



The Reform Congregation of Jersey City

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Message from the Rabbi

With each passing month, I discover something (or someone) wonderful about our temple. At the same time, I must admit that there is something that has awed me from the very beginning: our *ner tamid*, our eternally burning light over our *aron kodesh* (ark). With a real gas flame, ours is truly unique. Most synagogues employ light bulbs of some sort. I often steal a few precious moments outside my office to simply meditate quietly in our sanctuary and just gaze upon its flame.

The *ner tamid* has been a fixture in synagogues since the beginning. The Torah teaches (Exodus 27): “You shall instruct the Israelites to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly.” Since that time, a flame has burned in our sanctuaries and it remains our job to keep it lit. As a reminder of that challenge, synagogues are built with a continuously lit lamp as the focal point of our sanctuaries. Of course, the light is a metaphor for who and what enlivens us and keeps our spirits alive: the spark of the Divine within us.

Sitting in our sanctuary, I think of the many thousands of Jews who celebrated and mourned within our sanctuary; those who built and sustained the community; those who came of age and who were even named or married on our bimah. Throughout our generations, together we sustained one another and kept our flame burning. Often, I imagine I feel the spirit of those who loved the place and still watch over it.

If you ask Irwin (Rosen, lifelong member and Past President), he will tell you of the days when the sanctuary was so full, children were not permitted -- they had to go to High Holy Day Services in our Social Hall and other rooms. In those days our flea market room was the teen lounge and every nook and cranny of the building was used to capacity.

Times have changed; Jersey City has changed; customs in modern Jewish prayer and architecture have changed. For example, rabbis no longer wear robes on Shabbat, as was customary when the synagogue was built. Rabbis now largely wear the same respectful mode of dress expected of our congregants. Large imposing bimahs have given way to favoring level floors, highlighting our egalitarian values. Straight, formal rows of pews designed to focus everyone’s attention forward have yielded to seating in the round, a configuration that emphasizes the congregation’s voice and presence as a dynamic part of the service.

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PURIM

Purim services & fundraiser info inside

BORSCHT X
An Evening of Comedy to Benefit Temple Beth-El
Starring “Uncle Floyd” Vivino
Hosted by Phil Rivo
Saturday, April 6th • 8pm
Temple Beth-El 2419 Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City
ADVANCED TICKETS \$36 WWW.BETHELJC.ORG/BORSCHT

Friday, February 1



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:15 pm
 Friday Night Kabbalat Family Shabbat 7:00 pm
 services featuring our 4th Grade Religious School
 Students. Followed by oneg

Saturday, February 2

Introduction to Judaism* 9:00-10:30 am
 Tot Shabbat 10:30 am
 Bagels & Shabbat Morning Services 10:30 am
 followed by Torah Study



Friday, February 8

Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by oneg 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 9

Introduction to Judaism* 9:00-10:30 am
 Bagels & Shabbat Morning Services followed 10:30 am
 by Torah Study

Friday, February 15

Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by oneg 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 16

Introduction to Judaism* 9:00-10:30 am
 Bagels & Shabbat Morning Services (lay-led)
 followed by Torah Study 10:30 am

Friday, February 22

Kabbalat Shabbat services 7:00 pm
 Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Dan Ackman and Laura Katzive
 in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ben

Saturday, February 23

Shabbat Morning Services 10:30am
 Benjamin Ackman will be called to the Torah as a
 Bar Mitzvah

Friday, March 1



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:15 pm
 Friday Night Kabbalat Family Shabbat 7:00 pm
 Services featuring our 5th & 6th grade
 Religious School Students and Junior Choir
 followed by oneg

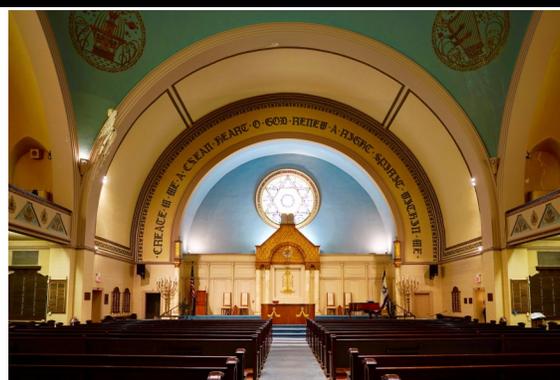
Saturday, March 2

Introduction to Judaism* 9:00-10:30 am
 Bagels & Shabbat morning services followed 10:30 am
 by Torah Study

** Registration Closed. Please contact Rabbi Moritt at RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org for information on the next class.*



*Sponsor an oneg Shabbat!
[Click here](#) to go to the sponsorship
 form to choose your date.*



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[click here.](#)

Shabbat Candle Lighting



Friday, February 1 4:46 pm
 Friday, February 8 5:04 pm
 Friday, February 15 5:13 pm
 Friday, February 22 5:21 pm
 Friday, March 1 5:29 pm

Rabbi's Message *(continued from page 1)*

Most of us have seen the architectural renderings of our redesigned sanctuary on display in the building. They illustrate the direction Beth-El is heading with our planned construction. Soon we will all be able to participate in bringing this vision into reality; we are heading into very exciting times.

But why wait to change, we asked ourselves?

We realized that by (removing the long pews and) moving the shorter pews that were under the balcony to the center, we could reconfigure the seating in more of a semi-circle pattern to give us a warmer, more intimate and embracing feeling when we gather, especially in smaller groups. On Sunday, December 16, armed with heavy-duty dollies and a couple of pizzas, a group of 18 of us rolled up our sleeves and got to work getting a head start on redesigning our sanctuary.

We began right after Religious School at noon and by mid-afternoon, our sanctuary had been transformed! Thanks go out to our amazing moving team of Aaron Brotman, David Shadi, Alain Mentha, Dan Ackman, Joel Caminer, Jorge Narvaez, Lourdes Narvaez, Craig Linder, Lari Schwartz, Nathan Wild, Irwin Rosen, Kay Magilavy, Cristhian Ordonez, Ares Ordonez, Catalina Encalada, Vadim Ivanov and Anna Khanumian. We accomplished the task in good humor and in good form.

The feedback on our newly-redesigned sanctuary has been overwhelmingly positive, even from the Religious School children. We still have ample capacity for our High Holy Days and special events without having to add additional chairs. The new configuration also carries the extra bonus of giving us a gathering space for bagels on Shabbat morning and other social functions—all within our beautiful sanctuary. I invite all of our members to join us for a service and/or special event soon to experience the difference.

I still sit quietly in our newly-reconfigured sanctuary and gaze at the eternal light and realize this is exactly what our people have always done. We take what is beautiful and timeless in our tradition and reformulate it to meet the needs of today. Our pew move is just the first step in recreating a newly revitalized Temple Beth-El building; we will need to draw on more than just a handful of us and some dollies to raise the \$3 million plus for the necessary renovations. At the same time, when I sit alone in the sanctuary, I still sense the souls of all those who have gone before us and believe they have given our changes their blessing.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Leana Moritt

The moving crew



Moving the pews



Message from the President

Tom Rosensweet

The New Year and the halfway point of my second year as Temple President have caused me to reflect on our journey together.

Five days before my term began, Rabbi Hachen announced that she needed to accelerate her retirement and move herself and Peter to California as soon as was feasible.

Thus began a year of searches, resulting in the engagement of Interim Rabbi Brian Beal, our new settled Rabbi Leana Moritt, and finally Student Cantor Stefanie Greene. Transitions, of course, bring uncertainty and disagreement, and expose an organization's shortcomings in a way that is sometimes unpleasant, even if it is necessary.

As things settle down, and as we have made modest improvements in our financial picture, I've been determined to improve the management of the Temple by empowering and challenging the committees that I neglected during my first year. The Lifelong Learning Committee, for instance, is about to launch a series of programs for our members and friends, including Jewish storytelling and a program on the holocaust. They're also in the initial phase of starting a Temple Youth Group. A year ago, this committee had only one member!

The Kadimah Committee is about to resume fundraising for the badly-needed renovation of our building. There will be news on that subject soon.

We have found a volunteer to become our Financial Secretary. Suzanne Goldstein-Smith will soon take over this job and reduce the burden on Kay Magilavy, who has done it for the past several years – in addition to being co-director of the Religious School.

Rabbi Moritt found a buyer who took away almost all of the pews that we wanted to sell. We'll be selling more when the renovation begins. Then she organized a team to rearrange the remaining ones into the cozier, more intimate pattern that we now enjoy in the Sanctuary. Another team organized and properly disposed of 35 boxes of obsolete prayerbooks, and cleaned up our balconies and the book room in the rear of the sanctuary.

There is always more to do and we need to continue spreading the workload. The job of President is still too big and time-consuming and impossible without the many hours of support provided by Kay, Rabbi and a few others. We also need to work harder to draw people to services and Temple events. And we need to continue improving the Temple's finances.

I took the job of President to help secure the future of this 150+ year-old congregation, to serve this generation of members, and to ensure that Reform Jews in Jersey City will always have a place to gather and pray. With your continuing encouragement, participation and financial support, we will succeed together.

SAVE THE DATE



13th Annual Communal Passover Seder

led by Rabbi Leana Moritt and Student Cantor Stefanie Greene

Saturday evening, April 20 at Temple Beth-El

Look for the signup sheet in the March newsletter or online soon



Calling all thespians, jokers and (kosher) hams!

Join the fun and come be a part of this year's **Purim Schpiel!**

Adults! Kids! Teens! Singers! Speaking and non-speaking roles!

We have a part for you!

Purim is Wednesday March 20 and there will be 2-3 weeknight
or Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

Email RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org to get involved on or off stage
(costumes, props, playbill). Join the fun!

Purim Mitzvah and Fundraiser

Purim is a holiday of sweetness and joy, a time when we reflect on the power of an individual and the victory of the Jewish nation in the face of destruction. A Purim tradition is "mishloach manot" (mish-LO-ach ma-NOTE) — the mitzvah of sending gifts.

The giving of *shaloch manot* fosters a feeling of closeness and hope in the community at a time of year when we are still burdened with the bleakness of winter. There is a rabbinic teaching that we should not only give gifts to friends, but to someone who is new in the community, to those who are needy, and to those whose spirits would be bolstered by knowing that someone cares.

Temple Beth El helps our members perform this mitzvah by preparing Shaloch Manot gift bags for all our member households and staff. Every member family and each staff person gets one gift bag, with a Purim letter listing all those members who participate in this fundraiser.

We hope you will choose to have your name on EVERYONE's gift letter by donating \$72 (4 x Chai). Or you can choose to have your name on all Religious School families' letters for just \$36 (2 x Chai). Or choose to have your name on select bags by donating \$18 for the first family and \$2 for each additional family.

The Purim bags can be picked up on Sunday, March 17 starting at 11:30 am and until everyone returns from the Field Trip to the Lower Eastside Tenement Museum (approximately noon), at Shabbat Services on Friday, March 15 or Saturday, March 16, or at the Purim Schpiel on Wednesday evening, March 20. Member families who attend Tot Shabbat can pick up their bags that morning. On Sunday, March 17, we ask all Religious School parents to deliver bags to families who live in their neighborhood. The children enjoy this and it's a nice way to meet new neighbors. Remember – this too is a mitzvah.

Note: We do not mail or deliver to those who live outside of Hudson County. Please come pick up your shaloch manot bag on any of the above dates.

To participate, please fill out the order form on the next page or online before Thursday, March 7.





PURIM BAGS ORDER FORM



Purim is the ONLY holiday that MANDATES the giving of tzedakah and GIFTS in the tradition of *mishloach manot*—sending gifts of food to friends in honor of the holiday of Purim. This is a wonderful way to show generosity to your fellow members as well as to Temple Beth-El.

We hope you will participate this year by sending *shaloch manot* greetings to ALL members and staff. Or to all the Religious School families. Or you may just wish to send greetings to a few friends.

Please indicate your choice of option below and return this form to the office with your payment. Or place your order online at our website, www.betheljc.org/purim. We must receive your order by **Thursday, March 7** so we can process your order and get the letters prepared.

The bags can be picked up on Sunday, March 17 starting at 11:30 am and until after the Religious School children return from their field trip to the Lower Eastside Tenement Museum (approximately noon), or at the Purim Schpiel on Wednesday evening, March 20 or at Shabbat Services on Friday, March 15 or Saturday, March 16. Remember – it is also a mitzvah to deliver. We ask all Religious School parents and any others who pick up their bags at Shabbat or on Sunday to deliver a few to those in your neighborhood.

Each household receives ONE bag with a letter with the names of those who donate to this fundraiser.

Your Name (please print)

Phone

- I will do the mitzvah and help deliver Purim bags
- Send a greeting to all 164 Temple families -- \$72 (4 x Chai) \$_____
- or-
- Send a greeting to all the Religious School families -- \$36 (2 x Chai) \$_____
- or-
- Individual greetings—\$18 for first family, \$2 for each additional family \$_____

Names: _____

- Additional bags for non-members--\$10 each \$_____
- Shipping & Handling for non-member bags to be mailed -- \$10 each \$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth-El and return this form (or order online) to the office with your check **no later than Thursday, March 7.**

If you are paying by credit card, please pay online at www.betheljc.org/donate.



Tot Shabbat at Temple Beth-El! Saturday, February 2 at 10:30 am

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Join Rabbi Moritt, Student Cantor Greene and Bracha the Beth-El Bear for a morning of Shabbat songs, movement, crafts, snack and friendship.



February birthday? Celebrate your birthday at Tot Shabbat by signing up to bring a special snack in honor of your child. Or just volunteer to bring snacks any month. (We will provide juice.) To sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050B4AABA23A31-totshabbat



Mark your calendars for upcoming Tot Shabbats: March 16, April 6, May 11
Drop-ins always welcome. If you are not on our tot Shabbat email list, let Ardella know at office@betheljc.org She will be happy to add you to our list for reminders.

SAVE THE DATE:
Please join us for
**KAY 18 on
May 18th!**



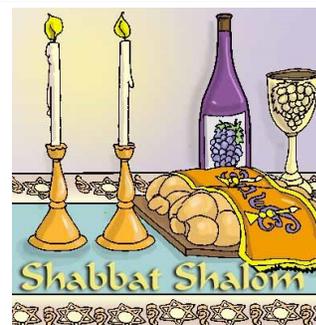
Honoring Kay Magilavy's 18 years of service as a teacher and director of Temple Beth El's religious school. Celebration will include a Shabbat Service at 10:30 am followed by an oneg/lunch reception.

PLEASE SEND US: If you or your child were a student at TBE after September, 2000, please email the following to

kay18@betheljc.org (deadline: APRIL 1st)

- a photo of yourself/your child at that time (at the synagogue or religious school is a bonus) and a current photo - jpeg format only please
- your full name (including any nicknames that were used at the time)
- the calendar years attended
- a short written tribute (e.g. a general or specific memory of TBE religious school/ Kay, a summary of your positive feelings about TBE religious school/ Kay).

There is no charge for this event, but please consider making a donation in Kay's honor on the Donate Page of our website or click [HERE](#) To join the Kay 18 team in planning the event or for more information, email us at kay18@betheljc.org.



Shabbat: You Can Do It! Yes, You Can Try This at Home!

Calling all parents:

- Want to brush up on your Friday night home rituals & blessings?
- Have you always wanted to create special Shabbat moments with your family at home but are unsure of the steps?
- Have questions about the meanings of the Shabbat rituals or want ideas of how to adapt them for your young children?

Join Rabbi Moritt for 3 sessions on making Shabbat at home. We will meet during 1st period of Religious School (9:30-10:15am)

3 Sundays:

January 27, February 3, February 10

It is not necessary to attend all 3 sessions to participate. Please RSVP to Rabbi Moritt (rabbimoritt@betheljc.org) if you think you can make it so she can prepare enough materials and secure the right size location.



Family Promise is coming back to TBE February 10-17

Once again we are proudly hosting families from February 10 to February 17, sharing our space in the Social Hall in the security of our Temple. We need volunteers to help these families during this transition week while they get back on their feet and find permanent housing. There are three roles (2 volunteers each) for each night, as well as three volunteers for set-up and three for break-down.

Let's continue this amazing mitzvah! Click [here](#) to sign up!

Bar Mitzvah

Benjamin Joel Ackman, son of Daniel Ackman and Laura Katzive, will become a Bar Mitzvah on February 23.

Ben is an honor roll student at the Learning Community Charter School, just down the street from Temple Beth-El, and an avid soccer player. Ben is a fanatical soccer fan as well, a supporter of Arsenal in the English Premier League, but also well versed in the rosters of all the major European squads and quite a few minor ones as well. He is an avid reader who, at an early age, could read one book to himself while following another read by his mom to his little brother Alex. He has attended summer soccer camps, but also science camps.

For his mitzvah project, Ben volunteered at the Beth-El food pantry and served at soup kitchens. He also designed the flyer used to market the temple's excess pews.

Ben is steadfastly loyal to his friends and to his dog Koufax. He is, to be honest, a religious skeptic. But he has attacked his bar mitzvah training with typical gusto and will certainly not say no to brisket or a latke.

Mazel Tov, Ben!



L'dor V'dor Circle: Creating a Lasting Legacy

L'dor V'dor means from "generation to generation." Just as we use this phrase when the Torah is passed from grandparents to parents, to a bar or bat mitzvah, we use it to honor those esteemed congregants who have indicated their intention to leave Temple Beth-El a legacy gift.

*"...As my fathers planted for me before I was born so I plant for those who come after me."
Talmud, Taanith 23a*

When you make a charitable bequest to Temple Beth-El you are carrying on the tradition of tzedakah for future generations, ensuring that the work of Temple Beth-El will continue after your lifetime.

We invite you to join Temple Beth-El's **L'dor V'dor Circle** as a way to ensure your values are inextricably linked to future generations. When you name Temple Beth-El as one of your beneficiaries, you will help sustain the many rituals and practices, spiritual experiences, and educational and social programs that are so vital to our Jewish community and crucial to ensuring the continuity of our people.

You may arrange for Temple Beth-El to receive:

- A simple bequest in your will
- Individual Retirement account (IRA)
- Life Insurance

Temple Beth-El's L'dor V'dor Circle members can benefit from free will preparation (simple wills only), donated by Irwin Rosen of Pollack and Rosen. Each month, we will profile members of our **L'dor V'dor Circle**. For more information, please contact Toby Dowling at legacy@betheljc.org Thank you!

Martin Luther King Service

Temple Beth-El hosted its 34th annual Martin Luther King Service on Friday January 19, honoring Dr. King's life, work and vision. The Keynote speaker was State Assemblywoman Angela McKnight, the first black woman elected in the 31st district for the Assembly and founder of Jersey City-based nonprofit AngelaCares, which advocates for seniors, youth and the underprivileged. She addressed a crowd of congregants from our temple and from city churches, challenging the attendees to ask themselves what they can do to help other people. (To read the speech, go to <https://betheljc.org/mcknight-speech/>) Rabbi Leana Moritt and Student Cantor Stefanie Greene conducted the service, which also featured the choirs of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and the Church of Incarnation.



From left: Dr. Elnardo Webster of St. Peters University, State Assemblywoman Angela McKnight, former TBE President Irwin Rosen, Rabbi Leana Moritt, current TBE President Tom Rosensweet

LIFE'S MOST URGENT QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?
 —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Ms. McKnight with congregant Sam Pesin, whose father instituted the MLK service at TBE 34 years ago.



TBE Student Cantor Stephanie Greene with TBE Board Members Lorraine Schwartz & Mike Noveck



Former TBE President Kay Magilavy with Barbara Hines



Student Cantor Greene with Gail Blanche-Gill, Minister of Music at St. Pauls Episcopal Church

Seriously?? No, not at All!
It's Borscht X – a great evening of comedy, all to benefit Temple Beth-El

C'mon and see it. Buy tickets. Buy an ad.
 Buy a page. Let's laugh together!
 Click [here](#) for more info!

The **Borscht Ad Journal** is the Temple's major fundraiser for the year and will be distributed to all guests at the event.

It's a great opportunity to place an ad for your business, send congratulations to Temple Beth-El, send a greeting from your family, or even include a personal photo! Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it.

For the business ads order form, click [here](#).

For personal ads, click [here](#).

All ads due by March 8 to allow time to create the journal!



Youth

Group Coming to Temple Beth-El!

Attention parents and students in 5-7th grades! We are forming a social youth group experience for the middle schoolers of the synagogue. Events will be monthly (or close to it!) and will be a great chance to bond with your Hebrew school friends and do something fun!

Our first event will be Sunday, March 3, from 3-5 pm at Jacob Linder's apartment in Hoboken (RSVP for address). We are getting together for an afternoon of board games, card games, hanging out and, of course, food!

If any other parents would like to volunteer to host future events, please feel free to email me and sign up! Even if you don't want to host, we would love to hear event and activity ideas! Contact Michele Linder at michele@betheljc.org for suggestions and/or to RSVP for March 3.



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](#) to go to the sponsorship form.



The Temple Board held its monthly meeting on January 8. Rabbi Moritt continues to meet our families. The Lifelong Learning Committee is planning several activities for the spring.

Phil Rivo gave a brief presentation on Borscht X – the tenth year for our most important Temple fundraiser.

This year, Uncle Floyd Vivino will be the headliner. Phil reminded the Board that we all should attend, bring our friends and, most of all, sell ads to the Ad Journal, which is the main source of Borscht income. Purim is coming up too, and we'll be distributing Purim Bags again. Donations and volunteers are welcome!

Rabbi Moritt found a buyer for almost all of the long sanctuary pews that we wanted to sell. She also organized a redecoration party to move the short pews into a new pattern that makes our large sanctuary a lot cozier no matter how large or small the attendance.

Installation has begun on our new fire alarm and intercom system, which will enhance safety for everyone in the building. A new Security Task Force is discussing additional measures.

The Building Committee has accepted a proposal to replace flashing around the temple dome and replace water-damaged flooring within the dome house. This was not done during the original roof replacement but appears to be the source of the water that has caused the plaster damage in the front of the Sanctuary.

We discussed the early successes of our new Temple Food Pantry and Family Promise. We need more volunteers to sign up via the Temple website and to donate food and clothing.

Kadimah!, our program to renovate the Temple, is about to resume its fundraising activities. New literature has been prepared and we will be reaching out to members who joined in the past few years as well as foundations and other outside sources of funding.

A Nominating Committee will soon be formed to propose next year's slate of officers and Trustees.



The congregation rejoices in our newest members - a double blessing!

Mazal Tov to **Raimy, Brian and Liora Cheyne** who welcomed their daughter and sister, **Daphne Aliza** (Dafna Aliza bat Rayzel Zahava) on December 18

Mazal Tov to **Jaclyn and Steven Fulop**, who welcomed their son **Jaxon James** (Yosef ben Menachem v'Esther) on January 3



Artists and athletes, actors and activists, adventure seekers and analytical thinkers... There's a Jewish camp for everyone.

Looking for an overnight camp or specialty experience? We've got one that's made just for you. With more than [155 camps and specialty experiences](#) to choose from, make this summer a perfect adventure!

And first-time campers may be eligible for up to \$1,000 off this summer thanks to the [One Happy Camper](#) grant program funded by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

Adventure Awaits!



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 at <http://www.betheljc.org/donate/> or write, email or call the Temple office.

Sustaining Fund (General Fund)

In appreciation of High Holy day services

Frederick Press

In appreciation

Dr. Evan Senreich

In celebration of Molly Heitner's very special birthday

Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter

In memory of our member, Judy Kaplan

Jay & Debbi Baum

In memory of Nathan Sambul's mother, Bernice Pollner

Jay & Debbi Baum

In memory of Nancy Sambul's aunt, Bernice Gurwitz Rothstein

Jay & Debbi Baum

In memory of Kathy Prussack's mother, Lois Rawitscher

Tom Rosensweet & Barbara Hines

In blessed memory of my mother, Pauline Yankowitz, on her Yarzeit

Mimi Harrison-Eagle

In memory of my son, Richard, on his Yarzeit

Molly Heitner

In memory of my mother, Jane Tuchscher Koskuba, on her Yarzeit

Joseph Koskuba

In memory of my uncle, Morris Donner, on his Yarzeit

Helen Milovsky

In memory of my father, Dr. Marshall Bergen, on his Yarzeit

Carol Pantuck

Music Fund

In honor of Molly Heitner's very special birthday

Irwin Rosen & Sharon

Hirshberg

Fred & Karen Schnur

In honor of the outstanding job Sonia Schulman did in coordinating Rabbi Moritt's installation

Fred & Karen Schnur

In honor of the birth of Daphne Aliza, daughter of Raimy & Brian Cheyne and sister to Liora Cheyne

Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter

In honor of the birth of Jaxon James, son of Steven & Jaclyn Fulop

Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter

In memory of Renee Bettinger's mother, Louisa St. Peter

Fred & Karen Schnur

In memory of my father, Hyman Golin, on his Yarzeit

Fred & Karen Schnur

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

Irene Hersberg

In memory of my mother, Shirley Newman Porte, on her Yarzeit

Bonita Porte Heyman &

Jay Heyman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Leana Moritt

Aaron & Giovanna Dunkel

Elliott & Stacey Goldstein



Weekly Food Pantry @ Temple Beth-El Wednesdays 5-7pm

Temple Beth-El's Weekly Temple's Food Pantry has been running for several weeks now, with great success. Many people have stopped by and we have been able to provide donated foods and clothes and toiletries.

We need volunteers to assist in setting up and distributing the items. Please bring donations to the Temple **before** Wednesday each week, including items truly needed and much appreciated by the homeless and people facing food insecurity in our neighborhood:

- Men's and women's underwear and socks
- Small containers of fruit and applesauce
- Pull-top cans of soup (no dairy)
- Microwaveable meals
- Packets of tuna or other fish
- Small or medium containers of CREAMY peanut butter and jelly
- Chicken, beef or veg ramen packets
- Pull top cans of black beans
- Meals of black beans and rice in pull top cans



Haven Adolescent Community Respite Center is designed to support adolescents and their families during times of domestic conflict. Located on Roosevelt Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, they provide a range of services for parents and youth, having served over 250 youth and their families in 2018.

Beginning this Winter, 2019, they will provide residential respite onsite, and offer an exciting volunteer opportunity.

We need folks to volunteer to cook meals for the youth living in the house twice a month for six months. Those interested would have to attend a short training and pass criminal and child abuse background checks, fees for which would be covered by Haven.

Would you like to use this chance to provide a healthy meal and also to engage in lively conversation and help inspire young people who need it the most?

Contact Jessica, Operational Director, at jtaube.haven@gmail.com or call 646-299-0260.



Terumah is Temple Beth-El's Annual Voluntary Financial Commitment Program

Terumah is the name of Temple Beth-El's approach to dues. In the Torah, **terumah** indicated a "free-will" offering, not a required one.

We pride ourselves on removing barriers at Temple Beth-El as we welcome those of all backgrounds. Allowing members to set their own financial commitment opens the doors even wider to all, regardless of financial situation. Everyone may give as much as they are able and no one has to ask for reduced dues.

Learn more about Terumah [here](#)

Temple Beth-El Vision & Mission

Vision: Temple Beth-El strives to become a "dwelling place" for liberal Judaism that is welcoming to all who wish to worship, study, celebrate and grow within the Jewish tradition. We are committed to a progressive Jewish vision of social justice and equality, and to the social activism needed to help make this vision a reality (based on tikkun olam).

Mission: To achieve its vision, Temple Beth-El focuses its core mission and activity in these areas:

- Enhance Temple Beth-El's role as a leading voice in the progressive Jewish community
- Continue our long and proud tradition of social action activism for justice and equality
- Establish a strong youth culture that helps young people see progressive Jewish values as a guiding force in their self-development and their world, and helps them stay committed throughout their lives to these values and to Judaism itself.

*With
Sympathy*

To Kathy, Bruce, Mika and Jessica Prussack and their family
on the death of Kathy's mother. Lois Rawitscher.

Zichrona livracha. May her memory always be for a blessing.

Yarzeits



Week ending February 2

Vi Aaronson
Samuel Isaac Berman
Dr. Hyman Borshaw
Charles Kenneth Brauer
Joseph Cohen
Ethel Derfler
Auguste Susmann
Friedenstein
Rachel Gutterman
Solomon Hershenstein
Tina Bernstein Kalf
Sidney Karp
Samuel Kors
Cecelia H. Kraut
Harry Kreps
Simon Levine
Henry Marmorstein
Bradford Menkes
Simon Okun
Bertha Pearlman
Tillie Perlberg
Barbara A. Pomerantz
David Press
Adolph Rabinowitz
Aaron L. Rosenman
Ethel Rubens
Dr. Max M. Schwartz
Herbert Singer
Ruth Tarlowe
Anne Weiss
Libby Weiss
Harry Zlotowicz

Week ending February 9

Juliette Barland
Abraham Breverman
Judith Ferbel
Honni R. Gordon
Irwin J. Heller
Jack Holman
Morris L. Jaffe

Dr. Hans Jonas
Daniel Jordan
Betty Kale
Cecelia K. Kantrowitz
Benjamin Kupferberg
Aid Kushner
Carrie W. Levinson
Joseph Mintz
Simy Burman Neels
Gertrude Rabner
Beatrice Rechtman
Earl Rosenfield
Clara Rosen Safier
Jane Scanlon
Freyda Schneid
Frances Schnitzer
Eva Serge
Elaine Shub
Benjamin Siegler
Bessie Siegler
Irene Vogelman
Martha Wasserberg
Edward Werther
Bernard Zimmerman
Samuel Zucker
Abraham Zundell

Week ending February 16

Joseph Abbott
Allan Roy Bardack
Sadie Bergner
Efraim Bialo
George J. Bookman
Robert D. Bouer
Adolf Lewis Brauer
Jeanette Cohen
Isador Cuttler
Fred Danzig
Joel P. Eisenberg
Yetta Feinstein
Sadie Stemer Frank
Frank Garfunkel
Joseph Garstein

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Dr. Benjamin Joseph
Sheldon Krensky
Jean Light
Janevive Jean Nadler
Machanic
Ethel Pesin
Nayda Plotnik
Isaac Ratkowsky
Esther Rubin
Edward Ruskin
Dr. Elias Shapiro
Esther Rose Smith
Mary Jacobs Spencer
Vivian Schwartz Stern
Ida Striner

Week ending February 23

Muriel Afanasief
William Bauer
Frances Berkowitz
Celia Birnbaum
Mary Dimont
Doris Eidus
Pauline Frank
Meyer Friedman
Martin Genser
Lena Goldstein
Delia L. Gruber
Pauline Hauptman
Solomon Herz
Gertrude Hirsch
C. David Kreps
Sydell Leibowitz
Estelle V. Levy
Caroline Marks
Meyer W. Mazur
Mollie Pianka
Esther Prown
Malvina Rabinowitz
David Roter
Helen Schneid

Nathan Schwartz
M. Louis Silverman
Minnie Auster Solomon
Miriam Swerdloff-Karp
Arthur G. Teweles
Anna S. Wolf

Week ending March 2

Paul Bardack
Mary Blackman
Rose Bleiweis
Esther Fredman Brandes
Eddie Davis
Arnold Eisenberg
Dr. Leo E. Fischer
Mina Fischer
Philip C. Glass
Abraham Greenbaum
Sophie Greenbaum
Philip Immergut
Joseph Kalf
Dr. Irving Marshall
Peter Menkes
Philip Parnes
Richard Podlaski
Sandra Rapkin Baxter
Pauline Ratkowsky
Isabel W. Rosenfield
Rose Schuberg
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