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Adar I-Adar II - 5779



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

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It's a great evening of comedy to benefit Temple Beth-El!

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

And while you're buying tickets, don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the **Borscht Ad Journal**. It's the Temple's major fundraiser and will be distributed to all guests at the event. You can place an ad for your business, send congratulations to Temple Beth-El, send a greeting from your family, or even include a personal photo! For the business ads order form, click [here](#). For personal ads, click [here](#).
All ads due by March 8



It's PURIM!

See pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter!

Friday, March 1



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:15 pm
 Kabbalat Shabbat Family 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 by Torah Study 10:30 am

Friday, March 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 9

Introduction to Judaism* 9:00-10:30 am
 Bagels & Shabbat Morning Services followed by Torah Study 10:30 am
 Baby Naming of Daphne Aliza Cheyne
 Kiddush lunch to follow sponsored by the Cheyne family in honor of their daughter and sister, Daphne Aliza

Friday, March 15

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 16

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



Wednesday March 20



Purim!! Festivities get under way at 6.30pm

Friday, March 22

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 23

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

Friday, March 29

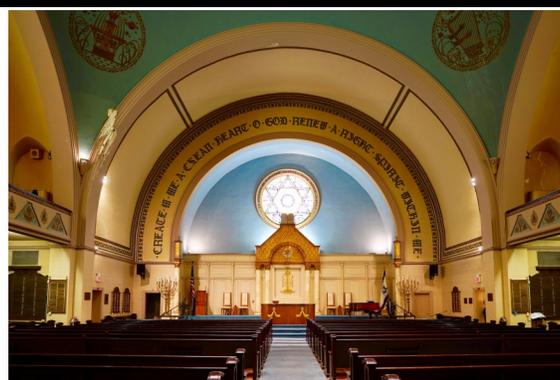
Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 30

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

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

Save the Date: New Member Shabbat April 12



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Shabbat Candle Lighting



Friday, March 1 5:29 pm
 Friday, March 8 5:37 pm
 Friday, March 15 6:45 pm
 Friday, March 22 6:52 pm
 Friday, March 29 7:00 pm

Rabbi's Message

You know the joke: the Jewish holidays are either early or late. The truth is that the Jewish calendar isn't nearly as mysterious as you may think. Like our secular calendar, the Jewish calendar (usually) has 12 months, only they are lunar months. A Jewish month is the time from new moon to new moon, and lasts about 29.5 days. Like our secular calendar, we insert a "fix," during leap years to ensure that we stay on track with the seasons and the sun. If you do the math, a lunar year would have 354 days, 11 days short of a revolution around the sun. To compensate for what would be a serious slip in seasons over the course of only a few years, we insert an extra "leap" month during 7 out of every 19 years. This is called "intercalation," or the process of inserting days or months to keep the seasons in alignment with the calendar. During these Leap Years, we have 13 months.



The Muslim and Asian calendars also follow the moon, albeit differently. Like our Jewish calendar, our Muslim cousins also follow a lunar calendar. Only unlike the Jewish calendar, the Muslims do not intercalate for consistency with the solar year. This is why their holy month of Ramadan shifts, falling during different seasons over the years. While the Asian calendar is a Solar Calendar, they rely on the phases of the moon to determine their New Year. This is why the date of the Asian New Year moves slightly from year to year.

Be happy, it's Adar!!! This is the Jewish month in which Purim falls, and our tradition teaches that when Adar begins, we should multiply our joy! So, in what better month to have a Leap Year month than Adar?! Yes, during our Leap Years, we get two "Adars:" Adar I and Adar II. This year is a Jewish Leap Year. You can always tell a Leap Year is imminent when the fall High Holy Days slip back toward Labor Day, as they did this past autumn. When there are 2 Adars, Purim falls during Adar II, so we get an extra month to anticipate our most rollicking of holidays.

If you look up at the sky at night, you can often tell when the next Jewish holiday will fall. Why? Because most of our holidays fall on the full moon. It makes sense if you think about it. The Jewish day and thus our holidays begin at nightfall. If you lived in ancient Israel (without electricity and cloud cover), what better time to hold a celebration than a full moon (complete with its magical light and magnetic fringe benefits)? Naturally, Purim falls on the full moon of Adar. Our next full moon? That will bring Passover, which is always celebrated under the full moon of Nissan a month after Purim.

Don't we often say, "I need an extra day/week/month to catch up!! Well, for rabbis and synagogue lay leaders, Adar II is that catch-up gift, and it can't come at a better time than now for Beth-El, because we have been getting ready for a lot! I hope you have your personal calendars ready when you read this month's newsletter. Enter all we have going on now so you don't miss any of the wonderful goings-on. From the first of our two Storytelling Festivals (with segments for both children and adults!) to our Purim extravaganza; from our Holocaust film and discussion to our trip to the Lower East Side, there is a lot for everyone. I hope to see you all increasing your Adar joy at any one or all of them.

B'yedidut (friendship) and joy,
Rabbi Leana Moritt



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 form online soon

One word from the president and past presidents—*Kadimah!*

Since its establishment in 1865, Temple Beth-El has been widely acknowledged and praised, not only for espousing egalitarian principles, but for acting in support of them. Equally important, our children—your children and generations of children before and after them—in keeping with the principles of Reform Judaism, learn of the sacred task of healing the world, of making the world a better place for all. This is a message that they carry with them throughout their lives. At the same time, Temple Beth-El serves as a bulwark against anti-Semitism in our part of the world.



Three presidents! From left, Irwin Rosen, Tom Rosensweet, Kay Magilav

After our roof was vandalized just before Hurricane Irene in 2011, and our Temple sustained extensive damage, the congregation began a journey to stabilize the building and set the course for its future. In September 2014, TBE's Board of Trustees presented a congregational meeting with the essential question: "Stay or Go?" Faced with mounting costs from water damage, HVAC and electrical system failures and the resulting insurance rate hikes, we faced a future that could not be assured by business as usual.

The ballot set out two clear alternative paths:

1. The Congregation will retain the property and renovate. The Congregation will commit itself immediately to the successful implementation of a capital campaign to fund the restoration and renovation project. The first \$300,000 raised will go to roof replacement.

OR

2. The Congregation will sell the property. The Congregation will authorize the Board of Trustees to actively solicit offers for the property, with the intention of completing a sale as soon as possible. The Board is further authorized to actively look for both temporary and permanent worship and programming space.

After all the presentations and Q&As, the congregation voted overwhelmingly in favor of staying and renovating. We immediately initiated our capital campaign, named *Kadimah!*, Hebrew for "Forward," to pay for the building's renovation and modernization. We got off to a fast start, with the majority of the congregation responding with pledges to the campaign. *Kadimah* has raised \$1.5 million in pledges and collected over \$1 million.

What have we done with your money?

- We first tackled the most urgent problem and fixed the badly-deteriorated and leaky roof.
- We demolished the Berman House next to the Temple, got rid of the asbestos, removed the oil tank and remediated the area surrounding the tank.
- We installed a new fire safety and intercom system to protect our congregants and religious school students and staff.
- We'll soon repair the leak in the dome and stop the deterioration of the large arch above the bimah.
- Finally, our architects have designed our new sanctuary and other spaces, written up the broad specifications, and obtained initial bids from several major contractors.

When we're finished, we will have a beautiful, state-of-the-art sanctuary, plenty of classroom space for our growing religious school, and respite from the budget-busting expense of repairing broken pipes every few weeks during the winter. Both fundraising and construction progress slowed during the rabbinic transition, but it is now time to redouble our efforts toward completion.

With your help, we can raise the \$3 million we need to finish this project, fulfilling our commitment to Temple Beth-El's future. We are ALL on the *Kadimah!* Team. We're counting on your generous support to ensure that Beth-El's eternal light will continue to shine brightly on all.

The TOTALLY RAD 80s Shpiel

It's that wild and crazy time of year for the Jewish people

It's PURIM!

Come one, come all!

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 pm
Temple Beth-El, Jersey City

FEATURING ALL THE JOY OF:

- Our Annual Purim Shpiel!
- The Story/Megilla of Esther!
- Music!
- Costumes!
- Hamantaschen!
- Groggers/noisemakers!
- Schnapps (but not for the young'uns)

Too much fun!!

Yes, it's that wild and crazy time for the Jewish people. It's Purim!!

Extra hamantaschen for anyone who comes in costume --grownups too! (You know you want to. It's a mitzvah!!)

We'll begin at 6.30 with a "service" (wink-wink) like you've never heard before and hear the story/megillah of Esther told in English (with a little Hebrew thrown in for good measure)...featuring YOU drowning out the name of that evil one—Haman!!

Our shpiel this year will bring you back to the 1980s (shoulder pads, perms and everything)! Written by Cantor (and former TBE Student Cantor) Jamie Marx, the show will feature your favorite Beth-El superstars and introduce a few new shining faces.

We will end the festivities with hamantaschen. Schnapps for the grownups, too.

Hey, did you know: it's a mitzvah on Purim?

PURIM

IT'S PURIM – the gambling holiday (sort of)!
Roll the dice and cast your lot with our 50/50 raffle.

You'll find some raffle tickets in your Mishloach Manot bags this year, along with an addressed envelope to return checks (payable to Temple Beth-El) and the raffle ticket stubs* that we hope you'll sell to your friends and neighbors and coworkers or buy some yourself. Only \$5.00 each. (You can use address labels instead of handwriting everything. Just give us a way to contact the purchaser.)

The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 6th at the 10th Annual Borscht Comedy Night. Don't miss that either. The legendary Uncle Floyd is our headliner. (But you don't have to be present to be a winner.)

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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, March 16 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.



March 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: 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.



Youth Group Coming to Temple Beth-El!

Attention parents and students in 5-7th grades! We have formed 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! Our second event will be Sunday, April 7 from 3-5 pm at Wyatt Schneider's apartment in Jersey City (RSVP for address).

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.

**Temple Beth-El
of Jersey City is delighted to invite you to a**

storytelling festival

**Sunday, March 10
With Master Storytelling Artists and Facilitators
Rabbi/Musician Mark Novak
and Storyteller/Juggler Renée Brachfeld**

Stay after religious school for lunch followed by the program:



12:00-2:30: Too Much Fun: Stories and Songs from the Jewish Tradition.

Talking roosters! Flying objects! Disappearing challahs! Rejoice in the magic of Jewish storytelling and song as Renée and Mark delight young and old alike with their unique blend of traditional tales, music, and juggling feats. A thought-provoking program sure to tickle your funny bone. *For school-aged kids and their parents - all are welcome.*

2.30 – 3.15 snacks and schmooze with your friends and neighbors

3:15-5:45: We Are The Stories We Tell: A Personal Storytelling Workshop.

Join us for this participatory workshop for adults with Master Storytellers Renée Brachfeld and Rabbi Mark Novak. This is a rare and unique opportunity to explore the process of personal storytelling. This interactive community building workshop will provide ample opportunity for people to identify and share stories worth telling. Mark and Renée create a fun and safe environment where stories arise naturally. No previous storytelling experience necessary. Experienced storytellers and total novices are all welcome. The afternoon will also include performance by our visiting artists. *Adults and older teens including the young at heart and old souls.*

Admission to the entire program is free but materials are limited.
Questions or to RSVP and reserve your places, email learning@betheljc.org.

Join us for the 2nd in our series of Storytelling Festivals,
Sunday afternoon, April 28, with Master Storyteller Marilyn Price.

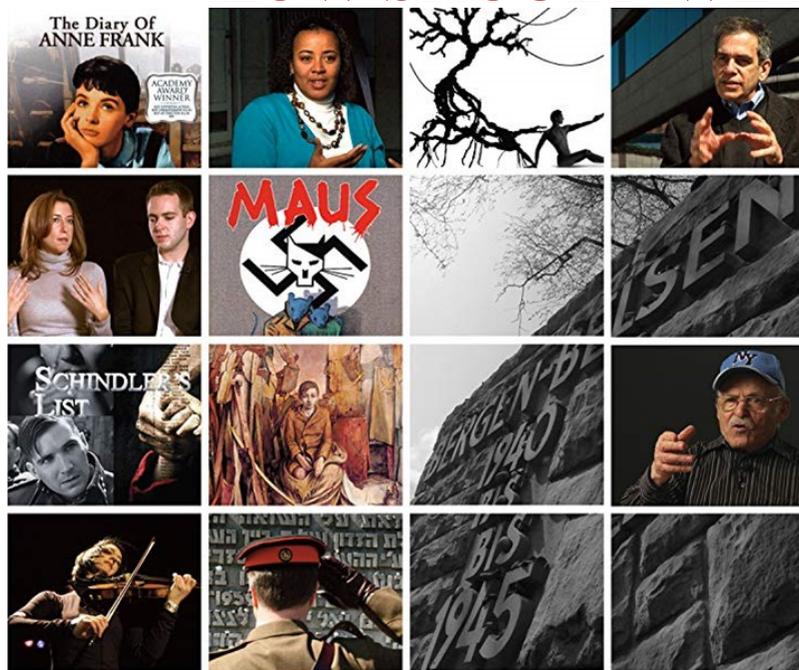
In recognition of the devotion of alumni to Temple Beth-El, Judy & Art Fredman.



Our newest members:

Matt Miller, *Jersey City*
 Lia Pazuelo & Yaron Zussman, *Jersey City*
 Glen Pertz & Carol Boeckel, *Jersey City*
 Tamara & Sebastian Evans, *Jersey City*
 Julia Feinstein & Markus Weiss, *West New York*

HOW SHOULD WE REMEMBER?



A Screening and Discussion with Writer/Producer Joshua Greene

**Wednesday, March 13
 6:00-9:00pm
 Temple Beth-El**

Presented by the Saint Peter's University Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Temple Beth-El, the Reform Congregation of Jersey City

For more information, email Learning@betheljc.org or call Dr. David Gerlach (201) 761-6170.

MEMORY AFTER BELSEN

Adult Learning Event on the Future of Holocaust Memory

We hope you will join us in the Social Hall on Wednesday, March 13 from 6-9 pm for a special adult education program entitled "How Should We Remember?" about how future generations should learn about and make meaning of the Holocaust. The event, which is cosponsored by St. Peter's University's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, will feature a screening of the film "Memory After Belsen," followed by a discussion with its writer and producer, Joshua Greene. This first-time collaboration between St. Peter's and TBE provides a welcome opportunity to engage our two communities in shared learning and discussion on a topic of continuing critical importance.

After viewing the film, audience participants will have an opportunity to engage in a discussion with Mr. Greene, which will be facilitated by Professor David Gerlach, Associate Professor of History at St. Peter's University and Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Light refreshments will be served at 6 pm.



Yaron Zussman, Lia Pazuelo and son Daniel Yehonatan celebrated the brit milah of their newest family member, Yehonatan Zussman, on February 5 on our bimah. In the photo: Grandfather David Pazuelo, Lia Pazuelo and Yehonatan Zussman.

GET CONNECTED

Attention All Parents! The very best way to keep in touch with Temple Beth-El happenings

is to join the Temple Beth-El Families Facebook group. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/1949619298586635/ or do a Facebook search for "Temple Beth-El Families" to join the group. This forum is for everyone in our community to share events, school information, and lifelong learning programs!

Once you have joined, please make sure all notifications are turned on! You may even want to create a shortcut on your phone's homepage, for easy access.

ALSO, is everyone in your family getting our religious school information via email? If you are not getting the weekly or Religious School emails or any other emails from Temple Beth-El, please send an email to office@betheljc.org. Don't forget to include your name, your child(ren)'s name(s) and grades, and whatever email address(es) you would like included on our list.



Joanna and Jeff Tartikoff, Markus Weiss, Rabbi Moritt, Jennifer Strong-Mentha, Alain Mentha (missing: Marnie and Matt Schapiro, Allie and Andrew Kimmel, Karen Seemen-Pinn, Joel Caminer)

“Shabbat: You Can Do It at Home”

by Jeff Tartikoff

My wife and I had the pleasure of taking Rabbi Moritt’s “Shabbat: You Can Do It at Home” program this past month, and it was a fantastic experience. The three Sunday morning hour-long classes were filled with practical information. They were also an exploration of how to make Shabbat fun and modern, as well as meaningful and attainable. Rabbi Moritt took the time not to lecture, but, rather, educate while leading discussion on how to create our own traditions which could have personal meaning for our families. The class had a welcoming and non-judgmental energy, which was perfect for our diverse group, all of whom had had different levels of knowledge and experience.

We went through seven sections, discussing: Before Dinner, Candle Lighting, Blessing the Children and One Another, Kiddush, Netilat Yadayim/Motzi, Dinner Practices, and Shabbat Day. For each section Rabbi Moritt explored the traditional meanings behind the practices, but also led a discussion in creative and personalized ways to make it our own. The final class ended with her leading us through the blessing and songs, followed up by an emailed voice recording of each blessing, sung with her wonderful and moving voice.

Rabbi Moritt has indicated she will be running the class again, and encourages all interested parties to let her know, as she will schedule it based on interest she receives.

What's Happening March

Spring Family Happenings at Temple Beth-El!

Friday, March 1 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm
First Friday Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner and Family Shabbat Service. Featuring our 5th and 6th grade and Junior Choir. Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner and stay for Family Services.

Sunday, March 3 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Religious School Parent Project Day
A great opportunity to stay connected with the school community and other parents, help the Temple, and have some fun. Contact Karen Seemen-Pinn at karen@betheljc.org or just show up!

Sunday, March 3 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Junior Youth Group Event (see page 7)
All students in grades 5-7 are invited. RSVP to Michele@betheljc.org for location and details.

Sunday, March 10 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Jewish Storytelling Festival, Part I (see page 13)
Stories! Music! Juggling! And much more featuring Rabbi Mark Novak and Renee Brachfeld.
Parents: Stay for the Adult Personal Storytelling Workshop from 3:15 to 5:45.

Saturday, March 16 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Tot Shabbat
Celebrate Shabbat mornings with our tots (ages 0-5) and their grownups! (see page 7)

Sunday, March 17, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Religious School Field Trip
Field trip for religious school students to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Students will learn about immigrant families beginning their lives as Americans on NYC's Lower East Side.

Wednesday, March 20 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Purim Celebration featuring our Purim Shpiel. (see page 5)

For more information or to get involved with the fun, contact learning@betheljc.org, Rabbi Moritt at rabbimoritt@betheljc.org or visit www.betheljc.org

SAFETY & SECURITY



Temple Beth-El is proud to announce that our new fire and emergency public address system is almost complete and

will soon be up and running. With this in place, and in an effort to make our community safer and more secure, the Temple Security Task Force is requesting volunteers from our community to act as Shomrim (guardians) for Tot Shabbat, Religious School, Friday night services, High Holidays, and other events as needed and as they are available to help. We will provide training and direction. More details will follow in due course, but if you are interested in volunteering to make our Temple a safer, more secure, and friendlier place, please reach out to security@betheljc.org with your name, contact information, and any other pertinent information which may be helpful.

Thank you.
Regards,
Aaron Brotman

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE. FIND YOUR JEWISH CAMP.

OneHappyCamper.org

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!



Thank you Volunteers to Family Promise!

I would like to express my sincere thank you to all who graciously volunteered during the week of February 10-17 when Temple Beth-El hosted 4 families as part of Family Promise of Hudson County. Family Promise is now celebrating one year of operation in Hudson County, serving people for over 2,200 overnights!!

Family Promise, established in over 42 states in the U.S., serves working families who are temporarily without a place to live, caused by a variety of reasons, loss of work, medical issues, special needs children. The children ranged from 2 weeks old to a 12 year old young girl with medical issues, and an 8 year old talented young boy who, if he has the opportunity, will shine as a musician. The average time each family stays is 3 to 4 months, until they find a new home.

As a hosting congregation, 4 weeks each year, we depend on volunteers to help the families feel safe and fed and have a roof over their head. Thank you, thank you to all of the volunteers to shared their time in February, as a team making the week successful by helping set up and tear down the beds and partitions, and for bringing dinner each night, spending time playing with the children and talking with the parents, and sleeping in our Social Hall to provide a safe Haven.

Without your help, 4 families would have been without shelter and food for the week. Thank you to Lynn Brownstein, Isadore Haviland, Leslie Cooper, Jorge Navaez, Lourdes Navaez, Joanna Garnett Raepold, Mathieu Fialon, Phil Rivo, Carol Blum, Andy Elkins, Kay Magilavy, Suzanne Goldstein, Tom Rosensweet, Barbara Hines, Wendy Schor-Haim, Julie and Eva Chee, Dan and Vera Tarnopol, Mike, Ezra and Josie Noveck, Julianna Mann, Carmit Gall and family.

The next week we host Family Promise is July 14. Hope to team up with you all again.
Shalom,
Lari Schwartz, Volunteer Coordinator



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.

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!

*"...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.

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 honor of Rabbi Leanna Moritt's installation
Rosemary Skye Moritt

In appreciation of High Holy day services
Mark & August Pincus
Klarina Portnoy

In honor of the birth of Mayor Steve & Jaclyn Fulop's son, Jaxon James
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

In honor of the birth of Raimy & Brian Cheyne's daughter, Daphne Aliza
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

In honor of Molly Heitner's 95th birthday
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

In memory of Kathy Prussack's mother, Lois Rawitzcher
Harvey & Shirley Roter

In memory of our parents, Arnold Eisenberg, Sidney Karp & Miriam Swerdloff-Karp, on their Yarzeits
Michael Eisenberg & Fran Karp-Eisenberg

In memory of my father, David Schteingart, on his Yarzeit
Judith Schteingart & Mathieu Fialon

Music Fund

Wishing Shirley Roter a speedy healing
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

In honor of Sonia Schulman's excellent planning of Rabbi Leanna Moritt's Installation week-end.
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

In honor of the moving crew and the wonderful new Sanctuary set-up
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In honor of Laura Katzive and Dan Ackman's son, Ben's, bar mitzvah
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In memory of Kathy Prussack's mother, Lois Rawitzcher
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In memory of Renee Bettinger's mother, Louise St. Peters
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In memory of Meredith Epstein Goodman's father, Richard Epstein
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In memory of my grandmother, Irene Trachman Vogelman, on her Yarzeit
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In memory of my mother and brother, Bette and Peter Menkes, on their Yarzeits
Jill & Robb Kushner

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In memory of my father, Bradford Menks, on his Yarzeit
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Leana Moritt
Aaron & Giovanna Dunkel

For the privilege of attending New Jersey City University's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's breakfast with Rabbi Leanna Moritt
Molly Heitner

In honor of the installation of Rabbi Leanna Moritt as the new settled Rabbi of Temple Beth-El
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thanking those who have sponsored flowers for our bimah or Oneg Shabbats (through January 15)



In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in memory of our parents, Ethel & Morris Pesin
Judy Pesin & Louis Borriello

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Irwin Rosen
In honor of memorials that teach and inspire
Anonymous

Yarzeits



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
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Alexander Shak
Esther Shak
Blanche C. Shapiro
Joseph Shilowitz
Leonora Singer
Charles J. Solomon
Joseph Sugarman
Jennie Tannenbaum
Robert L. Werther

Week ending March 9

Cantor Abraham Berman
Florence Bettinger
Jules Edward Burman
Anna Cohen
Hannah Cohen
Rebecca Cohen
Dr. Sylvia Moss Feder
Sadie R. Rischer
Rachel Fox
Lowell Harwood
Dina Heilbrunn

Dr. Julius Heilbrunn
Alice Hersberg
Frances V. Heyman
George E. Kleinhaus
Rose Olinger Leavy
Sylvia R. Levy
Lou Mayers
Miriam K. Miner
Nathaniel Olshan
Bernard Pearlman
Violet Pell
Florence Pianka
Abram B. Rapfogel
Mae Rosenzweig
Louis Sachs
Noami Freedman Sarig
Michael Schapiro
Israel Schnitzer
Minnie Schwartz
Melvin Joseph Shapiro
Iriving Sourifman
Cecelia Wahl Cohen
Mildred Weisenfeld

Week ending March 16

Michelle Barison
Fannie Brick
Ben Chodash
Benjamin Chodash
Irma Daniel
Bertha Freudenberger
Herman Garfunkel
Joseph Gelman
Minnie Genis
Etta Rose Gruber
Abraham Guss
Max Klipper
Felix Levy
Gertrude Levy
Herman Mazer
Jacob Prown
Carol Schlossberg
Harry Seiken
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Evelyn Silverstein
Susan Alice Smith
Edward Solomon

Morris Spiegel
Minerva Welitoff Spitzer
Sidney R. Tandler
Josephine A. Taube
Nathan Wahl
Lee Waldstein
Jacob Wasserberg
Samuel Werther
Esther Yanover
Alika Zlotowicz

Week ending March 23

Harry Banner
Bertha Chodash Bernstein
Jack Chasan
Abraham Cowan
Isidore Ershkowitz
Joseph Feinstein
Karoline Feudenberger
Martin L. Friedman
Rose Friedman
Annie Jaffin
Minna Daniel Klein
Dr. John Lautmann
Edna Lautmann
Gussie Levy
Dr. Edwin Mackowsky
Chaim Melomedov
Bette Menkes
Dr. Bendix Minden
Elsie Plotnik
Belle Resnick
Mollie Nesselowitz Rubin
Florence L. henkin
Herman Siegel
Jacob Wagner
Adolph Zins

Week ending March 30

Anna Banner
Rebecca Brooks
Edward Cohen
Henrietta Davis
Louis Fischer
Birdie Furshman
Edward David Gans
Lilyan Friedman Gordon
Rose Hershenstein
Ella Heyman

Alfred James
Max Kanengiser
Abraham Lenkowsky
Solomon S. Lubow
William Mankoff
Solomon Newman
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Oppenheimer
Jacob Oppenheimer
David George Plotkin
Harry Sandlaufer
Max Schneid
Harold Schwartz
Mae Seiken
Helen Siegel
Marvin Singer
Rose Singer
Sarah Trotsky

Week ending April 6

Dr. Edward Alpert
Miriam Benowitz
Libby Bergen
Morris Bernstein
Dorothy Bettman
Raymond Chasan
Lothar Daniel
Joshua Genser
Anna Glanzer
Joseph Hanan
Leon L. Honiberg
Sara Kreps
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Temple's Food

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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: underwear, small fruit containers, pull-top cans of soup or beans, microwaveable meals, tuna packets, creamy peanut butter, ramen packets.

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