



## The Reform Congregation of Jersey City

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### Reopening Our Building

*Al Tifrosh Min HaTzibur* | אל תפרוש מן הצבור

*Do not separate yourself from the community —Pirkei Avot*



As tempting as it may be to offer this piece of Talmud to exhort us to renew our Temple membership, it is here to speak to something much deeper. It is a comment on our eternal human need to be connected to something greater than ourselves and to one another. Another truism is that every age experiences forces that gnaw at the ties that bind us. COVID-19 is just another version. My teacher, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi said it in a more modern way: “the only way to get it together is together.”

It is true in times of strife and division: constructive building and effective critique must come from within a community and society. No matter what divides us, separating ourselves from our spiritual core only weakens us. It is true in interpersonal relationships: When God tells Adam, “It is not good for a person to be alone,” he gets his partner. This is an additional answer to loneliness and isolation. A community is more than a group of people sharing a space, experience, or activity; it nurtures a sense of belonging by helping each member feel seen, cared for, and supported and connected to their history, values and people.

As the Coronavirus gnaws away at the fabric of our lives, along with you, Temple Beth-El will be keeping it together — together.

The past several months have been a challenge for everyone, and all of us at Temple Beth-El are no exception. We held our last in-person service on Purim, which was on March 9. Since then, along with other religious organizations around the state, country, and world, we have moved our services, school, office and programming offerings online. It’s been wonderful to see so many of us taking advantage of our many Zoom-based options, such as Friday evening services, Mincha Moments, and Tot Shabbat. We miss the camaraderie, energy, and singing terribly, but have no doubt that we are doing what we must to ensure our health and wellbeing.

No doubt you have heard of Governor Murphy’s recent executive order that allows religious services to resume, either indoors or outdoors and subject to certain restrictions. But like many other congregations, we want to proceed cautiously, and resume in-person activities, like services and religious school, only once we can assure ourselves and our congregation that such activities can take place in a manner that is both physically safe and spiritually rewarding. To that end, we have established an ad hoc Transition Planning Committee, consisting of representatives who are involved in religious services, facilities management, religious school, Tot Shabbat, and other facets of our congregation, to put together a comprehensive plan for resuming our physical gatherings. Our group also includes two physicians, who can advise us on the medical facts and recommendations, as well as a leader in a large Jersey City institution poised to make similar decisions.

As the group moves forward, **we need your input.** We want to know what your interests are; what concerns you have; what precautions would make you feel safe, if any; and how and when you see yourself returning to our physical space. The Transition Planning Committee will therefore be holding two **listening sessions** by

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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 at <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, July 3**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm  
(lay-led by Ben Rauch)

**Friday, July 10**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm  
Welcome our new Cantorial Soloist, Marian Kleinman!

**Friday, July 17**

Kabbalat Shabbat Family services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, July 24**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, July 31**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, August 7**

Kabbalat Shabbat Family services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, August 14**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, August 21**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, August 28**

Kabbalat Shabbat services over Zoom 8:00 pm

**Friday, September 4**

Kabbalat Shabbat Family services over Zoom 8:00 pm



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Mon-Fri 10am – 1pm

**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.**

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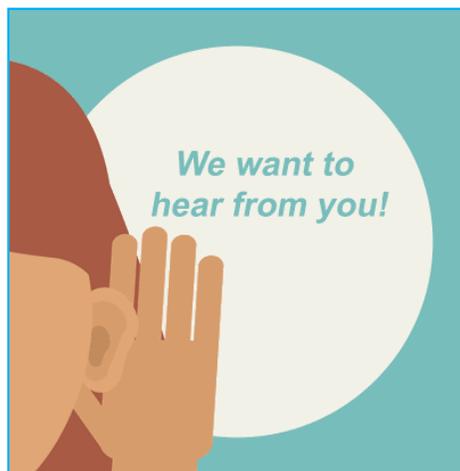
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**Shabbat Candle Lighting**

Friday, July 10	8:10 pm	Friday, July 31	7:54 pm	Friday, August 21	7:27 pm
Friday, July 17	8:07 pm	Friday, August 7	7:46 pm	Friday, August 28	7:16 pm
Friday, July 24	8:01 pm	Friday, August 14	7:37 pm	Friday, September 4	7:05 pm



## Listening Sessions: Wednesday, July 8 8pm Sunday, July 12 2 pm

**As we plan for the future, we need your input.**

We want to know what your interests are; what concerns you have; what precautions would make you feel safe, if any; and how and when you see yourself returning to our physical space.

Think about: *Services Religious School Tot Shabbat etc....*

And set aside the time to join the Zoom session by clicking [here](#)

### Reopening Our Building

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Zoom — one on **Wednesday, July 8, at 8pm, and the other on Sunday, July 12, at 2pm.** We hope you can join us for one of those sessions so that we can gather your input. We will also be distributing an **online written survey** to gather your input, with separate survey questions for our religious school parents regarding the transition planning process for the school. As with the survey, each of the listening sessions will also feature time at the end that focuses on the issues surrounding religious school reopening. The link for both of these reopening conversations is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83310046972>

Even as we are discussing the criteria, timeline and advisability for reopening, we are still confident that holding virtual services for the High Holy Days is the right decision. Given the hundreds of people we regularly welcome; the extensive planning necessary for the Holy Days; the vulnerability of many of our members and the sheer number of questions that remain impossible to answer, caution must prevail. Many of you were part of the two listening sessions we held to talk about how to make our virtual Holy Day services feel engaging, interactive and sustain the feeling of being together we cherish. It was wonderful to process what is important to each of us and how we might recreate those feelings. Stay tuned for the lineup of offerings and how we will use the opportunity of virtual services to try new and creative things. There are truly blessings to be found in these challenging times. As a community of faith and resilience, we are receptive to receiving these blessings and using this challenge to try new things.

Yet, as excited as we are about the opportunity to try different things, we need to acknowledge we are all in different stages of mourning and stress. For many of us, the vision of starting fresh in the fall with the holidays and school is what gets us through the chaotic monotony we are living through. As we go from observing precautions for a few weeks to a few months to more, the uncertainty of when and how we can regain normalcy weighs heavier with each passing week. All of us engaged in these conversations are feeling this along with you.

Of course, even as we remain physically distant, we seek to keep ourselves spiritually connected. That is what we are here for and that is what we are doing. We welcome you to join us by Zoom for weekly services, Mincha Moments or any of the numerous programs and projects that are still going full swing, and you can always raise any questions or concerns with Tom ([tom@betheljc.org](mailto:tom@betheljc.org)) or Rabbi Moritt ([RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org)).

L'shalom and stay well,

*Michael Noveck*, Vice President, Facilities

*Rabbi Leana Moritt*

## Our Village

by Morah Marian Kleinman, Cantorial Soloist/Education Director

There are a number of jokes about how many people it takes to change a lightbulb. Regarding the idea that “it takes a village to raise a child,” how many people is that? Our Temple Beth-El “village” provides meaningful resources for us: concepts for raising children, romantic interactions, and living our lives meaningfully with time-tested Jewish ethics and values. I feel blessed to join and serve the diverse TBE community.

So, to complete the thought, if you were to ask, “how many people does it take to run great Religious School programs?” Or “how many people does it take to create spiritual connections and awe-inspiring community life?” I believe the answer would be “more than you’d expect.” Wondering where your place is? Please become involved! Email or call me, or Rabbi Moritt! There are many ways to connect. To name a few, you can get involved with our school (contact our Youth Education Committee), get more involved with worship service planning (Religious Practices Committee), and other ways. Each of us would love to hear from you today, tomorrow, or anytime.

As summer begins, school planning is underway. Please watch for emails about our Religious School plans, and for notification about school registration deadlines.

We are “together apart” these days, even as many restrictions are being reduced. So many unanswered questions, such as: will we physically meet for Religious School in September? Will public schools re-open, and when? What will our “new normal” look like? We all desire continuance for our community and staying safe is vitally important!

Zoom, emails, texts, Facebook, Twitter, and phone calls, are just a few of the many ways for us to connect, until our community can meet again in person. Like a tweet, the succinct words of Psalm 133:1, in less than 50 characters, offer us something amazing, beautiful and clear, “right there” for us to understand.

הִנֵּה מַה-טוֹב, וּמַה-נְּעִים -- שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם-יַחַד.

Psalm 133:1 How good and pleasant it is that brothers/sisters dwell together.  
(Hineih mah tov u'mah na-im, shevet achim gam yachad.)

I wonder about the sounds people heard when the Ten Commandments were given at *Sinai*. There is long-standing rabbinic debate on whether the ancient Israelites heard thunder or saw it or both. While I’m thankful we have technology to gather together, I feel that as our technology advances and improves our lives, it also has the potential to create serious impediments to our intelligence. This is one of the many reasons I turn off most of my electronic devices on *Shabbat*. When we gather together on *Shabbat*, the silence and sound of *Sinai* is re-created in our praying together.

At times individually, at times together, at times aloud or in silence; at times to God and at times to one another, we sing, we read, we chant. Peace and human-ness become visible, enhanced. Prayer, centuries old, blesses us once again. Prayer survived the test of time.

I look forward to being together with you to celebrate *Shabbat* and holidays, to study and learn, to comfort and to be joyous, and to do our part to bring peace and happiness to one another....  
*B'shira* (in song),

*Marian*

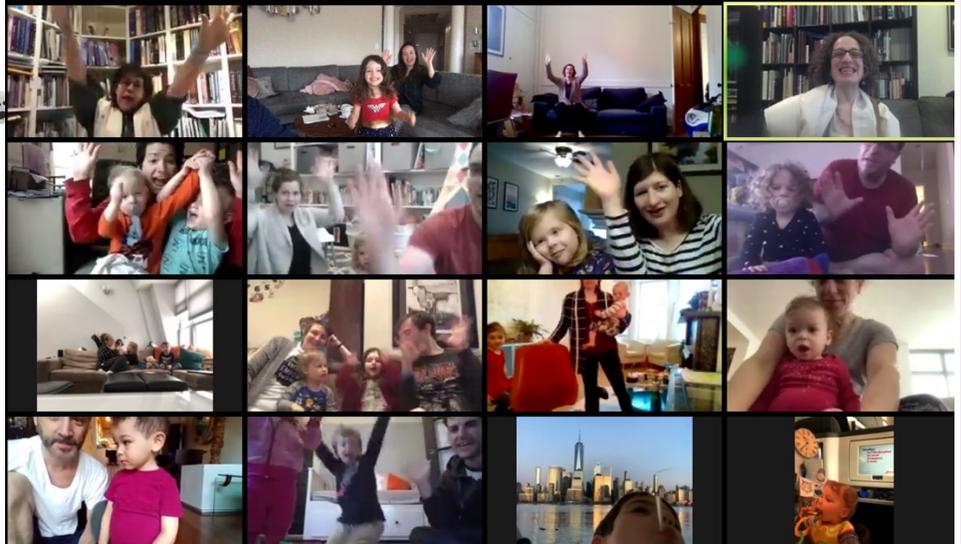
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Saturday, July 11  
Saturday, August 15  
@ 10:30 over Zoom!

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 calendar year:  
September 12    October 3    November 14    December 19

Watch your emails for when we return from our virtual location back to our Beth-El home. If you are not on 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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### Interfaith Online Gatherings in Solidarity, Hope and Prayer

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WED JULY 22, 4PM  
WED AUG 19, 4PM

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF HUDSON COUNTY'S CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM, JEWISH, SIKH, BAHAI, HINDU, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES PRAYING TOGETHER FOR HEALING AND HOPE



Join at <https://zoom.us/j/193152154>, or by phone, dial 646 876 9923 and enter meeting ID 193 152 154 or join on Facebook Live at the Hudson County Brotherhood/Sisterhood Assoc facebook page

MORE INFO: [HUDSONCOUNTYINTERFAITH@aol.com](mailto:HUDSONCOUNTYINTERFAITH@aol.com)

## Join the TBE



Thursday, July 30: Rashi's Daughters, Book 1  
by Maggie Anton

Thursday, August 27: The Lost Letter  
By Jillian Cantor

All meetings will be at 8 pm on Zoom until further notice.

Email Joanna Tartikoff at [bookclub@betheljc.org](mailto:bookclub@betheljc.org) for the Zoom link.

# Yarzeits



**Week ending  
July 4**

Rochelle Kirschner  
Bea Schimel

**Week ending  
July 11**

Charles F. Heitner  
Morris Pesin  
Murray Pollner  
Morris K. Schonberg  
Harry Sommerstein  
Harry Schwartzbard  
Donald Taube

**Week ending  
July 18**

Rena Abrams  
Leah Bialo  
Emanuel Eagle  
Rhoda Magilavy  
Harold B. Nickelspohn  
Helen Rausch  
Henrietta Rifkin  
Shuchman  
Judith Sommerstein  
Alice Weinrobe

**Week ending  
July 25**

Ruby Chiang  
Max Benjamin  
Harrison  
Thelma Kaye  
Benjamin Rausch  
Minerva U. Sweet  
Arnold Vernick

**Week ending  
August 1**

Claire Blum  
Abraham Cohn  
Ann Greenberg  
Judith Kaplan  
Dorothy Lee  
Miriam Nickelspohn  
Jean Weil  
Arthur Weinberger

**Week ending  
August 8**

Florence Hersberg  
Regina Hibell  
Bernice Pollner  
Irving Kizner  
James Kamas

**Week ending  
August 15**

Janice Seiner Colker  
Jacob Padlipsky  
Marshall E. Bloomfield  
Esther Krieger  
Beatrice Rosensweet

**Week ending  
August 22**

Blanche Dohrman  
Charles Goldstein  
Rita Opper  
David Canter  
Marjorie Lubowsky

**Week ending  
August 29**

Eleanor Bouer  
Joan Baum



To Gary and Karen Cuttler and to  
Zachary, Nirupa and Isaiah  
on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter,  
Talia Chandra Cuttler

To Bethany, Aaron and Hannah Brotman  
on the birth of their daughter and sister,  
Daphne Elaine, Dafna Chaya  
bat Aharon Shmuel v'Batya Rachel



## We are home for the Holidays!

Follow the High Holy Day Prayers from Home while participating virtually.

Reflect on the meaningful readings of the High Holy Day Machzor at your own pace.

As we prepare for virtual High Holy Days, we strongly recommend you purchase your own prayer books. The CCAR Press has significantly discounted the ebook version of the Machzor and Siddur to \$8.99 each.

If you would like to invest in a hard copy, the cost for the Shabbat siddur is \$37 and the cost for the pair of Holy Day machzorim are \$44.

You can order/download at the following sites:

High Holy Day [here](#)

Shabbat ebook [here](#)

Shabbat hardcover book [here](#)

\*Our virtual High Holy Day Services will provide a link to the prayers we offer in flipbook form, which is also available through the links above. However, many have expressed preference for the features of the ebook over the flipbook. Many also report that following the prayers on a different screen or a physical book provides a more meaningful experience, is easier to follow and allows one to reflect at one's own pace and choice.



## 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](https://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 שְׁבֵרַח אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִקּוֹר 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 שְׁבֵרַח אִמּוֹתֵינוּ מִקּוֹר 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](mailto: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. Remember to let us know that too.



### Neighbors helping Neighbors

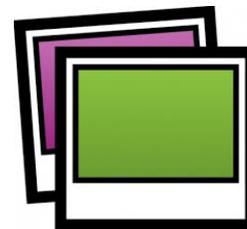
Social Distancing is especially hard on our seniors and disabled folks. **We want to help.** We started and still prioritize our seniors and disabled folks, but very soon realized that the social distancing necessitated by this pandemic isn't hard only on them.

- 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 at [nancy@betheljc.org](mailto:nancy@betheljc.org). Our members want to help as best as we can. If you are able to help deliver 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.

## We need your Temple photos!

Our Digital Task Force is busy working to recreate our new website. Please help us by going through your photos and sending your photos in and of the Temple. Please email your photos to Robin Schkrutz at [robin.schkrutz@gmail.com](mailto:robin.schkrutz@gmail.com). Stay tuned! Our new website will look great, function really well and reflect a warm light on our wonderful community.



## Temple Beth-El Weekly Food Pantry Wednesdays 5:30—7:00 pm

*Mike Noveck & Alain Mentha, TBE Social Action Committee Co-Chairs*



For many of us, “social distancing” 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. We have set up an Amazon Wishlist, available [here](#). We've even created a QR code that takes you right to it (see below). For now, please do NOT have packages delivered to the Temple as there is no one to receive packages. Please use Mike Noveck's gift registry address. 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 purchase food and bring it to the temple. Please coordinate with our office manager, Bob Kahan, at [office@betheljc.org](mailto: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. 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 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 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.



Scan with QR Studio

## 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

In memory of Stacey's father,  
Lewis Dars, on his Yarzeit  
*Elliott & Stacey Goldstein*

In memory of my sister Ann  
Vogleman on her Yarzeit  
*Molly Heitner*

In memory of Arthur Levine  
on his Yarzeit  
*Karen Gordon & Jeffrey C. Mischka*

In memory of Steven Fulop's  
grandmother, Elizabeth Fulop  
*Eugene and Lumi Fulop*  
*Carmen and Arthur Fulop*

In memory of our mother, Estelle  
Siegel, on her Yarzeit  
*Susan Siegel & Adrienne Kaye*

In memory of my parents, Rose &  
Julius Bleiweis, on their Yarzeits  
*Florence Wellen*

### Music Fund

In memory of Steven Porwich,  
brother of Alan Porwich,  
on his Yarzeit  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

In memory of Sharon's mother,  
Freida Hirshberg, on her Yarzeit  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

In memory of Irwin's father,  
Harold Rosen, on his Yarzeit  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

Wishing a speedy recovery to  
Sharon's uncle, Sonny Boyarsky  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

Condolences to Steven Fulop and his  
family on the death of his  
grandmother, Elizabeth Fulop  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

To Sandy & Phyllis Acker in memory  
of their son, Kerry  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

To Susan Wild in memory of her  
beloved Kerry  
*Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg*

Condolences to Angela Conti and her  
daughters on the death of their  
husband/father, Jason Scala  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Condolences to Stephanie Chaiken  
on the death of Bradley Fields  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Condolences to Isadora Zlotowicz on  
the death of her brother-in-law,  
Jerome Sinclair Liebowitz  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to Marcus Weiss and  
family on his new job with Miltenyi  
Biotech and on their move to  
Bethesda, MD.  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to Wyatt Schneider and  
his family on Wyatt's Bar Mitzvah  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Condolences to Andrea Gaines, Ken  
& Georgia Sebesky on the death of  
Andrea's mother, Sheila Louise  
Gaines  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Another shoutout to the TBE Youth  
Group for creating and sending cards  
at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to our niece, Danielle, &  
Adam Blank on the birth of a baby  
boy  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to our niece, Aliza, &  
Moshe Zupnick on the birth of a  
baby girl  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazel Tov to Cantor Risa Wallach on  
her new position  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

In memory of our brother-in-law,  
Jonathan Elosua, on his Yarzeit  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

In memory of Nancy's grandfather,  
David Gurwitz, mother, Bernice  
Pollner and Aunt Bernice on their  
Yarzeits  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

In memory of Nathan's father, Leon  
Sambul, step-father, Murray Pollner,  
and grandfather, Harry Vogelmann, on  
their Yarzeits  
*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Condolences to Rabbi Hachen on the  
death of her mother, Pearl Hachen  
*Fred and Karen Schnur*

In celebration of Rabbi Moritt's son's  
graduation  
*Fred and Karen Schnur*

Condolences to Jessi Empestan and  
her children on the death of their  
husband/father, Roehl Empestan  
*Shirley and Harvey Roter*

Wishes for a full recovery to Arnie  
Bettinger  
*Shirley and Harvey Roter*

Condolences to Glen Pertz and Carol  
Boeckel on the death of Glen's  
mother, Doris Woolf  
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