

## The Reform Congregation of Jersey City

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### Temple Beth-El's 35th Annual Martin Luther King Service Friday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a service honoring the life, work and vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

with keynote address by

**The Honorable Ras J. Baraka, Mayor of Newark**

Join Jersey City civic and religious leaders at this moving Shabbat service and beautiful Beth-El tradition.

Service led by Rabbi Leana Moritt and Cantor Risa Wallach with the Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Church of the Incarnation.



*Oneg Shabbat refreshments will be sponsored by Sam Pesin, Lou Borriello and Judy Borriello Pesin in honor of Rev. Dr. King and in loving memory of their parents, Ethel and Morris Pesin.*

Ras J. Baraka is the 40th Mayor of the City of Newark, now in his second term. A native of Newark, whose family has lived in the city for more than 70 years, Mayor Baraka has overseen Newark's narrative change from a "troubled city" to a "city of opportunity" with more than four billion dollars of development underway. Crime and unemployment are at their lowest level in 50 years, thanks to collaboration between residents and law enforcement, police that participate in the community and mirror the city's diversity, and trauma-informed violence reduction initiatives that prevent conflicts from becoming deadly.

Under Mayor Baraka's tenure, Newark has enacted an inclusionary zoning ordinance, a requirement that all tax-abated development include a minority or woman developer, and free legal representation for tenants. He is also facilitating the creation of worker cooperatives, enabling renters to become homeowners, and preparing local contractors to become developers of housing in neglected neighborhoods.

In his first term, Mayor Baraka succeeded in returning control of local schools to the people of Newark after more than two decades under state rule. He's created an office of sustainability aimed at making Newark a healthier and greener city. And he signed an executive order designating Newark as a sanctuary city in defiance of Presidential anti-immigrant policies.

Mayor Baraka was educated in the Newark Public Schools. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and a Master's Degree in Education Supervision from St. Peter's University in Jersey City. Prior to becoming Mayor, he was a long-time educator in the Newark Public Schools. His father, the late Amiri Baraka, was a legendary poet and playwright. His mother, Amina Baraka, is herself a renowned poet. The father of three daughters, Mayor Baraka is a published poet as well.

*Don't miss Rabbi Moritt's article on page 3*

Note: Earlier Winter Service Time (7:30) is in effect except for MLK Commemorative Service (7:00)

**Friday, January 3**



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Family Services 7:30 pm

**Saturday, January 4**

Regional Shabbaton at Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield, NJ  
All day beginning at 9:30 am  
Register [here](#)

**Friday, January 10**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 7:30 pm

**Saturday, January 11**

**tot Shabbat** Tot Shabbat Downtown Jersey City! 10:30 am  
235 Pavonia Ave, JC, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Party Room  
Shabbat morning services 10:30 am  
followed by Torah Study (lay led)

**Friday, January 17**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 7:30 pm

**Saturday, January 18**

Shabbat morning services followed by Torah study 10:30 am  
(lay led)



**Friday, January 24**

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 7:00 pm  
Commemorative Kabbalat Shabbat Services with  
special guests Newark Mayor Hon. Ras Baraka and  
the Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Church of  
the Incarnation. Followed by oneg.

**Saturday, January 25**

Shabbat morning services followed by Torah Study 10:30 am

**Friday, January 31**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 7:30 pm

**Saturday, February 1**

Shabbat morning services celebrating the 10:30 am  
Bat Mitzvah of Madeleine Moore

**Friday, February 7**

First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Family Services featuring our 7:30 pm  
4th and 5th grades and Junior Choir, followed by oneg

**Saturday, February 8**

Shabbat morning services followed by Torah Study 10:30 am



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Our Twitter feed has over 800 followers! Check it out [here](#).



**Shabbat Candle Lighting**

Friday, January 3 4:23 pm  
Friday, January 10 4:30 pm  
Friday, January 17 4:37 pm  
Friday, January 24 4:45 pm  
Friday, January 31 4:54 pm

**Rabbi's Message** by *Rabbi Leana Moritt*



On December 10, the equilibrium of our community was profoundly shattered with a brutal anti-Semitic rampage that left four innocent people dead, thousands of school children locked in their schools, and countless more afraid and horrified at the hatred and violence that had been unleashed here. We mourn with the four families that now face unbearable loss. We stand with our brothers and sisters of all faiths, cultures and colors who celebrate diversity in Jersey City and Hudson County. We denounce all forms of hate and bigotry. Along with the ways Temple Beth-El reacted to the massacre, below is the prayer I was honored to offer on the morning Governor Murphy convened an interfaith dialog at Beth-El on December 13.

In the days following the attack, Temple Beth-El has been at the forefront of the community, offering space for healing and solidarity and meeting with officials offering help and support. On the day of the shooting we announced we would be holding a healing service/vigil the next day. With almost 500 people in attendance, we hosted Mayor Steven Fulop, New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, Israeli Consul General Ambassador Dani Dayan, Assemblywoman Angela McKnight and other prominent officials and activists. Perhaps more importantly, clergy members of a rainbow of faiths were there to speak out vociferously in support of the Jewish community, in solidarity and against hate. Even the First Lady, Tammy Murphy stopped by.



Friday morning, Temple Beth-El hosted Governor Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Oliver, Senator Menendez, Congressmen Sires and Pascrell, Attorney General Grewal, Mayor Fulop and countless state and local representatives for a clergy roundtable discussion with dozens of Hudson County clergy represented. On Monday Tom and I participated in a discussion with the Federal Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating antisemitism, Elan Carr. Along with Mayor Fulop, Attorney General Grewal, Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez, the Colonel of the New Jersey State Police Patrick Callahan and Jewish Federation CEO Jason Shames, we discussed, among other things, addressing hate crimes, the proliferation of hate on the Internet and, especially, the importance of anti-bias education.

**Mayor Fulop, Governor Murphy, Senator Menendez**

Following those discussions, I was able to pay a shiva call and express my condolences on behalf of Beth-El to the family of Mindel Ferencz, the murdered co-owner of the Greenville store that was attacked. It was so very sad. At the same time, they were grateful for the visit and the stories I shared about how many people had come to the Temple to express love and support for the Jewish community. They were also very curious about Beth-El and the first Reform rabbi many of them had every met face to face (and a woman, too!).

If you were to ask me what gave me the most pause all week, it was what to say to the children on Sunday morning in Religious School. I am very grateful to my friend (and former student) Detective Chris Rengel of the Union City Police. Chris came in uniform to address and reassure the children during our Family Tefilla time. It gave the children the chance to talk about how they were feeling. Opening the discussion up for questions, Detective Rengel generously answered questions the children had and stayed on for more after school. It was clear the children wanted to talk and listen to one another.



**Rabbi Moritt with Congressman Sires and a member of the Chasidic community**

In addition to the countless expressions of support, I am very grateful for several offers of professional psychological support that enabled us to offer two professionally-led programs. Please also remember I am here for you if you would like to meet privately.

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**Rabbi's Message** *(continued from page 3)*

Many are probably wondering how they might meaningfully help the victims of the shootings. In addition to thoughts and prayers, donations of *tzedakah* are not only practical ways to help but our tradition teaches that they activate our thoughts and prayers. Following are the most direct ways to help:

- A general fund established by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. 100% of what is collected will be used to assist those affected by this horrendous crime: <https://www.jfnnj.org/supportjerseycity/>
- To support the family of Detective Seals: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/for-det-seals-and-his-family>
- To support the family of Miguel Douglas Rodriguez: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/douglas-rodriguez-victim-of-the-jc-shooting>
- To support the Ferencz Family: <https://www.charidy.com/jcvictims>

Finally, I need to express profound disappointment with Jersey City Board of Education member Joan Terrell Paige in the wake of this tragedy. Her irresponsible and insensitive post criticizing the outpouring of support for the Jewish community was outrageous and ignorant. At times like these when emotions run high, we need our leaders to express themselves thoughtfully and in measured ways. There is no room for hateful and anti-Semitic rhetoric coming from an elected public official with responsibility for our children's education. Violence, let alone murder, is never equivocal. This must be taught at every level of our educational system, which should model the embrace of diversity that Jersey City stands for. I know she is in the minority and am gratified to see many people attesting to that. We know there is pain and injustice felt in many corners of our community. I am proud that Temple Beth-El works to be a part of the solution to this pain and injustice. Grandstanding on the blood of innocents is unconscionable.



**Rabbi Moritt with friends from the Islamic Center**

In addition to the partners I have mentioned above and so many who have expressed support and kindness, there are a few others I would like to acknowledge here. They have been helping and supporting us from the very beginning and in a multitude of ways. First and foremost, our thanks go to our local and county police and first responders. They have been with us before this tragedy and have promised to continue to be here after. We also thank our President Tom Rosensweet, Jewish Federation's Kim Schwartzman, Jason Shames and Gerry Dargan, Jersey City Together's Frank McMillan, Ahmed Shedeed, our own Lari Schwartz, Alain Mentha and Judith Schteingart and, especially, Vadim Ivanov and Anna Khanumian.

Pray for peace. Speak up. Do justice.

In friendship and l'shalom,

***Rabbi Leana Moritt***

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My prayer for our elected officials and interfaith clergy:

**Master of the Universe, / ריבונו של עולם Ribbono shel Olam**

We know to start our conversations with gratitude, but to be honest, some days it's harder than others.

We are tired, God.

It's been a rough couple of days.

People are really hurting. People are afraid.

But this morning, we are grateful to gather with others who get it.

We, who live in the tension between the eternal and the transient; the universal and the specific; the practical and the theoretical.

We thank you for bringing us among friends and partners.

You've deployed us to work as your agents, and for that we are grateful.

We live to connect others to their highest aspirations.

We serve by listening with our hearts. Let us do that today.

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**Author of creation** / **יוצר הכל** **Yotzer hakol**, thank you for deploying us to this city, where the diversity of your light shines like the facets of an intricately carved gem. Here it's not about tolerance; we love it here because the beautiful mosaic of Jersey City gives us a front row seat to the different ways you "love us into being." Help us use that light and love to reconfigure grief and fear into possibility and connection.

Master of all flesh, you've created us as such complex creatures. We need reminding that at our core, we are part of the Divine Oneness of all.

We can't always see that so clearly in the middle of trauma.

**Omnipresent One** / **המקום** **HaMakom**, Help us remember that the truth is more complicated than a sound bite or a headline. You've got the corner on the market of truth. We just sometime glimpse pieces. Help us remember I can affirm your truth without denying our own. Help us remember I can affirm your story without denying our own. Because, God, I don't need to remind you. You **know**, we have stories. The fallout from those stories are seared in our DNA.

God, you know we seek justice. We seek fairness. We seek acceptance. We seek love. We seek the safety of home. We seek shalom. We seek salaam. We seek peace. We are bewildered and reeling as our neighborhoods, our country and our world is changing quickly before our eyes. Our worlds are getting hard to recognize. God, that messes with our heads. You didn't program us to manage that so well.

But you, **Source of strength** / **מקור כח** **Makor koach**—you programmed us with hope. With yearning. With the will to strive, to connect and to defy barriers to our life force. We feel the love and good will around us but we don't know what to do with the shadows we know are lurking, now—in every corner—with words of hate and guns drawn.



At the healing vigil, making friends

**Creator of all flesh**, / **כל בשר איש** **Ruach kol b'sar ish**, you cry along with us when blood is shed, horrified when life is taken in your name. Our people are being targeted, killed. But you know we are not here today just because Jews were killed. We are here because we know that when one life is taken, the whole world is taken. Because today hatred grows unabated. Something has been unleashed that sends the insane message that it is ok or please forbid it, *normal*. This is not ok. This is not normal.

**Healer of the broken-hearted** / **הרופא לשוברי לב** **Harofeh lishvurei lev**  
We are here today to witness the pain in one another's eyes and hearts. We are here today to affirm one another's fears. We are here today to affirm one another's stories. One another's history. One another's humanity. We are here today not just to mourn, but to seek change, connection, possibility. Today, as we do every day in Jersey City.

**Maker of peace, creator of all**, / **עושה שלום** **Oseh shalom**, let us not be manipulated by incendiary stories that sow fear and anger and divisiveness- especially when they obscure fuller truths. Let us be kind to ourselves as we reel from this trauma. Let us speak up for who (we are) as the city and the country we know we are. Be with us as catch our breath and sure our footing. Let us turn to one another and to one another. As we have. As we do now. As we live now. As we will continue to do. Help us to lead with **THIS** story. Your Story.



**Saturday, January 11 10:30 — noon**

Downtown Jersey City!  
234 Pavonia Ave, 2nd floor (Hamilton Park)



Many thanks to Aaron, Bethany and Hannah Brotman for securing their party room! The entrance is in the pedestrian area that is Pavonia Avenue between Erie and McWilliams (east side of Hamilton Park). Enter the doorway east of Rumba Cubana and go to the 2nd floor. Just take a left from the elevator and it's the first door on the left.

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Join Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach and Bracha the Beth-El Bear for a morning of Shabbat song, story, movement, Crafts, snack and friendship.



Celebrate your birthday at Tot Shabbat by signing up to bring a special snack in honor of your child's special day or just sign up to help us celebrate Shabbat. We will provide juice.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fof4eaba62eabfdo-totshabbat>

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings all year:

February 22      March 29      April 25      May 16      June 13      July 11      August 25

If you are not our Tot Shabbat list, please email [office@betheljc.org](mailto:office@betheljc.org) and ask to be added to our email list. Drop-ins always welcome.

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**January—February Family Happenings!**

**First Friday Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner & Family Shabbat Service**

Friday, January 3 6:30—8:30 pm

Bring a dish that serves 4-6 people and enjoy dinner with your Beth-El friends, followed by a family-friendly Shabbat service.

**Tot Shabbat**

Saturday, January 11 Downtown (234 Pavonia Ave, 2nd floor) 10:30 am

February 22 at the Temple 10:30 am

Celebrate Shabbat mornings with our tots (age 0-5) and their grownups! Join Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach, and Bracha the Beth-El Bear for song, movement, crafts, snack and friendship. All are welcome! Co-Sponsored by PJ Library of Hudson County

**Junior Youth Group Event**

Sunday January 26 — hosted by Wyatt Schneider and Alex Ackman in Jersey City

Sunday, February 9 — at Etienne Fialon's house in Jersey City

Kids in grades 5-7 are invited to gather for a fun, informal social event at the home of a Religious School classmate. For more information and to RSVP, contact Michele Linder at [michele@betheljc.org](mailto:michele@betheljc.org).

**Rabbi Remind Me...about Purim?**

Sunday, February 23 9:30—10:15 am

Parents join Rabbi Moritt for pre-Purim boot camp and study.

**All are welcome!**

**Teen Leadership Opportunities Blossom Even in Winter**

The Union for Reform Judaism offers many opportunities for your teen or college student to grow in capability both in the U.S. and in Israel. Learn about travel, study and service opportunities that can be life-changing by clicking this link: <https://urj.org/leadership-opportunities-reform-jewish-teens>



## President's Message

by Tom Rosensweet

2019 has been quite a year for our congregation. A few highlights...

Our 34th annual Martin Luther King Memorial Service, featuring Assemblywoman and founder of Angela Cares, Angela McKnight.

I don't know about you, but the sight of Rabbi Moritt dressed in full Detroit Lions regalia for the Purim Shpiel will stick with me for a long time!

We had a two-part Jewish Storytelling Festival in the spring, "Jewish Views of the Afterlife" in November.

It's another big year for our religious school and our Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates.

Our High Holy Day services drew accolades for Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach, Ben Rauch and our Kol Nidre cellist, all our volunteers and our beautiful sanctuary.

Sukkot: When I told Rabbi Moritt that our sukkah had blown down in a big storm, she didn't blink an eye. "It'll be a great teaching moment," she exclaimed!

The year is drawing to a close on a tragic note, though, as the JC Kosher Market killings shook the local Jewish community and all of Jersey City to the core. Under Rabbi Moritt's leadership, Temple Beth-El held a vigil the very next night for hundreds of shocked citizens of all faiths. Along with K'hal Adas Greenville, TBE served as a center for meetings of regional religious and political leaders.

I hope you'll make a New Year's resolution to become more involved in Temple Beth-El in 2020. Come on a Wednesday night at 5:00 and hand out food at our Food Pantry; stay at Temple with some homeless families brought to us by Family Promise; or write to me at [tom@betheljc.org](mailto:tom@betheljc.org) to talk about how you can contribute your talents and energy.

And while I'm asking...Please make a donation to Temple Beth-El. Though we envision a balanced budget each year, the reality is that extra expenses and fundraising shortages have led to deficits that eroded what were once substantial reserves. In the past few years, we have only balanced our budget because of unplanned one-time events - a large bequest, rental income from HBO, and a special appeal.

Designate our Sustaining Fund so your contribution will help pay our ongoing expenses. Designate Kadimah! to support our building renovation or our Torah restoration project. Finally, you can donate food to the Temple Food Pantry.

Learn more about all of these opportunities at [www.betheljc.org](http://www.betheljc.org) Please be as generous as you can.

Happy New Year to all.

### Parent Education at Temple Beth-El Sundays 9:30-10:15 am during Religious School

Enrich your Jewish knowledge and parenting skills at any or all of these sessions with Rabbi Moritt:



#### Rabbi, Remind Me....

Pre-Holiday Boot  
Camp and Study  
Sessions to stay one  
step ahead of the  
holidays

**Rabbi Remind Me...about Purim?**  
Sunday, Feb 23

**Rabbi Remind Me...about Passover?**  
Sunday, March 15

Please RSVP to Rabbi Moritt at [rabbimoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:rabbimoritt@betheljc.org) so she can prepare enough materials and secure the right size location.

## Meet the Temple Leadership!

*Curious about the leadership of Temple Beth-El? During the course of the year, we'll bring you brief bios, so you can learn about the people helping to run our Temple.*

### Introducing Robin and Alex Schkrutz



Robin and Alex are long term active members of Temple Beth-El, first joining as young parents in 1989. At that time, their first son David was two years old and Eric had just been born. They attended the newly started Nursery School, a non-denominational school set up in collaboration with Bayonne Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Ken Brickman had just become our Rabbi and long time member Eleanor Bouer (recently deceased) was the new nursery school teacher. Within 10 years Robin was a Temple Board member, and has been Recording Secretary, and VP of Lifelong Learning, Ritual, Membership, and Fundraising and Search Committees. Both boys became bar mitzvah and Eric taught at Sunday school during his teen years. Flash forward, Eric just turned 30, obtained his master's degree in City and Urban Planning from Rutgers and is currently working with the Hudson County Planning Department. David, now 32, is a self employed entrepreneur.

Alex and Robin first met in 1980 while both were working for Genigraphics, a spinoff of General Electric. Even though they attended the same high school (High School of Art and Design in NYC) and the same college (Pratt Institute), they didn't meet up until they landed at Genigraphics at the early intersection of art, design, computers and fun. Their share in a house on Fire Island in the early 80's included neighbors Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft. They also both worked for global public relations company Burson-Marsteller for many years. They share fond memories about the PR Icon Harold Burson, who at 98 years old still works every day. Harold reported at the Nuremberg Trials after his army service, and over the years counseled Presidents, heads of state and heads of corporations. Robin worked personally with Harold Burson and his wife, creating graphics and advising them on social media and brochures. It was certainly a highlight in both Alex and Robin's lives to work with them.

Robin grew up in Bayside, Queens, Alex in Greenpoint Brooklyn. Robin's mother was born in Jersey City and lived on Pavonia Avenue before moving to New York. Robin and Alex first visited Jersey City in 1985 to attend a funeral. They had been living in Robin's NYC studio and were house hunting. They passed the wonderful area of Lincoln Park on the way to the funeral and came back the next week to see more. That same year they bought the house in which they still reside, on Gifford Avenue. Robin and Alex recently became double homeowners, residing three months a year in Coconut Creek, Florida.

Now retired, Robin continues to create art work. She started her own company, Red Cat Ceramics, in 2011. She creates ceramic animal portraits and animal memorials that can be used to store ashes, created on commission for the most part, selling on Etsy and by word of mouth. The urns were influenced by cat mummies she first saw at the British Museum in London. Robin pursues her dual passion for ceramics and her love of animals in her home studio on the third floor. She manages our main Facebook page and is the go-to-person when Temple needs a graphic artist!

After leaving the PR world, Alex began teaching as a second career starting in 2011, in Guttenberg and Hoboken. Now also retired, Alex enjoys being the Temple "Twitter Master" and volunteering for the Temple food pantry, and both Robin and Alex have contributed often with Family Promise. They share a love of visiting museums and artwork, most recently on a trip to Spain. Alex also has a passion for music, be it jazz or rock 'n roll, and is an expert at NY Times crossword puzzles.

How wonderful to have Robin and Alex as part of the foundation of our Temple Family.



Thanking those who sponsored displays for our bimah or Oneg Shabbat refreshments (through December 15)

Suzanne & Thompson Goldstein Smith in memory of Suzanne’s mother, Mary Lou Goldstein

David & Maria Shadi in celebration of the bat mitzvah of their daughter Natalie

Florence Wellen in loving memory of her daughter, Ronde Joyce Wasserman, on her Yarzeit

how to Host an Oneg Shabbat

Would you like to sponsor an oneg Shabbat? This joyful gathering is a great way to recognize an accomplishment, celebrate a birthday, let the world know you are happy, or honor the memory of a loved one on a yarzeit. Choose your date! [Click here.](#)




Dozens of congregants came to Dumpster Day to help us clean up the Temple. It looks great!



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to it. For details on how it works, or a general list of the most needed items, [click here.](#)

Volunteers are needed every week to distribute donated food and clothing. Sign up [here](#) to let us know you’re coming.



**A Great Tradition of Tzedakah – HUC-JIR Soup Kitchen**

On Monday, December 30, 2019 and Monday, January 6, 2020 Temple Beth-El volunteers will join the student rabbis and cantors at the Hebrew Union College (the Reform Jewish Seminary in New York) to help staff their Monday night soup kitchen.

The HUC students and congregants from Reform congregations have provided food, clothing, toiletries and hospitality to their neighbors in need every Monday for over 30 years (except for one Monday during Hurricane Sandy when there was no power in their area.) Before and after the food service, student clergy meet with the volunteers to talk about the Jewish values that we strive to meet when we volunteer for this type of service.

We have committed to bring 5-10 volunteers. Families, particularly those bringing 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up are welcome. If you have the time and the heart, (time commitment is from about 4:00pm to 7:00 pm) please contact [Kay@betheljc.org](mailto:Kay@betheljc.org) and sign up asap.

*Tributes*

- To celebrate a happy occasion
- To say I'm sorry for your loss
- To remember your loved ones
- To thank someone for a kindness

A card acknowledging your contribution will be sent to the recipient, and the message will be listed in the newsletter. To send a tribute, use the form [online](#) or write, email or call the Temple office.

**Sustaining Fund (General Fund)**

In appreciation of High Holy Days services

*Robert Rudin*

In support of the Yom Kippur Appeal:

*Sarah Colker & Joe Moskowitz*

*William J. Dubinsky &*

*Elizabeth Moss*

*Elliott & Stacey Goldstein*

In memory of Michael Frayne

*Heather Frayne*

In memory of my father, Ben Hersberg, on his Yarzeit

*Irene Hersberg*

In memory of Ethel and Ben Chodash

*Gertrude Marley*

In honor of Daniel Tarnpool and Family

*Sandra Miller & Lee Brosket*

In memory of Rabbi Kushner's father, Aid Kushner, and Rabbi Moritt's aunt, Laura Moritt Katz

*Leana Moritt &*

*Steven Kushner*

In loving memory of my daughter, Ronde Joyce Wasserman, on her Yarzeit

*Florence Wellen*

In memory of Ronde Joyce Wasserman, mother of Margot Gruber and Stacey Blumenthal, on her Yarzeit

*Florence Wellen*

In memory of Abraham L. Wellen on his Yarzeit

*Robert and Anita Wellen*

In memory of father, Herbert Ziff, on his Yarzeit

*William & Renee Remak Ziff*

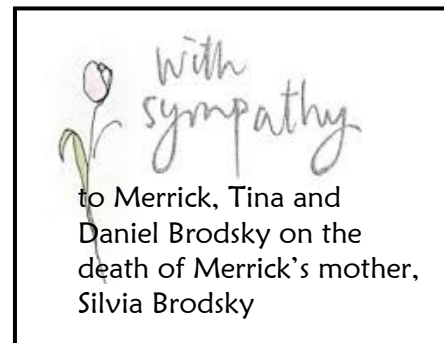
**Music Fund**

In memory of Nancy's grandmother, Anna Simonds Gurwitz, on her Yarzeit

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to the Donenfeld Family on the arrival of Emmanuel "Manny" James Donenfeld

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*



Mazel Tov to Hana Minkin and her family on her Bat Mitzvah  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to Asher Kawaleck and his family on his Bar Mitzvah  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to Natalie Shadi and her family on her Bat Mitzvah  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*  
*Fred & Karen Schnur*

In memory of Silvia Brodsky, Merrick Brodsky's mother  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*  
*Fred & Karen Schnur*

**Yarzeits/Memorial Plaques/Simcha Tree Leaves/Cemetery**

The yarzeit, or anniversary of a loved one's passing, is a time to remember the person, in the synagogue by reciting the Kaddish prayer, through the giving of extra charity and through learning. Each week at services we speak aloud the names of those people whose yarzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yarzeit listings go to the [TBE yarzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)
- To purchase a Simcha Tree Leaf to honor or congratulate friends or family members for special events or accomplishments please click [here](#)
- Temple Beth-El has cemetery plots in the beautiful locations of **Mount Moriah Cemetery** in Fairview, NJ and **Mount Lebanon Cemetery** in Iselin (Woodbridge). Please email TBE Cemetery Committee member Larry Gutterman at [LPGutterman@verizon.net](mailto:LPGutterman@verizon.net). He would be happy to discuss it further.

**Yarzeits**



**Week ending January 4**

Hyman Kaufman  
Solomon Roter  
Becky Zlotnick  
Sylvia Singer  
Harry Kessler  
Benjamin Migdoll  
Martin Burman  
Ruth Fromme  
Harry Levine  
Morris Donner

**Week ending January 11**

Maurice Friedwald  
Lois Rawitzcher  
Benjamin Soled  
Clara Zlotowicz-Bulion  
Ben Hersberg  
Bea Kaplan

Murray Siegel  
Alice Horowitz  
Shirley Porte  
Ethel Siegler  
Helen Weil  
Shirley Bayarsky  
Nestor Osvaldo Dron  
Henry J. Gewirtzman

**Week ending January 18**

Nathan Frank  
Robert Rubenstein  
Walter M. Spiegel  
Yetta Kaminsky  
Dr. Louis Solomon  
Dr. Irving Dershewitz  
Pearl Ehrlich  
Milton A. Gottlieb  
Samuel Waitzman  
Marshall Bergen

Esther H. Hass  
Harry B. Pearl  
Jeannette S. Rabin

**Week ending January 25**

David Gonta  
Charles N. Kors  
Allan A. Horowitz  
Ethel K. Gewirtzman  
Richard S. Heitner  
Sylvia Wohl  
Edward Schwartz  
Sadie Glickman  
Pauline Yankowitz Harrison  
Matilda Minden  
Nathan Derfler  
Anne Kolodny Roter  
David Straus

**Week ending February 1**

Sophie Y. Ruskin  
Libby Weiss  
Eleonore Jonas  
Vi Aaronson  
Charles Kenneth Brauer  
Bertha Pearlman  
Natalie Kizner  
Dorothy Swid  
Sidney Karp  
David Press  
Howard G. Sklower  
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