

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION



Dear Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El Members,

We have worked very hard to plan an outstanding year of programming that celebrates Israel's 70th birthday. This booklet outlines the wide variety of opportunities for you to join us and connect with one another and with the State of Israel during this special year.

Our schools are also marking Israel's 70th birthday. Periodically, we will share opportunities for the congregation to join with our students for special celebrations. Look for updates in the weekly e-highlights.

We will be presenting an "Israel fact" each week in the e-highlights. Look for the "ISRAEL 70" logo and learn something new!

Please mark your calendars and join us for our special programs throughout the year. Our celebration is best if YOU are here with US!

It is our hope that the programs we present will be inspirational and enjoyable for our TBH-BE community. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating Israel's 70th birthday with you all year long.

Sincerely,

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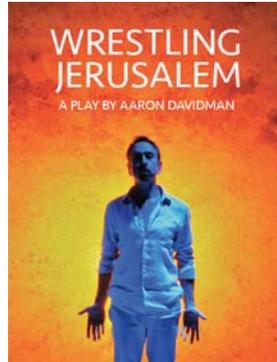
Wrestling Jerusalem

Thursday, November 2, 8:00 PM

Suzanne Roberts Theatre

480 S. Broad St., Philadelphia

Join us for an evening at the theater! Writer/performer Aaron Davidman's acclaimed one-man show is a personal story that grapples with the complexities of identity, history and social justice. Follow one American's journey to understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as Davidman sheds a bright light on one of the most entrenched conflicts of our time. TBH-BE is partnering with the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). Call (215) 985-0420 ext. 2 and mention the Jewish Federation for 25% off the price of your tickets for the Thursday, November 2nd performance at 8 pm. See you at the show!



Scholar-in-Residence

Dr. Alan Cooper

December 1-2

Friday, 7:00 PM

Shabbat dinner

\$30/adult, \$18/ages 10 - 18

Friday, 8:00 PM

Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

Shabbat, 9:30 AM

Shabbat Services/Lecture

Shabbat, 12:00 PM

Congregational Kiddush Lunch
in honor of our guest scholar



Shabbat, 1:00 PM

Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

**RSVP for Shabbat dinner to
www.tbhbe.org**

L'Chaim Birthday Bash

Sunday, October 15

6:00 pm

We will celebrate Israel on her 70th with a Birthday Bash featuring a New York-style catered deli dinner and musical entertainment by the talented John Johnson, back by popular demand.

John Johnson is a retired professor of music at the prestigious Boyer School of Music at Temple University. He appears regularly at city-wide venues and also on cruise ships. This celebration also will feature performers from the musical theater program at Temple University who will play hit songs from the 1940's and 50's.

We are collecting first-hand anecdotes of life in Israel and in the US from the time when the state of Israel was declared in 1948. Many of us are old enough to remember how we celebrated in our homes or our parents gave us first-hand impressions of this momentous event, which should make for interesting reading and bring back positive memories. For more information and to share your recollections, contact Jackie Goldstone at 610-664-5169 or Estelle Benson at 610-649-7837.



iEngage 3.0: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Part II

With Rabbi Neil Cooper

**Sundays, November 12, 19
December 3, 10, January 28
February 4, 11, March 11, 18, 25
9:45 AM**

In this course, we will enter into the seemingly intractable and contentious conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The goal of this course is not to shape

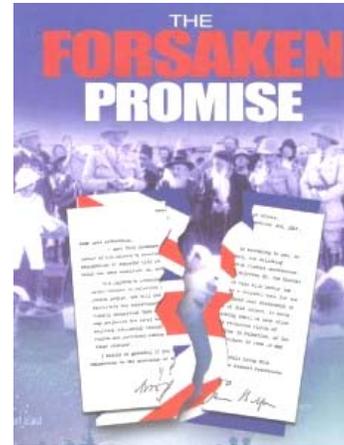
a political picture. We will not enter into a debate of irrefutable facts. Rather, we shall focus on the common truths and shared values that each side of this dispute cherishes. We will follow guidelines and parameters in our discussions so that divergent views can be expressed. We will engage, as well, in a real-life experiment to see if we can talk about these issues without denigrating divergent opinions, without disparaging others who believe differently and without accusing those who believe differently that their views are illegitimate.

This course is the second part of the course we began last year. Once again, our course will include an examination of relevant classical Jewish texts (in English) as the basis for our class discussions. Each unit is built around a video lecture presented by the faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute. One need not have taken the first part of this course in order to join this class.

Why enter into discussions on such a volatile topic? Because this divisive conflict lies at the core of much debate both here and in Israel. In addition, this topic may well be the single most important issue that tears at the unity of the Jewish people.

Unless we can find ways to discuss with each other that which hurts us the most, especially when we disagree, and find ways to embrace those whose views many differ from our own, we shall de facto give up on that crucial yet fragile notion of the unity of the Jewish people.

Documentary & Discussion Series



The Forsaken Promise

Sunday, November 12

7:00 PM

The Forsaken Promise documents the failure of Britain and her appointed institutions and officials to fulfill her pledge under the Balfour Declaration to help establish a Jewish national homeland in the territory then known as Palestine. It highlights a number of

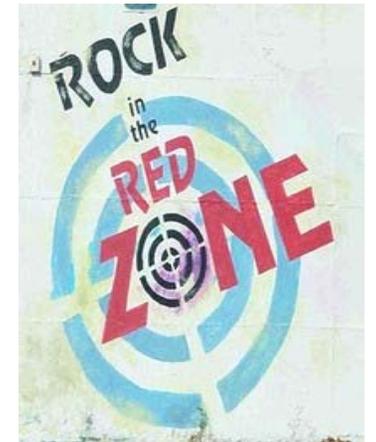
tragic events that took place during that period, mainly through the testimony of people who were victims of those events, participated in them, or witnessed them.

Rock in the Red Zone

Sunday, January 28

7:00 PM

On the edge of Israel's Negev Desert lies Sderot, a city of factory workers and rock musicians – the children of refugees from North Africa and the Middle East. Despite being pummeled for years by homemade missiles, the people of Sderot persevere.



Rock in the Red Zone demonstrates the power of artistic creation to transcend even the most challenging circumstances. It also reminds us that sometimes in the least expected places, we can find magic.

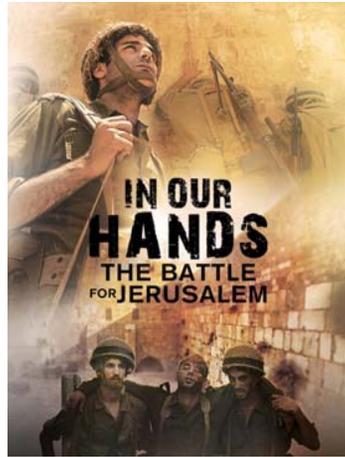
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In Our Hands

Sunday, April 29

7:00 PM

Produced by CBN Documentaries and Biblical Productions, *In Our Hands* tells the story of the Battle of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War through the eyes of the IDF's 55th Paratrooper Brigade, highlighting their role in the liberation of Jerusalem. The docudrama combines dramatic reenactments with interviews of veterans of the Six-Day War and archival footage and photos.



Art Show Direct From Jerusalem

The Young and Old Masters of Israel and International Art

Presented by Safrai Gallery
of Jerusalem
February 22-25

Stay tuned for additional information about this popular fundraiser. We will have different events for your enjoyment on February 22-25. A portion of each purchase will benefit Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.



Sisterhood Cooking Class

Israeli Cooking with Aliza Shaya

Sunday, October 29

9:30 AM

\$5.00 Per Person

Join us in making Shakshuka, an Israeli breakfast dish of eggs poached in a sauce of tomatoes, chili peppers and onions. Enjoy samples during class and a tasty recipe to take home! RSVP to Robin Zwick at rlzwick@comcast.net by October 25.

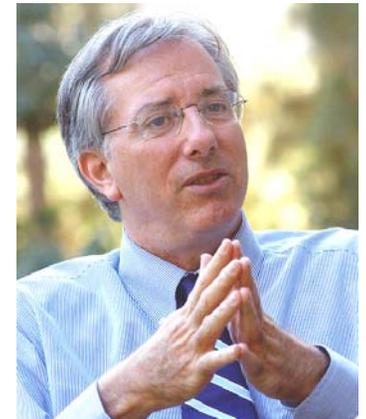
Men's Club Book Club

Doomed to Succeed by Dennis Ross

Wednesday, April 11

7:15 PM

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award's Gerrard and Ella Berman Memorial Award in History, *Doomed to Succeed* is a necessary and unprecedented account of America's changing relationship with Israel. Join the Men's Club for a lively discussion of this important book.



An Evening with Chef Alon Shaya

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 PM

New Orleans-based Chef Alon Shaya is the Executive Chef and Partner of Domenica, Pizza Domenica and Shaya, a modern Israeli restaurant.



Alon has received praise throughout the food industry. *Food & Wine* named Domenica one of the top restaurants of 2012. Gayot hailed Domenica as one of the hottest restaurants in 2014, and the restaurant has been included in prestigious epicurean publications such as *Bon Appetit*, *Food & Wine*, and *Food52*. In 2015, Alon was awarded a coveted James Beard Foundation Award in the category of "Best Chef – South." This event will include an interview, a cooking demonstration and a book signing of his soon-to-be published book, *Shaya: An Odyssey of Food, My Journey Back to Israel*.

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El Congregation Trip to Israel

Led by Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper

June 18—29, 2018



The unique itinerary of this tour will focus on the food, wine and art of Israel. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the sights of Israel with fellow TBH-BE members. Join us!

More information, including the itinerary and tour details, can be found on www.tbhbe.org and in the e-highlights.

An Evening with Ambassador Daniel Shapiro

Thursday, March 8

8:00 PM



Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El is honored to host Ambassador Daniel Shapiro, former Ambassador of the United States to the State of Israel. Before becoming the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Shapiro served in the Obama administration as the Senior Director for the Middle

East and North Africa on the United States Security Council. This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and TBH-BE.

ECC Israeli Dance Festival

Thursday, April 19

9:30 AM



Enjoy watching the students in our Early Education Center as they share the Israeli dances they have learned throughout the course of the school year. Parents, grandparents, siblings, caregivers and all of our members are welcome.

Israel 70 Events Calendar

David Broza in Concert



Sunday, May 6

7:30 PM

TBH-BE is proud to welcome Israeli singer-songwriter David Broza for a special concert. An international superstar, Broza's charismatic and energetic performances have delighted audiences around the world. His music reflects the three countries in which he was raised: Israel, Spain and England. He is perhaps best known for his mega-hit, "YiHye Tov," and his work promoting a message of peace around the world. This performance should not be missed.

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