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**Friday, April 5**



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Family 7:30 pm  
 Services featuring our Kindergarten & 1st grade Religious School Students and Junior Choir followed by oneg

**Saturday, April 6**

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

**Friday, April 12**

New Members Wine & Cheese Reception 7:00 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

**Saturday, April 13**

Shabbat Morning Services celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Dowling 10:30 am

**Friday, April 19**

Erev Passover—1st Seder—NO Kabbalat Shabbat Services

**Saturday, April 20**



2nd Seder at TBE. Reserve your seat at our table at <https://betheljc.org/seder-reg/>  
 See page 7 for details

**Friday, April 26**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by oneg 8:00 pm

**Saturday, April 27**

Introduction to Judaism\* 9:00-10:30 am  
 Bagels & Shabbat Morning Services (including Yizkor Service) followed by Torah Study 10:30 am

**Friday, May 3**



First Friday Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Family Services with Junior Choir followed by oneg 7:30 pm

**Saturday, May 4**

Bagels and Shabbat morning services led by Student Cantor Greene followed by Torah Study 10:30 am

**Sunday, May 5**

Annual Congregational Meeting 12:30 pm

**Holocaust Remembrance Day**



Yom HaShoah Presentation & Commemoration 2:30 pm  
 Followed by refreshments (co-sponsored with United Synagogue of Hoboken & B'nai Jacob)

\*Registration Closed. Please contact Rabbi Moritt at [RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org) for information on the next class.



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**Shabbat Candle Lighting**



Friday, April 5 7:07 pm  
 Friday, April 12 7:14 pm  
 Friday, April 19 7:22 pm  
 Friday, April 26 7:29 pm

## Rabbi's Message

I love looking up at the sky on the eve of Passover and realize that I am standing under the same full moon as our ancestors so many millennia ago. When the night is clear, I think about all the generations who came before us who also pondered what it means to leave *Mitzrayim* (Egypt) on the night of Seder.

*Mitzrayim* (mitz-RYE-eem) is the Hebrew word for Egypt. Yes, the name is Biblical—but you can still plug the word into a modern GPS when you are in Israel and it will tell you to drive south. In Arabic, the word is similar: “*Misr*.”

But more than a geographic place on the map, the word “*mitzrayim*” means “the narrow straits” or even “blockage.” It is only when we stop calling the place from which we so long ago fled “Egypt” and start calling it “*mitzrayim*” can we understand what Passover really means. It means to move through and past the places in our lives in which we feel blocked or stuck. We are all familiar with the *haggadah's* instruction: “In every generation, everyone must think of him/herself as having personally left Egypt.” How very different is it to read it: “In every generation, everyone must think of him/herself as having personally left **the places in which we feel stuck!** Very different, no? Such is the beauty of our tradition and the Hebrew language, that it opens up multiple layers of meaning at the same time. Such is the spiritual opportunity of Passover.

Of course, this is our transformative moment in history. This is time that we stopped being mindless slaves and accountable to Pharaoh's ruthless whims. We became accountable to a higher power than Pharaoh, namely, God, our system of mitzvot and ethics and to one another.

When I first sit with children before they begin their bar/bat mitzvah training, this is what I teach them- that they are becoming accountable. Becoming bar/bat mitzvah is not becoming an adult. At age 13, We all know that is several years away. Rather, it means that they can be counted upon and that their actions and choices count. This is an important lesson because each and every one of the Jewish people counts.

Simply put: for kids, it means you can't say “the dog ate my homework.” They have reached the age that they are accountable for their homework. For the rest of us it means we can't say, “Someone should take care of that.” Being a member of the Jewish community means that that “someone” is you.

Pirkei Avot (“Sayings of the Fathers”) 2:16 teaches: “You are not obligated to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.”

When we left Egypt, we were no longer slaves. Like adolescents, at the Exodus we were no longer spoon-fed our basic needs and priorities; our time and our choices became our own. Our maturity as a people means that we are charged with creating the community and the world in which we want to live. This includes creating the Beth-El community that we envision. The choice is not whether we do or do not. The choice is really how we bring ourselves to the task. This is the real meaning of the freedom we were given under that full moon. This is what it means to leave our “narrow straits,” our Egypt. It is the full moon pregnant with possibilities, but only when we step up and take charge of our piece and are counted upon.

Wishing you a sweet and liberating Passover from my family to yours,

*Rabbi Leana Moritt*



### Member Spotlight

Do you want to meet and get to know other Temple Beth-El members?

Are you a journalist or do you like to write?

If so, we need you! We're starting a new feature in our newsletter: Spotlight On Our Members & Friends, in which one person or family is interviewed and introduced each month in our newsletter.

Our hope is to get 4-6 people so that each person would interview and write 2-3 features per year.

Manageable, right? Email Raimy Cheyne, Membership Chairperson at

[raimy.cheyne@gmail.com](mailto:raimy.cheyne@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## From the President

by Tom Rosensweet

*Why do we have a Reform Jewish Temple here in Jersey City?* It depends who you ask. Some people want a place to pray on Shabbat. Some want a place where their children can learn about our religion, our traditions and our ancient stories and prayers. Others are happy to have a place to observe the High Holidays as they always have since childhood. Some seek a sense of community or opportunities to serve the less fortunate in our community.

Let's talk about community. This spring, Temple Beth-El offers so many opportunities to participate. By the time you read this, we will already have had Part I of our Jewish Storytelling Workshop, and a film and Q&A session about the ways in which the Holocaust will be remembered after the last survivors are gone. Our hardworking volunteers will have distributed Purim Bags full of sweets to our members, and we will have had our Totally Rad 80's Purim Shpiel. I hope you didn't miss my sparkling performance as King Achashverosh!

Our April 5 First Friday Potluck Dinner and Family Service will feature our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Religious School students. Saturday, April 6, will be Tot Shabbat, for kids up to 5 years old. That night Temple Beth-El welcomes Uncle Floyd as headliner of Borscht X. This comedy show is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please buy your tickets now. Afterwards, be sure to patronize the businesses that advertised in the Borscht Ad Journal.

The next day, Sunday April 7, is our monthly Parent Project day during Religious School. That afternoon is the second meeting of our Temple Junior Youth Group for 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Our New Member Shabbat is Friday night, April 12 and our communal Second Seder will be Saturday night, April 20. Storytelling Part II is April 28. I knew you were wondering when I'd get to that!

Our May 5 Yom HaShoah observance will feature Ernest Mathias, one of the thousands of Jews who escaped the Holocaust by moving to Shanghai. On Saturday May 18, right after Shabbat services, we'll have a special luncheon to honor Kay Magilavy for her 18 years as co-director of the Temple Beth-El Religious School.

That's a lot! Don't be shy. Join us for one or all of these events and be an active part of our community.

And don't forget that Temple Beth-El offers a weekly opportunity to serve our less fortunate neighbors by volunteering to staff our Food Pantry – and to contribute food, clothing and toiletries. We also have three more Family Promise weeks this year. You can cook for and spend time with the homeless families that we house at the Temple a week at a time.

Temple Beth-El is a thriving community. Be part of it. Come to our services, our educational events and our fundraisers. Help us to serve the needy. We need you and I hope you need us too. That's what community is all about.



***New Member Shabbat***

Join us at our New Member Shabbat as we officially welcome our newest members into the Temple Beth-El family.

Friday, April 12  
 7:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception  
 in the TBE Sanctuary  
 8:00 pm Service, followed by  
 Oneg Shabbat



**Seder Meal Match**

Looking for a place to go for the 1st night Seder?

Have extra spots at your Seder table and want to perform a mitzvah by inviting a guest? TBE will help facilitate matches so that everyone looking for a spot at a Seder table has one.

Email

[raimy.cheyne@gmail.com](mailto:raimy.cheyne@gmail.com)

no later than **Tuesday, April 5th** if you are looking for a spot or offering to host.

Please advise if you have any dietary restrictions, pets/pet allergies, and geographic location/restrictions. We will do our best to find a match for everyone!

If you are looking for a home for the 2nd night Seder, join TBE for our annual communal Seder on April 20th.

Passover 2019



JOIN US FOR

**THE 12TH ANNUAL COMMUNAL PASSOVER SEDER AT TEMPLE BETH-EL**

Led by

Rabbi Leana Moritt and Student Cantor Stefanie Greene  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 6 PM**

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**Food Pantry Needs**

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



Jersey City's way of honoring Women's History Month is to celebrate its most powerful women through the annual Women of Action award ceremony. Rabbi Moritt offered the opening blessing before songs, traditional Nepalese dance and awards were given to 18 incredible women for the work they do in our community. The keynote speaker was Alfa Demellash, the CEO and Co-Founder of Rising Tide Capital, herself a force for empowerment.

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**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
- Distributions from Individual Retirement accounts (IRA)
- A portion of Life Insurance policy payouts

**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](mailto: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.

*A Storytelling Festival for Families, Adults and Friends  
Featuring Storyteller, Puppeteer, Author and Educator Marilyn Price*

Sunday April 28, 2019

Thanks to the generous support of Judy and Art Fredman, TBE is pleased to host a special two part event featuring nationally acclaimed storyteller, puppeteer, author and educator Marilyn Price. Marilyn regularly performs for adults and children where she interweaves important themes of social justice and Jewish teachings. She has been an Artist in Residence in schools, museums, libraries, adult learning retreats and camps across the country. She is also a frequent guest teller on National Public Radio and the author of numerous books including “Grandma’s Cookies,” where the puppets tell loving story of a king on a special quest that resonates with kids of all ages, and “Who is Sylvia?”, the life story of an amazing woman and her triumph over the depression and its subsequent family adversity. In 2015, Marilyn was honored by her hometown with the Mayor’s Award for the Arts for her outstanding work in the community as well as her mastery of her craft in helping others bring joy and learning to their environment.

*Part I for School Aged Children and their families: Puppets and Stories for the Whole Family!*

From noon to 1:30 pm, join us for an exciting family storytelling event featuring stories and puppetry on cherished Jewish themes, such as Tzedakah, Tikkun Olam and Mitzvot. We will then make our own puppets and come together for a final story with the characters we’ve created. Lunch will be served prior to the event.

*Part II for Adults and Teens: Listening, Telling, and Building your Story*

From 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, join us for this participatory workshop on transforming memories—of our families, histories, recipes and adventures—into stories. Through group, partner and individual activities, we will learn to be storytellers and story listeners. For those who wish to share, we’ll close with a round-up of stories from the group, with Marilyn as emcee. No previous storytelling experience necessary. Experienced storytellers and total novices are all welcome.

Please also join us at 2:30 pm between Parts I and II for Midday Snacks and Social where we will have the opportunity to enjoy some noshes and schmooze with your friends and neighbors.

Admission to the entire program is free but materials are limited.

Questions or to RSVP and reserve your places, email [learning@betheljc.org](mailto:learning@betheljc.org)

*Temple Beth-El wishes to thank Judy and Art Fredman for their generous support of the Storytelling Festival, for their unwavering commitment to Jewish learning, and for their recognition of the devotion of the alumni to TBE. Art fondly remembers TBE from his childhood including standing on the bima as a Bar Mitzvah in 1950 with Rabbi Berman by his side, celebrating special events in the social hall, and sharing good times with his friends from TBE and the neighboring Jewish community. Judy also has strong ties to TBE – she taught Hebrew school at TBE while attending college. Although Judy and Art moved to the suburbs after they married, both have maintained a strong connection to TBE. Throughout the years, they have occasionally returned to TBE, most recently to attend the installation of Rabbi Moritt, and were so moved by TBE’s enduring traditions and new beginnings.*

Some fun from the first storyteller program on March 10!



Friends  
**Spotlight**

Art & Judy Fredman

Art Fredman remembers leaving his Fairview Ave. home as a child, carrying a bag of groceries, to hop the red bus to see his grandmother. She would always be sitting on a bench outside City Hall with the other bubbes and her greeting would always be the same: "You're so skinny!" After the traditional greeting, came the trip to her apartment for the traditional snack: A slice of rye bread and thick coating of shmaltz.

Art grew up in Jersey City when the Young Men's Hebrew Association on

Bergen Ave., where PS 17 is now. His grandfather owned a gas station across from where the hospital is now. A blacksmith from Romania, he had a little shed across from the gas station, and the contract for making horseshoes for the Jersey City Police Department's horse-drawn wagon.

"He was so friendly with the local police that he marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Grand Marshall," Fredman says.

Fredman remembers Tuesday nights at the Young Men's Hebrew Association, where 100 or 150 Jewish students would gather, some coming from North Bergen and Bayonne, to play ping pong, and sneak onto the basketball court. (The Chasen girl, from Bayonne, could beat any boy at ping pong, any time.) He was Bar Mitzvahed at Temple Beth-El.

His passion was tennis, which he played at Lincoln Park every chance he got.

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

**Our Jewish**  
**storytelling**  
**festival Episode 2**

**Sunday, April 28**

With nationally acclaimed storyteller, puppeteer, author and educator

**Marilyn Price**

Stay after religious school for lunch followed by the program:



**12:00-2:30: Puppets and Stories for the Whole Family!**

*For school-aged kids and their parents - all are welcome*  
After lunch at noon we'll enjoy stories and puppetry on cherished Jewish themes, such as tzedakah, tikkun olam and mitzvot. We will then make our own puppets and come together for a final story with the characters we've created.

**2:30 - 3:15 snacks and schmooze with your friends and neighbors**

**3:15-5:00: Listening, Telling, and Building Your Story.**

*Adult Workshop (ages 13 and up)*

A chance to share and learn about ourselves, others, our faith—and how we are connected. Join us for this participatory workshop on transforming memories—of our families, histories, recipes and adventures—into stories. Through group, partner and individual activities, we will learn to be storytellers and story listeners. For those who wish to share, we'll close with a round-up of stories from the group, with Marilyn as emcee.



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



## Welcome to our newest members:

Robin Ewert, *Short Hills*

Michael and Joelle Friedland, *Hoboken*

## Friends Spotlight

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Fredman, who graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954 at 16, went on study at Rutgers University before transferring to St. Peter's, where he played tennis and was a saber fencer, coached by an emigre Hungarian freedom fighter. At Art's best fencing match, he used a stop-thrust to beat a guy from Columbia University who was nicknamed "The Butcher."

Art met his wife, Judy, on a blind date when he was 18; they ended up at Joe King's Rathskeller, which wasn't either Art or Judy's choice. ("A beer hall for spoiled college kids," Art says.)

But they were each other's choice, staying together after entered the Army, where he trained at Fort Benning, learned survival skills in the Okefenokee Swamp, and led a platoon. He learned how to eat snake, leave a segregated lunch counter without bringing trouble to the African-American servicemen he'd come in with, and jump from planes. (He still enjoys skydiving.)

"I was the only Jewish guy, representing for all those guys who went 4F," he said. "In your platoon, you could have a guy who's a PhD in physics standing next to a guy who's a drop-out from Kentucky on parole."

He got out, got married wearing his spitshine Army shoes, and got his discharge papers the next day.

Judy, who had studied Spanish in Argentina, had a career teaching Spanish, French, and Hebrew, including a stint teaching Hebrew at Temple Beth-El. She also became a licensed doctor of family and marriage counseling. "She's a legend in our town," Art says.

Art taught English in Cranford at first, then Elizabeth, where he rose in the administration, eventually becoming an assistant superintendent. The two settled in Milburn, where they had two sons, both now grown. One is a kinesthesiologist and a physical education teacher, the other is a chiropractor who lives in Jersey City.

Art retired in 2002. While he was still working in Elizabeth, he started buying land.

"After dealing with student uprisings, criminal behavior, lack of staff -- buying condos in Jersey City or Hoboken was child's play," he says. "Clean up the place, get a nice tenant, then sell it in five years. You make more than if you were up all night writing grants."

He's also been very active in the community. He served as president of Berkeley Tennis Club, a 102-year-old club in Orange, N.J. that was one of the country's first racially integrated clubs. He helped keep the Pet Smart Hotel from opening in Millburn, working to bring in Trader Joe's instead.

He was an adjunct English Prof. at Kean University for about 40 years, also working as a professor of education, training student teachers. He's gone to Israel six times as part of Sar El, Service for Israel, where volunteers work on military bases. He's also served on the board of their temple, Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn and was former president of B'nai B'rith for the region in the 1980s. He coached tennis at Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange from 2008 to 2011. The team won the championship of the Liberty Level of Essex County.

Through the years, he monitored Temple Beth-El, where his parents' memorial plaques are. He and Judy funded the storytelling workshops earlier this month. They brought Israeli Rishonim to Beth El around 2015 and helped fund a student cantor.

"It has a special place in my heart," he said. "Always has."

tot  
Shabbat



## Tot Shabbat at Temple Beth-El! Saturday, April 6 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.



April 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050B4AABA23A31-totshabbat)



Mark your calendars for the next Tot Shabbat on May 11

Drop-ins always welcome. If you are not on our Tot Shabbat email list, let Ardella know at [office@betheljc.org](mailto:office@betheljc.org) She will be happy to add you to our list for reminders.

## Youth Group at Temple Beth-El!

Attention students in 5th through 7th grades! We have formed a social youth group experience for our Temple middle schoolers! 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 was in early March and it was a success! We played games, ate way too much candy, and put together Smile Kits of oral hygiene products for the Jewish Federation of Northern NJ to distribute at local homeless and battered women's shelters. We are very proud of these kids for working so hard and putting together 100 kits in record time! Thank you to Jacob, Madeleine, Ava, Jeremy, Rafi, Wyatt, Benjamin, and our junior advisor, Brendan, for coming...and to their parents for chauffeuring so that they could all participate! (For a student's view, check out Jacob's review!)

Our next Youth Group event is Sunday, April 7 from 2-4 pm at Wyatt Schneider's house in JC. All 5th-7th graders are welcome! AND...if you are interested in hosting a future Youth Group event, please let us know! Even if you don't want to host, we would love to hear event and activity ideas! Contact Michele Linder at [michele@betheljc.org](mailto:michele@betheljc.org) for suggestions and further plans and/or to RSVP for April 7.

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Youth Group Event By: Jacob Linder

Earlier this month, the synagogue held a youth group event at my house. It is for kids that are in 5th grade to 7th grade. We played card and board games like Exploding Kittens, Risk, and Anomia. We all had a great time and sort of hoped we had more time to play more games. In between Exploding Kittens and Risk, we did a mitzvah project. We made 100 Smile Kits (a small dentist bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and mouthwash) in less than 5 minutes. These kits were sent to the Federation of Northern New Jersey to be sent to homeless centers around the area. It was a fun team-building experience. We had a great time playing with each other. Be sure to send your 5th, 6th, or 7th grader next time to Wyatt's house! Until then, have an outstanding month! Signing off, Jacob Linder!





Chag  
Purim  
Sameach  
and  
many  
thanks  
to:

- Kathy Prussack for preparing the Purim letters — a formidable task this year since we also let people have their name only on the religious school families.
- Anna and Vadim for opening and laying out the 200 bags.
- Joanna Doerfer for putting the Temple Beth-El label on 200 envelopes. And Karen Seemen-Pinn & Leslie Cooper, who put return labels on the Raffle Ticket return envelopes.
- Isadora Zlotowicz and Anna & Vadim who helped me stuff the goodies into the 200 bags on Thursday, March 14 – only one and a half hours!
- Judith Schteingart for producing the Kay18 letter that was included in the packages to Religious School families.

And to all who picked up their bags on Sunday March 17 and on Wednesday March 20 and delivered Purim Bags to their neighbors, thank you so much.

Hoping that all the members enjoyed their goodies and the delicious hamentashen.

Chag Purim Sameach,  
Nancy Sambul  
Fundraising Chair

Temple Beth-El  
THE REFORM CONGREGATION OF JERSEY CITY



## Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

Sunday, May 5,  
2:30pm at  
Temple Beth-El,  
2419 Kennedy Blvd,  
Jersey City



Guest speaker:  
Ernest Mathias,  
Holocaust survivor who  
survived the Holocaust by  
fleeing to Shanghai, China with  
his family. Mr. Mathias will  
show portions of a film, "The  
Last Refuge," about the  
community of Jewish emigres  
who found refuge in Shanghai.  
With musical selections by the  
USH Choir.

More info: [www.betheljc.org](http://www.betheljc.org) or [www.hobokensynagogue.org](http://www.hobokensynagogue.org)

### We need a photograph of your child!!

On May 18 we will be celebrating Kay Magilavy's 18 years of service as a teacher and director of our Religious School. The celebration will include a luncheon reception featuring a PowerPoint presentation of all her (our/ your) children.

Please don't miss out. Send your photo **now** to [kay18@betheljc.org](mailto:kay18@betheljc.org). The deadline was April 1, but we want to squeeze in as many photographs of our children as possible. Extra bonus points if you can send the photo with a short written greeting or tribute to Kay in the email.



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*And a fun time  
was had by all!*



# What's Happening April

## Spring Family Happenings at Temple Beth-El!

**Friday, April 6** 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm

***First Friday Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner and Family Shabbat Service*** featuring our Kindergarten and 1st grade and Junior Choir. Join us for a potluck Shabbat dinner and stay for Family Services.

**Saturday, April 6** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

***Tot Shabbat*** See page 7 for details

**Saturday, April 6** 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

***All Points Borscht! Comedy Night Fundraiser***  
Temple Beth-El's Tenth Annual Borscht comedy night fundraiser. See page 1 for ticket info!

**Sunday, April 7** 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 us or just show up!

**Sunday, April 7** 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

***Junior Youth Group Event***  
All students in grades 5-7 are invited. RSVP to [Michele@betheljc.org](mailto:Michele@betheljc.org) for location and details.

**Sunday, April 14** 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

***Religious School Passover Family Day***  
Join your religious school student(s) to do fun-filled Passover crafts and learning activities.

**Saturday, April 20** 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

***Congregational Second Night Passover Seder***  
Family-friendly Passover seder for our community. Led by Rabbi Moritt and Student Cantor Greene.

**Sunday, April 28** 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Jewish Storytelling Festival, Part II** (including lunch) Stories! Puppets! Crafts! And much more featuring Marilyn Price. Parents: Stay for the Adult Personal Storytelling Workshop on how we tell, process and listen to stories. 3:15 to 5:45.

For more information or to get involved with the fun, contact [learning@betheljc.org](mailto:learning@betheljc.org). Rabbi Moritt at [rabbimoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:rabbimoritt@betheljc.org) or visit [www.betheljc.org](http://www.betheljc.org)

## Bar Mitzvah



**Gabriel Dowling**, son of Jim and Toby Dowling and brother of Molly Dowling, will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 13. Gabe is a 7th grade student at Learning Community Charter School, where he is the Student Council Treasurer, and also acts as a peer advisor. Gabe enjoys living in Jersey City, hanging out with his friends (and sometimes his family), playing videogames and volleyball. He is currently training for his first obstacle course race, the City Challenge, this Spring.

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



**Dan Ackman & Laura Katzive**  
in honor of their son,  
Benjamin Ackman,  
on his bar mitzvah

**Florence Wellen** in memory of her beloved mother,  
Rose Bleiweis, on her Yarzeit

**Brian & Raimy Cheyne** in honor of their daughter,  
Daphne Aliza

*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!*

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## 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

*Anonymous*

*Tom Rosensweet & Barbara Hines*

*Gregory & Asha Yip-Ying*

Happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes to Molly Heitner  
for a healthy and fabulous year

*Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter*

In honor of Kay Magilavy and her 18 years of  
dedication to the Temple Beth-El religious school

*Michael Eisenberg & Fran Karp-Eisenberg*

In memory of Helen Weil, a beautiful person

*Helen Milovsky*

In memory of Ben Chodash, on his Yarzeit

*Gertrude Marley*

In memory of my beloved wife, Judith Ferbel,  
on her Yarzeit

*Rabbi Dennis Math*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Leana Moritt

*Aaron & Giovanna Dunkel*

In honor of Julius Paster, son of Abraham Paster

*Sharon Paster*

### Music Fund

A speedy Get Well to Shirley Roter

*Irwin Rosen*

In honor of Molly Heitner on her special birthday

*Irwin Rosen*

In honor of Steven & Jaclyn Fulop on becoming new  
parents

*Irwin Rosen*

*Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter*

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

*Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter*

In memory of Robert Perlman

*Irwin Rosen*

In memory of my grandmother, Cecelia Wahl Cohen,  
on her Yarzeit

*Irwin Rosen*

In loving memory of my mother, Rose Bleiweis,  
on her Yarzeit

*Florence Wellen*

### Donations to Mazon during Purim

*Kay Magilavy & Norman Mayersohn*

*Stuart Portney*

*Peter Retzlaff*

*Tom Rosensweet & Barbara Hines*

*Robin Rosenzweig Schkrutz & Alexander Schkrutz*

*Dr. Harvey & Shirley Roter*



When thinking of your family's future, consider the peace of mind that comes with knowing they will always have a place to come and remember. Temple Beth-El has cemetery plots in the beautiful locations of Mount Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, NJ and Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin (Woodbridge). Please email Larry Gutterman at [LPGutterman@verizon.net](mailto:LPGutterman@verizon.net). We would be happy to discuss it further.

*With Sympathy*

To Zachary, Patricia and Eliana Metz on the death of Zach's grandmother and Eliana's great-grandmother, Frances Metz.

*Zichrona livracha.*

*May her memory always be for a blessing.*

## Yarzeits



### Week ending April 6

Edward Alpert  
Miriam Benowitz  
Libby Bergen  
Morris Bernstein  
Dorothy Bettman  
Raymond Chasan  
Lothar Daniel  
Joshua Genser  
Anna Glanzer  
Joseph Hanan  
Cecile Hollenberg  
Leon L. Honiberg  
Sara Kreps  
Andy Lackowitz  
Samuel I. Levinson  
Anna Magid  
Sidney Maitzman  
Jack Manheimer  
Lennox McKell  
Max Reingold  
Norman H. Roth  
Samuel Siegler  
Morris Spector  
Rose Sternberg  
Allan Tint  
Irving Vogelmann  
Rose K. Willis

### Week ending April 13

Joseph Adler  
Ceil Bauer  
Violet A. Cohan  
Anna Davis  
Yetta De Noble  
Louis Dvorin  
Herman Feld

Lew Gilbert  
Jennie Goldberg  
Simon Goldfarb  
Julian Greenberg  
William Guskind  
Benjamin Heilbrunn  
Leo Herman  
Sidney Jerome  
Frank Just  
Abraham Kanegsberg  
John Magilavy  
Bessie Marks Mandel  
Maurice Marks  
Sonya Moskowitz  
Louis Mostwill  
Sarah Nathan  
Hyman Ovios  
Joseph Pollak  
Leon Sambul  
Edward Schlenger  
Samuel Sorin  
Deborah Baker Terry  
Howard R. Weil  
Felice Zelda Wolkowisky

### Week ending April 20

Ellen Baker  
Albert M. Bank  
Rechl Bena Berman  
Ursula Cohen  
Rosalyn Gronowski  
Esther Kanegsberg  
Ferdinand Kramer  
Alta London  
Rose Nieman  
Lou S. Okun  
Florence Pearl

Sarah Press  
Roslyn Rachlin  
Tilly Reinheimer  
Esther Rosenbaum  
Nathan Schnur  
Annie Schwartz  
Samuel Tilton  
Emil Weinheim  
Sophie Wertheim

### Week ending April 27

Herman Bardack  
Florence Berman  
Rabbi Samuel A. Berman  
Doris M. Bernstein  
Edward Bornstein  
Harry Cohan  
Bertha Cohn  
Sadie Croner  
Elizabeth Daniel  
Sarah G. Fellerman  
Joseph Fox  
Morris Frank  
Louis Goldberg  
Morris Grossman  
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Charles Kochansky  
Robert Kriegel  
Jennie Levy  
Gertrude Cook Melnick  
Rose Ritter  
Helen Weisenfeld Rosen  
Eugene Rottenberg  
Rose Rubin

Julia Schnitzer Ruskin  
Philip Sandick  
Nathan Schneider  
Ethel Schultz  
Gladys Tillman

### Week ending May 4

John Berger  
Harold Milton  
Broadman  
Gertrude Friedman  
Max Friedman  
Samuel Garfunkel  
Florence Goldberg  
Dr. Ira Goldowsky  
Rose Greiman  
David Gurwitz  
Esther Herman  
Philip Hoffman  
Florence Jasper  
David Kabakow  
Isadore Karten  
Belle Silber Kors  
Philip L. Kravitz  
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