

## Finding Light and A Light Heart in That Last Cruise of Oil

Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan was once asked if there are any jokes in the Talmud, and his response was, “yes, but they’re all old.” We truly have it all in our literature and culture—from the profound mysteries of existence and the passionate care for the world and its ills to the bawdy, delicious, and rip-roaring funny. Part of the richness of Judaism is embracing the fullness of the human experience, with all that it offers.

I’ll tell you another thing that’s feeling old. This pandemic and the never-ending cycle of bad news. It feels like there is constant heaviness in the air. So, when we sat down to think about how we should celebrate Hanukkah as a community this year, it became clear that what we all need is a little bit of light. Yes, yes, we bring in the candles’ light to remember the Maccabees’ victorious defeat of the Greek-influenced Assyrians. That, too, is an old story and this is our history. But the genius of being Jewish is our tradition’s malleability of meaning. So, this year, our Hanukkah light will be all about lightness and laughter. This year, when so many of us are feeling like there’s just not much oil to keep our fires burning, we are going to make Hanukkah all about keeping it light. (Thank you, Lari Schwartz, Joanna Tartikoff and Seth Lubin!)



Instead of our usual latke feast and Hanukkiah lighting (sigh!), we will gather on Zoom on Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 to bring in the light of laughter and fun. Together, we’ll play some trivia (win a prize!); sing some songs; crack some jokes; watch some humor, drink some wine (?), eat some donuts (BYO); and bring in the light together. Together we will laugh and lighten our hearts.

A Jewish joke, goes one definition, is one that a non-Jew doesn’t understand and every Jew says they have already heard. So to warm us up for our December 15 event (See pages 3—4 for details), here are a couple of classics:

### *The (loving) Jewish mothers joke*

Three Jewish mothers are sitting on a bench, arguing over which one’s son loves her the most. The first one says, “You know, my son sends me flowers every Shabbos.”

“You call that love?” says the second mother. “My son calls me every day!”

“That’s nothing,” says the third woman. “My son is in therapy five days a week. And the whole time, he talks about me!”

### *The rabbi joke*

A synagogue has a mice problem. The custodian tries traps, bait, mice, everything. Nothing works. Finally, he goes to the rabbi and explains the problem. “I have the solution,” the rabbi says. “Well, what is it?” says the custodian. “It’s a foolproof plan,” the rabbi says, smiling. “I’ll give them all Bar Mitzvahs — we’ll never see them again!”



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All Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday night services) at Temple Beth-El will be via Zoom video conferencing technology until further notice. For bar mitzvah services on YouTube click [here](#).

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 on your 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.

<b>Friday, December 4</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Family services		6:30 pm
<b>Saturday, December 5</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
Shabbat morning service		10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Friedlander		
<b>Friday, December 11</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
Kabbalat Shabbat services		6:30pm
<b>Friday, December 18</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
Kabbalat Shabbat services		8:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 25</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
Kabbalat Shabbat services (lay-led)		6:30 pm
<b>Friday, January 1</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services		6:30 pm
<b>Friday, January 8</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
Kabbalat Shabbat Services		8:00 pm



Hanukkah begins  
December 10!  
See pages 3-5 for details  
on our events.



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Office hours: 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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**Shabbat Candle Lighting**



Friday, December 4	4:11 pm	Friday, December 25	4:17 pm
Friday, December 11	4:11 pm	Friday, January 1	4:22 pm
Friday, December 18	4:13 pm	Friday, January 8	4:28 pm



**Hanukkah Happenings at TBE!**

*Something for everyone every night of the holiday. All events are on Zoom.*

**A Year Later: Solidarity and Reflection**

Thursday, December 10 @ 6:30pm

In memory of the senseless act of hate, we remember the 4 innocent souls murdered in the anti-semitic attack in Jersey City one year ago.

In partnership with B'nai Jacob, United Synagogue of Hoboken and Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82406627661>

**Youth Group (BETY - Beth-El Temple Youth)**

Sunday, December 13

Calling all chefs!

Jr. Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Gr.), 2:30—4 pm Youth Group (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr.), 4—5:30pm

Join your friends and make some new ones making latkes for some Hanukkah fun in our own online cooking class. Watch your emails for the ingredient list to have on hand!

With our new Youth Group Director, Rosa Escandon. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606311960>



**All Temple Beth-El**

Tuesday, December 15 @ 5:30pm

**Hanukkah Light? Hanukkah Lite!**

This year we want to keep it light! Tonight we will laugh, sing and play together as a community with trivia, fun videos and holiday cheer. Bring your Hanukkah menorah, a glass of wine and let your inner light shine.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515769902>



**Jewish Community of Hudson County**

Thursday, December 10—Friday, December 18

**Every Night of Hanukkah**

Rabbi Moritt will lead on Wednesday, December 16 @ 5:30pm

Different Jewish leaders will light Hanukkah menorah lighting each night of Hanukkah. Co-sponsored with PJ Library, United Synagogue of Hoboken, B'nai Jacob and USH Kaplan Learning Center.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86547890908?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86547890908?pwd=cU9hZTZRUUVZ2ejJD5G1LZ0hCRE1LUT09)

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Meeting ID: 865 4789 0908

**Religious School**

Thursday, December 17 @ 5:30pm

**Getting To Know You! Family Hanukkah Virtualight**

Join other Religious School families on the last night of Hanukkah for song, schmoozing and cheer. Show off your Hanukkah menorah in our “gallery” while singing holiday favorites. We will then split up into smaller intimate groups of approximately 3 families for candle lighting, a little schmoozing and holiday cheer.



# HANUKKAH 2020

SEE WHAT TEMPLE BETH-EL AND THE COMMUNITY OF JERSEY CITY ARE OFFERING



## THURSDAY DEC 10

1 Candle

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

6:30: A Year Later: Solidarity and Reflection

7:00: Hanukkah Magic Show (ages 8+)

## FRIDAY DEC 11

2 Candles

4:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

8:00: Erev Shabbat & Hanukkah Service

## SATURDAY DEC 12

3 Candles

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

## SUNDAY DEC 13

4 Candles

11:00: Hanukkah Puppet Show (ages 0-5)

2:30-4: Jr. Youth Group (5th-7th Gr.)

4-5:30: Youth Group (8th-12th Gr.),

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

## MONDAY DEC 14

5 Candles

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

## TUESDAY DEC 15

6 Candles

5:30: Hanukkah Light? Hanukkah Lite! Hanukkah fun for the whole congregation. All are invited.

## WEDNESDAY DEC 16

7 Candles

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting with Rabbi Moritt Especially for Tots!

6:30: Hanukkah Sing-Along

## THURSDAY DEC 17

8 Candles

5:30: Family Hanukkah Virtualight For Religious School Families

5:30: Jewish Community of Hudson County Lighting

## VIRTUAL Hanukkah Magic Show

Featuring Magician & Mentalist Jason Silberman  
THURS. DEC 10 AT 7 PM



BEST FOR AGES 8-108  
FAMILIES WELCOME

In partnership with  
Jewish Community Center of Northern New Jersey  
Temple Beth-El  
The Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey

## Interactive Hanukkah Show



best for children ages 7 and younger  
A Virtual Variety Show on zoom



Register Here  
Dec. 13 @ 11 am

Free & open to the community  
happy hanukkah 2020



- puppet show
- stories
- singing

## SHALOM BABY

Menorah lighting & SING ALONG with Matty Roxx



Wednesday  
DECEMBER 16 | 6:30pm

Register to receive a FREE Chanukah Goodie Bag!



[www.jfnnj.org/menorahlighting](http://www.jfnnj.org/menorahlighting)

Marin Schloss Carosle | [Marin@jfnnj.org](mailto:Marin@jfnnj.org) | (201) 701-4960

In partnership with



Shalom Baby is a project of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and The Henry and Bertha Tash Foundation.



**Hanukkah Blessings & Songs**

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel chanukah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיך, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-asah nisim la-avoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*The blessing of 'shehecheyanu' is added on the first night:*  
Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higifanu laz'man hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

**Ma-oz tzur y'shuati** l'cha na-eh l'shabei-ach, tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabei-ach, l'eit tachin matbei-ach mitzar hamabei-ach, az egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat hamizbei-ach. (אג)

 Hanukkah songs and blessings.m4a

מעוז צור ישועתי לך נאה לשבת, תכון בית תפילתי ושם תודה נזבמ, לעת תכין מטבח מצר המנבמ, אז אגמר בשיר מזמור חנכת המנבמ.

Rock of ages, let our song praise Your saving power;  
You, amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower.  
Furious they assailed us, but Your arm availed us,  
And Your word, broke their sword, when our own strength failed us.

**Al hanisim**, v'al hapurkan, v'al hag'vurot, v'al hat'shuot, v'al hamilchamot, she-asita la-avoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

על הנסים, ועל הפרקו, ועל הגבורות, ועל התשועות, ועל המלחמות, שעשית לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

We thank you for the miraculous deliverances, for the heroism, and for the triumphs in battles of our ancestors in other days and in our time.

**Hanukka, oh Hanukka**

Chanuka, Oh Chanuka,  
come light the Menorah.  
Let's have a party,  
we'll all dance the horah.  
Gather round the table, we'll all  
have a treat; S'vivon to play with,  
and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing  
The candles are burning bright;  
One for each night, they shed a  
sweet light to remind us of days long  
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## Rabbi's Message

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### *The Israeli joke*

A group of people standing on a subway platform — an American, a Russian, and an Israeli. A reporter approaches and says, "Excuse me, can I get your opinion about the meat shortage?"

"What's a shortage?" says the American.

"What's meat?" says the Russian.

"What's excuse me?" says the Israeli.

### *The other rabbi joke*

A rabbi is harboring a secret — she has always wanted to try pork. One night she drives across town to the furthest restaurant from her shul and orders an entire suckling pig. Just as the waiter sets down the full roast pig with an apple in its mouth, she sees a group of her congregants has walked in and is watching her, mouths open. The rabbi widens her eyes, "So nu, what kind of place is this?" she says. "You order an apple and look how it's served!"

### *The sports joke*

A yeshiva decides to start a crew team. But no matter how much they practice, they lose every single race. Eventually they decide to send one boy down to the nearby prep school as a spy, to watch their winning crew team and find out what their secret is. After a day of reconnaissance, the boy comes back. "Listen!" he tells his teammates. "I learned how they do it — they have eight guys rowing, and only one guy screaming!"

Got others? Bring them on December 15.

Wishing you much laughter and light during this holiday season like no other,

*Rabbi Leana Moritt*



**This is  
how to  
join this  
Temple!**

Returning members please [click here](#) to pledge to renew your membership. If you've been thinking about joining, please [click here](#) to learn about the membership process.

If you enjoy the many benefits offered by Temple Beth-El, from our Shabbat and holiday services to Tot Shabbat and Religious School, pastoral care and life-cycle events, do your part so that we can continue to provide these benefits this year and in the future. This is no casual request. Our budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 shows a significant deficit.

If your financial means are limited, [click here](#) to learn more about "giving what you can."

If, however, you're able to, please make an extra contribution to help those who can't. We welcome all. We simply ask that you give what you can.

**Every pledge at every level is deeply appreciated.**



*(Make your donation for  
the 2020 tax year!)*

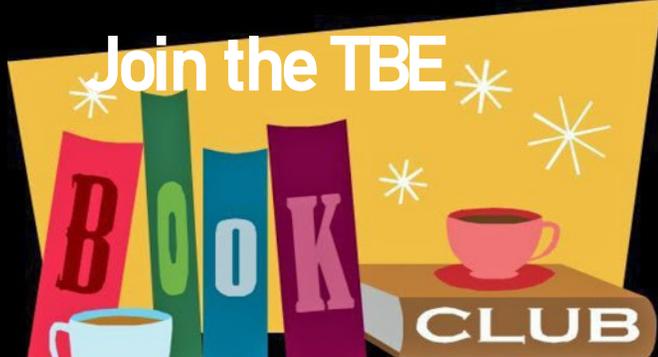
## facebook

Temple Beth El Jersey City Members is a **Private** Facebook Group created exclusively for our Temple Beth-El member community to continue being together while promoting health and wellness. If you are a member you will be accepted immediately. For security purposes we are limiting this group to members only. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining.

There is also a separate page for Beth-El families!



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



**Join the TBE**

**BOOK CLUB**

Next book:  
**Kaddish.com**  
*by Nathan Englander*

**Thursday, December 3 @ 8pm**

**All meetings will be on Zoom until further notice.**

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

Introduction **אבנך הוזהט**  
to Hebrew **יכדלססנום**  
for Adults **עפפצקושת**

**Wednesdays 7-7:30pm beginning December 2**  
**13 weeks**

Email Rabbi Moritt for more information or to register.

A timely and wonderful new video by our very own Ben Rauch!

[Stay At Home - YouTube](#)



**Religious School** Religious school continues every Sunday from 9:30am—12noon. Detailed emails are regularly sent to all enrolled parents. If you're not receiving an email for your child's grade, or for further information about our school and classes, please contact Rosa Escandon (Ms. Chaya), who is covering for Morah Marian while she is on medical leave, at [rosa@betheljc.org](mailto:rosa@betheljc.org).




**WEEKLY on Wednesdays at TBE**

**Our neighbors need your generosity**

Please lend a hand by volunteering [here](#) for our Wednesday Food Pantry and/or by donating the foods and clothing listed [here](#), or by donating funds [here](#) so that we may purchase needed items. Our neighbors in need can use them. (See below if you'd like to use a QR code to access the wishlist.)

Donations to the Food Pantry are tax-deductible. If you donate cash, you'll receive an acknowledgement as usual. If you donate items, email the receipt to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org) or click [here](#) for a downloadable copy of the Temple's In-Kind Donation Form. Click on the second form to donate, complete it, and send it to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org). Keep a copy of the blank for future use.

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



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# Youth Group News

November's Youth Group went amazingly. After some get to know you exercises, our youngsters made some cards for our members that we will be sending out shortly, and the senior Youth Group learned some new online games. Next month's Youth Group will be on December 13, so mark your calendars. We are going to make some latkes over Zoom, so look out for emails with the time, link, and of course recipe/ingredient list. We would love to get more young people involved with Youth Group and hope to see some new faces next month. If you have a youngster who might be interested, Rosa is always happy to talk them into it. Here is her email: [rosa@betheljc.org](mailto:rosa@betheljc.org).

## Meet Our New Youth Group Director

Rosa is not only the fourth grade Hebrew teacher and interim admin at our Sunday School, she is also the Youth Group Director. Originally from California, she now lives in Brooklyn where she is a teacher and writer. She has worked at several Jewish institutions over the years, including the National American Jewish History Museum, The Contemporary Jewish Museum, and UPenn Hillel, and now she's excited to be part of the Temple Beth El team and community. Her virtual door is always open and she would love to hear from you. You can email her at [rosa@betheljc.org](mailto:rosa@betheljc.org)

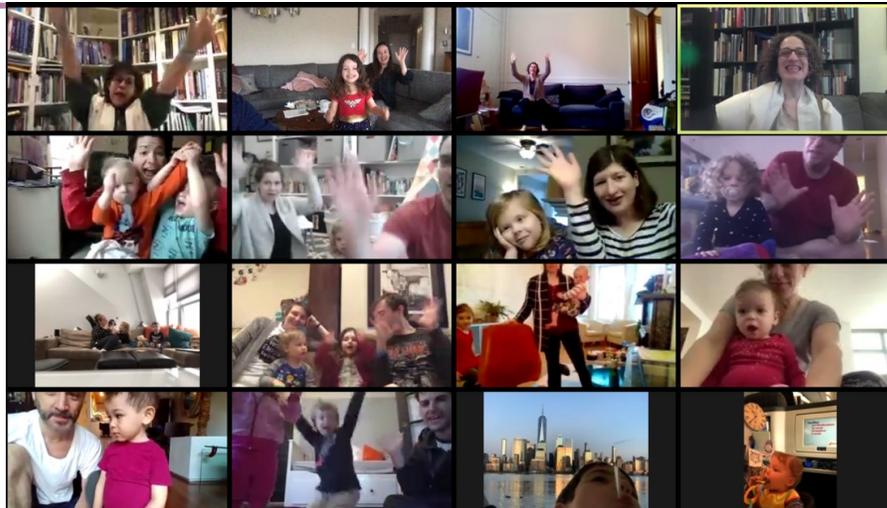


# tot Shabbat

Saturday, December 19  
@ 10:30 over Zoom!

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! We can't wait to "see" you again at Tot Shabbat! Bring your favorite stuffed animals, and even more important, bring you ruach (spirit) and singing voices!

Bracha the bear is waiting for us to return to our Temple! Meanwhile, Rabbi Moritt will bring Tot Shabbat to your home. We will sing, dance tell a story and have fun together! Click [here](#) to join in. Have juice and challah/bread ready at home as we will make the blessings and enjoy our snacks together.



Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings:

January 16	February 20	March 20	April 17
May 15	June 12	July 10	August 14

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.

## Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah!



Jeremy Evan Friedland, son of incredibly proud parents Joelle and Michael Friedland, will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Jeremy is in the eighth grade at Stevens Cooperative School in Hoboken, where his favorite subjects are history and science, which is not surprising given his curiosity and inquisitive nature. Jeremy is hard-working and has been especially devoted to his school work, his high school applications, and preparing for his big Bar Mitzvah day. Outside of school Jeremy has a passion for music, particularly singing and songwriting. He enjoys spending time with his friends, and takes part in numerous activities such as personal training, music and is learning to play the guitar. Of course we can't forget his love for video gaming with his friends!

Jeremy began Hebrew school at Temple Beth-El in 2017 and enjoys learning about Jewish history. He's always been very proud of his religion and culture, ever since a very young age. It is clear that he also loves preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, since he sings his Torah portions to the

whole family routinely! He is looking forward to sharing this big day with his family and friends and he'd love to thank his whole family, Rabbi Moritt and Morah Marian, for helping him study and prepare.

Mazel tov, Jeremy!



## Family Promise during Covid-19

Over five years ago, Temple Beth-El began working with congregations throughout the area to launch Family Promise of Hudson County. Family Promise has provided hosting opportunity for working families, so they can stay together while struggling to get back on their feet and move to a

new home. Many have lost jobs or suffered other adverse circumstances, leaving them temporarily homeless. Family Promise provides social services for these people to find jobs and housing and return to the normalcy of their lives as a family.

Prior to the pandemic, Temple Beth-El participated by hosting four or five families, all with children, to sleep over in Temple Beth El's Social Hall, four times a year. After a full day of school and work the families returned to Temple Beth El for dinner and evening activities. Enter Covid-19 and this plan came to a screeching halt, as you can well imagine.

But the work continues, albeit in different ways. Especially in this current crisis, there are so many people in great need of our help. Email Lari at [lari@bethjc.org](mailto:lari@bethjc.org) **subject line: Family Promise**, and tell us what you would like to do to help out. Let us know your questions. Let us know how you plan to make this year one of giving to those less fortunate than yourself.



We are Family Promise  
Transforming the lives of  
homeless families. Because  
every child deserves a home.

## 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 Evelyn Shugar Brauer  
Joyce Brauer-Weston & Jon Weston

In honor of Tom Rosensweet's  
dedication to Temple Beth-El  
Michele & Craig Linder

### Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Aaron & Giovanna Dunkel

In honor of Rabbi Moritt's  
outstanding work with Jacob  
Michele & Craig Linder

### Food Pantry Donations

Lawrence Seemen  
Robert & Hillela Ward

### Music Fund

In memory of grandparents  
Rachel and Sigmund Arthur Newman  
Bonnie & Jay Heyman & family

In memory of father, Elliott Porte  
Bonnie & Jay Heyman & family

In honor of Morah Marian and  
Cantor Wallach for preparation  
for our son's bar mitzvah  
Michele & Craig Linder

To Steven & Jaclyn Fulop  
Mazal Tov on the new addition  
to the family  
Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg

To Rabbi Moritt  
Thank you for your superhuman  
efforts to bring us meaningful High  
Holy Day services  
Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg

To Ben & Sarah Rauch  
Mazel Tov on your wedding  
Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg

*Thank you for the following donations for  
streaming equipment for services:*

Michael & Joelle Friedland  
Laura Katzive & Daniel Ackman  
Marion Katzive  
Michele & Craig Linder

Donald & Neelam Mankoff  
David Rosenberg &  
Laura Popp-Rosenberg  
Karina Skvirsky & Michael Lantz



to  
**Tess and Kelly Shiau,**  
who welcomed their son,  
Asher Ray, into the world  
on November 14



### Neighbors helping Neighbors

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 or isolated, please let Nancy know.



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.



Extraordinary times may compel one to make difficult decisions for which they were not previously prepared. Whether you find yourself faced with the decisions surrounding the death of a family member or you are considering making advance plans, Temple Beth-El has a plot of burial grounds in **Mount Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, NJ**.

Mount Moriah is a beautiful and well-maintained cemetery that has been serving the Jewish Community for over 100 years. The cemetery is located on the slopes of the Palisades just a few minutes from Hudson County, between Kennedy Blvd and Routes 1&9. The Temple's graves are located on the main road of the cemetery and are adjacent to our original plot where, among many of our founding members, our founding rabbi, the late Maurice Thorner is buried. These graves are available for purchase, either as a family plot or individual graves. For further information, please contact Larry Gutterman at [admin@betheljc.org](mailto:admin@betheljc.org)

**Yahrzeits/Memorial Plaques/  
Simcha Tree Leaves**  
*Remember and Honor*



The yahrzeit, 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 yahrzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yahrzeit listings go to the [TBE yahrzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)
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**Yarzeits**



**Week ending  
December 5**

- Fred Umschweis
- Ronde Joyce Wasserman
- Herbert Ziff
- Sigmund Arthur Newman
- Elliott Porte
- Judith Nadler
- Susan Siegler Comstock
- Jane Tuchscher Koskuba
- Aid Kushner
- Jon Edward Rottenberg
- Abraham L. Wellen
- Rose Schimel

**Week ending  
December 12**

- Anna Simonds Gurwitz
- Ida L. Tupper
- Jorge Falus
- Irving Singer
- Ray Sweet
- Florence Dodelson
- Manuel Levine
- Claudia Rotsztein
- Ethel Chodash

**Week ending  
December 19**

- Rose Baritz Gurwitz
- Hyman Golin
- Mollie Kanov Levitov
- David J. Mazlish
- Michelle Raskin
- Barbara Schwartzbard
- Solomon Roter
- Herman Oppen
- Lorraine Elinor Levine

**Week ending  
December 26**

- Martin Burman
- Ellen Straus
- Milani Lee
- Jules Markowitz
- Leon Nathan Shuchman
- Jeannette Lewin
- Victor Wagner
- Clara Zlotowicz-Bulion
- Wallace Rabner
- Max Rabin

**Week ending  
January 2**

- Harold Grant
- Nestor Osvaldo Dron
- Doris Woolf
- Benjamin Migdoll



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