Charlton, discusses the importance of tzedakah for the temple community on pg. 18. Photo by Rachel Román.

TZEDAKAH: SPREADING GOD'S JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

In his renowned 1922 novel, *Ulysses*, author James Joyce wrote, "There were others who had forced their way to the top from the lowest rung by the aid of their bootstraps," possibly coining the well-known aphorism. The implication is in order for some to rise to subsistence and success, they need to break social restraints through their individual effort and determination.

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While admirable, our Torah envisions a society where no one is left to fend for themselves. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 instructs us, "If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsman in any of your towns in the land of Israel the Eternal your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend them sufficient for whatever they need."

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SHABBAT SERVICES - OCTOBER

Friday Services

Kinder Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, October 5 / 6:00 PM

Choir Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, October 5 / 8:00 PM

Jazzy Shabbat Service
Friday, October 12 / 8:00 PM

**New Baby Shabbat and
Acoustic Kabbalat Shabbat**
Friday, October 19 / 6:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the beauty of Shabbat and the newest members of our community as we bless all of Young Families at Beth Am's babies born during the past year.

**Klezmer Kabbalat Shabbat with HIAS
National Refugee Shabbat and Healing
Challahs**
Friday, October 26 / 6:15 PM

Join us for a Klezmer Shabbat service focusing on the HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) sponsored National Refugee Observance.

Saturday Services

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, October 6 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Bereisheet
B'not Mitzvah of Emma Simon, daughter of Tessa and Daniel Simon; and Lielle Goland, daughter of Marina and Yaron Goland

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, October 13 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Noach
B'not Mitzvah of Elinor Assadi, daughter of Susan Gulkis Assadi and Michael Assadi; and Shea Joelson, daughter of Arlene McBride and Matthew Joelson

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, October 20 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Lech Lecha
B'not Mitzvah of Sage Taylor, daughter of Sam Rosen and Don Taylor; and Madelenn Markfield, daughter of Dallice and David Markfield

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, October 27 / 9:15 AM

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, October 27 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Vayera
B'not Mitzvah of Cole Liffmann, daughter of Brooke Coleman and Mark Liffmann; and Flora Bradley, daughter of Emily and Dewayne Bradley

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SHABBAT SERVICES - NOVEMBER

Friday Services

Kinder Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, November 2 / 6:00 PM

Choir Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, November 2 / 8:00 PM

Jazzy Shabbat Service
Friday, November 9 / 8:00 PM

**Experimental Multi-Generational
Family-Friendly Shabbat**
Friday, November 16 / 6:15 PM

Join us for a unique and new Shabbat experience. We will join together to try new things and experiment in Shabbat prayer that welcomes all ages. We will be playful, interactive, and creative. We will enjoy familiar melodies and learn new music, too. We will explore new ways of engaging in worship.

Klezmer Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, November 23 / 6:15 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat and Healing Challahs
Friday, November 30 / 6:15 PM

We offer alcohol-free services at all B'nai Mitzvah and Acoustic Shabbat onegs. All Minyan Services are followed by a dairy potluck.

Saturday Services

Shabbat Morning Service
*Saturday, November 3 / 10:30 AM /
Parsha: Chaye Sarah*

B'not Mitzvah of Niela Klinghoffer, daughter of Dawn and Richard Klinghoffer; and Elena Kully, daughter of Maritza Rivera and Daniel Kully

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, November 10 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Toldot
B'nai Mitzvah of Jacob Goodman, son of Elizabeth and Glenn Goodman; and Ezra Light, son of Terry Light

YFBA Pajama Havdallah Party
Saturday, November 10 / 4:00 PM
A great evening for kids and parents! There will be a movie, special tzedakah box art projects, dinner, and Havdallah with Cantor Victor Geigner. Everyone is encouraged to wear pajamas.

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, November 17 / 10:30 AM / Parsha: Vayetze
Bat Mitzvah of Jyoti Altschuler, daughter of Huei-Ling Shiang and Daniel Altschuler

Tot Shabbat
Saturday, November 24 / 9:15 AM

Shabbat Minyan Service
*Saturday, November 24 / 10:30 AM /
Parsha: Vayishlach*

**In our August / September 2018 Bulletin profile article on Dr. Erika Michael, we mistakenly reported that she is a current member on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. While she used to be a Federation board member, Erika no longer serves on that board.*



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What, you might ask, does the spiritual practice of tzedakah have to do with board governance? I struggled with this question after learning this Bulletin's theme would be "Tzedakah." To find an answer, I had to delve into the mitzvah and the values behind it. After some study and reflection, I realized tzedakah has a lot to do with temple governance, and I would like to share my Jewish learning journey with you in the hope that you will appreciate the expanded perspective tzedakah can bring to the Board of Directors' work.

My exploration of tzedakah's relevance to temple governance begins with definitions. When I refer to tzedakah, I mean Judaism's moral imperative to share one's financial assets with individuals in need or with organizations that serve them. Judaism teaches that we walk in God's ways when we act out of love to address hunger, homelessness, disease, and other fractures in our world. Yet, by doing tzedakah, I do not mean mere charitable giving, as laudable as those charitable gifts may be. "Charity" comes from the Latin word "caritas" for heart. Charitable gifts are "a financial response to an emotional pull of conscience."¹ By contrast, *tzedakah* derives from the Hebrew word for "justice." In Judaism, tzedakah is a moral obligation, whether or not you are emotionally in the mood to give. Everyone from the beggar to the billionaire is obligated to share their financial resources to help someone or some organization in need. When we translate the Hebrew word "tzedakah" into the English word "charity," we only carry forward tzedakah's concept of love. We leave behind tzedakah's concept of justice and the fundamental Jewish value at the mitzvah's core – the dignity of every human being. The act of tzedakah embodies both love and justice. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks teaches, "Giving to others is one of the most beautiful things we can do, and one of the

¹ Rabbi Shapiro, *Minyan: Ten Principles for Living a Life of Integrity*

GOVERNANCE WITH TZEDAKAH: THE JUST AND LOVING USE OF MONEY AND CAPITAL

most creative. We create possibilities for other people. We soften some of the rough edges of the world. We help alleviate poverty and pain."² Equally important, by doing tzedakah we honor God's image in other people, meaning we uphold the dignity of all humankind.

What do all of these teachings on tzedakah have to do with temple governance? First, my study helped me realize that tzedakah – as understood as the just and loving use of temple money and capital – has already played a role in our temple governance. For example, in the last few years, the Board adopted a policy regarding clergy discretionary funds. Among other things, this policy highlighted one of the primary uses of these funds – to enable and encourage our clergy to do tzedakah. Also, our Board long ago committed to a partnership with Jewish Family Service (JFS) for ongoing support of our Homeless to Renter (H2R) program. Thanks to a dedicated group of temple volunteers, for over 14 years our temple has actively encouraged our members to donate to JFS through the channels of H2R (spotlighted on page 16). We have made the mitzvah even more beautiful through our members' efforts to knit blankets for the recipients of our housing assistance. Institutionally, our temple has provided ongoing administrative support for processing the donations and hosting the H2R fundraisers. Through H2R, Temple Beth Am and JFS have effectively partnered to do tzedakah.

As the Board moves forward with its policy work on dues, scholarships, staff compensation, and other priorities within the Strategic Plan, I have realized the moral imperative of tzedakah – the just and loving use of temple money and capital – must continue to factor into Board policies and strategies for our community. As always, I welcome your ideas on how we might do it: president@templebetham.org.

² Rabbi Sacks, "Unit 5: Tzedakah—Love as Justice," *Ten Paths to God*



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Since we sent out our 2018-2019 dues letters in April, I have spoken to congregants about their concerns about dues, welcomed new members into Temple Beth Am, and had others resign. These interactions have gotten me thinking (okay, maybe even ruminating) about our dues model. At this point, I have come up with more questions than answers. I thought it might be helpful to share some of these questions with you. At this time, I do not have the answers. I may, however, convene a learning group in the upcoming secular year to discuss these and other questions and to perhaps develop some recommendations for how to create a meaningful, fair, and sustainable funding model at Temple Beth Am.

When I say funding model, that is intentional language. I think we may need to look beyond our reliance on dues as the primary source of revenue for Temple Beth Am to be sustainable. But what might that look like? And what would the ramifications be?

Here is a peek at some of the questions swimming around in my brain:

1. What would a funding model look like that aligns with Temple Beth Am's mission, vision, and values and provides sustainability for our congregation?
2. How do we articulate the value of being a member of Temple Beth Am?
3. How do we balance offering membership for all, regardless of ability to pay, with ensuring that members pay their fair share?
4. What additional financial information would congregants want in order to better understand the costs involved in operating our synagogue?
5. How do we encourage people who have the financial means to increase their support?

RESHAPING OUR FUNDING MODEL

6. What are the pros and cons of reconstituting a dues committee? What would the committee's charter be?
7. If we allow new members with means to pay less than sustaining, how do we follow up with them?
8. What would it look like if we had an annual support model that includes all donations to the temple (including Annual Appeal, Gala, and tributes) as well as dues?
9. As our members age, and younger people are less inclined to join a synagogue, how can we be sustainable?
10. How can we increase other areas of revenue if dues revenue declines?
11. What can we do to reduce costs without negatively impacting the quality and quantity of services and programs at Temple Beth Am?

Well, no wonder I have been drowning in my own thoughts! If I had more time to write this article, I would probably come up with even more questions! But, I don't want to overwhelm you.

In all seriousness, I think that reflecting on these questions and others and then putting together a proposal to address them is imperative for the long-term viability of Temple Beth Am. **I'm eager to discuss these questions with you and welcome any additional questions that you may have.** I believe that the issue of a fair and sustainable funding model is something that will require everyone's best thinking. We are all in this together.

If you have some thoughts about any of these questions, please email me at barbara@templebetham.org or call me at 206-525-0915. I'd love to hear from you. Thanks in advance for your wisdom.

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PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS

Judaism teaches that it is best to give small amounts on a regular basis as opposed to giving large amounts only a few times a year. At Temple Beth Am's Religious School, we encourage this practice by providing the opportunity for students to give tzedakah every week.

Our youngest students bring cans of food instead of money, but the rest of our students bring money throughout the school year. Our Madrichim collect the funds each Sunday morning and keep track of how much each class collects. Then, at the end of the year, the students decide to which organization they want to donate their money.

Each year, we suggest agencies with which our community has been involved. For example, many of the organizations are the same as those that we help on Mitzvah Day or through our 9th grade Activist Judaism curriculum. This past school year, our students collected and distributed \$2,750 to the following agencies: American Friends of Magen David Adom, Seattle Children's Hospital, Downtown Emergency Service Center, Earthcorps, Food Lifeline, Homeless to Renter (H2R), Hopelink, Ida Culver House, Jewish Family Service, Mary's Place, New Israel Fund, Pediatric Interim Care Center (the Newborn Nursery), Providence Elderplace, ROOTS, Seattle Animal Shelter, Teen Feed, Treehouse, Washington State Holocaust Center, and YouthCare.

Thank you for helping your child get in the habit of giving tzedakah! It is a life-long practice that we look forward to encouraging.

Youth Tzedakah

Teen Feed and Tree Planting



BETH AM TEMPLE YOUTH (BATY)



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Throughout the year, I am encouraging our youth to contribute to the Bulletin as part of a broader goal of connecting our youth and larger Temple Beth Am community. This seems to be a perfect way to introduce them! And so, here is what our BATY Board has to say about tzedakah:

Rachel Selby, President: “Tzedakah is all about community and caring for those close to us. However, tzedakah isn't just caring for the people closest to our hearts, we are also meant to help total strangers. While the broader world around us remains polarized, tzedakah reminds us to share love with everyone.”

Talia Glick, Social Action Vice President: “Tzedakah is the commandment to do right by God and the Jewish people – whether donating or working for justice, tzedakah is necessary for all Jews.”

Ellie Bieler, Programming Vice President: “For a tzedakah project once, I made bags full of basic necessities that I kept in my car. I gave them to people who needed them at any time, and it was incredibly moving to be able to help someone so directly.”

Paige Welikson, Religious and Cultural Vice President: “When I think of tzedakah, I look at the root word *tzedek*, or justice. To me, tzedakah is anything you can do to make the world a more just place.”

SAVE-THE-DATE

Wednesday, November 28

Temple Beth Am is kicking off a new way for parents of 6th – 8th grade youth groupers to connect through Jewish learning and schmoozing. Join us for our first of two events this year with Director of Youth Engagement David Lizzo.

BATY BOARD ON TZEDAKAH



Ari Rose-Marquez, Membership Vice President: “Tzedakah is not about how much you want to give, but about how much you should give. It is not a choice to help those in need, it is a commandment based upon our shared Jewish values.”

Alissa Berman, Communications Vice President: “Tzedakah is taking care of one's community. It's donating — whether it's time, money, or anything else — to better the community and help those that need it.”

Meira Nacht, Merchandising and Fundraising Vice President: “Tzedakah is an integral part of being Jewish. It's all about helping others and treating them how you wish to be treated, which is what I think being Jewish is all about.”

Isabel Berman, Freshman Representative: “Doing tzedakah is not only a commandment – to give aid and assistance to others – but to do what is called for in whatever situation.”

Daniel Flash, Freshman Representative: “I have a tzedakah box at home. I give it to a charity when it gets full. I give tzedakah because I like to help those less fortunate than me, and it makes me feel good.”



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Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome over the past few months. As the new Director of Development, I look forward to continuing to get to know each of you and learning more about what matters to you when it comes to supporting Temple Beth Am.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting with hundreds of philanthropists, many of whom have joyfully included supporting their local synagogue within their giving priorities. At the same time, I have also had discussions with people worried about prioritizing giving to their synagogue over helping those that may be suffering in our community and around the world.

At their core, these priorities are not mutually exclusive. We can and should do both. When your synagogue makes a meaningful and powerful difference in your life, each of us is stronger. It then follows that the stronger we are individually and as a community, the more we can do to serve others.

After the economic downturn in the late 2000s, boards and executives at Jewish organizations started to look at member and donor contribution models with a growing level of concern. When people's finances became more limited, even many stable and longstanding organizations quickly saw that they could no longer assume that people would financially contribute just because they always have.

Once these financial concerns were explored more deeply, it also became clear that different generations had diverse views regarding religious philanthropy. For many younger people, donating to synagogues was about expressing their commitment to the core values of Judaism and their obligation to sustain those in need. While for many people in prior generations, giving to Jewish organizations was thought of as an automatic, unquestioned gesture. Yet with resources

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being scarcer, many people no longer felt it was responsible to unquestioningly do exactly what their parents or grandparents did.

In 2008, I left National Public Radio (NPR) and started working as a full-time development professional in the Jewish community. For me, from the beginning, it was obvious that I could never take members, volunteers, or donors for granted. I deeply understood that they were the backbone of our survival as institutions – and it wasn't my job to simply ask for money – I needed to understand their individual motivations and needs. Therefore, I started in development always asking: why do people want to belong? Why would they want to give their time? Why would they want to give their money?

So, as I start this journey as your new Director of Development, I pledge to you that I am here not just to raise money, but to better understand each one of you that make up our Temple Beth Am community. I joined this organization because I saw that it is a community that never wants to take its members, volunteers, or donors for granted. Of course, this doesn't mean that we will always be perfect, but what it does mean is that I want to better understand what Temple Beth Am means to each of you, and how I can make your support (whether it be through giving of your time, your money, or your heart) more meaningful.

SAVE-THE-DATE
Annual Gala
March 9, 2019
The Fairmont Olypic Hotel

Torah Study

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:15 AM

Beth Am K'hilah Lounge

Temple Beth Am's popular weekly Torah Study is a start-to-finish approach to the text: instead of focusing on the weekly portion, we will continue our exploration of the Torah as we work our way each week through the entire text.

Downtown Lunch and Learn

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

October 17, November 14

Law offices of K&L Gates: 925 4th Ave. (4th and Madison Building), Suite 2900, Conference Room 10

Inspired by our annual learning theme, we will study creativity and innovation and how it appears in so many areas of the Jewish world.

Parsha & Poker

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, October 17, November 14

Beth Am Social Hall West

Learn a little Torah with Rabbi Jason R. Levine, enjoy each other's company, and play a game of poker.

Quarterly Torah Study at

Aljoa Thornton Place

450 NE 100th St., Seattle, WA 98125

Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, November 6

A special opportunity for seniors to join with Rabbi Ruth A. Zlotnick for a Torah discussion.

Women's Torah Study

Sundays, 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Room 226

Beatrice Lawrence, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University, will lead this dynamic study session, using *The Torah: a Women's Commentary* as a guide for discussion.

October 14: Lech Lecha **November 18: Vayishlach**

Hebrew

Hebrew for Adults

Sundays, October 7 – May 12

(24 classes total): October 7, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 31; April 14, 28; May 5, 12
\$300 for members; \$350 for non-members

Includes the cost of books and materials

Our approach to Hebrew at Temple Beth Am is for people to learn the alef-bet and prayer book Hebrew, focusing on the blessings that we use most often and during Shabbat services. Jewish educator and Hebrew instructor Debbie Massarano will be teaching our Adult Hebrew classes for 2018-2019. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact her at bethamdebbie@gmail.com. **Register for Hebrew at www.templebetham.org.**

Intermediate Prayerbook Hebrew

Sundays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 237

This course is designed for anyone who can read basic Hebrew.

Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew

Sundays, 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 237

For those with little or no previous exposure to Hebrew.

Advanced / Conversational Hebrew

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 236

For students who can read Hebrew fluently and would like to continue to increase your vocabulary as well as hone your reading skills and comprehension.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Yiddish

Yiddish resources and programming at Temple Beth Am are made possible in part by grant funding from the Alfred and Tillie Shemanski Trust Fund and support from the Bernard and Reva Broder Fund for Yiddish Culture. For more information on Yiddish at Temple Beth Am, contact instructor Wendy Marcus.



Please contact Wendy Marcus at wendymarcus1954@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Our Advanced Yiddish, taught by Ayn Dalgof, and our Self-Led Intermediate groups meet at 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM on Wednesdays at Temple Beth Am.

Beginning Yiddish

Tuesdays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sundays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Intermediate Beginning Yiddish

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Sundays, 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Self-Led Intermediate Yiddish

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Advanced Beginners Yiddish

Sundays, October 7 – December 16, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Tuesdays, October 2 – December 18, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Advanced Yiddish

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Intro to Judaism

Sundays, October 7, 2018 – April 28, 2019,

9:00 – 10:45 AM

K'hilah Room 226

\$200 for synagogue members; \$280 for non-members

The tuition fee allows for either one or two people to attend; couples are encouraged to attend together and singles may invite an interested friend.

Temple Beth Am is excited to offer again the revamped and upgraded Introduction to Judaism class in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Taught by Rabbi Jason R. Levine, this course is used across North America and is recognized universally by Reform synagogues, using URJ curriculum and resources for adults interested in exploring Judaism, including a Shabbaton designed specifically for this class. Topics include Jewish rituals, Jewish theology, history, prayer, life cycle, holidays, and comparative Judaism.

Registration for URJ: Introduction to Judaism is through the Union for Reform Judaism. Go to their website to sign-up at: <http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/intro-judaism/introduction-judaism-seattle> or contact Rabbi Sabine Meyer at smeyer@urj.org.



House Parties with Clergy and Temple Beth Am members

October – January

This fall and winter, we invite you to the homes of members of our congregation to spend time together with our clergy team to talk more about spirituality, prayer, and what moves you Jewishly about our synagogue as well as to hear more about what this next year will bring at Beth Am.



Gatherings will be held in neighborhoods in and around Seattle in the hope that everyone in our community will be able to attend. Please note that space is limited at each.

House parties will be held October through January.

All members are invited to sign up for ONE house party, ideally in or close to their neighborhood.

Go to our website for a full list of dates, times, and locations and the link to register

If you need help signing up, contact Beth Am Director of Community Engagement Alexis Kort at alexis@templebetham.org.

Lunch & Learn with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

*Northwest Immigrant Rights Project,
615 2nd Ave., Suite 400, Seattle, 98104*

Temple Beth Am is co-sponsoring this special Lunch & Learn on immigration issues with Jorge Baron, Executive Director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP). RSVP to NWIRP Events Coordinator Rebecca Neff Brown at rebecca@nwirp.org.

Trope Class with Cantor Victor Geigner

*Sundays, October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18;
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM*

Beth Am Library

Learn how to chant Torah with Cantor Victor Geigner during this six-week intensive class. You need to have intermediate level Hebrew and be able to read prayerbook Hebrew well to take this course. We will offer this class again next year, so please consider taking our Beginning or Intermediate Adult Hebrew class for 2018-2019, so you can learn trope next year.

This class is free, but please sign up with Director of Community Engagement Alexis Kort at alexis@templebetham.org or 206-525-0915.

New Jewish Writing from Around the World Book Group

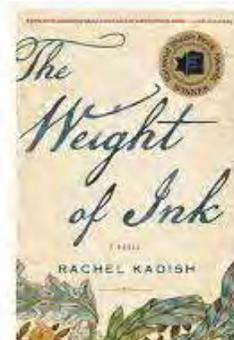
*Once a month on Tuesdays, October 16 – May 14,
6:30 – 8:00 PM*

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 226

Following our Israeli Author's Book Club from 2015-2016, Jewish Feminist Book Club from 2016-2017, and Immigrant / Refugee Book Club from 2017-2018, we are continuing this year with an evening Temple Beth Am book club format to discuss modern Jewish literature. All discussions are moderated by members of Beth Am. If you are interested in leading a book discussion or have suggestions for a topic / books for next year, please be in touch with Beth Am Director of Community Engagement Alexis Kort at alexis@templebetham.org.

October 16: *Forest Dark* by Nicole Krauss
(American set in Israel)

November 27: *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish
(American set in England)



ENGAGEMENT

New Baby Shabbat

Friday, October 19, 6:00 PM

Temple Beth Am

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the beauty of Shabbat and the newest members of our community as we bless all of Young Families at Beth Am's babies born during



the past year. All babies will receive a special blessing and small gift as part of the service. For families with new babies – whether this is your first, second, or third child – if your baby was born since October

2017, we would love to honor your child. Email Alexis Kort at alexis@templebetham.org with your baby's name, birth date, picture, and names of your family for our program by Tuesday, October 16.



We are witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. There are now more than 65 million people who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence. And, yet, in this moment of unprecedented need, our government is grinding the U.S. refugee admissions program to a halt and cutting humanitarian aid. This year, the United States is poised to admit tens of thousands fewer refugees than in years past.

The Jewish movement for refugees in the U.S. has grown exponentially since 2015 with individuals, congregations, and organizations. The involvement of our community has made a difference.

This is a moment when we must give voice to our values as Jews and Americans and stand up for the safety and the lives of people around the world. Temple Beth Am is proud to be a part of National Refugee Shabbat with HIAS.

Congregation Beth Shalom Program on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants

Sunday, October 21, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom, 6800 35th Ave. NE, 98115

3:00 – 3:30 PM: Volunteer Opportunities Fair

3:30 – 4:45 PM: “The American Jewish Immigration Experience: Restriction, Deportation, and History” with Professor Devin Naar, Isaac Alhadeff Professor of Sephardic Studies, Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies at University of Washington

4:45 PM: Refreshments and Information on Getting Involved

5:10 PM: Advocacy Break Out Sessions :

- “Building Relationships and Becoming an Effective Advocate for Immigrants and Refugees with Your Elected Officials.” Led by Max Patashnik, Director of Government and Community Relations at the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
- “What do Jewish Sources Have to Say About Immigration and Refugees?” Led by Rabbi Lauren Kurland, Director of Student Engagement at the Stroum Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Washington and educational consultant
- “Letter Writing Workshop.” Participants will send letters to elected officials and children in detention organized by the Congregation Beth Shalom Immigration and Sanctuary Group and Social Action Committee

Faith Action Network: Annual North Seattle Area Cluster Gathering

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Shoreline Universalist Unitarian Church

14724 1st Ave. NE, Seattle, 98155

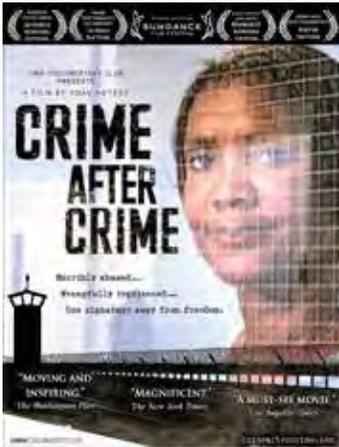
This annual FAN-sponsored fall gathering is a great opportunity to discuss and start organizing our work for the upcoming Washington State Legislative Session, starting in January 2019. Please contact Beth Am member Diane Baer at drbaer11@hotmail.com for more information.

Crime After Crime: Film Screening and Discussion: The Troubled Intersection of Domestic Violence and the Justice System

***Thursday, October 25, Doors: 6:30 PM,
Film and Discussion: 7:00 – 9:30 PM
Stroum Jewish Community Center
3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island***

Temple Beth Am is honored to be a community partner for this important film screening and discussion.

Deborah Peagler experienced years of abuse by a violent boyfriend before being sentenced to life in prison for his murder. *Crime After Crime*, a



Sundance Film Festival documentary, amplifies the stories of women, like Deborah, who survived domestic abuse only to be re-victimized by the U.S. judicial system. Through the voices of Deborah and her attorneys — one of whom is an Orthodox Jew channeling his values into his pro bono service — the film shines a light

on how public policy, criminal law, and civil law intersect and can escalate the violence and deepen the trauma survivors of domestic violence experience.

Join Jewish Family Service, the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence, Stroum Jewish Community Center, and organizations from across the community for an important and timely screening of *Crime After Crime*. A post-film panel will discuss how we can better understand and reform our systems to provide increased protections for survivors and reduce the compounding trauma that results from relationship-based violence.

Register at jfsseattle.org/crime-after-crime.

Refugee Shabbat at Temple Beth Am

***Friday, October 26, 6:15 PM
Temple Beth Am***

Join us for a Klezmer Shabbat service focusing on the HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) sponsored National Refugee Observance. Special guest speakers from the continuum of immigration will deepen our understanding of today's global refugee crisis. Among those will be a member of the Kandzic family, who, as Bosnian refugees, were supported by our congregation, as well as a recent HIAS-sponsored refugee resettled in Seattle by Jewish Family Service. There will be time after services to talk more with our speakers.

**Please bring a new coat to be given to recently arrived refugees to the U.S. through JFS.*

Young Families at Beth Am:

How to Talk with your Kids about Money / Tzedakah

Parent Discussion with Rabbi Janine C. Schloss

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 226

Parents are invited to the YFBA monthly committee meeting for a conversation with Rabbi Janine C. Schloss about how to talk with your kids about money and tzedakah. Do your kids get allowance? How do you instill the value of money? What do Jewish values teach us about charity? Join us for a discussion and planning for our YFBA tzedakah collective for this year.



ENGAGEMENT

RAC Reads: Social Justice Book Group

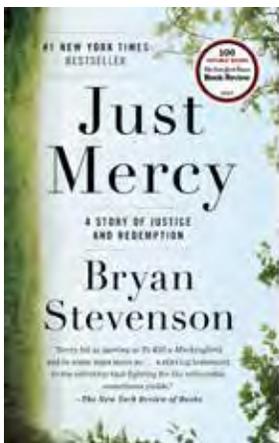
Quarterly on Sundays, November 4 – May 5,

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 226

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) has selected best-selling books that address relevant social justice topics and created reading guides that provide questions to guide discussions, tips on getting started, and resources to help us take action. Reform Jews across North America have been coming together in their own communities to read, explore, and discuss social justice-themed books. For more information, visit: <https://rac.org/rac-reads-social-justice-themed-literature-discussions>.

November 4:



YFBA Pajama Havdallah

Saturday, November 10, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Beth Am Social Hall

A great evening for kids and parents! We'll have a movie and special tzedakah box art projects for the kids while parents schmooze. We'll eat dinner and celebrate Havdallah together with Cantor Victor Geigner to finish off the evening. Everyone is encouraged to wear pajamas.

Dinner includes: kids mac n' cheese, adult gourmet mac n' cheese, salads, and fresh veggies. \$5 for dinner, \$5 for beer / wine. Pay at the door, but please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing Alexis Kort at alexis@templebetham.org.

Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer: CanCan Party with Sisters of Beth Am

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Beth Am K'hilah Rm. 226

The Sisters of Beth Am are bringing an important program to our synagogue. Join us for The Rivkin Center's CanCan education program, which is all about putting people into action about their health and giving them tools for early detection, prevention, and self-advocacy. For Jewish women of Ashkenazi backgrounds, this is a particularly important evening of learning, since breast cancer risk in the U.S. is slightly higher among Jewish women than among other women. This increased risk is likely due to the high prevalence of *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* (*BRCA1/2*) gene mutations in Jewish women of Eastern European descent. Come learn about this important topic in a comfortable environment. We'll have an opportunity to socialize and share a light nosh together at 6:30 PM before the program begins at 7:00 PM.

Experimental Multi-Generational Family-Friendly Shabbat

*Friday, November 16, 6:15 PM Shabbat service, dairy
vegetarian potluck dinner to follow*

Temple Beth Am

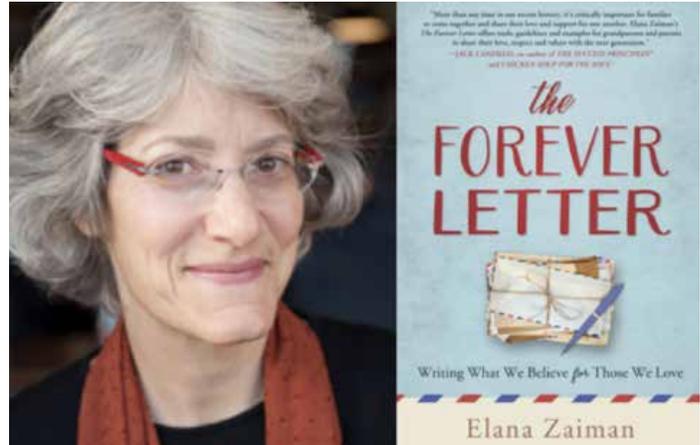
Join us for a unique and new Shabbat experience, different from what we are used to at Temple Beth Am. Three times this fiscal year (November 16, January 18, and June 21), we will join together to try new things and experiment in Shabbat prayer that welcomes all ages. We will be playful, interactive, and creative. We will enjoy familiar melodies and learn new music, too. We will explore new ways of engaging in worship. This is a place for the young to fully participate and for the older to be inspired. It will certainly be different. Stick around afterwards for a dairy vegetarian potluck. Temple Beth Am will provide drinks, mac n' cheese, and snacks – please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Be a part of our new Experimental Multi-Generational Family-Friendly Shabbat at Temple Beth Am. Everyone is welcome!

Forever Letter Workshop with Rabbi Elana Zaiman

*Sunday, November 18, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(lunch will be served)*

The Summit at First Hill, 1200 University St., Seattle

Temple Beth Am is a community partner for this creative and introspective program. Emotional and spiritual connection is at the core of this Forever Letter Workshop. Rabbi Elana Zaiman facilitates a writing process and an interactive experience that encourages self-reflection as well as a deepening, healing, and uplifting of our relationships. Through inspiring stories, sample letters, and writing tips, Elana serves as our companion on this journey of authentic connection with ourselves and with those we love.



In this workshop you will:

- Discuss how to speak and write to be heard
- Reflect on ourselves, the people we love, and our shared relationships
- Generate insights and words that matter through writing exercises
- Begin to craft a forever letter

Limited Seating. RSVP required; call: 206-652-4444.

The Summit will provide transportation for those who need it. A bus will pick up from Temple Beth Am and Congregation Beth Shalom. Reserve a bus seat (Limit 24. First come-first served) when you RSVP. For those who drive, secure garage parking available.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Temple Beth Am Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 8, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with us! Dinner included.



BETH AM COMMUNITY

Spotlight on H2R: Linda and Peter Capell

By Rachel Schachter, former Director of Development

Linda and Peter Capell have been members of Temple Beth Am for nearly 45 years. “We joined when our oldest child started kindergarten,” Linda said. They visited many congregations before settling on Beth Am, which was the young and welcoming congregation that matched their ideals and interests.



The Capells have always had an eye towards social justice initiatives and have appreciated our clergy’s ongoing commitment to prescient social issues. They are longtime supporters of the Homeless to Renter program (H2R), Temple Beth

Am’s partnership with Jewish Family Service, which helps local families in crisis to obtain stable housing as well as the basic furnishings they need upon move-in.

In 2008, however, they saw those needs increase drastically. “Many more families were experiencing dire financial straits,” Peter said. “We wanted to focus our giving on hunger and homelessness. H2R appeals to us because it is a program that really works, giving families the resources to move from motels and cars

into housing. It is heartrending to think of families and kids having to live in such circumstances.”

In recent years, the needs of the H2R program have broadened and changed. Linda and Peter were moved to support the Eviction Prevention Program upon learning more about the needs of these families: “We have been made aware that, for some families, making the move to adequate housing is often not enough – there are sometimes temporary setbacks that keep



Chef’s Gala 2017

families from being able to remain in permanent housing. If they receive a little extra help to get through those rough patches, they will be able to maintain their housing long-term.”

Linda and Peter have shared that they see their giving as part of their Jewish values. “*Tikkun olam*, repairing the world, means not only the world at large, it means helping those right here in our community, who have perhaps been less fortunate than we have been. Giving to H2R is our small way of contributing to that goal. We believe that access to food and shelter is a basic right that demands our participation to help.”

To support the H2R program, please contact Director of Development Davida Sims at davida@templebetham.org or via the temple office at 206-525-0915. One great way to support H2R is by making a tribute to honor a friend or loved one. Please see Beth Am member Diana Bremet’s article on tribute giving on page 17 for more information.



Covenant Renewal Tiny Houses Project 2017

Beth Am Tributes: Putting a Name to a Mitzvah

By Beth Am member Diana Bremont

What's in a tribute? A name, by any chance? Maybe yours?



Tributes are a long-standing synagogue tradition – and for other organizations, too. Tribute notices used to fill the back of this Temple Beth Am Bulletin, but they are now delivered in electronic form once a month to all Beth Am members as well as in the weekly eHappenings

newsletter. They are also located on the Life Cycle page of the website (<https://www.templebetham.org/worship/life-cycle>).

The Tributes, Remembrances, and Volunteer Acknowledgement email has become a newsletter of sorts, keeping congregants informed about life cycle events and achievements. These notices connect the community, sharing the kind of information that a small congregation might once have gathered by attending regular services down the street.

On the other side of this coin, they give congregants the opportunity to share news with the community – from thanking clergy and teachers to honoring the memory of a loved one.

Does this sound gossipy? Judaism strictly forbids gossip and tale-bearing (called *lashon hara*, evil tongue), but sharing news for the health and welfare of the community is a good deed. It is part of *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving-kindness, one of the three things upon which the world is built – the other two being Torah, or study, and *avodah*, or prayer and devotion to God. According to Judaism101.com, “The Talmud says that *gemilut chasadim* is greater than *tzedakah* (charity) because, unlike *tzedakah*, *g'milut chasadim*, it can be done for both poor and rich, both the living and the dead, and can be done with money or with acts (Talmud Sukkah 49b).”

Speaking of money, each of those tributes in the newsletter reflects an act of charitable giving in support of a specific area at Beth Am. About 325 temple households give around 700 tribute gifts a year, putting roughly \$60,000 into temple coffers. By giving to a specific fund, donors can sponsor projects near and dear to their hearts, such as music, camp scholarships, or programming. “Because we have so many special funds,” observes Director of Development Davida Sims, “congregants can give to something meaningful to them.”

Some funds even relieve budgetary burdens by funding specific needs. The Ritual Life Fund, for example, helps pay for occasional repairs to our Torah scrolls and for repairs to our well-used prayer books. The need for Religious School scholarships exceeds the amount in the budget. Gifts to the Religious School Scholarship Fund directly help needy students get a Jewish education in our school, ensuring no one is turned away.

In addition to the existing 16 special funds, the opportunity exists to establish a new fund by donating a lead gift. Two recently added funds, created in memory of temple members, are the Beth Weisberg Educators Fund for professional development of Beth Am teachers and the Isaac Levin Fund for youth, music, and *tikkun olam*.

For more information on our tribute funds, go to the Giving page at the temple website (<https://www.templebetham.org/giving>) where there is a link to the tribute form and a list of funds to donate to. You can also contact Director of Development Davida Sims at davida@templebetham.org or via the temple office at 206-525-0915.

Community Profile: Gaby Charlton

By Rachel Román / Beth Am Communications Lead

Like Temple Beth Am's learning theme for this year – *Ma'asei V'reisheet* / Acts of Creation – Beth Am member Gaby Charlton performs acts of creation as part of living a Jewish life.



One of her hobbies is arts and crafts and she maintains a crafting blog and Facebook page, “Made By Mamaleh,” which features her homemade creations such as Hanukkah countdown calendars and oneg invitations.

“I love to create, and it is really satisfying to make something beautiful,” Gaby says. “It is incredibly difficult to find Jewish holiday décor, especially in Seattle, so I have to make my own. My crafting is intertwined with my Jewish identity.”

As a member of Temple Beth Am's Board of Directors, chair of the Development committee, and past chair/co-chair of the Annual Gala, Gaby also creates connections and opportunities for our temple community. One of her most impactful contributions was co-founding the Young Families at Beth Am (YFBA) group with Ari Rosen, who was Beth Am's program director at the time. The YFBA group now has around 200 families that participate in several events annually as well as two monthly, child-centered Shabbat services, Kinder Kabbalat Shabbat and Tot Shabbat.

“(My husband) Dan and I kept getting invited to young adult events that we couldn't attend because we had a young child, so Ari and I decided to come up with events that we could all go to,” she says. “And so the Sippy Cup Schmooze was born!”

Volunteering and creating pathways to further Judaism is a form of tzedakah that has a broader effect on the larger community through things like social action. Gaby likens it to a bicycle and that the temple is the wheel. All of the outreach are the spokes that move the wheel; in turn, the wheel propels the community forward. Gaby also embodies this in her career as a

senior deputy prosecuting attorney for King County, seeking justice for the Seattle area.

Living a Jewish life is important to Gaby, particularly given her upbringing. She grew up in Grants Pass, OR, a small community with no Jewish outlet. Even though both of her parents are Jewish, Gaby went to a Catholic school because it was the only private school in the area. She also occasionally attended church with her friends, which she describes as “very uncomfortable.”

Gaby went to Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, which had a large Jewish population. It was there that she felt the sense of community that she had been seeking. She minored in Judaic studies and became Bat Mitzvah at 20.

“I got there from Grants Pass and St. Mary's where I felt like I looked different, my last name of “Dickerman” did not fit in, and our liberal attitudes of tzedakah and social justice were not the norm,” she says. “Then suddenly, I realized that (at Brandeis) all of these people were just like me. This is what it feels like to be part of a community.”

After moving to Seattle, Gaby and Dan joined Temple Beth Am in 2008; it was the first synagogue membership for both of them. Now that she is a part of the Beth Am community, Gaby says she feels that sense of belonging that had been missing from her childhood: “Temple Beth Am is a base for me; I feel at home here,” she says. “Beth Am feels like an extension of our life.”

She also sees what being a part of a community means for her children, Avi (9) and Hannah (3): “Avi is very comfortable in his skin. Part of that is having this experience of feeling like you belong.”

Gaby hopes that Judaism's emphasis on tzedakah – as well as watching her help shape the temple community – will guide her children as they grow: “Tzedakah, in whatever form, is completely ingrained in what I observed growing up with my parents volunteering. I hope that my time here sets an example for my kids to want to help others.”

Temple Beth Am's Administrative Assistant for Education and Membership, Aliza Pilisuk



Aliza Pilisuk is a Seattle native who grew up in Wedgwood and returned to the Area after spending six years in Portland. She received a Bachelor's degree in social science from Portland State University and served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland. Her work background is a mix of nonprofits, education, and technology. Her grandmother, Dorothy Handlin z"l, was an early member of Temple Beth Am, and Aliza looks forward to getting involved in the community.

Aliza supports the temple's Religious School in every possible way. She also provides support to the clergy by assisting them with the B'nai Mitzvah program. Additionally, she supports the Director of Community Engagement by doing membership work, and she manages the temple calendar as well. Aliza greets people in the front office and answers phones, providing a warm and welcoming face for the congregation as a whole.

New Members

Moranne Aaron-Berel and Dror Berel
with Shalev (9) and Aviv (2)

Elaine Berman

Kyra Butzel and Joel Martell
with Ayla (11) and Thea (9)

Katie Drucker with Margeaux (13)
and Cole (9)

Suzanne Engelberg

Tamara Dyer and Jon Gould
with Aram (17) and Ellis (10)

Aimee and Wilmer Johnson
with Myka (5) and Siena (4)

Emma Kahle

Amber and Aaron Kleiner
with Elias (5) and Mila (2)

Susan Kodish

Rabbi Rachel Kort and Dan Steingart
with Galit (4)

Darrah and Jason Parker
with Sadie (6) and Hannah (baby)

Ivy Riffkin and Aric Bomszyk
with Solomon (6) and Abraham (3)

Lauren and Timothy Schmidt
with Sadie (9) and Miles (6)

Devorah Signer-Hill and Jerry Hill
with Nathaniel (14) and Noa (10)

Stacey and Keith Symonds
with Sadie (13) and Lev (10)

New Baby

James Graesser

July 16, 2018

Parents: Gillian Weiss and Daniel Graesser

Big sister: Eleanor

JEWISH SENIORS PROGRAMS

Edmonds Walk

Tuesday, October 2, 11:00 AM

Reserve: Friday, September 28;
Madeline Buckley: 425-312-5891

Soup & Cinema

Tuesday, October 9, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Nordic Heritage Museum, 2655 NW Market Street
Lunch and movie only: Members \$15, non-members \$20; Additional non-member admission to exhibits: \$12; Annual senior membership: \$40

Reserve: Tuesday, October 2;
Anne Futterman: 206-523-4231

Dessert Schmooze

Wednesday, October 10, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Bring a childhood picture; we'll try to identify you.
Reserve: Friday, October 5; Ulla Rychter: 206-546-3053

Music of Remembrance

Sunday, October 14, 5:15 PM

Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry Ave.
Tickets: \$20 (film and reception)
Call: 206-365-7770

Wing Luke Museum

719 S. King St.

Tuesday, October 23, 10:15 AM
Admission and historic hotel tour: \$15
Reserve: Friday, October 19;
Anne Futterman: 206-523-4231

Current Events

Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St.

Friday, October 26

10:00 AM: Coffee and cookies
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Current Events
with Jacob Bolotin
12:15 PM: Planning Meeting. Bring ideas for
December and January activities.

Music of Remembrance's Fall Concert

Sunday, November 4, 4:00 PM

Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall
Tickets: Front \$76, Back \$60
Call: 206-365-7770

Quarterly Torah Study at Aljoya Thornton Place

450 NE 100th St.

Tuesday, November 6, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Endless Opportunity

Temple De Hirsch Sinai, 1441 16th Ave.

Thursday, November 8, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Kate Speizer: 206-693-3046

Birthday Bash

Sunday, November 11, 1:00 PM

Mekong Village, 12020 Aurora Ave. N.

Reserve: Monday, November 5;
Ulla Rychter: 206-546-3063

Dessert Schmooze

Wednesday, November 14, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Reserve by Friday, November 9;
Madeline Buckley: 425-312-5891

Cascadia Art Museum

190 Sunset Ave., Edmonds

Wednesday, November 28, 11:00 AM

Admission: \$7

Bill Friedman: 425-338-5651

Current Events

Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St.

Friday, November 30 (note date)

10:00 AM: Coffee and cookies
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Current Events
with Jacob Bolotin

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These verses and their values therein form the true core of the Jewish concept of tzedakah. While commonly translated as “charity,” tzedakah is so much more. Charity is usually understood to be a voluntary act, done out of the goodness of one’s heart. However, tzedakah is a mitzvah, a commandment, and obligatory act embedded within the fiber of our Jewish souls.

Further still, a translation of *tzedakah* as “charity” encompasses too little of its full breadth. Tzedakah is better understood to be “justice” or “righteousness.” It is an act of making sure that all in society are provided for and cared for. And it is incumbent on all Jews, indeed all members of that society, to do the providing. All of us must take up that mantle to ensure that those who can help give to those who need it. Dr. Jeremy Benstein, founder of the Heschel Sustainability Center, declares, “It is the legal duty for all to share the wealth and abundance with which they have been blessed. That is a noble, even radical, social vision.”

Maimonides, in his legal code, the Mishneh Torah, teaches, “We are obligated to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of tzedakah than any other positive commandment because tzedakah is the sign of the righteous, the seed of Abraham our ancestor, as it is said, ‘For I know him that he will command his children to do tzedakah’ (Genesis 18:19).” In this regard, performing acts of justice and righteousness is not simply a matter of giving over our wealth, but the fulfillment of a value so deep that it has passed through the generations for millennia, extending all the way back to the original covenant between Abraham and God.

The Midrash, a classic rabbinical commentary teaches that tzedakah was never ours to begin with, rather, it always belongs to God, who merely entrusts us with it so that we may use it properly. Hence, it is our obligation to ensure that it is received by those

deserving of it. We serve as God’s caretakers, expected to act in the image of God, meaning in a godly fashion. The kabbalists, the mystics, expand on this idea with an interesting etymological interpretation about the word “tzedakah.” They teach that “tzedakah” is actually two words put together – *tzedek*, meaning “justice,” and *kah*, which is a name for God. Together, these words mean “the justice of God.” Acts of tzedakah are actions that spread God’s blessings of justice and righteousness throughout the world. We have been blessed, so we share that blessing with others. We are doing God’s work, fulfilling the responsibility of the gift given to us.

Let us ask ourselves how we engage in this commandment of tzedakah, sharing God’s justice and righteousness to all. Our fates are intertwined together, *kol Yisrael aravim zeh b’zeh*, each Jew (each person) is responsible for each other. It is our responsibility to serve our community, to serve all others, justly and righteously. This is not a request, or an ask, or encouraging each of us to look deep into our hearts.

"Tzedakah is a mitzvah, a commandment, and obligatory act embedded within the fiber of our Jewish souls."

Instead, it is a reminder of the task set before us all. What more should we be doing? How else can we share our blessings? In what manner should each of us individually, as well as our community collectively, perform the sacred work of tzedakah? It can always be a bit more, so that everyone is truly provided for by society and by God. Then it is truly an act of justice for all.

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Tishri, Heshvan 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NOVEMBER 2018

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18 9:00 AM-12:15 PM: Adult Learning 9:45 AM: Religious School 10:00 AM: Sanctuary Action Team Program, Knitzvah Knitters 11:15 AM: Trope Class 11:45 AM: PreK-2 nd Grade Service 12:30 PM: Women's Torah Study	19	20 No Religious School 1:00 PM: Advanced Beginners Yiddish 6:15 PM: Board Governance Meeting 6:30 PM: Advanced/Conversational Hebrew	21 12:00 PM: Intermediate Yiddish 1:00 PM: Self-Led Yiddish	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Office Closed 6:15 PM: Klezmer Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:07 PM	24 9:15 AM: Torah Study, Tot Shabbat 10:30 AM: Shabbat Minyan Service
25 No Religious School 11:00 AM: Beginners Yiddish 12:30 PM: Advanced Beginners Yiddish	26	27 1:00 PM: Advanced Beginners Yiddish 5:30 PM: Pizza Dinner 6:15 PM: Tuesday Night Service 6:30 PM: Jewish Literature Book Group, Advanced/Conversational Hebrew 6:45 PM: Religious School	28 12:00 PM: Intermediate Yiddish 1:00 PM: Self-Led Yiddish Group	29	30 Healing Challahs 10:00 AM: PJ Library, Seattle Jewish Seniors Current Events 6:15 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:02 PM	



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