

# The Pharisee

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# HELLO SUMMER



## BARBARA BOOKMAN

### PRESIDENT

#### Reflections

This has been quite a journey! I distinctly remember a phone call that I received six years ago which really changed my future at TBH-BE. Before that call, I had no plans to retire from teaching, and no plans on becoming president of the congregation. After the call, in which I was asked both to become president and, therefore, retire from teaching, I had a lot to think about. It took a lot of thinking and a lot of talking to others before I made the decision which would bring so many changes to my life. I have learned more than once that you can never say never.

I also learned that each president's term comes with its distinct challenges. My presidency came at a very pivotal point in our synagogue's history. We were searching for a new Rabbi who would have the opportunity to both mold and hold our future in his or her hands. In addition, we were thanking our wonderful Rabbi of thirty plus years for all that he had accomplished in order to get us to this point. This was going to be a very important time.

Being president meant that I was to temporarily hold the torch that all the past presidents both held and passed on to the next generation. I couldn't let that torch fall or drop, and I had to do my best to help make each of these important transitions successful. This was a very strong and meaningful commitment, to be sure.

I am proud of how our congregation both celebrated the accomplishments of Rabbi Cooper and welcomed Rabbi Witkovsky as our new spiritual leader. Our leadership, members, and clergy worked together in wonderful and meaningful ways. We are continuing to move forward, toward the future. We are doing this by examining our beloved synagogue through our Strategic Plan, looking at our religious services, and trying to improve our sustainability, along with the footprint we leave behind.

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El has always been a very special place for me. Our children attended our schools and celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah in our sanctuary. Our son was confirmed and our daughter and son-in-law had their Aufruf at TBH-BE. I have always been involved in many of our volunteer groups and for 30 years I taught in both our ECC and Religious School. Our friends, our family, and our roots are here at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. As our tag line says, Our House, Your Home. This is truly how I feel.

These are some of the reasons why I found this job so important. I have always been committed to TBH-BE. It was my turn to step up and help steward our beloved synagogue toward what I hope will be a long, prosperous, and wonderful future. I hope you will also step up when asked to volunteer. Our future depends on all of us.

Todah Rabah to my family and everyone who has helped me along this journey. May Hashem bless our amazing new Rabbi and his family, our members, and our beloved Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

B'Shalom U'Vracha,

Barbara Bookman



## ETHAN WITKOVSKY

### RABBI

There is a beautiful coincidence that we read the book of *Bemidbar*, Numbers, which tells of our people's journey through the wilderness of Sinai, during the summer months which serve as a wilderness of calendar for most of us in the US. The Rabbis in the Midrash ask why the Torah was given in the desert and not in a city. The answer they give is that it teaches us that "one must make oneself ownerless like the desert in order to receive the wisdom of Torah." (Bemidbar Rabbah 1:7) When we leave the regular behind, when we make ourselves a little less tethered to our work and our schedule, we are available for reflection and wisdom.

We can only receive the Torah if we make some room for it in our lives, and that can be difficult in the depths of winter when days are short, and work, school, commitments, and responsibilities are long. Hopefully in the summer, we can ease our secular burdens just a little and turn toward the spiritual. I know that we don't all have the full summer hiatus of a college student (sigh). Perhaps we can take things a little slower, spend a little more time outside, push ourselves a little less hard in pursuit of success and goals. Maybe we can move our lives, if even for a few weeks, a little closer to the wilderness to make ourselves open for reflection, revelation and Torah.

If you can make that room, I suggest a walk or hike with a friend or a podcast. Bring a book to the beach that broadens your thought or brightens your spirit. Come to shul and open your heart in prayer while also coming closer with community. Do something that you feel unable to do during the year to make yourself and your spirit a little stronger. If you need any recommendations my door is always open. Summer is a time for spirituality and reflection so that we can enter the new year with new ideas about who we are and who we can be. It is important for all of us to make what time we can to walk in the wilderness and receive the wisdom that's out there about our world and ourselves.

### ETHAN WITKOVSKY'S JUNE PARK PICKS



**WISSAHICKON VALLEY PARK**  
FORBIDDEN DRIVE

**HAVERFORD RESERVE**  
NATURE TRAILS AND DISC GOLF





## HALLIE CHANDLER

### ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### A Picture is Worth 365 Days

We are inundated with thousands of pictures on our phones and social media. I have tried numerous times to organize the photos from my life and already I have hundreds of folders with different dates, events, and family names. One is even titled, "pictures of past apartments," and another, "food photos." As seemingly meaningless as many of the pictures are, I find it difficult to get rid of any, as each is associated with a memory.

On the contrary, on my grandmother's dresser, in the middle of a beautiful silver frame, exists the only photograph that remains from her wedding day. As luck would have it, when the photographer went home with his film camera, he realized that all had been ruined and none of the photos were able to be developed. As a result, the gorgeous picture in that silver frame was taken by a friend from the evening. I think it's a good lesson for all photographers out there—only one photograph was needed to capture and tell an entire story.

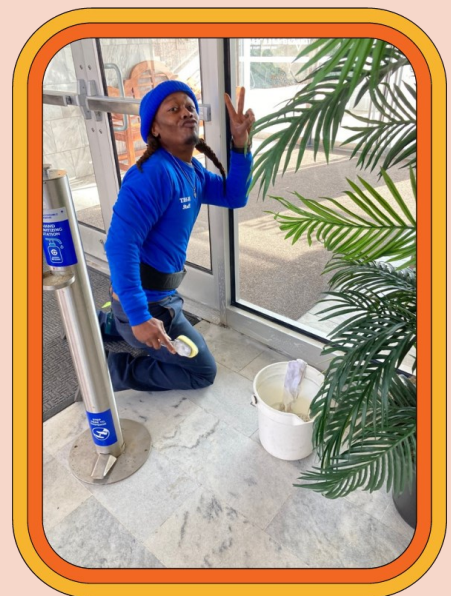
So I wanted to challenge myself. If I had to pick one photo from this year at TBH-BE that captivated the entirety of its story, what would it be?

In case you haven't yet met him, the picture below is of one of our new facilities team members, Darnell. I was walking into the lobby a few weeks ago and saw Darnell, as you see in the photo, on his hands and knees scrubbing the floor and window frames of our TBH-BE entrance. I asked what he was doing and he said, "We have a lot going on around here, we have got to keep the place clean." I feel like the slogan for this year should have been exactly that. There has been so much going on at the synagogue this year that you could have been here almost every night of the week. To name a few reasons for the plethora of programs, we wanted to introduce the community to the Witkovsky/Beser family, we wanted people to feel like they had a place to go for holiday and Shabbat programming, we wanted demographics to form relationships with one another, and we wanted our children to really feel like it was their second home.

First, none of these happenings could have occurred without our facilities team members. They deserve a huge "thank you" this year for everything they helped to accomplish along with our programming staff. The next time you see them please acknowledge them.

Second, I would love to know which photograph stands out to you as the one photo that represents the year as a whole. I hope you all spend the summer taking lots of mental photographs and feel free to send us the one digitally (or by film) that represents how you want to remember it.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer and year ahead.



**DARNELL CLARK**  
FACILITIES TEAM MEMBER

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CREATING ANY PROGRAMS  
OR HAVE ANY CREATIVE IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW! (HCHANDLER@TBHBE.ORG)**



## EUGENE ROSNER CANTOR

Vignettes of my musical life would not be complete without a mention of other academics. During my senior year of high school, I woke up at 6:30, quickly got dressed, ate breakfast and took two buses to get to my first period class. I did this with joy after all, I had Mr. Marinelli (z'l) for first period advanced algebra and calculus. My sister who had him five years prior had given me ample warning that I was in for some great shenanigans and learning! His physical description of instantaneous velocity was most memorable. When the teacher is having a good time, you will as well. A friend of mine who sat next to me made caricatures of him in a Superman costume; he appreciated Mr. Marinelli (z'l) in the same way I did, and the laughs we had were many. Mr. Marinelli (z'l) gave me a love of mathematics that I have to this day. Even though computers were all the rage in 1979, I had a rough time with assembly language during spring semester. It did not help that my professor had a very deep Hungarian accent, and I couldn't grasp the concept of memory registers. I dropped the course, and math was destined to be my major. But there was much more to college.

I took every music course I could take as an elective at Queens College's Rathaus Hall; more on this shortly, regarding the curious name! It was the center for all the music majors. I spent hours in the music library listening to a vast array of classical music. Other students were poring over their scores, looking forward to beginnings and endings of sections whether they were exposition, development or recapitulation and coda. Where did the various themes begin and end, they were asking themselves. They needed to do it for the grade, I got to do it for the enjoyment. I took a course in Beethoven piano sonatas with the great Professor Roger Kamien. Queens College, in my day was known for its brilliant math and music departments. The professor and music majors would perform these works for the class in the performance hall. While Professor Kamien was performing the Hammerclavier Op.106, a mouse emerged from stage left, and chose a curious path right underneath the grand piano during the third movement. To this day, I do not know how we all composed ourselves not to burst out in laughter. It was painful keeping it in! I also joined the wind ensemble under the direction of Joanne Falletta, a truly wonderful experience which exposed me to more incredible music. Joanne led a crusade for women conductors and composers and went on to a great career, becoming the musical director of the Virginia Symphony and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestras. Joanne invited me to play trumpet in the Jamaica Symphony Orchestra. It was there that I got to play first trumpet in the "Tchaikovsky Fifth Symphony", "Brahms First Symphony", "Liszt's Les Preludes" and many other works. I was transposing down a tritone (parts in E, trumpet in B-flat) in the first mentioned work. Not easy, but I got it done, no problem, thank you, John Ware! I even got to conduct the first movement of the Schubert unfinished Symphony during rehearsal.

I joined Hillel! We had great programs and retreats. It was a great place to play a game of chess with a friend, who you also studied Mishna with or to wind down from a long day of classes. I led mincha services twice a week and got to know Hillel's director, Rabbi Moshe Shur. It was through Hillel that I attended the North American Summer Institute, (Bnai Brith) and met Amy! After a short stint with the Queens College Vocal Ensemble, where I transitioned fully from instrumentalist to singer, I heard of a vocal ensemble, The Zamir Chorale. Jewish Choral Music, both liturgical and not. I auditioned for Dr. Marsha Bryan Edelman, and I was in! A whole new world of Jewish choral music opened up, singing with people my own age! It was a wonderful social opportunity, where I made lifelong friends! We sang at New York's Lincoln Center, in both Merkin and Avery Fisher Hall. I also had the privilege to sing at Carnegie Hall. A by the way is in order: you cannot hear the person next to you singing in Avery Fisher Hall, but you can hear the person singing halfway across the stage at Carnegie Hall! Our rehearsals were a well looked forward to Sunday night activity at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Little did I know I was going to be spending a whole lot more time there in the future.

Hazzan Eugene Rosner





## JUDITH MONT SCARANI

### DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

"Teachers and school children are society's most beautiful ornaments."  
Song of Songs *Shir HaShirim Rabbah*

On Friday, June 2nd the ECC will celebrate its teachers and children at our annual end of the year service. The service will be led by me, Rabbi Witkovsky and our Pre-K and Kindergarten students. This year we celebrate three teachers who have reached the significant milestones of seven wonderful years as members of the ECC staff: Jill Altman-Caffery, Amy Marrone and Ashley Simmons. All three have been exemplary members of our staff.

Jill Altman-Caffery joined our staff as an Assistant Teacher in Leslie Maizel's class. She was also a Pre-K teacher during the 2020-2021 school year when we opened during the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Jill's energy and creativity are bountiful! No pandemic could hold her back! She took her class on "field trips" around the world using every bit of technology at her disposal. During this time she was also in school to get her Master's degree in education and graduated just this past June of 2022. Being multi-talented, Jill is currently a lead teacher of a 2-year-old class. Jill is a consummate professional who can translate curriculum to any age. We are very proud of all her accomplishments during her time here in the ECC!

Amy Marrone has been working in the two-year-old classes since she began here, both as an Assistant Teacher and as a member of our Late Care staff. Having covered in Late Care many times over the years, I can unequivocally say that she was born to teach in a two-year-old class! From tying shoes to changing diapers, she does it all! Amy has amazingly calm patience required to work with this age group. It is so refreshing to listen to her explain things to the children whom she calls, "friends". Most of all it is the love for the children that shines through all her interactions. We are blessed to have her on our staff!

Lastly, we celebrate Ashley Simmons. Ashley has worked in the one-year-old class since she began here. This very fragile group of children requires a lot of attention. Most start the year crawling, not yet walking, and are just beginning to say a few words. Ashley's calm and happy-go-lucky nature is perfect for this age group! Always having a smile on her face, Ashley brings 100% of herself to the classroom every day. Her love for the children shines through everything she does for them. Thank you, Ashley, for seven wonderful years!

Our children are the future and lifeblood of this community. We celebrate their accomplishments over this past year as well. Some have just learned to crawl, while others have learned to write stories. They are all on a trajectory towards a bright future. Looking back on this year, there have been many highlights. From our Hanukkah Havdalah celebration to our Pesach Seders, we have much to be proud of. As the year ends, we celebrate all of our teachers who have brought our children to the end of another wonderful school year. Please join me in congratulating our entire teaching staff and the children on a job well done!



## DEBBIE GREENBERG SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

As I gather my thoughts to begin, I am realizing that this will be my last Pharisee article, as I will be passing the torch of President to Melissa Richman. I can't help but think of the difficulty of ending what has been an extraordinary honor, full of growth and accomplishments. When I first stated over three years ago, never in my wildest imagination did I expect to be, or see myself as Sisterhood President. Yet I cannot even begin express my level of gratitude for what I have gained from this experience.

This experience reminds me of Parsha Vayeitzei, in which Yaakov has to reacquaint himself with his embittered brother Esau and take his place as the patriarch and leader of his family. They must reestablish a new relationship with each other, ending the old bittered and battled one and leading to a newer more mature version. In this Parsha, Yaakov's name is changed to Yisrael by God. which may be a foreshadowing that Yaakov himself will also be a changed man. Yaakov, the once devious brother that held strongly to Esau's heel during childbirth, stealing the birthright. Perhaps now after Yaakov dreamt that he rose a ladder with angels, God has lifted him to a higher place, as a straight and narrow guy. I, too, feel that presence of great change in myself after three years of being in such a significant role at our beloved synagogue.

I would like to look back at the accomplishments that I am most proud of during my time as Sisterhood President. To begin, we have a vibrant community that has supported Sisterhood through two years of a worldwide pandemic. Our numbers increased for participation in Mishloach Manot, Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser. We have started the first two phases of the much-needed renovations in the kitchen. Sisterhood now has a Facebook page to communicate events, birthdays, Shabbat greetings and more. The gift shop now has new additional volunteers with consistent days and times to be open for shopping. Please take advantage of the fact that our volunteers are there for you to pop in and shop. The gift shop has more than just Judaica; it has baby gifts, wedding gifts and more. We will gift wrap for you and have you on your way. Talk about a personalized service! I know there is so much more, but I couldn't have done it without the full support of the entire Sisterhood board that hung in there with me.

TODAH RABAH TO

**MELISSA RICHMAN** VP OF MEMBERSHIP

**ANITA DORF AND JILL CANTOR BURNS** VPS OF PROGRAMMING

**TARYN WORTMAN, STEPH KAPLAN, AND JULIE KARP** VPS OF FUNDRAISING

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May you all go from strength to strength.  
Debbie Greenberg



## **SAM BRINT**

### **MEN'S CLUB LIASON**

I am writing this one week before our 1st annual Tzedakah Games. Not only are the net proceeds going to be donated to the charities we selected, but we will also be together for student color war, athletic events, food, music and entertainment. The core missions of the Tzedakah Games are, building friendship, encouraging tzedakah, and benefitting our children, our community, Jewish charities and the State of Israel.

The Tzedakah Games began when Howard Elgart who previously had leadership positions with both the Tzedakahthon and HavaN'Grilla, chose to spearhead, the creation of a community wide event that reinvigorates the resources of our Men's Club, which has not had consistent in person events in the recent past due to COVID. Howard's vision, his drive, his persistence, and his gentle nudging were a constant. The terms "I am in" and "say yes" became commonplace. Allan Horowitz and I, in addition to Howard, became event Co-Chairs.

This past July, a number of us attended a kickoff meeting on Howard's patio to discuss event goals (and share a L'Chaim too!). From the get go, various committees were formed, each to be led by one or more of our younger members, to be mentored and assisted by one or more members, who I will call seasoned veterans. Also, from the start, our professional leadership has been exemplary, from logo design, to curriculum integration, to event promotion, to facility management. They worked with us, as this event went from concept to reality.

Together we wove a tapestry of community building. From the initial organization chart which provided structure for what the Games may look like, to now, having over 80 volunteers contributing their time on the day of the event. From the teaching about Tzedakah in our Religious School, to having both the Religious School students and the Men's Club presenting and voting on the charities that the Tzedakah Games proceeds will be donated to.

All of us were integral in the success of our event and are worthy of gratitude. May we all feel a strong sense of pride for what we have accomplished.

The following I realize is not all inclusive, there are many more who have provided invaluable help and guidance. It is made up of those who were Co-Chairs of Tzedakah Games committees.

#### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**JOSH SCHACHTER, BOB DIGNAZIO,  
ADAM SOLL AND RICH STUTMAN**

#### **MEN'S CLUB AND STUDENT COMMITTEE (INCLUDING FUNDRAISING)**

**PHIL NATHANSON, IAN THOMAS, JONATHAN GROSSBERG,  
DAVID FRANKEL AND LARRY NATHANSON**

#### **FOOD AND FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

**MICHAEL FEINMAN, JOSH CHAST, ADAM WEINSTEIN,  
PAUL SHANDELMAN, GARY FRIEDMAN AND DAVID ORIEL**

#### **EVENT DAY SETUP AND BREAKDOWN**

**MIKE MULHERIN AND JOE ROSS**

#### **EVENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

**HAGAI LIVNI AND JEFF BOOKMAN (TREASURER)**

May the friendships that were both strengthened and developed, and the positive energy of our collective efforts continue to serve us for the greater good going forward.





# PAPERCLIP HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

REFLECTIONS BY MARCIA LEVINSON,  
ELAINE AND STUART BECK, AND LISA RICHMAN

## **Children's Paperclip Holocaust Memorial: Whitwell, Tennessee! Why should we care?**

There are no Jews in Whitwell, Tennessee. Yet, it is the home of the Children's Holocaust Memorial and the Paper Clip Project. In April, several TBH-BE congregants, including Marcia Levinson, Elaine and Stuart Beck and Lisa Richman, participated in our first adult trip to Whitwell to visit the Children's Holocaust Memorial.

The idea for the Memorial began in 1998 in a history class at Whitwell Middle School while the students were studying about the Holocaust. That six million Jews were murdered was difficult to comprehend. The students decided to collect six million paper clips. German journalists were instrumental in bringing a boxcar used by the Nazis to transport Jews to the concentration camps shipped to the United States have it and transported to Whitwell, Tennessee. Eighteen butterfly sculptures surround the rail car, a symbol of resilience and hope.

In a deeply moving experience, we participated in a Yom HaShoah ceremony at the railcar as a children's string quintet played the theme from Schindler's List. We were surrounded by students, faculty and members of the Whitwell community. The somber feeling of this experience was apparent as we left the boxcar. The heavy emotion in the hearts and faces was palpable. That evening, each of us was paired with a student, a current member of the Paper Clips Project. We connected through stories and personal experiences.

The Shacharit service the next morning inside the boxcar brought us even closer to the past. We felt the restriction of space, the lack of air, and the close proximity of others. Twenty-five of us were present, but over a hundred people could have been shoved into the boxcar, jammed against each other for transport. For us it was only transient. We were able to leave the boxcar, return to sunshine, to our freedom and the awareness that we were alive.

We had lunch and conversations with Whitwell community members. We learned from them and they from us. We agreed and disagreed on various issues. On our last day, we visited the Coal Miner's Museum in Whitwell. We learned about the coal mining disaster that closed the mines and abruptly put so many out of work. We also visited Mizpah congregation in Chattanooga. Mizpah is a synagogue that was established post-Civil War. We spoke with the Rabbi and members of the congregation, discussing the history of the synagogue and Jewish life in Chattanooga.

We knew that the trip would be moving and important. We weren't prepared for its impact. We hope there will be another opportunity for an adult trip to Whitwell. In September, our eighth graders are invited to visit Whitwell Middle School and the members of the Paper Clip Project. In October, between 40-50 students will come to Lower Merion for the weekend. The cost of bringing a Whitwell student by bus is approximately \$1000 per person. Please consider making a donation towards this very worthy endeavor. Checks should be made out to LMAHH (Lower Merion Area Hebrew High) and brought to the TBH-BE office or mailed to Adath Israel. Please put 'Whitwell' on the memo line.

For further information contact Marcia Levinson, 215-280-9973 or [Marciafaye01@gmail.com](mailto:Marciafaye01@gmail.com).



## STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Thank you for your thoughtful participation in the Community Survey! We're analyzing the results and will share key takeaways soon; these results will determine our steps in the next phase. We'll continue to share updates as the process moves forward.

Questions? Please reach out to committee co-chairs:

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**LEN FELDMAN** at [lfeldman67@gmail.com](mailto:lfeldman67@gmail.com)

## SUSTAINABILITY @ TBH-BE UPDATE FROM LEORA ZABUSKY

It is no coincidence that the Hebrew word *adam*, meaning man, comes from the same root as *adamah*, meaning earth. Mankind cannot exist without earth; we are wholly dependent on it.

With all the doom and gloom surrounding our environmental crisis - with legitimately plenty to lament - Climate Action can be strangely invigorating. The Climate Action movement confronts a problem so big and so serious that it compels the ignition of creativity, innovation, and collaboration at every level. All this pouring of action and talent would not happen without an underlying conviction that we can do better. It also presupposes a confidence in a more sustainable future.

This is certainly the case at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. I have been contacted by so many who are motivated to find more outlets for action. As a synagogue community, we are working diligently to use less plastic, to compost waste, to upgrade our energy to more efficient sources, and most of all, to educate and support one another in the hard work of behavioral change.

One topic that is near and dear to all our hearts is food! Agriculture, with meat by far the biggest contributor, accounts for ~40% of methane emissions (roughly equal to fossil fuels). Methane is a super potent greenhouse gas; it can be 80 times more potent at warming the earth's atmosphere than carbon dioxide (albeit shorter lasting). Reducing methane emissions is the most effective way to slow the Earth's warming, and reducing the production of meat is one of the highest impact changes we can make. While we do not need to be vegan or vegetarian - hats off to those that are - it is likely manageable for each of us to reduce our meat consumption to one meal a day, or even one meal a week. Just as Jewish tradition gives us laws of *kashrut* to bring intention to our eating practices, so do Jewish texts underscore our role as stewards of the earth to consume in sustainable ways.

This summer, as we gather with family and friends, let's support one another in modifying small daily habits that, compounded together, result in real sea change. In so doing, we will better live within the ecological limits of our Garden of Eden.

JOIN US FOR  
OUR FIRST EVENT!  
ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!



# SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION & PARK CLEANUP

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 21 | WYNNWOOD VALLEY PARK



**CHILDREN & ADULTS WELCOME!**

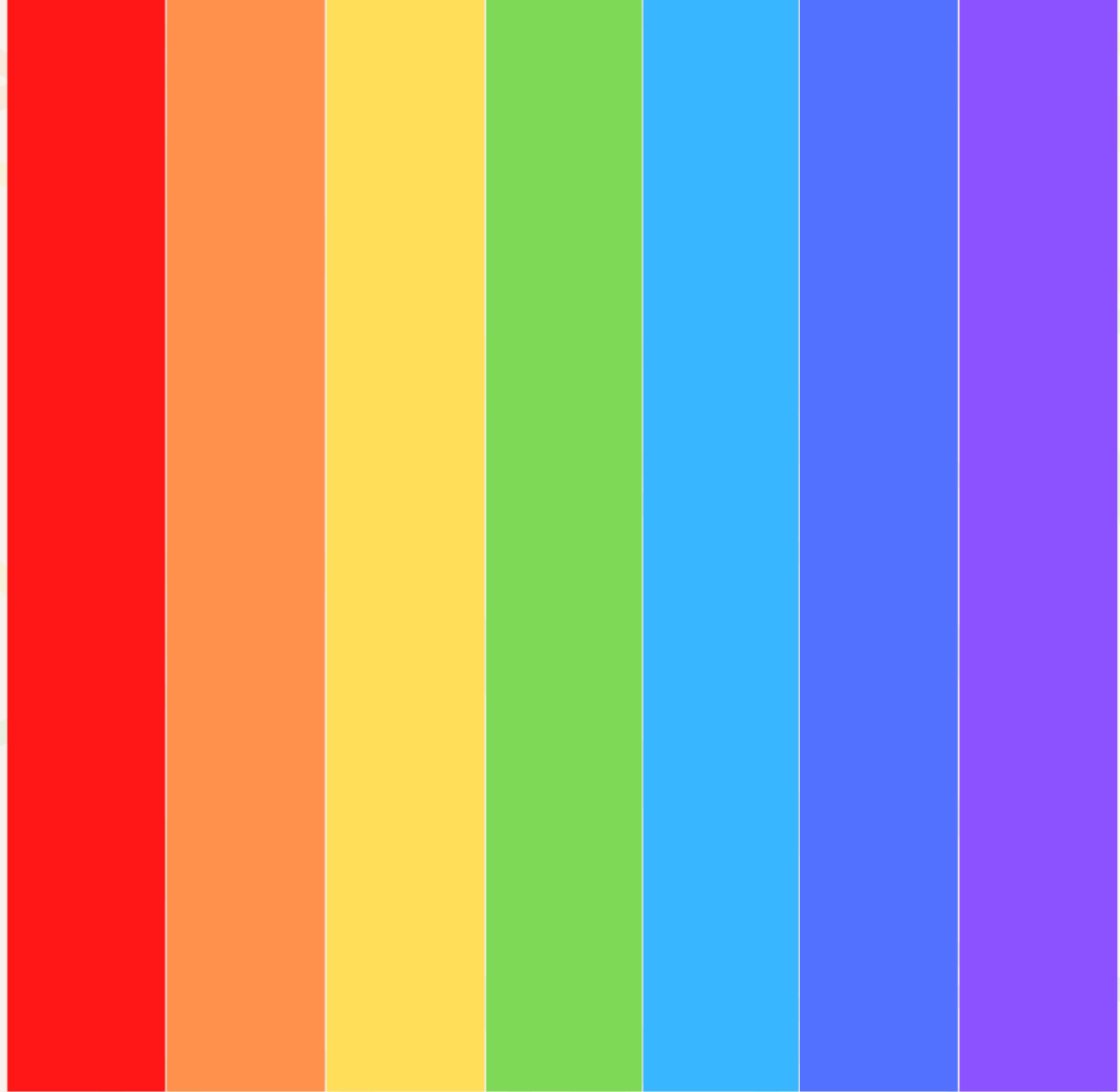
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**5:30 PM**  
BYO PICNIC (OPTIONAL)

**6:30 PM**  
WORK ASSIGNMENTS  
AND TOOL DISTRIBUTION

**6:45 PM - 8:30 PM**  
PARK CLEANUP



# PRIDE SHABBAT

CELEBRATE INCLUSION WITH US!



**SATURDAY | JUNE 10**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHABBAT  
SERVICES AND A SPECIAL LEARNING  
SESSION FOLLOWING KIDDUSH**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE/GET AN ALIYAH, PLEASE CONTACT  
JONATHAN ADLER | [JOADLER@JTSA.EDU](mailto:JOADLER@JTSA.EDU)**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

PLEASE RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE AT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG)

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 14**

**PRIDE SHABBAT**  
**SATURDAY | JUNE 10**

**Open to the entire community**

Celebrate inclusion with us during Pride Shabbat! Join us for Shabbat Services and a special learning session following Kiddush.

If you would like to participate/have an honor, please contact Jonathon Adler at [joadler@jts.edu](mailto:joadler@jts.edu).

**SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION & PARK CLEANUP**  
**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 21 | WYNNEWOOD VALLEY PARK**

**Children and adults welcome!**

**5:30 PM** BYO picnic

**6:30 PM** Work assignment and tool distribution

**6:45 PM** Park cleanup

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**CAST OF JOSEPH SHABBAT DINNER**  
**FRIDAY | JUNE 23 | FOLLOWING KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES**  
**\$30 per adult | \$20 per child (\$80 family cap)**

**TECH SUPPORT TEAM**

**Available to anyone in need of assistance**

TBH-BE Teens are willing and able to help you with your technological needs. If you are in need of assistance, please reach out to Ken Krivitzky at [kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org](mailto:kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org), so that he can pair you with a Teen Support Person.

**WEEKDAY SUMMER CONCERTS  
ARE BACK AT TBH-BE!**

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Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El  
**SISTERHOOD**

# CLOSING DINNER

**MONDAY**  
**JUNE 5 | 7:00 PM**

Join us for a catered dinner  
with wine as we celebrate  
another incredible year, celebrate  
incoming and outgoing board  
members, and honor Debbie for her  
time as Sisterhood President!

**\$36 per person**

To RSVP please visit  
[www.tbhbe.org/event/ClosingDinner](http://www.tbhbe.org/event/ClosingDinner)



# SISTERHOOD EVENTS

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## CLOSING DINNER

**MONDAY | JUNE 5 | 7:00 PM**

**\$36 per person**

Join us for a catered dinner with wine as we celebrate another incredible year, celebrate incoming and outgoing board members, and honor Debbie for her time as Sisterhood president.

## BOOK CLUB MEETING

**THE ROSE CODE BY KATE QUINN**

**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 14 | 1:00 PM**

At the home of Gloria Spitz

Reviewer: Elaine Beck

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# MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

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## BOOK CLUB MEETING

**ALL THAT SHE CARRIED BY TIYA MILES**

**MONDAY | JUNE 19 | 7:30 PM**

At the home of Bob Steiner

*For additional information, please contact David Galinsky at [davidgmd@comcast.net](mailto:davidgmd@comcast.net).*

## PHILLIES GAME

**MONDAY | JULY 24 | 6:40 PM**

**\$25 per person**

Join us to watch the Philadelphia Phillies play the Baltimore Orioles. We will be sitting in the 100 level in the outfield.

*If you have any questions, please contact Bernie Perlman at [phils0923@hotmail.com](mailto:phils0923@hotmail.com).*



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## BEETLEJUICE THE MUSICAL

**THURSDAY | JUNE 1 | THE KIMMEL CENTER**

**CARPOOL LEAVING FROM TBH-BE AT 6:15 PM | 7:30 PM CURTAIN CALL**

**For 8th-12th graders**

**\$25 per person**

Join us for the first National Tour of Beetlejuice the Musical! Limited tickets available, first come Sold out! Viewer discretion advised

## YOUTH WIDE SEND OFF

**SUNDAY | JUNE 4 | 12:15 PM**

Join us after Religious School for pizza, frozen ice, pillow decorating, card making and more! See you next year!

## KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

**THURSDAY | JUNE 8 | 12:15 PM**

**Mazal Tov to our graduating Kindergarteners!**

## GRADUATION SHABBAT

**FRIDAY | JUNE 9**

Join us in honoring our 7th and 12th grade graduating classes during Kabbalat Shabbat. 7th graders are also invited to join us for Shabbat dinner following Shabbat services.

## YOUNG FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT

**FRIDAY | JUNE 9 | 5:15 PM**

**For families with children in Kindergarten and younger. Siblings welcome!**

**\$48 per family, per shabbat**

Join us for a Family Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with singer/songwriter Rory Michelle Sullivan followed by dinner. Bring your dancing shoes, and Shabbat smiles!

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## HERSHEY PARK

**SUNDAY | JUNE 11 | ALL DAY**

**CARPOOL LEAVING FROM TBH-BE AT 7:30 AM**

**For 7th-12th graders**

We're ending such a sweet year together at the Sweetest Place on Earth! Thrills, fun, and of course, chocolate await us at Hershey Park.

## MAGIC MOMENTS: SUMMER SESSION

**THURSDAYS | 11:00 AM | OUTDOORS AT TBH-BE**

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AND

ON THE PASSING OF HER GRANDMOTHER,  
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SON OF DARIEN FINDER

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