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Remember Borscht?

The pandemic has forced Beth-El to cancel its major Borscht spring fundraiser.

Last year, the Borscht Journal raised almost \$20,000, a major source of funding during the last quarter of every fiscal year.

We think we can raise this same amount through a Matching Fund created by the Board of Trustees and Officers. They will match every contribution up to \$10,000 from our members, friends of Temple Beth-El, and from those who attended Borscht X that is made between now and Tuesday, May 12 – our Temple Beth-El Giving Tuesday.

Last year, you might have purchased a page (\$200), half page (\$100), quarter page (\$50) or even a Gold Page (\$500). Maybe the Inside Back Cover (\$1,000), or the Front Inside or Back Inside Cover (\$1,500). Maybe you wished you had purchased an ad but never got around to figuring out what you wanted to say. Plus, you probably bought tickets at \$36 per person.

We hope that you will look at what you spent last year and will send us a check in that amount or donate on-line (just mention Giving Tuesday in your memo or the box for Other).

We know that many in our community are facing losses that financially compromise their ability to continue their Temple commitments. But for those who can, please participate in this Matching Fundraiser.

Please help Beth-El remain financially sustainable so we can continue to be here for all of us and all our spiritual and communal needs. Please be as generous as you can.

This Is Real *by Rabbi Leana Moritt*

I performed my first virtual funeral today. But there is nothing virtual about the sickness and death surrounding us. While I sat in my office in New Jersey Zooming into a cemetery on Long Island, just a few mourners and a few funeral workers stood many feet apart to bury a brilliant wonderful man who died of Covid-19. The only thing that made it feel real was the sound of the wind and the distant look in the eyes of those on the other side of the screen. Only their eyes were visible since their faces were blocked by masks. They all fought back the urge to be close. The rest of it was surreal. No, it wasn't surreal; unfortunately, it was real. It felt surreal because everything about it was wrong and all who witnessed had the same feeling. It was that very same sense of being surreal that makes me realize how we have not yet begun to grapple what has been going on around us. Yes, we will regain our equilibrium, but finding our way back will be a process.



Our sages taught:

"Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." (Mishnah 4:5 & Talmud Sanhedrin 37a; Yerushalmi 4:9)

The "world" referenced in the quote is all that the dead could have taught; all they would love; all they

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All services at Temple Beth-El will be via Zoom video conferencing technology until further notice.

To use Zoom:

1. Download the Zoom program from: <https://zoom.us>
 2. Click [here](#) to enter
 3. Enable your camera to view
 4. Make sure your computer's sound/microphone is muted.
(All participants will be muted during the service.)
 5. Wait to be granted access from the "waiting room."
- Zoom can be utilized on a computer/laptop, iPad/tablet or cell phone.

To follow the service with a digital flip book siddur, click [here](#)

Virtual is good, but really bringing Shabbat into your home is even better! Set up candles, wine/juice and challah/bread in front of your screen and let's literally light the candles, make kiddush and motzi together.

All Shabbat morning services and pot luck dinners are suspended until further notice.

Friday, May 1

Family Service over Zoom 8:00 pm
Guest teacher: Bar Mitzvah Wyatt Schneider

Saturday, May 2 Postponed: bar mitzvah of Wyatt Schneider

Friday, May 8

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 9 Cancelled: Shabbat morning services

Friday, May 15

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 16 Cancelled: Shabbat morning services
Tot Shabbat on Zoom 10:30 am

Friday, May 22

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 23 Cancelled: Shabbat morning services

Thursday, May 28

Shavuot Program over Zoom 8:00 pm

Friday, May 29

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 30 Cancelled: Shabbat morning services

Friday, June 5

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm
Graduation Shabbat
Guest teacher: Bar Mitzvah, Rafael Lantz

Saturday, June 6

Postponed: bar mitzvah of Rafael Lantz



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Shabbat & Shavuot Candle Lighting

Friday, May 1	7:35 pm
Friday, May 8	7:42 pm
Friday, May 15	7:49 pm
Friday, May 22	7:56 pm
Thursday, May 28 (Shavuot)	8:01 pm
Friday, May 29	8:01 pm
Friday, June 5	8:06 pm

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would accomplish; all they would have brought (even children) into the world. These are worlds we will now not know. The enormity of this plague is that none of us will emerge without having it affect someone we know and love. Their worlds and our worlds will be forever changed. While actuaries may claim differently, the truth—and what our sages teach—is that it is impossible to put a value on a human life. Oh, people may try—when it is someone else's theoretical loved one. But it becomes a very different tune when it is your father or your wife or your dear friend. Eventually, we all realize that each life is truly incalculable and precious.

Everything in our Jewish tradition brings us together; it bids us to support one another in good times and in bad. Hugs. Food. Giving. Showing up. Caring. These are the very human social needs that are ensconced in the rituals of Jewish life. Yet the cruel reality of these times is that for the sake of life and health, we must temporarily refrain from those things that nurture us. Our sadness and sense of emptiness comes from knowing deeply what we are missing and yearning for its return.

Yet, look at the corollary. We are also among those who are saving entire worlds as well. Each act of every medical worker or lab tech, food chain supply/grocery worker, food pantry donor or volunteer—the list goes on!—saves and sustains worlds that are yet to be. This, too, is embedded in our tradition.

This is why we are here. This is why our Temple is so crucial, especially now. Here we are strengthened and comforted by one another. Here in Temple, we continue to teach and model these values to our children. In Temple, we multiply the impact of our actions with our numbers; we organize; dream; yearn and to this we will return to all that has sustained us for millennia.

The fact is that just as extraordinary as these days are for us, we have been here before. Jewish communities have bonded together through suffering during the Black Plague, pogroms, persecutions, murders and more. Our ancients, too, wondered, how they would get through it and what the world would look like on the other side. They clung to their communities, their values and their traditions and were sustained and strengthened by them. We would not be here if not for their bond and their faith. So too, one day we will tell the next generation how we clung to our traditions and values as the Temple forged through this bizarre darkness together. We will tell the story of how we embraced life through learning and living Torah, volunteering and giving what we could.

Giving is very important, especially now. In addition to the terrible suffering of the sick, many of our Temple members have lost vital jobs and income. They will be challenged to pay their Terumah dues and school fees just when they need it most. Please, if you are in a position to donate any more at all to the Temple, your donation will allow us to be there for them and for you. As you know, our Terumah dues are voluntary, but giving now lifts up those closest to us, ensures vital staff, programming and support functions. It is no longer mainly the homeless and the hungry—it is now the family of our children's religious school friends, the person who makes the minyan so someone in mourning can say kaddish; the friendly face at the oneg; the faceless Temple volunteer. We need each other now and we will need our Temple community in the days ahead. If you are in a position to give, please do. Sustaining us will sustain you in the days to come when together, we will reclaim life and light.

Blessings for health, equanimity and sustenance,

Rabbi Leana Moritt

Our Office and Professional Staff and Leadership

Rabbi Moritt is available for virtual pastoral counseling and her other usual duties during this challenging time. To keep our employees healthy, most are working from home with adjusted hours and limited access to files. Our phones and emails are up and running.

- ◆ To reach Bob Kahan, our Office Manager, email him at admin@betheljc.org or call him at the main temple line at 201-333-4229 ext. 0
- ◆ To reach Rabbi Moritt, email her at rabbimoritt@betheljc.org or 201-333-4229, ext. 1
- ◆ To reach Cantor Wallach, email her at cantorwallach@betheljc.org
- ◆ To reach our President, Tom Rosensweet, email him at tom@betheljc.org or call him at 201.333.4229 ext. 2



Instead of binge-watching Netflix — Why not binge watch Torah!?

Thursday, May 28

Join Rabbi Moritt and countless other Reform rabbis for an on-screen Torah all-nighter. Beginning at 7pm and going until dawn, be part of an incredible Torah opportunity for our days.

- **What is it?** A Tikkun Leil Shavuot is an ancient practice in which Jews stay up all night on the eve of Shavuot studying different aspects of Torah all night as we await the dawn and experience anew the revelation at Mt. Sinai. Coffee and Cheesecake (dairy) breaks are also customary.
- **What makes this year different?** (Do we really have to ask?): This year, Reform rabbis from all over the country have coordinated to offer as many as 4 choices of study topics per hour over Zoom throughout the night. You will receive the menu of all the links, topics and teachers to choose whichever topic(s) interest you most. Participate in 1, 2 or go through the night!
- **Who?** Reform Rabbis from all over the country will be teaching. Rabbi Moritt teaches at 9 pm.
- **Where?** From your computer or mobile device.
- **When?** Shavuot begins on the evening of Thursday, May 28 and continues till sundown Friday.
- **How?** Rabbis are finalizing their offerings now. The menu and the links will be publicized in our Weekly, in emails and on Facebook. Watch for it. At this point, no preregistration will be required.



Calling all 5th 6th and 7th Graders!

Join us for a Zoom Youth Group Meeting Sunday, May 3, 3:30 pm

We are having another virtual Youth Group event at 3:30 pm on Sunday, May 3 via Zoom. In addition to being a fun time for the kids to catch up and hang out, we will be making more feel good cards for the seniors of our congregation (so please have paper and markers at the ready!). The cards we made last week were enormous hits! Email Michele Linder at michele@betheljc.org to RSVP and for Zoom info. "See" you there!

At last month's meeting in April, the Youth Group members created cards that were emailed to some of our members who are isolated during this stay-at-home period in our lives. Michele Linder and Karen Seemen-Pinn also snail mailed four cards to members without emails.

The message to all the members who received cards was as follows:

Dear Beth-El Member,

Chag Pesach Sameach!! Hope this email finds you happy and healthy!

During this unprecedented time in our lives, the Youth Group of Temple Beth-El wants you to know that we are thinking of you. We hope this card does a little bit to help brighten your day!

Our 5th, 6th and 7th graders "met" via Zoom earlier this week to catch up and work on their projects together. They had all of you in mind as they drew, colored and created cards with happy messages to send out to our most cherished members! We hope you enjoy!

Best,

Michele Linder

Youth Group Coordinator and Parent

From the Temple President

By now, I hope you've participated in our online Erev Shabbat services or our 6 PM Sunday and Wednesday Mincha Moments. Maybe you have kids who are remotely attending the TBE Religious school. Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach, School Co-Director Kay Magilavy, the teachers, and all your leadership are determined to make lemonade of the lemons that we've been handed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We're getting good attendance at services as people seek an opportunity to pray and find community during these times of self-isolation. People who don't often get to services have come, including some new friends who we hope will join our congregation. We're already talking about how we can continue to make our services available online after life gets back to normal.

Unfortunately, we've had to postpone or cancel numerous events, including our Second Seder, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and a gathering of developers and influencers who, we hope, will help us re-energize Kadimah!, our Temple renovation project.

Though we've reduced our expenses where possible, I'm concerned about our income over the next several months. Except for Borscht, our biggest annual fundraiser, our income is always sparse during the spring because many people have already met their financial commitments to the Temple. And since it seems unlikely that we'll be able to hold Borscht until the fall, we may have a big hole in our budget.

On top of that, we lost the income from the church that rents our Social Hall for their Sunday morning services.

Before Covid, we needed some luck to end the year with a balanced budget. Now, it will be extremely difficult and, with our limited reserves, Temple Beth-El urgently needs your help.

So PLEASE fulfill your Terumah pledge and pay any other charges now. If you recently received a statement, please pay what you owe if at all possible.

And then, please watch out for an email with the link for our Giving Tuesday on May 12th. We have several members who have raised \$10,000 in matching funds so we hope you will participate in this Virtual Charitable Event. Every dollar you give on Giving Tuesday is worth twice what you are able to donate.

Think of it as a way not only to support the Congregation, but also to help those among us who are hurt more by the pandemic than you are.

Wishing you good health,

Tom Rosensweet, President



Neighbors helping Neighbors

Social Distancing is especially hard on our seniors and disabled folks. **We want to help.**

We started and still prioritize our seniors and disabled folks, but very soon realized that the social distancing necessitated by this pandemic isn't hard only on them.

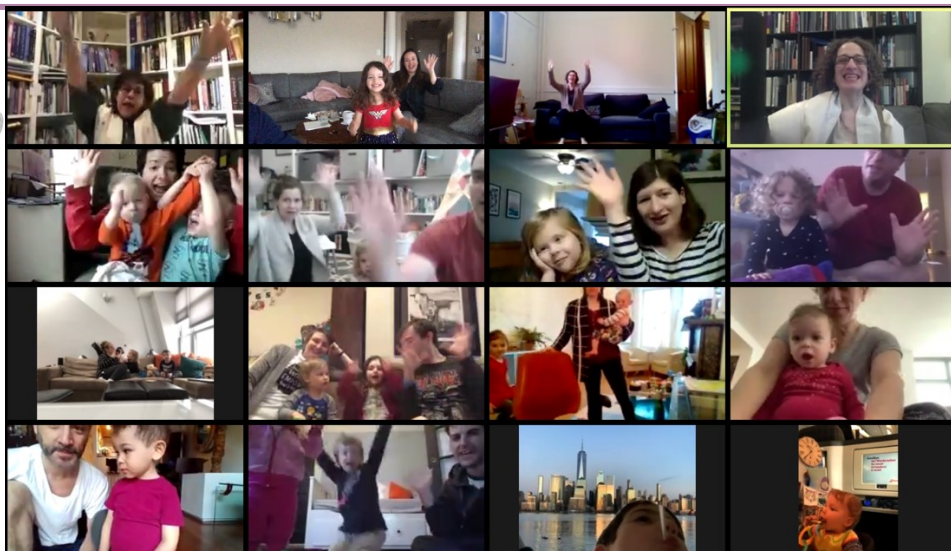
If you are living alone or are now out of work, we want to know.

- If you are having difficulties getting essential food or medication into your home, if you are living alone, out of work or feeling isolated, please contact Nancy Sambul, VP of Membership, at nancy@betheljc.org. Our members want to help as best as we can.
- If you are able to help deliver some groceries or medication on one of your trips, or if you are able to make calls to check in on our elderly and isolated, please let Nancy know.



Saturday, May 16
@ 10:30 over Zoom!

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Bracha the bear is safe inside the Temple, but to keep us all connected, Rabbi Moritt and Cantor Wallach will hold an abbreviated Tot Shabbat over Zoom. Click [here](#) to join in. 10.30-11am with your favorite songs and story time.



Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the summer.
 Watch your emails for when we return from our virtual location back to our Beth-El home:

June 13 July 11 August 15

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email office@betheljc.org and ask to be added to our email list.
 Drop-ins always welcome.

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Graduation Shabbat
Friday, June 5 @ 8pm

Temple Beth-El celebrates
 all our graduates!

We know your celebration this year is not quite as you imagined, but let your Temple community celebrate you and your accomplishments. Please let us know who in your family is graduating and from where so we can fete you at Graduation Shabbat— even if you aren't able to make it to services.

Graduate School College High School
 Middle Elementary Pre-School
 You tell us!

Send the name of your graduate with the school from which they have graduated to nancy@betheljc.org by May 15 to have your graduate's name listed on our Graduation Roll. We will only list their first name and name of the school.

Calling All older 4
Year-Old Tots!



Please accept our invitation to a taste of Temple Beth-El's Religious School's K/1 class.

3 Sundays: May 3, 10 & 17
from 9:30—10:55 am

As our Religious School year is winding down, we would love to introduce your child to the teachers, children and program of our wonderful school and orient them to what's in store in the fall.

To join this or any of these Sunday school days, please write to Rabbi Moritt at rabbimoritt@betheljc.org for the links.

For more information on our school, click [here](#)



Introducing Bob Kahan, Temple Office Manager

Bob recently became Temple Beth-El's part-time office manager and we are pleased he has joined us. After just a week or so, however, the Covid era took over and Bob has been working from his home in Park Slope, Brooklyn since mid-March. We hope to meet Bob soon, for many reasons, but for now, here is a good starting point to get to know him.

Bob was born in London, England and came to the United States with his parents and younger sister as a four year old, first to Coney Island, Brooklyn for a few months and then on to Flushing, Queens.

During Bob's teen years he was active in the Jewish youth group LIFTY (Long Island Federation of Temple Youth) and went to Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA, where his father was head chef. First a camper, then a camper-waiter, assistant baker and ultimately he became a counselor at age 18. Eisner Camp is where Bob became a Reform Jew as he was previously raised Conservative, and had become a bar mitzvah in a Conservative shul. Bob's father was raised Orthodox in Eastern Europe where he escaped with his brothers from Czechoslovakia to Belgium and then on to Israel in 1948 where he served as a military chef, before emigrating to London. Bob's mother and her family emigrated from Vienna, Austria to England in the 1930s. Bob's parents met in London where his dad played cards with his mother's father (Bob's grandfather). The rest, as they say, is history.

Bob went to SUNY Purchase and was in the first freshman class during the 70's at the college when it was still in the building phase. SUNY Purchase was a significant experience for Bob, literally building the college as he was building himself. Bob graduated in 1979 with a major in social psychology. At Purchase he began working with dancers as a stage manager/lighting designer which he continued doing for over twenty years, working with a variety of choreographers and performers in and around NYC while living in Brooklyn, where he moved in 1981 after a brief sojourn in Los Angeles.

During the 1980's Bob also worked as an office administrator for Morgan Stanley in mid-town. In 1991 he began work as an editor with DC Comics for about 10 years. As you can imagine, this was a lot of fun and Bob was in charge of the Collected Editions Program, assembling previously published materials into hardcover and paperback collections. Among the many authors and artists Bob worked with were Neil Gaiman, Stephen King, Harlan Ellison, Mikal Gilmore, Roger Zelazny, Alex Ross, Gil Kane, Garth Ennis and Mark Waid.

Leaping into the non-profit world, Bob landed a job at The Williams Club, a private alumni club affiliated with Williams College, where he created and managed their programs and events. He then moved on to a similar position at the Princeton Club. From there, Bob found another events management position at Temple Israel of the City of New York, a reform temple on the Upper East Side. As their events and office manager, Bob began his reentry into Jewish life. This was 2006. After a new rabbi was hired the staff was reorganized and Bob's position was eliminated but it was suggested he become an Executive Director because of his qualifications.

Bob's first Executive Director position at Temple Am Echad in Lynbrook, Long Island, a temple that resulted from the merger of Temple Emanuel and Temple Israel of Lawrence. In 2015 Bob became the Administrative Director of Congregation Mt. Sinai in Brooklyn Heights, a much shorter commute.

Bob remains very active in alumni affairs at SUNY Purchase and often consults with the alumni affairs and development staff. He has organized three of the college's most successful reunions, and turned his cohort into the highest percentage donors to the college.

In his spare time, Bob has eclectic taste in music, loves his cat, Nitely, still reads comics, has been writing fiction for about 5-6 years, and is a fledgling painter in the water and oil mediums. He also played volleyball in Prospect Park for over 20 years until a torn rotator cuff sent him to the sidelines last year.

Welcome Bob to Temple Beth-El as we join in wishing him well during this most difficult time in all of our lives.

Mincha* Moments: a twice weekly spiritual check-in

Social isolation doesn't have to mean spiritual isolation.

Stay connected to each other and the Temple and nurture your spirit.

Take a break from your day and elevate your soul. Join Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Wallach and special guests for a brief (10-15 minute) offering. We will change it up with combinations of song, teaching, meditation, imagery and/or prayer. We will also offer a *misheberach l'cholim* (a prayer for those who are ill) at every meeting.

Every Wednesday and Sunday at 6 pm until normal life resumes outside our homes.

On Zoom: Download the program from zoom.us if you have not already.

Join in by clicking [here](#)

If you need to use the phone instead, call (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 531 503 090

You will be muted upon entry and may need to activate your camera.

Mincha (Hebrew, pronounced *minha*)

1. A gift offering
2. The afternoon time for prayer
3. Rest

MiSheberach (song by Debbie Friedman)

Mi shebeirach avoteinu

מי שִׁבְרַח אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ

M'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu

May the source of strength

Who blessed the ones before us,

Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,

and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

מי שִׁבְרַח אֲמוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ

M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fuah sh'leimah*,

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,

And let us say, Amen.

Prayer said upon washing hands for sacred purposes:

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav vitzivanu al netilat yadayim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם

Blessed are you Adonai, our God, sovereign over all time and space,

who sanctifies us with your *mitzvot* and enjoins us to elevate our hands.



If you or a loved one are ill and would like to be added to our *misheberach l'cholim* list (prayer for healing), please let Rabbi Moritt know at rabbimoritt@betheljc.org

We are happy to pray for the healing of body, spirit, psyche and relationship of anyone of any religion. Please include the Hebrew name of the person/people in your prayers (if known) and your phone number so we can be in touch.

As eager as we are to pray for your healing, we are especially happy when we can take you off the list, fully restored. Please remember to let us know that, too.

A Note about the Temple Beth-El Weekly Food Pantry Wednesdays 5:30—7:00 pm



By now, we hope you are heeding the advice of our federal, state, and local public health officials to engage in aggressive "social distancing," avoiding crowded places and limiting your contact with other people as much as possible. For many of us, that means an extended stay indoors with our families and loved ones. These are stressful times for all of us, as we worry about the lack of food in grocery stores and the closure of restaurants that we normally rely on for food.

For many of society's most vulnerable people, however, these stresses are immensely magnified. The people who visit Temple Beth-El's food pantry are often homeless or live in severely dilapidated housing conditions. While we worry about being cooped up at home, they may not have a home to be cooped up in. While we worry about cooking dinner every night, they may not have a functional kitchen to cook in. And while we worry about depleting our financial reserves, they lack any financial savings or source of income.

During these difficult times, then, it is all the more essential that we keep our food pantry open as long as possible. To do so, we need your help. Here are some ways you can help serve our pantry:

1. **DONATE.** We rely on personal donations of food to keep our pantry running. Please consider making a contribution.

a. For ease, we have set up an Amazon Wishlist, available [here](#). We've even created a QR code that takes you right to it (see below). You can have your items ordered directly to Temple Beth-El, 2419 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07304. We also encourage you to set up a "subscribe and save" monthly order for your donation. We are happy to provide donation receipts for your taxes.

b. You can also, of course, purchase food and bring it to the temple. Please coordinate with our office manager, Bob Kahan, at office@betheljc.org, for a time to drop off your donation. You can also bring your donation to the pantry when it is open on Wednesday evenings.

c. If you cannot donate food, you can make a financial donation by clicking [here](#). Please mark the designation "Something else" and write "food pantry" in the comments box.

2. **VOLUNTEER.** Our pantry is open on Wednesday evenings, and we need volunteers from 5:30—7:00 pm. Volunteers will pack bags starting at 5:30 pm; the pantry opens at 6:00 pm and stays open until approximately 6:30 pm, at which time volunteers close the pantry and clean up.

a. Please sign up via our Sign Up Genius link [here](#). Please do not come to the pantry without signing up. We want to ensure appropriate social distancing by having only 2-3 volunteers at any given time.

b. We will practice appropriate hygiene and social distancing at the pantry, including: (1) volunteers must wash hands immediately upon entering the building; (2) volunteers must wear gloves while packing and handing out food (which will be provided); (3) bags must be handed out directly from volunteers to pantry visitors at the front door — no rummaging through bags or items, and no visitors allowed inside the building at all (including the foyer).

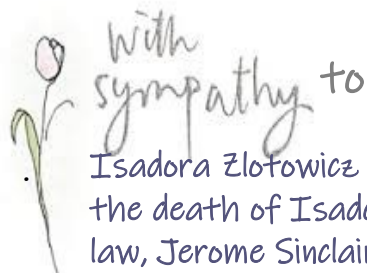
Thank you so much for your support in keeping our food pantry running during these difficult times. And please stay safe and well.

Shalom,

Mike Noveck & Alain Mentha

TBE Social Action Committee Co-Chairs





Isadora Zlotowicz and her family on
the death of Isadora's brother in
law, Jerome Sinclair Leibowitz

Jessica, Joseph and Alexandra
Smith on the death of Jessica's
father, Dr. Neil Blatt



New Member Shabbat thanks!

A long long time ago, in a galaxy far far away (actually on March 6th, before COVID -19 and the quarantine), Temple Beth-El sponsored our annual New Member Shabbat & Potluck. Over 35 members (new & old alike) enjoyed a potluck dinner along with food from local Jersey City favorite Laico's. Each new member was introduced to the congregation and called to the bimah to receive a special benediction from Rabbi Moritt. Special thanks to Nancy Sambul, Raimy Cheyne, and the entire Membership Committee for planning such a wonderful evening.



Did you catch HBO's **The Plot Against America**? It was filmed in Temple Beth-El's own sanctuary and grounds! There's plenty of time (!) to binge it on HBO and HBO Go.

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.

Music Fund

Wishing Jason Scala a speedy and complete recovery

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Wishing Irena Marchel's husband, Jerzy, a speedy and complete recovery

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Wishing a speedy and complete recovery to Brenda and Jay Eagle

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Condolences to Jessica, Jason & Alexandra Smith on the loss of Jessica's father, Dr. Neil Blatt

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thanks to Cantor Wallach for her lovely Mincha Moments

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thanks to Rabbi Moritt for her lovely Mincha Moments

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thank you to Michelle Pievsky and Rabbi Dennis Math for making calls for Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazel Tov to Dexter Hudspeth, Loryn Slotsky and Eric Hudspeth on Dexter's becoming bar mitzvah

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazel Tov to Harry Eig, Chris Eig and Jennifer Dusel on Henry's becoming bar mitzvah

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazel Tov to Ben Rosenberg, David and Laura Popp Rosenberg on Ben's becoming bar mitzvah

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Condolences to Jessi Gottlieb Empestan on the death of her husband, Ro Empestan, from Covid-19.

Nancy & Nathan Sambul

To Jessi Empestan in memory of Roehl Empestan

Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg

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- To update your family's yarzeit listings go to the [TBE yarzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
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- 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. He would be happy to discuss it further.

Yarzeits



Week ending May 2

James Colker
Alvin W. Genser
Irving Hochstat
Eugene Rottenberg
Anita Schonberger-Keel
Ellen Rea Wolff-Levinson
Matthew Zimmerman

Week ending May 9

Jane Doefer
David Gurwitz
Arthur A. Levine
Fred G. Moritt
Marvin Pinn
Gertrude Wegodsky

Week ending May 16

Ronald Gale
Ruth Golin
Laurence Goldstein
Murray Hysen
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Week ending May 23

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