

# The Pharisee

*Underwritten by a generous grant from the TBH-BE Sisterhood*

VOLUME 66 - NUMBER 1 | SEPTEMBER 2023 | ELUL 5783/TISHREI 5784



PAGE  
10

MEET THE  
NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PAGE  
12-13

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

PAGE  
15-24

PROGRAM CATALOG

PAGE  
26-27

MEET THE  
B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS



ETHAN WITKOVSKY  
RABBI

"Said Rav: 'The mitzvot were only given to refine human beings'" (Genesis Rabbah 44:1).

We all fail, we all have flaws, we all could be better and could use some refining. The *Yamim Noraim*, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur, are meant to teach us that we can always be better. We have made mistakes this year just as surely as all humans err, but there is no mistake that we cannot learn from and do our best to make right. Belief in *teshuvah*, repentance, is the dearest thing we have because, without it, we would have no hope of making our lives or our world better. The very fact of these holidays, as well as the fact of their dramatic attendance increase from an average Shabbat, reminds us that we are committed to being better in the year ahead.

While the commitment of refining ourselves is something we display on these holy days, the act of refining is a daily process that requires daily rituals and reminders. As the Midrash says, the mitzvot are our way of refining ourselves. Doing mitzvot, acting in accordance with the commandments of our Torah, refines us in many ways. Observing Jewish law helps us practice self-control, the lack of which is so often the thing that get us into trouble in the first place. Keeping kosher reminds me that I can live my life according to the values I hold. Mitzvot remind us that we can set goals and achieve them. When I struggle to schedule things I want into my day, I try to remind myself that I can make time to pray, and so I can also make time for family, working out, or calling a friend. Perhaps most importantly, the mitzvot remind us that we are connected to something larger than ourselves and that our desires and autonomy are sometimes subservient to a higher power. How much better off would our world be today if people remembered to subjugate their needs to those of the world around them? What kind of purpose could we feel if we remembered to make our actions just a little more holy this next year?

As we enter this new year, we make amends for the mistakes of the past and think about the better versions of ourselves that we want to be in the year to come. Let us each take to heart the words of our tradition, and let observance of mitzvot be a part of our plan towards refinement. This year, pick a mitzvah to take on, a daily or weekly ritual, or an aspect of Jewish practice to observe with intention and regularity. If this is new to you, then take time to learn the custom and meaning as you take on a new observance. If you are a regular observer, then make the commitment to practice with greater *kavanah*, intention and explore how the mitzvah can refine you over the year. I will be doing the same, and I am always available as a resource and a cheerleader, please do share your stories and experiences with me.

*L'shanah Tovah*, have a sweet and productive New Year.  
Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky





**JOSHUA KOHN**  
**PRESIDENT**

"How can I begin anything new with all of yesterday in me?" - Leonard Cohen

It is truly a great privilege and honor to be tasked with serving as the President of TBH-BE. It is also a lot of pressure to attempt to build on our recent success. In the past 18 months alone, we have celebrated Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper and welcomed the Witkovsky/Beser family into our community and our homes. We always talk about the new year as an opportunity to turn a new page in our lives, but what if we like the old page?

When I think about our synagogue and my life, I always struggle with the idea of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." We have a great community filled with caring people committed to helping each other as well as improving our surroundings. However, the reality is that the world continues to evolve around us, and we always need to be thinking about how we can continue to have the most impact during these changing times. Thankfully, we are also a growing community, which means we need to continually evaluate both the opportunities and challenges of growth.

One of the many things I love about TBH-BE members is that we are not shy about giving feedback to each other, our leadership, our clergy, our board, our maintenance staff, our mail carrier, our security guards, and more. Often, it feels like every member who approaches me starts the conversation with, "You know what would be really nice..."

This year, we have made a distinct effort to ask for your feedback as we develop our strategies for the future. We held focus groups to see where our religious services may or may not be meeting all of our needs. We asked our Religious School and ECC parents for their impressions of our schools. We also asked for input from our staff to make sure that we are creating the best work environment possible.

After spending time exploring the many ways one can practice this religion, I have no doubt that I am a conservative Jew. While each person must figure out where they fit best, it is our grounding in tradition and *halacha* that is incredibly important to me. At the same time, we remain willing to evaluate, re-evaluate, re-evaluate, and re-evaluate how we need to adapt to the needs of the modern world.

When it comes to thinking about the future of our synagogue, I always like to say that the only wrong answer is "because that is how we have always done it." That does **not** mean that we shouldn't continue to do many or even most things in the same way; it just means that we should make a conscious decision whether we want to continue on the current path or alter our direction.

My greatest family traditions and memories were going to my grandmother's house for the Rosh Hashanah meals and bedlam after quietly sitting in services for hours. It was great to play with my cousins and see all of our extended family literally overflowing from her small house into the yard. Kari and I love continuing old family traditions but also treasure our new tradition of sharing our apples, honey, challah, blessings, and brisket with our extended family members who are not Jewish. It is always incredibly meaningful for me to be able to share our holidays with them, just as they share theirs with us.

As we turn the page to 5784, may you and your family be blessed with the wisdom and memories of old traditions as well as the appetite to start new ones. Kari, Eddie, Alex, and I wish you all a healthy and sweet new year.

*L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.* May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.



EUGENE ROSNER  
CANTOR

## NEW BEGINNINGS

What a year it has been at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El! This has been a year of transition. We have several new staff members, new programs, new members, and an exciting vibe that permeates our gatherings here at the synagogue. It has been a wonderful experience working with Rabbi Witkovsky. We learn from each other, and we work and learn together as a large staff.

It has been a special treat to meet so many new congregants and, even more so, discover some of their great talents. It has been a pleasure to listen to many congregants lead services for us. We have had wonderful *kiddushim* on Shabbat mornings, where we get to know you a little better each week.

We have several new Torah readers in our ranks! It was so nice to have met and taught a new group of readers in our six-week seminar this past winter. Many of them read for the first time this past spring, and several others have improved upon the skills they already have.

Hallie Chandler, Dan Loeb and I are working on a once-in-a-lifetime program called **Meet Hazzan Here**. This program will be held on April 8th in Oswego, New York, where for 3 minutes and 30 seconds, we will have a total eclipse of the sun. As you might know, I am a very experienced amateur astronomer, but a total eclipse is something I have never seen before and is on my bucket list.

Among the many new programs are those related to music. **Come Sing with Us** is one such program that is dear to my heart. For those of you who have joined us and performed for the congregation this past spring, the joy of music has been experienced by both singer and listener. I've gotten to meet and get to know many new congregants through this program. I hope you will consider joining us! We will be singing on November 11th, March 9th, and June 1st. Each performance will be preceded by two rehearsals. Choose any or all of these three opportunities. Each of the three sets has its own experience. You do not have to commit to all of them. Amy Eisen and I are carefully picking a repertoire that is fun and meaningful for everyone.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead! May this Rosh Hashanah be a special and meaningful one for all of you. Amy and I wish you all a Shanah Tovah!

Hazzan Eugene Rosner

Dear friends,  
Many thanks for the meals, the food, and the time  
that you spent with us while we sat shiva.

With much appreciation, Amy and Hazzan





**HALLIE CHANDLER**  
**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

There was a fire in an attic two houses down from us this summer. The bedtime story I was reading to Matan that evening came to life with multiple fire trucks, ambulances, ladders, hoses, 30 firefighters, and police showing up just outside our window. With all the distractions, sleep would be impossible, so we went out to watch.

I was impressed by the amazing work from the emergency response team, but I was surprised at the end of the evening. After the fire was safely under control, the fire chief approached the homeowners, who were at that point sitting with their two kids in a neighbor's driveway, and said, "I have to get your statement." In no way discounting the response team's hard work, I couldn't help but think that there must be a better way to approach such a delicate situation. The family had just gone through such a traumatic experience, and they weren't first comforted, reassured, or supported by the professionals on site?

Instead, it was the neighbors who focused on the family's personal and emotional needs—bringing out chairs and water for them, helping to make sure the family had a place to stay for the evening, that the kids had lunches made for school the next day, and clothes to wear. Our synagogue has a wonderful professional team, no doubt. Nevertheless, with the rapidly growing membership, our small staff cannot accomplish what an entire community can.

So this year, I ask, what does your response look like?  
When you see a new person at shul  
When you receive an email about a new baby or a congregant going through a loss  
When there are requests for attendance at minyan  
When a program needs volunteers

I hope we all go into this year thinking of being a first responder in our TBH-BE community and how we can come together to continue growing from strength to strength.

If you would like to find opportunities to get involved at TBH-BE, please reach out to me at [Hchandler@Tbhbe.org](mailto:Hchandler@Tbhbe.org) or stop by the office and say hello!



MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 15



LISA RICHMAN  
DIRECTOR OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**No application process! No college loans! No SATs! No requirements whatsoever!  
Read on to learn more about BTU (Better Together University!)**

Who said empty-nesters and teens have nothing in common? We just concluded four years of very successful intergenerational programming at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, where the sixth and seventh graders in our community have learned from the wisdom of empty-nesters, and the empty-nesters have had a chance to forge new connections. I am thrilled to announce that we will continue this most worthy endeavor! For all involved in the programming these past four years, it was clear that, "טובים השנים מן האחד". As it is written in Kohelet 4:9, two are better than one. The verse goes on to talk about earnings. Our earnings are not tangible, though. Our earnings are in the form of laughter, joy, camaraderie, and relationship building, all present each time we get together.

Our Religious School students in sixth and seventh grades, and sometimes our alums in higher grades, have gotten together with empty-nesters in our congregation at least once a month. We have gone to the National Museum of American Jewish History, celebrated the synagogue play, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, participated in a synagogue scavenger hunt complete with selfies as proof of solving complex riddles, analyzed the various artistic interpretations of the four children in the Pesach haggadah, learned about the Jewish responsibility toward caring for animals and pets, delivered necessities to a local shelter, sang, laughed, danced, and, of course, ate and sang some more. We all made pies. Each looked like it was made for some fantasy place. Some were devoured at a Shabbat kiddush and some went to a local food bank.

This year, we are adding a whole new and exciting component to our Better Together intergenerational program. We are rolling out **Better Together University!** BTU will explore Jewish values, texts and together, we sing, and laugh. Better Together will continue meeting once a month at 11:00 am on Sundays, and this piece will provide new opportunities for interaction. Please look for this information in forthcoming synagogue communications. **Better Together and Better Together University are open to everyone in the categories mentioned above!**

Already on the docket for the coming school year are cooking, baking, and candlestick making, a possible Rubber Ducky Derby, a supermarket spree, a trip to the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) to pack and deliver food necessities, an author visit and book signing, another museum trip and, of course, singing. We are also fortunate to be able to partner with the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and Gratz College as we move forward.

The best thing to do if you have any questions about any part of the program is to ask me. Please call (610.649.5300) or email me (lrichman@tbhbe.org), and I will happily put you in touch with the right person if I cannot answer your question.

The bottom line is that we are all **Better Together!**

On behalf of myself, my husband, Jeff Marmon, my daughters, Sarah and Rebecca, and our canine crew, Blackjack and Sunny, I wish you all a very happy and healthy new year!

#### BETTER TOGETHER DATES

SEPTEMBER 10 | OCTOBER 15 | NOVEMBER 5 | NOVEMBER 12 (TRIP TO JRA) | DECEMBER 10  
JANUARY 7 | FEBRUARY 11 | MARCH 17 | APRIL 14 | MAY 19 | JUNE 9





**JUDITH MONT SCARANI**  
DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Welcome back to school! There is so much happening here as we open our doors for the new school year with 145 children and 44 staff members in classes from infant to kindergarten. Our first full day back to school is Tuesday, September 5th. Not to be missed is our annual Back-to-School picnic on Tuesday, September 12th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be pizza, salads, and a live DJ. ECC parent and DJ extraordinaire Brian Hoffman will provide plenty of dancing music to get you and your little ones up on your feet! This is a great time to meet new people, make new friends, and get reacquainted with families you may have missed over the summer. There is no charge for this event, so please come!

This year we are pleased to once again offer sports and yoga for the children in addition to music, art, and Hebrew, as we did during pre-COVID days. We are excited to reintroduce some of the special activities we have missed! It is our goal this year to bring back all the excitement of our extracurricular activities!

Our music teacher, Mama Mac a.k.a. Amy Elkins, brings the music of the holidays and seasons to life. She teaches and entertains to the delight of all age groups. We are blessed to have her on our staff. We are equally blessed and thrilled that Judy Kurman is our art specialist once again. She introduces the children to artists from around the world and across the ages to teach line, shape, texture, color, and content. Our Hebrew program from *We Play Language* is a wonderful complement to the classroom curriculum for our students in the 3s and older classes. Each week, the children are introduced to new vocabulary used in each of the seasons, the Jewish holidays, and the children's interests. Moving our bodies is fun and healthy! This year, we welcome Amazing Athletes to our program for children in the 3s and older classes. The children work on skills to improve agility, eye-hand coordination, and strength while learning to play new games. Also new this year, for our young toddlers, toddlers, and 2-year-olds, *Yoga at Play* helps our children learn to move their bodies in space and to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. There is much to look forward to!

September and October bring with them the Tishrei holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. The sights and sounds of these holidays can be seen and heard through our classroom hallways. From apples and honey to the sound of the shofar, our children are immersed in the joys of the holidays. We are confident that the richness of the holidays throughout the year and our core curriculum will only be enhanced by our extracurricular learning and fun! Shanah Tovah to all!

Warmly,  
Judith

MAY 19 MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW





## BENJI GREENFIELD AND JOSH SCHACHTER

### MEN'S CLUB CO—PRESIDENTS

We write this article just days following our kick-off (pun intended) event on the Men's Club calendar. More on that below. We are so excited about this opportunity to lead this amazing group and foster community engagement over the course of our presidential tenure. Before jumping into a preview of our upcoming Men's Club calendar, we wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce ourselves.

I'm Josh, I grew up in Dresher, PA (Temple Sinai for those of you from the area), and moved here four years ago with my wife Rachel and three children: Eliana (5.5), Yoni (3.5), and Liora (11 months). After doing our shul shopping when we were looking into the area, the community at TBH-BE really felt like the right community for us. While I would've expected that joining right before COVID would have made it difficult to feel like part of the community, we couldn't have been more wrong. I appreciate how this community found a way to thrive. I never saw myself as a Men's Club President — that changed after I chaired the Athletic Committee for Tzedakah Games (get ready for next year, and if you want to get involved, let me know), and gained a greater connection to the shul. When I was asked to become the new co-president, I said yes in order to further engage others and pull other members into this warm community.

I'm Benji, I grew up in New Rochelle, NY, and moved here one year ago with my wife, Penina Braffman, and two children, Joey (7) and Anna (5). We have settled down in a house in Wynnewood and have been blown away by the warm embrace of this unbelievable community from the first moment we stepped foot into TBH-BE last August. I was asked by Josh, a more seasoned member of the synagogue, to become co-president of the Men's Club with him, which is not exactly a role I envisioned myself in a year ago, but I ultimately found the answer to be an easy one when thinking of the opportunity to give back to this wonderful community and play a role myself in fostering further community engagement. I cannot wait for the events that await us this year, and I look forward to the opportunity to engage with the incredible members of this community.

Our kickoff event couldn't have gone better. We were so happy to have a solid constituency of prior Men's Club leadership show up to support the event, along with new faces who we had a great time meeting and hope to see at future events. It was a great night, full of falafel from Goldie's, beers graciously donated by Paul Shandelman from Conshohocken Brewery, and a spirited game of kickball (photo below). We are looking forward to our upcoming events, details below, with more information coming in emails.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

**SEPTEMBER 10** Sukkah Village Build

**OCTOBER 5** Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah

**DECEMBER 9** Men's Club and Sisterhood Partnership Event:  
Saturday Night Outing presented by "Who Knows One?"

Looking forward to a great year,  
Josh and Benji

KICKOFF EVENT AUGUST 2, 2023







**MELISSA RICHMAN**  
**SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT**

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the next Sisterhood President. I look forward to the year ahead. We welcome a wonderful Sisterhood board that includes both old and new members. I would like to acknowledge all of our incoming board members: Robin Kudisch, Julie Karp, Ari Schwartz, Sasha Coffiner, Susan Schmidt, Anita Dorf, Jill Cantor - Burns, Jessica Hills Swichar, Charlene Powery, Maxine Comisky, Lauren Chait, Alyssa Terk, Debbie Greenberg, and Robin Oriel. I am grateful to all who are serving on the board today and to those who have served on the board in the past.

I am also grateful for the many Sisterhood members who go above and beyond to help with events and activities at the synagogue. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude for our community's dedication to the TBH-BE Sisterhood. Your commitment to our Sisterhood allows our Sisterhood leadership to continue to foster a sense of belonging and unity within our community. I would like to specifically acknowledge the commitment of Janie Rosen to our Sisterhood Book Club and yoga classes. She has been a dedicated leader of the Book Club and yoga classes for many years, and we are so grateful for her service. We are excited to have Wendy Santoro step in as the new Sisterhood Book Club chairperson.

At this moment of transition, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year. I want to recognize the leadership of Debbie Greenberg. Debbie served as Sisterhood president for an unprecedented 3-year term during a very challenging period. Your vision and passion has brought our Sisterhood together; our Sisterhood has grown stronger, and we have accomplished so much together. Your tireless efforts to organize events, initiatives, and create meaningful experiences, have enriched our lives and created an environment where each member feels valued and supported. I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your exceptional leadership and dedication as our Sisterhood president.

At the closing dinner, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet so many TBH-BE past Sisterhood presidents. I feel as though every other person I spoke to had served as a Sisterhood president. Each one of these wonderful women offered words of support, encouragement, and advice. I am so grateful for this community and look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any suggestions, feedback, or ideas for future projects. Your input is invaluable to us.

Melissa Richman

**TBH-BE SISTERHOOD & MEN'S CLUB**

# **OPENING BOOK CLUB**

**October 15  
9:15 am to 11:30 am**

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON:  
BANNED AND  
CENSORED  
JEWISH BOOKS  
IN AMERICA**

**MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 18**



## MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**KATIE CALABRESE**, her husband, Norm Ostrove, and kids, Noah Ostrove (9) and Julia (6), have been members of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El since 2017. Katie grew up in Broomall, graduated from Cornell University in 2003, and graduated from Penn Law in 2006. After spending 10 years in New York City working in the legal industry, Katie moved to Wynnewood with her family. She is the head of talent management at Security Risk Advisors, a cybersecurity consulting company, in Center City. She enjoys cooking and baking, gardening, books, music, and unrealistic action movies. Katie is honored and excited to be joining the TBH-BE board.

**MAXINE LECHTER COMISKY** and her husband, Matt have been TBH-BE members since 2001. When their sons, Maxwell and Michael were enrolled in the ECC and Religious School, Maxine was a class chair numerous times, "unofficial" ECC photographer, pizza lunch co-chair, and HSA board member. She co-chaired the search committee for the new ECC Director in 2012 as well as the auction for our 60th Anniversary Gala in 2019. Currently, Maxine serves as Sisterhood Treasurer and is on the College Outreach committee. She regularly delivers food with JRA, cooks meals for Depaul House, and serves on the US Board of Israel Tennis & Education Centers Foundation.

**MICHAEL DAVIDSON**, his wife Suzie, and kids Tess and Theo, have been TBH-BE members and ECC parents for the past 5 years since moving from New York to the Marilyn Park neighborhood of Havertown, with their dog Harry. Suzie was previously involved with the ECC's HSA and Michael has served on both the Membership and Strategic Planning Committees. Their oldest, Tessa, is an ECC graduate and current Religious School student. Theo is currently in the ECC's Pre-K. Michael is passionate about growing young family membership through ECC family connections.

**SAM GLICKMAN** is originally from Northern California, and moved to the Philadelphia area after graduating from Dartmouth College in 2003. He was active in his local synagogue growing up, taking part in his Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation, actively participating in the youth group, and spending six weeks in Israel on a trip with the Jewish Federation of Greater East Bay. His family's connection to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El began when his oldest child started kindergarten at the Religious School. His eldest daughter Sophia celebrated her Bat Mitzvah this year, and Leah looks forward to her own in the upcoming year, while the younger boys, Logan and Levi, continue their journey in the 3rd grade. As an involved parent and community member, Sam is looking forward to contributing to TBH-BE's Board of Directors.

**DEBBIE GREENBERG** was born and raised right on the other side of City Ave., attended Beth T'fillah Junior Congregation, and left the Philadelphia public school system for Akiba Hebrew Academy. After starting college, she missed that piece of her identity and started to teach Religious School. She worked at Har Zion, teaching both in their preschool and Religious School until staying home to raise her three sons, Aaron, Ethan, and Jordan. All of whom attended PJDS, Gratz College High School, TBH-BE, and Har Zion, respectively. Debbie began teaching at the TBH-BE ECC 15 years ago, has been teaching at Har Zion RS for 35 years and just finished three years as Sisterhood President, which grew her connection to our beloved shul where she has been a member for close to 29 years. She is honored and thrilled to continue with a position on the board, which will only strengthen the bond she has built here.

**Yael KALMAN** lives in Wynnewood with her spouse David Zvi and their four energetic children. Yael is an employee benefits attorney at Faegre Drinker's Philadelphia office, and is also a certified coach. Yael and her family have been members at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El since 2018, and her younger children attend the ECC. Yael has served on Jewish nonprofit boards and has been engaged in Jewish community building for many years. She is thrilled to be joining the TBH-BE board, and supporting the synagogue community as it envisions and actualizes its future.

**SARA ARONCHICK SOLOW** lives in Gladwyne with her husband, Scott, and three kids. She has been a member of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El since she was a child, she attended kindergarten here, had her Bat Mitzvah, and Aufruf here, and reconnected to the community since moving back to suburbs in 2016. Sara's three sons, Ethan (10), Jake (8) and Ben (5) have all attended or still attend the ECC and Religious School at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. Sara co-chaired the Transition Events Committee for Rabbi Witkovsky last summer, is a member of the Religious Task Force, attends Sisterhood events, and is involved in ECC and RS community engagements. Outside of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, she works a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia and has a background in appellate law.

**ELANA VETTER** is honored to serve as a board member at TBH-BE. As members since 2011, Elana and her husband Ken are actively engaged in the synagogue community, sending both of their children to the ECC and continuing with Religious School. Their daughter Noa, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah last year and is a Madricha and youth Torah reader, while Jacob eagerly anticipates his Bar Mitzvah in 2025. With a career in Experience Design, Elana brings a unique perspective to her role on the board. Her expertise in streamlining and simplifying processes supports her pragmatic approach to problem solving.





## 2023/5784 HIGH HOLIDAYS

### NOT SHO-FAR AWAY!

**SEPTEMBER 11, 14 | 7:00 PM**

It's not the sound of the ice cream truck coming around your corner, but it is the sound of the Shofar! A holiday tradition right at your fingertips. Come listen to the sounds of the Shofar and collect your end-of-summer treats distributed by each of our shofar blowers. Don't miss out!

**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11** Narberth Station Circle

**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11** Penn Wynne Park

**THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14** South Ardmore Park

**THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14** Ashbridge Park

### ROSH HASHANAH TASHLICH PICNIC AND SCAVENGER HUNT—CAN YOU FIND KINDNESS?

**Sunday | September 17 | 4:30 PM**

Join us for a second-day community tashlich followed by a family-friendly tashlich treasure hunt. Bring a picnic, and we will provide the dessert! Join us at Shortridge Park\*, in the middle, near the bridge! We will also have Tashlich at Penn Wynne Park on the corner of Wiltshire and Manoa.

*\*Please note this option is handicap accessible.*

### THE STATE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PHILADELPHIA: DIALOGUE WITH MICHAEL BALABAN AND RABBI WITKOVSKY

**September 25 | 2:00 PM | YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON**

Michael Balaban is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Michael's non-profit management experience spans more than 30 years. He joined Philadelphia in 2021. Prior to joining the Jewish Federation in Philadelphia, Michael served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Broward County. He has served as the Chief Development Officer for the Atlanta Jewish Federation and, before that, as Director of Development for Penn Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania during their Making History Campaign.



SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULES

TIME	ADULTS	LAY-LED MINYAN	TOT (2-5 YEARS)	GRADES K - 1	GRADES 2 - 3	GRADES 4 - 5	GRADES 6 - 7	GRADES 8 - 12
EREV ROSH HASHANAH FRIDAY   SEPTEMBER 15								
6:00 PM	Main Service Sanctuary							
ROSH HASHANAH SATURDAY-SUNDAY   SEPTEMBER 16-17								
Nursing Room and Changing Table — Room 102/3 10:00 AM-10:45 AM Sweeter than Honey! Rosh Hashanah Reflections for Babies and Parents — Room 101 Sensory Friendly Space (books, sensory friendly bins) — Conference Room Coffee Bar and Schmooze Lounge — Lobby								
8:30 AM	Main Service Sanctuary	Lay Led Service Chapel & Chapel Patio	Family Service Outdoor Sukkah (Rain Plan 201/202)	Family Service Parking Lot Tent (Rain Plan Coslov)		Holiday Program 203/204	Holiday Program Youth Lounge	Holiday Program Library
9:30 AM								
10:00 AM								
10:30 AM								
11:00 AM								
11:30 AM								
12:00 PM	Rabbi's Sermon	2 & 3 Years Room 113  4 & 5 Years Room 114	Holiday Program 301/302/303	Holiday Program 215/216	Youth Service Parking Lot Tent (Rain Plan Coslov)			
12:30 PM								
Any children still in classrooms after 1:10 PM will be brought to the library for pick up.								
ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE ONLY SATURDAY   SEPTEMBER 16								
11:00 AM	20's & 30's Oneg (Pond)							
5:00 PM	Mincha and Torah Reading							
ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO ONLY SUNDAY   SEPTEMBER 17								
4:30 PM	Tashlich Option One Penn Wynne Park - Corner of Wiltshire & Manoa handicap accessible option				Tashlich Option Two Shortridge Park  Followed by a Community Picnic, Lawn Games, Tashlich Treasure Hunt, and Dessert			

12



TIME	ADULTS	LAY-LED MINYAN	TOT (2-5 YEARS)	GRADES K - 1	GRADES 2 - 3	GRADES 4 - 5	GRADES 6 - 7	GRADES 8 - 12
EREV YOM KIPPUR SUNDAY   SEPTEMBER 24								
6:15 PM	Mincha and Kol Nidre							
6:30 PM			Family Kol Nidre Service Chapel Patio (Rain plan Chapel)		Family Kol Nidre Service Parking lot Tent (Rain plan Coslov)			
YOM KIPPUR MONDAY   SEPTEMBER 25								
Nursing Room and Changing Table — Room 102/3 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Reflections: A Conversation on Building Resiliency for Babies and Parents — Room 101 Sensory Friendly Space (books, sensory friendly bins) — Conference Room								
9:30 AM	Yom Kippur Main Service	Lay Led Service Chapel & Chapel Patio						
10:00 AM			Family Service Outdoor Sukkah (Rain Plan 201/202)	Family Service Parking Lot Tent (Rain Plan Coslov)		Holiday Program 203/204	Holiday Program Youth Lounge	
10:30 AM								
11:00 AM			Holiday Program  2 & 3 Years ROOM 113 4 & 5 Years ROOM 114	Holiday Program 301/302/303	Holiday Program 215/216	Youth Service Parking Lot Tent (Rain Plan Coslov)		Holiday Program Library
11:30 AM								
12:00 PM	Rabbi's Sermon							
12:30 PM	Musaf							
Any children still in classrooms after 1:10 PM will be brought to the library for pick up.								
2:00 PM	Conversation with Michael Balaban, President and CEO of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (Approx 1.15 hr)							
4:30 PM	Mincha							
5:30 PM	Yizkor							
6:15 PM	Main Service Neilah Front Parking lot		Neilah Program for Youth Library		Neilah Program for Youth Chapel		Neilah Program for Youth Coslov	
7:15 PM	All children should meet in the Coslov							
7:37 PM	Havdallah & Shofar Blowing							

13

No Tickets Needed.  
Open to the Community



## SHABBAT AT TBH-BE

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



MEET OUR RABBINIC INTERN! LILLIANA (LILLI) SHVARTSMANN

**ROSH HASHANAH, YOM KIPPUR, OCTOBER 13-15, NOVEMBER 10-12, DECEMBER 22-24, MARCH 8-10, APRIL 26-29, MAY 10-12, JUNE 7-9**

We are thrilled to be welcoming Lilli Shvartsmann, our new Rabbinic Intern, into our community this year. Please feel free to send her welcoming wishes at [lishvartsmann@jtsa.edu](mailto:lishvartsmann@jtsa.edu)

"Shalom TBH-BE! I'm thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to get to know each of you as I serve as TBH-BE's rabbinic intern. This year we will delve into Jewish learning, singing, davening, and relationship-building together. I hope our exploration will be spiritually enriching and fun, too. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you very soon!"

*Lilli, a Los Angeles native, has always found outlets to further her passion for Jewish education. A rising fifth-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Lilli previously served as the rabbinic intern at Congregation Beth El in South Orange, NJ. Last summer, Lilli spearheaded a community organizing project that engaged and built a community of Jewish summer college interns in DC. Previously, Lilli spent three years as the rabbinic intern at Hillel at Binghamton University. In 2020, Lilli organized virtual learning festivals centered around the Jewish holidays, in which hundreds of students participated nationwide. Lilli has spent her summers as a division leader for USY on Wheels and as a teacher at Camp Ramah in Nyack and Wisconsin, and in her spare time she prepares students to become B'nai Mitzvah. Lilli graduated with a degree in Child Development from California State University, Northridge, then spent one year serving in the Avodah Jewish Service Corps, and a subsequent year as a fellow at Hadar Institute. When not teaching or learning, Lilli loves to spend her days baking cookies and challah, searching for the best plate of pasta in NYC and dreaming of the beaches in LA.*

### HAVURAH DATES

**SATURDAYS | SEPTEMBER 9, 23, OCTOBER 21, 28, NOVEMBER 11, DECEMBER 2, 23, JANUARY 6, 27, FEBRUARY 10, 24, MARCH 16, 30, APRIL 6, 13, MAY 4, 18, JUNE 1, 22**

As an alternative service of Temple Beth Hillel- Beth El, our service follows traditional rituals and includes a full Torah reading. **Lay-Led:** We share the responsibility among our members for all aspects of the service.

**Egalitarian:** Men and women participate fully and equally in all aspects of our service. **Family-Friendly:** We welcome families with children to our services and events. A play area with toys is provided, and children are encouraged to help lead parts of the service. **Community-Oriented:** We build strong bonds by worshipping together, enjoying social and celebratory times, and supporting each other in hard times. Following services, we join with the full congregation for Kiddish, which allows for friendly conversation. **Participatory:** We encourage participation from everyone. We depend on our members giving of their skills, talents, and time to make our service and all aspects of our community life happen. **Caring:** Our Hesed Committee is very involved in our community and helps care for the needs of our members, whether it be after the birth of a baby, during and recovery from illness, or at times of shiva and mourning. **Welcoming:** We welcome everyone to join our community, regardless of personal religious observance.

### WEEKLY COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE CALENDAR

**SATURDAYS | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Tot Shabbat, Cookie Minyan, and Junior Congregation**

We are thrilled, most weeks, to be offering youth services. Please check in with the Tuesday email for the most up-to-date information.

### #BEYONDKIDDUSH

**SATURDAYS | NOVEMBER 4, DECEMBER 2, FEBRUARY 3, JUNE 1**

Stay after Kiddush for games, snacks, and social entertainment! Some weeks we look forward to offering additional post-kiddush learning opportunities. During this time, our youth lounge will also be open.





## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### BETTER TOGETHER UNIVERSITY

Join us for an intergenerational partnership between adolescents and empty-nesters. We explore Jewish values and texts and together, we sing, and laugh. The Better Together program includes the opportunity to teach students Jewish traditions and ethics that they can actualize in their daily lives. Contact Lisa Richman, [lrichman@tbhbe.org](mailto:lrichman@tbhbe.org) for more information. (See page 6 for more information)

### SUKKAH BUILD | HOSTED BY MEN'S CLUB

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 | 9:00 AM**

Bagels and building our TBH-BE Sukkot! Everyone is invited to come help us construct the TBH-BE Sukkot! Make sure to wear sneakers and comfortable clothing!

\*Please also consider helping us clean up the Sukkot on October 10th at 6:00 PM - Pizza will be included.

### SIMCHAT TORAH

**SATURDAY- SUNDAY | OCTOBER 7-8**

Simchat Torah is on a weekend this year, so come party all night and all morning. Bring your dancing shoes and come celebrate with the entire community.

### WELCOME BACK SHABBAT

**FRIDAY | OCTOBER 20 | 6:00 PM**

No matter the season, TBH-BE is open to you! Come join us for our Welcome Back Shabbat and Dinner as we fall into an amazing year together! We will also be welcoming a group from Whitwell Tennessee.

### TBH-BE@65 "STORIES FROM SYNAGOGUE"

**SATURDAY | OCTOBER 21 | 9:30 AM**

Memories from our past! TBH-BE is thrilled to be celebrating our 65th anniversary. Join us on Shabbat morning as L'Chaim sponsors a Kiddush celebration in honor of the milestone. Lots of memorabilia will be available for viewing!

### BIRD WATCHING

**SUNDAY | OCTOBER 22 | 9:30 AM-11:00 AM | SHORTRIDGE MEMORIAL PARK**

**Sponsored by Sustainability@TBHBE**

Join us for a birding outing with Jason Weckstein, an ornithology professor and ornithology curator at the Museum of Natural Sciences. Let's enjoy the outdoors together during prime bird migration to learn about the amazing species that frequent our own backyard.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME BACK ONEG!

**FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 24 | 6:00 PM**

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by a Shabbat Oneg! We welcome all college students.

### NEW MEMBER HAVDALLAH

**SATURDAY | DECEMBER 9 | 5:00 PM**

### WINTER HANUKKAH CARNIVAL

**WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 13 | 6:00 PM**

Come in your best winter sweater and join us for a Hanukkah Winter Carnival. Inflatables, music, food, artists, games, and prizes. Come celebrate the 7th night of Hanukkah together!

### GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR SHABBAT?

**FRIDAY | JANUARY 12 | 6:00 PM**

Shabbat dinners nurture connections among our congregational families. This exciting program is an opportunity for everyone in our congregation to experience Shabbat dinner together. Sign up to host, or to be a guest in someone's home. Dessert will be provided by TBH-BE to all the hosts!

### PURIM EVENTS

**SATURDAY | MARCH 23** Megillah Readings

**SUNDAY | MARCH 24** Community Megillah Reading and Carnival

**9:00 AM** Family-Friendly Megillah Reading

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** Carnival open for the entire community.

*A Sensory friendly room will be available throughout the carnival.*



### MEET HAZZAN HERE! TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE!

**MONDAY | APRIL 8 | MEET AT 1:00 PM | PARTIAL TOTALITY: 1:00PM TOTALITY: 3:23 PM**

**Oswego, New York | Lakeside Park**

Get your stopwatch, binoculars, and eclipse glasses ready and join Hazzan in Oswego, New York, for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The next total solar eclipse that can be seen in the USA will be on August 23, 2044, so now's your chance! Seven planets and a comet will be visible with binoculars. No clouds allowed! (accommodations on your own)

### GALA HONORING JEN AND PAUL SHANDELMAN

**SUNDAY | APRIL 14 | 5:30 PM**

An ECC teacher for 34 years and an energizer bunny, a Jack of all trades and beer connoisseur, this power couple has elevated our synagogue to new heights and abilities. We are thrilled to honor Jen and Paul Shandelman at our 2024 Gala. Please join us for a joyful evening as together we celebrate their contributions to our community.

### BIUR HAMETZ

**MONDAY | APRIL 22 | 9:00 AM**

Get the family out of the house before that long seder! Join us in the parking lot of TBH-BE to burn your hametz, listen to festive music, crafts for kids, and say the bracha.

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 15 | 6:00 PM**

Falafel, Israeli Dancing, Gaga, and more! Come join us for the 76th birthday of the State of Israel. Blue and white are encouraged. We will have a raffle of Israeli inventions that you don't want to miss out on.

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT COFFEE HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 15 | 7:30 PM | MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

**Geared toward adults**

Come listen to an evening of Israeli music while sipping on date coffee and noshing on Israeli desserts.

### TZEDAKAH GAMES

**SUNDAY | JUNE 2 | 11:00 AM**

Join us for a day of athletics and Tzedakah along with food and music. Our TBH-BE students and Men's Club team will select the charities to be the recipients of our fundraising efforts. Please join our athletics committee, our charity selection committee, or our festival/ carnival committee to create the events for the Tzedakah Games. We request your involvement in creating this event for our children and our community starting this September! Contact Josh Schachter at [jsschachter@gmail.com](mailto:jsschachter@gmail.com) for more information.

### ANNUAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 5**

### SHAVUOT

**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 12** Tikkun Leil Shavuot

**THURSDAY | JUNE 13** Tikkun Day Shavuot: Family Program





## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### THURSDAY NIGHT LEARNING SERIES

#### THURSDAY NIGHTS | 7:45 PM

Come learn from top educators in our TBH-BE community! Drop in for one, or for all, bring a friend. Non members welcome. All classes will be in person at TBH-BE.

#### OCTOBER 12, 19, 26

**It's Hard to be a Human: We will look at Rabbinic texts about the human condition, its reality, and aspirations.**

*Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky* is the senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

#### NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16

**Origins of the Divergent Sephardic and Ashkenazic Approaches to Jewish Law**

*Talya Fishman* received her BA from Wesleyan University, her MA from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and her PhD from Harvard University. As an intellectual and cultural historian in Penn's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, she studies developments in Jewish culture between the 9th and 18th centuries within their broader Christian or Muslim contexts.

#### DECEMBER 7, 14, 21

**It Doesn't Start with a Book: A Workshop on How to Pray: Theology is the mind's articulation of truth that the heart already knows-yet most of us are unfamiliar with our own internal dynamics as prayers. Building towards a sincere and personal relationship with God, we will work at looking inward to search our hearts for what we want to say.**

*Rabbi Chaim Galfand* is the school Rabbi for Perelman Jewish Day School.

#### JANUARY 4, 11, 18

**Sibling Rivalry in the Torah: Models of Cooperation and Competition: In this text-study class, we will read and discuss the Torah stories of Rachel and Leah, Joseph and his brothers, and Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Although these stories may already be familiar to some of you, I hope to deepen understanding and appreciation of the Torah texts by integrating traditional and modern commentaries and by focusing on the lens of sibling cooperation and competition.**

*Rabbi Lisa Malik* is a dual degree graduate from the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts and Sciences and Wharton Business School. She earned a Ph.D. in Education Administration and Policy Analysis at Stanford University, served as the Education Director of a synagogue supplementary school in San Francisco, and was a Brand Management executive at Procter & Gamble. Rabbi Malik served as the Rabbi of SJCC-Bnai Aaron, and Temple Beth Ahm.

#### FEBRUARY 15, 22, 29

**The Bible and Popular Music: The Bible lurks in the background of Western civilization and modern culture, sometimes making a bold appearance and sometimes only recognized by the initiated. Why is this?**

**This course will focus on the role of the Bible in/on popular music. We will explore the use of the Bible as inspiration and content in music by many artists, including Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, The Grateful Dead, Leonard Cohen, Regina Spektor and more**

*Professor Alison Joseph (she/her)* is the Director of Digital Projects at the Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization. She is also an active teacher, public lecturer, and life-long camper. She received her Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and her MA in Jewish Studies from Emory University.

#### MARCH 7, 14, 21

**The Torah of Inclusion: Jewish Perspectives on Gender Identity**

*Anna Caplan (they/she)* received a BA at Harvard, where they studied comparative literature and engaged in Jewish life and the performing arts. They have since spent over 12 years working as a Jewish educator, nonprofit leader, and entrepreneur.

#### APRIL 4, 11, 18

**The Jews and the Emperors: It is not surprising that the rabbis had something to say about Roman emperors; it is surprising that they claim to have actually met and talked with Roman emperors. We will look at these strange interactions and what they tell us about Jews' views of Rome, Gentiles, and secular authorities.**

*Professor Adam Gregerman, Ph.D.,* is Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and Associate Director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at Saint Joseph's University.

#### MAY 2, 9, 16

**Using Jewish teachings and wisdom to heal our broken discourse.**

*Rabbi Mike Uram* is the first ever Chief Jewish Learning Officer for Jewish Federations of North America. Previously, he served as the Chief Vision and Education Officer for Pardes North America. Before that, Mike led Penn Hillel as the Executive Director and Campus Rabbi for over 16 years. He is the author of the best-selling book entitled, *Next Generation Judaism: How College Students and Hillel Can Help Reinvent Jewish Organizations.*

## DADS AND DISCUSSIONS

**SUNDAYS | 8:00 PM | OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 19, JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 11, APRIL 7**

All TBH-BE dads are invited! Join Rabbi Witkovsky for an evening of drinks, light learning, and community.

## ROSH CHODESH

**TUESDAYS | 7:00 PM | HOSTED BY CYNTHIA SALTZMAN AND SUSAN SCHMIDT**

**OCTOBER 17, NOVEMBER 14, DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 6, MARCH 12, APRIL 9, MAY 7**

### **Sponsored by Sisterhood**

Please join us for Rosh Chodesh, the Jewish celebration of the New Moon. The Sisterhood sponsors a gathering for women to sing, light ritual candles, enjoy refreshments, read poetry, and hear a guest speaker talk on a Jewish theme that is often personal or autobiographical, scholarly, historical, or holiday related. It's a time for warmth, friendship, and relaxation as we mark time together with purpose and joy.

## 2023/2024 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB LIST

**Contact Wendy Santoro at [wendysantoro48@gmail.com](mailto:wendysantoro48@gmail.com) with any questions.**

**WEDNESDAYS | 1:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 8** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Gamus

**DECEMBER 13** *And How Are the Children?: Timeless Lessons from the Frontlines of Motherhood* by Marjorie Margolis

**FEBRUARY 14** *The Postcard* by Anne Berest

**MARCH 13** *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver

**MAY 8** *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict

**JUNE 5** *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

## BANNED \* CENSORED \* JEWISH BOOKS IN AMERICA

**SUNDAY | OCTOBER 15 | 9:15 AM**

### **Presented by TBH-BE Sisterhood and Men's Club**

Join us for a panel discussion on banned, censored, and Jewish books in America. Presenters include Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky (Rabbi of TBH-BE), Dr. Zev Eleff (President of Gratz College), Suzanne Nahamo Saltzberg (Bala Cynwyd Librarian), and Mitchell Kievan (Esq.).

## MEN'S CLUB BOOK CLUB

**MONTHLY | EVENINGS**

If you are interested in joining and/or learning more about the book club, please reach out to David Galinsky at [davidgmd@comcast.net](mailto:davidgmd@comcast.net).

## "WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?"

**Taught by Rabbi Alan Iser**

**MONDAYS | OCTOBER 23, 30, NOVEMBER 6 | 8:00 PM | ZOOM ONLY**

## MY STORY, WHY I CARE SO MUCH ABOUT JEWISH WORK IN ETHIOPIA, UKRAINE & ISRAEL

**SIGAL KANOTOPSKY**

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4**

Sigal joined The Jewish Agency for Israel in 2021 as the Regional Director of the Northeast Region. Based in Philadelphia, Sigal is responsible for building lasting partnerships and cultivating meaningful relationships between professionals and programs of The Jewish Agency its partners and philanthropists. Sigal also oversees the engagement of the Shlichim to the region and was featured in JPost's 50 Most Influential Jews of 2022.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: ITS IMPACT ON JUDAISM AND BEYOND

**SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE | DR. DAVID ZVI KALMAN**

**FRIDAY NIGHT | NOVEMBER 17**

Dr. David Zvi Kalman was Scholar in Residence and Director of New Media at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, where he was also a member of the inaugural cohort of North American David Hartman Center Fellows. David Zvi leads the Kogod Research Center's research seminar on Judaism and the Natural World. David Zvi holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from the University of Toronto. His research touches on Jewish law, the history of technology, technology and ethics, material culture, and Islamic jurisprudence. He is the owner of Print-O-Craft Press and the KLMNOPS art house.





## HEBREW ACROSS AMERICA

**SUNDAYS | 9:00 AM | OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 5, 12, DECEMBER 3, 10, JANUARY 7**

Introductory course for Hebrew decoding and reading.

## T'FILAH CLASS 101

**SUNDAYS | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | NOVEMBER 5, 12 DECEMBER 10**

This is a techniques class. Come build T'filah skills and knowledge as we explore the profound effects that T'filah can have on situations that directly affect our lives.

## CONGREGATIONAL TORATHON

**SATURDAY | JANUARY 20 | 7:00 PM**

Join us for an evening of learning and discovery at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El's Torathon 2024. This continues a wonderful TBH-BE tradition, a one night learning experience featuring scintillating Jewish scholarship coupled with the exploration of current and relevant topics. This year's program will feature distinguished scholars, rabbis, and subject-matter experts. The Torathon Committee is putting together a wonderful lineup, and we look forward to sharing it with you soon.

## JUDAISM 2.0

**SUNDAY NIGHTS | 8:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 12, DECEMBER 17, JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY 4, MARCH 10**

I know about Hanukkah and lighting Shabbat candles, that we are supposed to read the Torah and believe in one God...but what's next? If you've ever had that thought, Judaism 2.0 is just for you!

## OLD HOLIDAYS/NEW TAKES

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Witkovsky

**\$36 per person, per lunch**

**WEDNESDAYS | 12:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 20** Asara B'Tevet

**FEBRUARY 21** Purim Katan

**MAY 22** Pesach Sheni

## PAMELA RAE SCHULLER

**FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9**

**Dinner and conversation**

Join us for Jewish Disability and Inclusion Month as we hear from internationally known disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian, Pamela Rae Schuller as she shares stories of growing up in a body she had no control over. You may have seen her on Netflix, Doctor Mike Videos, or NBC, where she has shared her stories that are engaging, powerful, a little bit heart-wrenching, and unapologetically funny.



## ISRAELI MUSIC SERIES

**MONDAYS | MARCH 4, 11, 18 | 8:00 PM-9:00 PM | ZOOM ONLY**

Israel has a musical soundtrack, and music is virtually inseparable from Israeli life. Join Shirley Cohen, Israeli music expert and TBH-BE Youth Choir Director and Religious School Music Specialist, as she presents sessions on selected topics in Israeli popular music. Learn about the stories behind the songs and the artists who perform them, as well as how the songs are reflective of Israeli historical and cultural trends. Themes will include The Jewish Soul of Israeli Music, Israeli Quarantine Tunes, Women in Israeli Music, Israeli Popular Music, Shir HaShirim, Mourning and Remembrance, and Nationalism in Israeli Popular Music.

**Catering & Party Platters Available for Any Occasion**



**Vegetarian  
Mediterranean  
Kosher  
Cuisine**



**215-878-1500**

[www.shalompizzeria.com](http://www.shalompizzeria.com) • [shalompizza@yahoo.com](mailto:shalompizza@yahoo.com) Bishul, Cholev and Pas Misroed



## ADULT PROGRAMMING

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### WHISKEY JAM CONCERT

**THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | 7:00 PM**

Whiskey Jam is back! Come out for an evening on the lawn with friends, snacks and refreshments, a whiskey bar, and fun music!

### PATRON FALL EVENT

**WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 | 7:00 PM | OFF-SITE | RSVP FOR MORE DETAILS**

Please join us in preparing for a sweet new year at a cocktail and dessert reception for our Patron and prospective Patron\* community. Rabbi Witkovsky will share a l'chaim and some High Holiday wisdom with us, as together we reconnect.

*\*We welcome congregants who are considering becoming Patrons to this special reception.*

*Please join us to learn about this philanthropic opportunity.*

### MEN'S CLUB SCOTCH N' STEAK

**THURSDAY | OCTOBER 5 | 7:00 PM**

Nothing more needs to be said. Scotch and Steak, oh yeah, and some friends as well. See you there!

### 40's-60's SINGLE SOCIAL

**SUNDAY | JANUARY 7**

### COME SING WITH US

**TUESDAYS | 8:00 PM**

**1ST PERFORMANCE: NOVEMBER 11 | REHEARSALS: OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 7**

**2ND PERFORMANCE: MARCH 9 | REHEARSALS: FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 5**

**3RD PERFORMANCE: JUNE 1 | REHEARSALS: MAY 7, 21**

An opportunity to sing, be with friends, and bring music to the TBH-BE community. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Eisen at [am.we.ei26@gmail.com](mailto:am.we.ei26@gmail.com).

### "WHO KNOWS ONE?"

**SATURDAY | DECEMBER 9**

**Open to all TBH-BE adults**

"Who Knows One?" Is a hilarious show that has become a cultural hit in the Jewish community, reuniting old friends and creating new ones with an innovative game that combines Six Degrees of Separation and Jewish geography. Now, the creator of Who Knows One? Is bringing the live show experience to Beth Hillel-Beth El! Come see how we're all connected to each other and share a few laughs along the way—and maybe even be a part of the show yourself! Book a babysitter or rideshare now and join us!

### CRAFTS AND CHARCUTERIE CLASS

**TUESDAY NIGHTS | 7:45 PM-9:30 PM | MARCH 19, APRIL 16, MAY 14, JUNE 4**

**\$118 for the entire series**

Interested in crafts? Love social time with friends? Need an evening away from the kids—and maybe even the spouse? Come for a series of arts and crafts, a little learning, eating, and friends! Create your own charcuterie set to be used to host your own future events that your new friends will come too!





## FAMILY PROGRAMS

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### MAGIC MOMENTS

**THURSDAYS | 11:00 AM | FOR 12-26 MONTHS**

**FRIDAYS | 11:00 AM | FOR 0-18 MONTHS**

**See website for dates and to RSVP**

The Magic Moments program, led by former Kindergarten teacher Amy Botel, provides an opportunity to meet other parents who are looking for ways to connect with other adults interested in spending quality time with their child. The warm and welcoming Magic Moments environment encourages independent play and socialization for the very young child. Age-appropriate art projects are designed for parents and children to create together. Adult discussions about nutrition, sleep habits, and toilet training (among others) can help you weather the ever-changing needs of your young toddler. Circle time includes songs, books, and movement activities.

### YOUNG FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT

**FRIDAYS | 5:15 PM**

**OCTOBER 27, NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 8, MARCH 8, APRIL 12, MAY 17, JUNE 21**

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

Dancing, singing, eating and prayer! Join us for young family Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinners.

### YOUNG FAMILY SUKKAH DINNER

**TUESDAY | OCTOBER 3 | 5:15 PM**

Come join us for crafts, activities, and dinner.

### FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT DAY

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Free family photo shoot! Always wanting to get a professional family photo though never have the time to organize it? We've done it for you! Set up a time to come to TBH-BE for your family photo shoot. 30-minute free photo sessions; you just pay for the prints if you want them. Reserve a time at [www.tbhbe.org](http://www.tbhbe.org)

# PIZZA ON THE PLAYGROUND

JOIN OTHER TBH-BE PARENTS AND THEIR YOUTH WHEN THE ECC IS OFF FOR THE DAY!



### PIZZA ON THE PLAYGROUND

**10:00 AM-12:00 PM | PIZZA SERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:25 AM**

**NOVEMBER 7 (TUESDAY), JANUARY 23 (TUESDAY), MAY 16 (THURSDAY)**

Join other TBH-BE parents and their youth when the ECC is off for the day! Pizza and playground equipment provided! Please sign up in advance so we can get a pizza count.

*\*Canceled in the event of bad weather*

### YOUNG FAMILY HAVDALLAH

**SATURDAY | JANUARY 6 | 5:00 PM**

Happy New Year! Join us for Havdallah, snacks and activities as we celebrate the first Havdallah after the New Year together.



## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH

**WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 4 | 6:15 PM**

*For 5th-8th graders*

Come learn how to roll your own sushi in the Sukkah!

### YOUTH EVENT OFFSITE

*For 6th-8th graders*

**SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10**

### BONFIRE!

**SATURDAY | MAY 18**

*For 6th-8th graders | Offsite*

Come enjoy a night out! Bonfire, campground games, and lots of sweets!

### PIZZA MOVIE SUNDAYS!

**SUNDAYS | 12:30 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 10** Veggie Tales/Jonah (4th+)

**OCTOBER 15** Sandlot (4th+)

**NOVEMBER 12** American Tale (4th+)

**DECEMBER 10** Full Court Miracle (2nd+)

**DECEMBER 10** Gilorim Ketanim (5th+)

**JANUARY 28** Lorax (3rd+)

**FEBRUARY 11** Prayer with Lior or Wonder (5th+)

**MARCH 17** Like Mike (5th+)

**APRIL 14** Prince of Egypt (all ages)

**Fee: \$5 per child, per movie**

There is an extensive catalog of amazing movies your children have to see! Please contact Lisa Richman if you have any questions.

### JOURNEY PROGRAM

#### 4TH GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5 | 11:00 AM**

It has become our custom to assign Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates three years in advance. This process begins with a meeting to discuss the logistics alongside a 4th grade program debriefing the movie "A Mitzvah Machine." Parents and students will come together following the movie.

#### 5th GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | MARCH 3 | 11:00 AM**

The importance of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Bar/Bat Mitzvah Project

#### 6TH GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3 | 11:00 AM**

Kol Yisrael Arayvim Za Baze:

All of Israel is responsible for one another, friendship, and community

#### 6TH GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | JANUARY 28 | 11:00 AM**

**SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 11 | 9:00 AM**

Participation in the Worldwide Wrap Tefillin Mitzvot Workshop

#### 6TH GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | MARCH 3 | 11:00 AM**

D'var Torah Workshop

#### 7TH GRADE SESSION

**SUNDAY | MAY 19 | 9:00 AM**

M'Shaneh et Habriot – Individuality: "Where do I go from here?"



## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### HANUKKAH WINTER CARNIVAL

**WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 13**

Come help at our Hanukkah Winter Carnival! Together we will celebrate the 7th night of Hanukkah together with music, food, artists, games and prizes.

### PURIM CARNIVAL

**SUNDAY | MARCH 24 | 9:00 AM**

*For 7th-12th graders*

Middle School and High School volunteers are needed to help run the carnival for our younger guests. The carnival will be open from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM for the entire community.

### YOM HA'ATZMAUT

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 15 | 6:00 PM**

Help run booths for our Yom Ha' Atzmaut celebration.

### TZEDAKAH GAMES

**SUNDAY | JUNE 2 | 11:00 AM**

Help run activities for our Tzedakah game celebration.





# 2023/2024 | 5784 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sign up today | [www.tbhbe.org/event/confirmation5784](http://www.tbhbe.org/event/confirmation5784)



## TEEN PROGRAMMING

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### 10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS | C IS FOR COOKIE AND CONFIRMATION!

**SUNDAYS | 6:30 PM**

**OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 10, JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 10, APRIL 14** (10:00 AM BRUNCH), **MAY 19, JUNE 7** (6:00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER), **JUNE 8** (9:30 AM SATURDAY CONFIRMATION)

Confirmation at TBH-BE is open to all 2023/2024 10th graders. It is an opportunity to continue one's Jewish journey by reflecting on and learning about Jewish values and ethics. We expect that our Confirmation students will work to build and shape a Jewish identity they are confident and proud of in the years to come. Please reach out to Hallie Chandler or Lisa Richman if you are interested. For our students at Barrack, LMAHH and Gratz: This is a fantastic opportunity to learn with your community, clergy, and educators, and we will work to not overlap any material you have studied at school. We strongly encourage you to participate with the class. There will be a lot of cookie-making (to give away and eat, of course)!

### TEEN TIE-DYE EVENT

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 23 | 7:45 PM**

You can't go wrong when you're being messy! Snacks, sweets, tie-dye, and a 60s movie with friends and/or friends-to-be. Feel free to bring non-TBH-BE friends as well!

### TEEN SHABBAT DINNER

**FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 3 | 6:00 PM**

### NEW YORK CITY TEEN TRIP!

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 17 | 6:45 AM | DEPARTURE FROM 30TH STREET STATION**

**\$250 per teen. Limited spots. RSVP today!**

From Ellis Island to Skid Row, come learn about our heritage, the history of immigration, and what happens when you feed the plants. Little Shop of Horrors, NYC pizza, deli, and more!



## TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TBHBE.ORG](http://WWW.TBHBE.ORG) TO RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### MITZVAH MORNING

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 10**

As we recognize our commitments to Teshuva, Tefillah, and Tzedakah in preparations for the Yamim Noraim, please join us for one of the following Mitzvot opportunities prior to the chaggim.

#### REVERSE TASHLICH

A innovative environmental practice that reimagines the traditional Jewish ritual of Tashlich to confront the modern issue of pollution. Tashlich, traditionally observed during the High Holidays, involves symbolically casting away sins or transgressions into a body of water. In Reverse Tashlich, instead of casting away sins, participants come together to remove these harmful pollutants from the water, fostering a sense of responsibility and stewardship for the environment.

#### SUKKAH BUILD

**9:00 AM | SEE PAGE 15 FOR MORE DETAILS**

#### FIRST RESPONDER CARE PACKAGES

For RS students at Religious School

#### RISE AGAINST HUNGER

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 19 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | RSVP REQUIRED**

##### *Ella Hoffman's Diller Teen Foundation project*

While long-term food security projects take root, communities facing hunger need to meet their basic needs today. We will come together to package meals to help serve this need through Rise Against Hunger. It starts with a meal, and it starts with you! This event is also a great way to involve your family and children, ages four and up.

#### MLK DAY OF SERVICE

**MONDAY | JANUARY 15 | 10:00 AM**

With projects in-house, we will join together to participate in a day of service celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. If you are interested in sitting on the MLK day of service committee, please reach out to Hallie Chandler at [hchandler@tbhbe.org](mailto:hchandler@tbhbe.org)

#### RESPONSE TO HUNGER

##### **MONTHLY**

Created in May 2009, this initiative was to provide much-needed meals for low-income, elderly, and challenged adults who live in the surrounding areas of the synagogue. Due to the closure of the Kosher Meals on Wheels program, the Response to Hunger Initiative has tried to fill some of the desperate need. Our meals are prepared and delivered at the end of each month to aid our recipients while they are waiting for their next social security check to arrive. Please contact Steve Schwartz at [steve@sschwartzcpa.com](mailto:steve@sschwartzcpa.com) with any questions.

#### COOK FOR A FRIEND

##### **MONTHLY**

The Cook for a Friend program is a community based program comprised of more than 500 volunteers who prepare and cook meals for home bound seniors. Please contact Sam Brint at [vibrint@aol.com](mailto:vibrint@aol.com) for more information.

#### SOUP FOR THE SOUL

##### **AS NEEDED**

Each month or so, a small team gathers in our synagogue kitchen to cook 30-40 quarts of soup. The soup is frozen and delivered, as needed, to members recovering from illness, childbirth, or completing a period of mourning. Please contact Rachel Dunaief at [rachjoshd@gmail.com](mailto:rachjoshd@gmail.com) for more details.



TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL

# SOUP FOR THE SOUL





## MEET THE TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL STAFF



**MATTHEW AMMON**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**GENE BRITTINGHAM**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
FOR FACILITIES



**HALLIE CHANDLER**  
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**NEIL COOPER**  
RABBI EMERITUS



**DARNELL CLARK**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**JAMES DENARD**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**ARLENE GOLDBERG**  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



**SARAHANN GOLDSTEIN**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR  
MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE



**RANDI GROSSEL**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



**GINGER GWINN**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**KEN KRIVITZKY**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PHOTO NOT  
AVAILABLE

**FRAN LAMB**  
BOOKKEEPER



**JAMES MOODY**  
RECEPTIONIST



**KEITH NICHOLS**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**LISA RICHMAN**  
DIRECTOR OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



**EUGENE ROSNER**  
CANTOR



**JUDITH MONT SCARANI**  
DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY  
CHILDHOOD CENTER



**AVA STEIN**  
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR



**GLENN WATSON**  
FACILITIES STAFF



**ETHAN WITKOVSKY**  
RABBI





## MEET THE B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS



### EMILY HOFFMAN

October 28, 2023 | Parsha Kedoshim

**Mitzvah Project** Emily is baking for donations for Magen David Adom

**Fun fact** She loves to be an all around athletic kid and spend time with family.



### RACHEL REESE

November 11, 2023 | Parsha Toldot

**Mitzvah Project** Rachel is raising money for Home at Last, a no-kill shelter, meaning they don't kill any dogs that have not been adopted. She created a fundraiser called Strings for Strays where she sells string bracelets and donates 100% of the money to Home at Last.

**Fun fact** Rachel loves traveling to new places and learning about different cultures.



### ETHAN SWICHAR

December 2, 2023 | Parsha Vayishlach

**Mitzvah Project** Ethan is volunteering to walk and socialize with rescue dogs in need for the Saved Me Rescue organization.

**Fun fact** Ethan enjoys playing baseball.



### MARGOT LEWIS

January 13, 2024 | Parsha Vayerah

**Mitzvah Project** Margot is driving awareness and raising money for SCOPE, an organization that sends children to summer camp who may not otherwise have the opportunity. She is passionate about camp and is excited to be able to help other children have the same experience.

**Fun fact** One of Margot's favorite hobbies is puzzles. She is always working on a 1000+ piece puzzle.



### MARISA GELLER

January 20, 2024 | Parsha Bo

**Mitzvah Project** Marisa created beautiful hand painted dog and cat bowls to help with the adoption of these animals at Paws Crossed Animal Rescue.

**Fun fact** Marisa loves art and animals, that's why she chose the combination for her Mitzvah project!



### DAHLIA GAVRIN

February 3, 2024 | Parsha Vayetze

**Mitzvah Project** Dahlia is raising money for a local animal rescue by challenging herself to take 10,000 practice hockey shots to improve her skills, teach herself hard work, and discipline.

**Fun fact** Dahlia has 2 sisters, 3 step-siblings, her Dad, Mom, and Pete, all of whom she loves so much!



### NAOMI STUVIER

February 17, 2024 | Parsha Terumah

**Fun fact** Naomi loves to read books and travel.



### ASHER ZALUT

February 24, 2024 | Parsha Ki Tisa

**Mitzvah Project** Asher is volunteering with ACEing Autism, an organization which teaches tennis skills to kids with autism.

**Fun fact** Asher loves camp, tennis, reading and family game night.



### ABIGAIL PESKIN

March 16, 2024 | Parsha Pekudei

**Fun fact** Abby loves her camp, Camp Green Lane.



### LEAH GLICKMAN

April 11, 2024 | Parsha Kedoshim

**Fun fact** Leah loves theater and most recently performed with WolfPAC in the Musical, Matilda.



### JESSE KANEVSKY

May 4, 2024 | Parsha Acharei Mot

**Fun Fact** Jesse's favorite all time everything is the 76ers :)



### SADIE COHEN

May 18, 2024 | Parsha Acharei Emor

**Mitzvah Project** Sadie will be volunteering at The Wolf Performing Arts Center in Bryn Mawr, a community theater in our area.

**Fun fact** Her current passions include her overnight camp, Camp Green Lane, theater, and Taylor Swift!



### RYAN JOSHUA THOMAS

April 13, 2024 | Parsha Tazriah

**Mitzvah Project** Ryan is twinning for his Bar Mitzvah with Joszi Helprin, a boy who died in the Holocaust.

**Fun fact** Ryan loves his dogs Miley and Kodi and is a competitive gymnast.



### SERAFINA ANNABELLA GASPARI

June 1, 2024 | Parsha Bechukotai

**Mitzvah Project** Serafina is delivering challahs on Fridays with her mom.

**Fun fact** Serafina loves to spend time with her friends and family. She especially loves visiting her nana Byrd and cousins in California.

## NEIGHBORHOOD KOSHER MERCHANTS WELCOME YOU!



### HERBERT YENTIS & COMPANY REALTORS

7300 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19151

SALES | MANAGEMENT | RETAIL DEVELOPERS

215.878.7300

### LIPKIN'S BEST KOSHER BAKERY

7594 Haverford Avenue | 215.878.1127

Get your special occasion pastries, cakes and challahs!  
NEW! LIPKIN'S FAMOUS KNISHES!

### NEW YORK BAGELS

7555 Haverford Avenue | 215.878.8080

New York - style bagels.

All various toppings and spreads available.

People travel from all-over for these bagels

### SHALOM PIZZA

7598 Haverford Avenue 215.878.1500

Great kosher pizza and various food items!

Call for takeout today!



## CONTRIBUTIONS

### *THE ANNALTUS BRIGHT HORIZONS FUND*

**In loving memory of Dr. Gerry Escovitz**  
Francyn Sacks

**In loving memory of Miriam Ockman**  
Charna Axelrod

**In loving memory of Blanche Saslofsky**  
Sandy Graboyes

**In honor of the engagement of  
Jessica Kaczmarczyk to Sean Carew**  
The Sunshine Fund

**In honor of Rabbi Witkovsky & Cantor  
Rosner for Sawyer Shapiro's Bar Mitzvah**  
Cathy & Michael Schack

**In honor of the birth of  
Caleb Zeke, grandson of Darien Finder**  
Roz & Jerry Elkins

**In honor of the birth of Charlotte Raine  
Schneider and Brody Thomas Strong,  
Great Granddaughter and Great  
Grandson of Elaine and Harvey Stern**  
Elaine and Harvey Stern

**In loving memory of Bart Axelrod**  
Charna Axelrod

**In memory of  
Rhoda Sheintoch, mother of Jill Siegal**  
Jaclyn and Alan Glazer

**In loving memory of Harold U. Friedman**  
Elizabeth and David Friedman

**In honor of Jay Perlman  
being named Man of the Year**  
Jo & Sandy White

**In memory of Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Roz & Jerry Elkins

**In memory of Howard Bluth**  
Roz & Jerry Elkins

**In honor of the engagement of  
Max Finder and Eve Gutman**  
Beth Rothschild

**In honor of the engagement of  
Jacob Finder and Jessica Chow**  
Beth Rothschild

**In memory of Esther Shanfield,  
beloved mother of Gale Schnell**  
Lynne & Steve Savrin

**In honor of Louise Carafa's  
granddaughter, Ana Louise Carafa**  
Sam Busis & Family

**In honor of Bruce Feldman's Bar Mitzvah**  
Lynne & Steve Savran

### *THE ANNUAL GIVING FUND*

**In honor of Ken and Lauren Krivitzky  
being the Spring Gala Honorees**  
Robb & Nancy Foxx

**In loving memory of Herman Shickman**  
Barbara Shickman Kaye

### *CANTOR'S MUSIC EDUCATION FUND*

**In loving memory of Doris Horowitz**  
Allan Horowitz

**In loving memory of Louis Strauss**  
Gail Kessler

**In honor of Jonathan and  
Sharon Levin for their granddaughter,  
Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah**  
Lewis Hoch

**In honor of Hazzan Rosner for his  
amazing efforts for Maya's Bat Mitzvah**  
The Friedman Family

**In honor of the engagement of  
Jacob Finder to Jessica Chow**  
Howard & Francine Elgart

**In honor of the engagement of  
Max Finder to Eve Guterman**  
Howard & Francine Elgart

**In honor of the birth of  
Caleb Zeke, grandson of Darien Finder**  
Howard & Francine Elgart

**In memory of Dr. Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Norm & Holly Nelson

**In loving memory of Lillian Brucker**  
Sandy and Terry Brucker

**In loving memory of Ben Hofman**  
Ethel Hofman

**In loving memory of William Weber**  
Michael and Janine Pawlowsky

**In loving memory of Paula Pawlowsky**  
Michael and Janine Pawlowsky

**In loving memory of Simon Pawlowsky**  
Michael and Janine Pawlowsky

**In loving memory of  
Helen Gwen Weisman**  
Joy Rosenthal and Family

**In memory of Beth Rosenwald,  
sister of Amy Rosner**  
Howard & Francine Elgart  
Judith Mont Scarani  
Luci and Richard Markowitz  
Nancy and Robert Fox

**In loving memory of Tulai Lechter**  
Lynne & Ab Lechter

**In honor of Hazzan Rosner**  
Jeanette Brockman

**In memory of Joan Weiss, beloved  
mother of Jonathan Weiss**  
Judy & Joel Eisner

**In beloved memory of Sylvia Baiman**  
Stanley Baiman

**In honor of the marriage of Hannah  
Weinstein and Marine Kambara**  
Ethel Hofman

**In honor of Virginia Levin's 90th Birthday**  
Janie and Mitchell Rosen

### *CHARLOTTE & NATHAN BECKER HOLOCAUST ENDOWMENT FUND*

**In loving memory of Sally Friedland**  
The May Family

### *COLLEGE OUTREACH FUND*

**In memory of Eve Orlow**  
Lenore & David Forsted

**In memory of Arnold Kessler**  
Lenore & David Forsted

**In memory of Ruth Rothman**  
Lenore & David Forsted

**In honor of Rebecca Rittenberg's  
wedding to Evan Mintz**  
Lenore & David Forsted

**In honor of Abby Hudus' graduation  
from high school with a stellar record**  
Lenore & David Forsted

### *COOK FOR A FRIEND FUND*

**In loving memory of Gerald Creed**  
Kelly and Chaim Galfand

**In loving memory of Shirley Friedman**  
Gary Friedman

**In loving memory of Joshua Roberts**  
Judith and Lou Soslowsky

**In loving memory of Azriel Schmidt**  
Susan Schmidt

### *THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND*

**In loving memory of Betty Dion**  
Mel & Marlene Dion

**In memory of Michael Belman,  
beloved husband of Cookie Belman**  
Mel & Marlene Dion

**In honor of Miss Beverly  
being an amazing ECC teacher**  
Alan & Elizabeth Legatt



**In honor of Maya Friedman  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah**

Susan Schmidt

**In honor of Aviva Gregerman  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah**

Susan Schmidt

***THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND***

**In loving memory of Eva Iser**

Rabbi Alan Iser

**In memory of Michael Belman,  
beloved husband of Cookie Belman**

TBH-BE Board of Directors

Jeff & Barb Bookman

**In memory of Arnold Kessler,  
beloved husband of Naomi Kessler**

TBH-BE Board of Directors

Jeff & Barb Bookman

**In memory of Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**

Marcia & Scott Glickman

***THE DINA GOLDSTONE  
MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND***

**In loving memory of Edie Yentis**

Jeff & Stefanie Goldstone

***THE HESED FUND***

**In honor of the engagement of  
Max Finder to Eve Guterman**

Mitchell & Janie Rosen

**In honor of the engagement of  
Dave to Lisa Haggerty**

Mitchell & Janie Rosen

**In honor of the Leeds family  
double aufruf for Melanie & Daniel**

Mitchell & Janie Rosen

**In loving memory of Jerry Bork**

Rachel & Josh Dunaief

***HONORS AND MEMORIAL FUND***

**In loving memory of Bruce Zweben**

Mark & Debra Zweben

**In loving memory of Rhea Asher**

Joel & Judith Eisner

**In loving memory of Maurice Asher**

Joel & Judith Eisner

**In loving memory of Steven Asher**

Joel & Judith Eisner

**In loving memory of Elaine Wachs Mills**

Saul & Sharona Wachs

**In loving memory of Herbert M. Miller**

Norma Munin

**In loving memory of Elinor Buten Jacobs**

Norma Munin

**In loving memory of Nettie Kaye**

Howard & Barbara Kaye

**In loving memory of Mitchell Brucker**

Alexander Brucker

**In honor of Susan and Lewis Gantman  
for their tremendous friendship**

Randy & Lisa Maniloff

**In loving memory of Joseph Gottfried**

Jerry & Wendy Santoro

**In loving memory of Ida Sharf**

Norma Munin

**In loving memory of Barbara Wachs**

Saul Wachs

**In loving memory of Branna Sharf**

Norma Munin

**In loving memory of  
Benjamin Abramson**

Joyce & Ron Liebman

**In loving memory of Marcia Fineman**

Jo & Sandy White

**In loving memory of  
Dr. Russell Stumacher**

The Stumacher Family

**In loving memory of Michael Ufberg**

David & Leslie Ufberg

**In loving memory of Reba Spector**

Barbara & Gene Spector

**In loving memory of Miriam Rose**

Matthew Rose

**In loving memory of Herbert Brown**

Dotty & Larry Brown

**In loving memory of Constance Hindels**

Dotty & Larry Brown

**In loving memory of Irving Benson**

Bonnie & Marc Zimmerman

**In loving memory of Lilyan Kennett**

Bonnie & Marc Zimmerman

**In loving memory of Sam Rein**

Michele & Mark Helfaer

**In memory of Dr. Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**

Holly & Norm Nelson

Jill & Elliot Kaplan

Bonnie & Marc Zimmerman

**In honor of the 99th birthday  
of Manny Weinstein**

Tricia & Arthur Thurm

**In loving memory of Philip Bolts**

Irene & David Bolts

**In appreciation for  
Barb Bookman's Presidency**

Wendy & Peter Spitzer

**In loving memory of Anita Freedman**

Paul Freedman

**In memory of Rhoda Sheintoch,  
beloved mother of Jill Siegal**

Lois & Jerry Markowitz

**In honor of Francine and  
Howard Elgarts' new grandson**

Wendy & Peter Spitzer

**In memory of Sylvia Baiman,  
beloved wife of Stanley Baiman**

Laura & Phillip Recoon

**In honor of the 50th anniversary of  
Steven and Barbara Gilbert**

Connie Gottlieb

**In memory of Mildred Kessler,  
beloved mother of Sherrie Ritterman**

Jo & Sandy White

**In memory of Michael Belman,  
beloved husband of Cookie Belman**

Jo & Sandy White

**In memory of Edward Levin,  
beloved son of Virginia Levin**

Jo & Sandy White

**In memory of Nehemiya Norman  
Engelsberg, beloved brother of  
Marilyn Fogel and Herb Engelsberg**

Jo & Sandy White

**In honor of the birth of  
Sadie Goldberg, granddaughter of  
Randy and Howard Goldberg**

Jo & Sandy White

**In memory of Michael Krikorian,  
beloved father of Maureen Winograd**

Jo & Sandy White

**In honor of the baby naming  
of Eva Pearl, granddaughter of  
Lewis and Jean Rothstein**

Jill & Elliot Kaplan

Barbara Shotz

**In honor of Ryan Stumacher's  
Confirmation and D'Var Torah**

Bonnie & Marc Zimmerman

***IRWIN SHIP ADULT EDUCATION FUND***

**In loving memory of Sarah Engelsberg**

Alan & Marilyn Fogel

**In memory of Michael Belman,  
beloved husband of Cookie Belman**

Linda Zacher

**In memory of Arnold Kessler,  
beloved husband of Naomi Kessler**

Linda Zacher

**In honor of the birth of Max Alfred Fox,  
grandson of Andy & Sharon Alloy**

Linda Zacher

**In honor of the Leeds family  
double aufruf for Melanie & Daniel**

Susan Schmidt

**In Memory of Yeshayahu Ben-Ari,  
beloved brother of Naomi Friedman**  
Marilyn & Alan Fogel

**In memory of Rosalie August,  
beloved mother of Ina August**  
Sharon & Mark Raivetz

**In honor of  
Maya Friedman's Bat Mitzvah**  
Rena & Josh Kopelman

**In memory of Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Luci & Richard Markowitz

**In honor of Barb Bookman's Presidency**  
Esther Stern-Bloom & Benjamin Bloom

**In honor of Aviva Gregerman  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah**  
Luci & Richard Markowitz

**In honor of Caleb Kirschen  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah**  
Luci & Richard Markowitz

**In memory of Eva Orlow**  
Luci & Richard Markowitz

**In honor of Sara Cohen's 95th birthday**  
Esther Stern-Bloom & Benjamin Bloom

**In honor of  
Barbara Margulis' special birthday**  
Marilyn & Alan Fogel

***THE RABBI NEIL AND LORI COOPER  
ISRAEL ADVOCACY FUND***

**In memory of Eve Orlow**  
Rochelle & Nelson Wolf

**For a refuah shelmah for Lori Cooper**  
Judy & Joel Eisner

**In honor of the engagement of  
Max Finder and Eve Gutman**  
Bonnie & Mitchell Benson

**In honor of the engagement of  
Jacob Finder and Jessica Chow**  
Bonnie & Mitchell Benson

***JOEY FISCHER & MARLENE FISCHER  
PERRY MEDITATION GARDEN FUND***

**In memory of Sylvia Baiman,  
beloved wife of Stanley Baiman**  
Howard Morse

***THE KIDDUSH FUND***

**In memory of Dr. Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Amy & Michael Elkins

**In honor of  
Ruth Rosenberg and Robin Kudisch**  
Amy & Michael Elkins

***L'CHAIM GROUP FUND***

**In loving memory of Robert Benson**  
Estelle Benson

**In loving memory of Miriam Silverman**  
Ruth Hattler

**In honor of Marilyn Roseman's  
complete & speedy recovery**  
Stuart & Elaine Beck

**In loving memory of Mary Yentis Susner**  
Jackie & George Goldstone

**In loving memory of Dina Goldstone**  
Jackie & George Goldstone

***MEN'S CLUB FUND***

**In honor of Lester Shapiro**  
Frances Novack

**In honor of Richard Stutman's 50th  
anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah**  
Francine & Howard Elgart

***PRAYER BOOK FUND***

**In honor of Joseph and Carol  
Davis' 50th wedding anniversary**  
Neil & Ellen Moscow

**In honor of the 10th wedding  
anniversary of Stephanie Gantman  
Kaplan and Robert Kaplan**  
Neil & Ellen Moscow

**In memory of Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Marc Gold & Sharon Stumacher Gold

**In memory of Esther Shanfield,  
beloved mother of Gale Schnell**  
Ruth Hattler

***RABBI ETHAN WITKOVSKY'S  
DISCRETIONARY FUND***

**In honor and appreciation of  
Rabbi Adler**  
Saul & Cathy Behar

**In honor of  
Diane and Douglas Berson's health**  
Marc & Bonnie Zimmerman

**In loving memory of Harry Greenwald**  
Ethel Hofman

**In loving memory of Harvey Steinhart**  
Rob Steinhart

**In loving memory of Gerda Behr**  
Luci Markowitz

**In loving memory of Doris Horowitz**  
Allan Horowitz

**In loving memory of Rosalie Silverman**  
Sheila Dardik

**In memory of Michael Belman,  
beloved husband of Cookie Belman**  
Saul & Sandie Clair

**In memory of Arnold Kessler,  
beloved husband of Naomi Kessler**  
Saul & Sandie Clair

**In honor of Ken and Lauren Krivitzky  
being the Spring Gala Honorees**  
Ben & Susan Stein

**In honor of the birth of  
Noah Daniel Lustgarten**  
Jacqueline Lustgarten

**In honor of Ryan Stumacher  
on his confirmation**  
Marc Gold & Sharon Stumacher Gold  
Marilyn & Bob Steiner

**In honor of Rabbi Witkovsky for Liora  
and Lila Schachter's Baby Naming**  
Sakofs & Schachter Families

**In loving memory of Martha Marmon**  
Jeff Marmon & Lisa Richman

**In loving memory of Bruce Marmon**  
Jeff Marmon & Lisa Richman

**In loving memory of Howard Paul**  
Denise & Greg Marks

**In loving memory of Beatrice Levavi**  
Michael & Rachel Kerman

**In loving memory of  
Pauline Gerstenhaber**  
Murray Gerstenhaber

**In loving memory of Herbert Seidel**  
Robin & David Oriel

**In loving memory of Leon Hoffman**  
Sandy & Jerry Hoffman

**In loving memory of Sam Fogel**  
Alan & Marilyn Fogel

**In loving memory of Rhoda Apple**  
Jo Steinhart

**In loving memory of Helen Steinhart**  
Rob Steinhart

**In appreciation of  
Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky**  
Judith & Oren Friedman

**In honor of the 99th birthday of  
Manny Weinstein**  
Wendy & Steve Hart

**In loving memory of Morris Galinsky**  
Beth & David Galinsky

**In loving memory of Melvin Marks**  
Susan & Louis Marks

**For a refuah shlemah for Elli Weinstein**  
Nancy & Robert Fox

**For a refuah shlemah for Lori Cooper**  
Nancy & Robert Fox

**In beloved memory of Sylvia Baiman**  
Stanley Baiman

**In honor of Aviva Gregerman  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah**  
Esther Stern-Bloom & Benjamin Bloom

**In appreciation of  
Luci and Richard Markowitz**  
Virginia Levin

**In appreciation of Talya Fishman,  
Max and Ellisheva Apple**  
Virginia Levin

**In appreciation of Shabbat honors**  
Amy & Ellis Eisen

**In memory of Sidney Parmet,  
beloved father of Yoni Parmet**  
Cheryl & Neil Shusterman

***RABBI MARSHALL J. MALTZMAN CAMP  
RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

**In loving memory of Ernest Lippmann**  
Michael & Julie Lippmann

**In loving memory of Charles Raivetz**  
Sharon & Mark Raivetz

**In loving memory of Blanche Saslofsky**  
Sharon & Mark Raivetz

**In loving memory of Martin Bronstein**  
Joyanna Horn

**In loving memory of Eve Orlow**  
Rachel Cogon

***RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND***

**In honor of the 2023 Confirmation Class**  
Marc Gold & Sharon Stumacher Gold

**In honor of  
Sylvia Neff's beautiful torah reading**  
Francine & Howard Elgart

**In honor of Howard Vigderman's  
beautiful torah reading**  
Francine & Howard Elgart

**In honor of the  
Confirmation of Ryan Stumacher**  
Beth Rothschild

**In honor of the  
Confirmation of Eve Alimansky**  
Beth Rothschild

**In honor of the  
Confirmation of Sophie Krivitzky**  
Beth Rothschild

**In honor of  
Maya Friedman's Bat Mitzvah**  
Beth Rothschild

***RESPONSE TO HUNGER FUND***

**In loving memory of Dorothy Segall**  
Jerry & Wendy Santoro

**In loving memory of Ernest Blumenthal**  
Rickie Blumenthal

***SISTERHOOD FUND***

**In loving memory of Helen Ganzfried**  
Marc Gold & Sharon Stumacher Gold

**In honor of Debbie Greenberg  
on her son Aaron's engagement**  
Robin & Howard Zwick

**In memory of Marc Surkin,  
beloved husband of Sheryl Surkin**  
Hennie & Jeff Shore

**In memory of Rhoda Sheintoch,  
beloved mother of Jill Siegal**  
Hennie & Jeff Shore

**In memory of Esther Shanfield,  
beloved mother of Gale Schnall**  
Bonnie & Mitchell Benson

**In appreciation of Janie Rosen**  
Sarah Sherman Poncz

**In honor of Barb Bookman's Presidency**  
Sarah Sherman Poncz



## SYNAGOGUE NEWS

### CONDOLENCES TO

**Yoni Parmet** on the passing of his father, Dr. Sidney Parmet (z'l)

**Gale Schnall** on the passing of her mother, Esther Shanfield (z'l)

**The Orlow Family** on the passing of long-time member, Dr. Eva Orlow (z'l)

**Stanley Baiman** on the passing of his wife, Sylvia Baiman (z'l)

**Jill Siegal** on the passing of her mother, Rhoda Sheintoch (z'l)

**Amy Rosner** on the passing of her sister, Beth Rosenwald (z'l)

**The Surkin Family** on the passing of long time-member, Marc Surkin (z'l)

**Ina August** on the passing of her mother, Rosalie August (z'l)

### MAZAL TOV ON THE BIRTH OF

**Julian Levi**, son of Joshua and Faye Evensky

**Parker Mack Elgart**, grandson of Howard and Francine Elgart

**Eli Jacob Doron**, grandson of Arie and Michelle Doron. Son of Itai and Rebecca Doron

### MAZAL TOV ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF

**Aaron Mazer** son of Debbie Greenberg, to Megan Mansfield



ETHAN WITKOVSKY RABBI  
EUGENE ROSNER CANTOR  
NEIL COOPER RABBI EMERITUS  
KENNETH KRIVITZKY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HALLIE CHANDLER ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
JUDITH MONT SCARANI DIRECTOR OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
LISA RICHMAN DIRECTOR OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
RANDI GROSSEL ASSISTANT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER DIRECTOR  
AVA STEIN COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR/ PHARISEE LAYOUT DESIGNER

SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP

JOSHUA KOHN PRESIDENT  
HOLLY NELSON VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD CHAIR  
ADAM EHRLICH VICE PRESIDENT  
RANITA THOMAS VICE PRESIDENT  
MATTHEW TOSSMAN VICE PRESIDENT  
AMANDA GOLDSTEIN FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
ANNA CAPLAN SECRETARY  
HOWARD ZWICK TREASURER  
BARBARA BOOKMAN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT  
JOEL FREEDMAN SECOND PAST PRESIDENT  
ADAM GREGERMAN ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
ARIEL LICHTENSTEIN ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
MARK ZWEBEN ASSISTANT TREASURER  
BENJAMIN GREENFIELD MEN'S CLUB CO—PRESIDENT  
JOSH SCHACHTER MEN'S CLUB CO—PRESIDENT  
MELISSA RICHMAN SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT  
ELLEN MOSCOW PHARISEE EDITOR

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL  
1001 REMINGTON ROAD, WYNNEWOOD, PA 19096  
610.649.5300 | WWW.TBHBE.ORG