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It's About Life... Even in Death

by Rabbi Leana Moritt

We don't often think of Yom Kippur as a rehearsal for our own death, but at its core, that is precisely what we do. It was just a few days ago that we brought ourselves to the precipice of death so we might pray for life. We deny ourselves food, drink and bodily pleasures; some of us wear white as our burial garments; we confessed our wrongs that they may turn us around to choose life. We move into Sukkot, which further reminds of our impermanence.

Thinking about death isn't something any of us relish, but our tradition knows that without it, life would be meaningless. We certainly don't dwell on it, but as Jews, we are asked to look at and prepare for death soberly, clear eyed, and with a great deal of compassion.

One of the most beautiful elements of the Jewish religion is its deeply egalitarian outlook. We are all equally children of the Divine; we should all be learned in Torah and have equal access to and responsibility to live its teachings. We all come into the world the same way. We all go out the same way. We fill the days in between offering our gifts from that which we are endowed. Yes, the devil is in the details, so to speak, but there is a simple wisdom in its message.

We also find the egalitarian instinct in our traditional burial rites. From the young to the old; rich and poor; male and female; exalted and despised, a traditional Jewish burial and funeral is identical for all. We are carefully cleansed and dressed in the same simple white cotton/linen garments; we are gently placed in the same unadorned wooden casket and entrusted back to the earth within a very few days. (Cremation is understood as a harsh assault to the body, which is a sacred vessel. Burial is seen as the gentle and natural process of returning us to our source.) We are eulogized and mourned by our loved ones who are surrounded and supported by community. There is dignity and reverence but not a lot of pomp and circumstance.

Like so many of our traditions, scratching the surface of these practices reveals even greater wisdom. We are rightly proud of our egalitarian leanings that guide these practices. The philosophy of equality is important to the values with which we live as Jews and Americans, but there is more here. While each of these practices are mitzvot in and of themselves, there is another: that is to make one's own burial arrangements in advance.

Anyone who has had the experience of burying a loved one knows the shock and fog that immediately descends. Our world is shattered and we don't even know if the floor is there for our next step. There seem to be a million details to attend to, just when we lose the ability to think. Of course, this is what it means to be human and to love, but it happens at the time when those who are left behind most need support and TLC.

Our sages understood this and direct us not to leave it to our loved ones to do. They teach that the loving and compassionate thing to do is to not to give our loved ones any more responsibility at a time of such great loss and distress. Since all arrangements are the same, we don't have to think too much about it either. Many of the decisions are already made and we honor our loved ones most by honoring the tradition and keeping it simple.



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**We are back LIVE in-person every week from the Temple.
Please read our COVID protocols carefully.**

First Friday Family Services will continue on our lawn, weather permitting, and will not be viewable from home. In case of rain, we will go inside. Pot luck dinners are still suspended until further notice, but please bring a picnic from 6-6.30 to enjoy outside.

All other services are in our sanctuary and are open to those who are **fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will be livestreamed [here](#)**. Masks are required for all in our building. If you are following the service from home and would like to access the siddur, click [here](#).

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| Friday, October 1 | On the Temple Lawn | |
| BYO picnic on the lawn | | 6—6:30 pm |
| First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services | | 6:30pm |
| <i>This service will not be viewable over YouTube.</i> | | |
| Saturday, October 2 | | |
| Shabbat morning services and bat mitzvah of Ava Pinn. | | 10.30am |
| <i>Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary here</i> | | |
| Friday, October 8 | | |
| Kabbalat Shabbat services | | 8:00 pm |
| <i>Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary here</i> | | |
| Friday, October 15 | | |
| Kabbalat Shabbat services | | 8:00 pm |
| <i>Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary here</i> | | |
| Friday, October 22 | | |
| Kabbalat Shabbat Services | | 8:00 pm |
| <i>Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary here</i> | | |
| Friday, October 29 | | |
| Kabbalat Shabbat Services | | 8:00 pm |
| <i>Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary here</i> | | |
| Friday November 5 | | |
| First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services | | 6:30pm |
| <i>This service will not be viewable over YouTube.</i> | | |



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Click [here](#) for our new Temple Beth-El website & Member Section!

To access the member section, click on Member Login on the top right section of the homepage. You'll see a form to establish a unique username and password. Once in the Members Only section you'll find our Membership Directory, b'nai mitzvah materials, Religious School Parent Portal, Expense Reimbursement and In-Kind Donation Forms, and Yizkor online access.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

	Friday, October 1	6:20 pm	
	Friday, October 8	6:08 pm	
	Friday, October 15	5:57 pm	
	Friday, October 22	5:47 pm	
	Friday, October 29	5:38 pm	
	Friday, November 5	5:29 pm	

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

The mitzvah of pre-preparation includes things that we may, of course, already know—preparing a will, naming our health care proxy and making our healthcare wishes known. It may also come with an ethical will. It may even include pre-arranging funeral plans. And it also includes buying our own graves.

One of the most important functions of any synagogue is to support our community members at pivotal times in life. Individually, we show up for a minyan to enable the kaddish memorial prayer; we help celebrate at b'nai mitzvah; we bring our humanity. As a Temple, when death strikes in our community, we take this responsibility seriously by making graves available to our members and organizing shiva minyanim. Temple Beth-El's cemetery is one of the most beautiful in all of Northern New Jersey. Together, we work to make what often feels excruciating a little more bearable through our caring, our forethought and our presence.

It may not be a popular topic of conversation, but these things that we can do to support others at their time of loss cannot be overstated as an expression of love- whether people are mourning you; you are mourning others or supporting someone in mourning. Please know that I, Larry Gutterman (our Cemetery Chair—see the interview on page 5), and others at the Temple are here to discuss this further in private or help you make arrangements. I would also very much welcome working to create a core group of people who are ready to offer their help and time when loss and difficulty strikes, so we are in the position as a Temple to make a caring difference.

In friendship,

Rabbi Leana Moritt

B'nai mitzvah

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation Meeting — for parents of children in grades 5-7 who have not yet begun b'nai mitzvah Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 am (over [ZOOM](#))

At this meeting, Rabbi Moritt will explain the Temple Beth-El B'nai Mitzvah Program while offering parents a chance to ask questions and meet one another. We will discuss the process and activities both available and required of our students and ways that parents can meaningfully participate as well. Parents are required to attend this meeting at least once in the 24 months before their children begin their b'nai mitzvah tutoring, which generally begins six months before their ceremony.

October – December Religious School Dates for Your Calendar

Bar Mitzvah Meeting Grades 5-7 with Rabbi Moritt	Sunday, October 10 @ 10:45 am
Family Shabbat Service – Grade 6 & 7	Friday, November 5 @ 6:30 pm
Chanukah Fun – Family Education, All Grades	Sunday, November 21
No school (Thanksgiving Weekend)	Sunday, November 28
Chanukah Communal Candle-lighting and Consecration (all new students)	Friday, December 3 @ 6:30 pm
No school (Winter Break)	December 26 and January 2

For more dates and the full year Religious School Calendar, visit our website [here](#)

Back to the Future: Why History Matters

I can't imagine living in any other time, other than today, yet history fascinates and compels me. As a woman, I certainly have more freedom than women did 100 years ago. Getting the right to vote here in the US was a major milestone. I can also argue that society in general can evolve significantly more, as many current environmental and political movements are revealing to us.

To take a huge jump back: how did Jewish people live during the Middle Ages? We know something about Jewish life around the world. I dislike the idea of our Jewish history being "the history of persecution," even though there is that. During medieval times, at least thirteen Jewish holiday customs were created that are still being observed by Jews today!



When I look at history, I like to try to get in the shoes of the people living then. I can't imagine eating all my meals cooked on a fireplace type of oven, baking bread from scratch regularly, and eating foods that were not refrigerated. I can imagine walking a lot more, but I can't imagine regularly riding on horseback. And imagine the entertainment that was available! If you didn't play an instrument, you wouldn't have any music in your home (duh, no internet, radio or TV). Think about life today with the internet, 100s of TV/cable channels, YouTube, computers, etc....People probably sang much more in their homes, and things like that.

At any rate, courtesy of Professor Joseph Davis, PhD (Gratz College), here are some interesting *minhaggim* (customs) that were developed in the Middle Ages:

1. *High holiday prayers*: during the Middle Ages, long (multi-hour) poetic liturgies were written for these holidays, which are still read or recited in some synagogues.
2. *Tashlich*: the custom of going to a local body of water and throwing in bread, an action which symbolizes throwing away sins.
3. *Yizkor*: a memorial prayer for the dead, traditionally recited in synagogues on four holidays including Yom Kippur.
4. *Kapparot*: swinging a chicken around your head: a quaint Jewish custom, patterned on the scapegoat ritual of Yom Kippur. Sins are transferred to the chicken, which is then slaughtered. A less colorful modern variation involves swinging money around your head and donating it to charity.
5. *Ushpizin*: on Sukkot it's a custom to invite the seven "celestial guests," Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph and David, to visit the Sukkah. A very recent variation of this old custom invites a gender-balanced group that includes also Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Ruth, Miriam, and Esther. The source of this custom is in the Jewish mystical classic, the Zohar, who insists that the poor also be invited to the sukkah. This other aspect of the custom, alas, is typically ignored.
6. *Simchat Torah*: in the Middle Ages, this became the day when the annual cycle of Torah readings was concluded and begun again, and a ceremonial of processions, honors, and in recent centuries synagogue-dancing was created for the day.
7. Our *Hanukah* game of dreidel!
8. *Purim* plays: a late medieval/early modern custom of doing theatre on *Purim*.
9. The *Afikoman* hunt: various customs related to the piece of matzoh (unleavened bread) eaten on Passover known as the *Afikoman*.
10. Passover songs: "*Chad Gadya*," was written in the Middle Ages.
11. *Tikun Leil Shavuot*. This is another kabbalistic custom: studying Torah late at night (or in one variation, all night) on the eve of Shavuot.
12. *Tisha Be-Av* liturgy: the second major Jewish fast day, besides *Yom Kippur*.
13. *Selichot* services which emphasize the themes of repentance and forgiveness.

May you and your family be blessed with a new year of health, happiness, and peace.

L'shanah Tovah! (Happy New Year) ~Marian

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Member Spotlight

Larry Gutterman

Larry Gutterman has been a member of Temple Beth-El for 15 years, which is a substantial amount of time, but his family on both sides has even deeper roots at our synagogue. Both sets of Larry's grandparents were members, as were his parents, which means that he is a third generation Temple Beth-El member! His family has seen a few Rabbis come and go since his parents got married here, and his brother too!

Larry was born in Jersey City but grew up in Bayonne, so he and his family also attended Temple Beth Am, and would often spend the holidays attending first-day services at one synagogue and second-day services at the other.

You would think that these deep roots would have kept Larry in the Hudson County area, but he ventured off to college in New Orleans and has since lived in places too numerous to mention. He now resides in one of his favorite places, Bondville, Vermont, about a three and a half-hour drive from New Jersey. Larry does this drive often because he is the Funeral Director of his family's undertaking business, Gutterman Brothers, which has a long history dating back four generations! Larry's great grandfather, Abraham Guttman, entered the country in the 1880s and somewhere along the line changed his last name to Gutterman. He worked for a stable at 49 Orchard Street in lower Manhattan and in the early 1890s bought that stable, which in those days, among other things, offered horses and carriages for funerals in the Jewish community. That business became A. Gutterman Undertaker, which then became A. Gutterman and Sons Undertakers, primarily located in lower Manhattan, then moved to East Broadway and then out to Brooklyn. In the 1930s Larry's grandfather, one of Abe's sons, was sent to Jersey City to establish a presence, and in 1931 Gutterman Brothers opened in the Five Corners neighborhood. Just after World War II, they purchased a house on Kennedy Boulevard and Union Street, a few blocks from Temple Beth-El. There were living quarters upstairs and the funeral home was downstairs, which is where Larry's father and uncle grew up.

One point of pride for Larry is that their family business has remained a family business even though the trend for funeral homes is to be bought and run by corporations. Larry says, "When the phone rings in a conglomerate-owned funeral home, you're going to get somebody who may have been there for years or a period of days. They're not likely to be Jewish, because there are very few Jews in this business that own their funeral home. When you call our funeral home, you get me, I'm the one that picks up the phone." Larry attends and conducts almost all of the funerals he arranges, whether in New Jersey or the Metropolitan area. He lives the life of someone on call 24/7, just like his father did and it doesn't matter if he is out to dinner with friends, or in the middle of a synagogue service, if a call comes in, he stops what he is doing and is there for the family. You would think working with loss and sadness every day might be draining, but Larry has been around it his whole life. He stays focused on the job he has to do, helping families through the funeral and burial of their loved ones with as much dignity as he can possibly provide. When his father died in Florida, Larry still played the role of a funeral director to arrange transportation and burial. It wasn't until after he hung up his funeral director hat that he was able to do his personal grieving. This is what makes Larry the person to go to, the understanding and personal attention he brings at a time of great loss.

We are very lucky to have Larry as the head of our Cemetery Committee, which oversees burial grounds that our synagogue owns in two New Jersey cemeteries: Mount Lebanon in Iselin, New Jersey, and Mount Moriah in Fairview, New Jersey. As the head of the committee, Larry fields calls from other funeral directors, issues permits, and collects burial fees for the synagogue. Larry is available if anyone has questions about visiting the cemeteries or purchasing burial plots. He even advises that planning ahead for your own burial or for those that you love is a good idea since it takes a lot of stress off of you and your family.

Temple Beth-El is very proud to have been a part of the Guttermans' lives for three generations, and we are so fortunate to have Larry as a member and Cemetery Committee chair. You can email him at Cemetery@Betheljc.org. You can view the live interview with Larry on our Temple Beth-El Adult Learning YouTube page [here](#).



Bat Mitzvah

Ava Danielle Pinn, daughter of Jonathan Pinn and Karen Seemen Pinn, will become a bat mitzvah on October 2. Ava is looking forward to starting the eighth grade at Elysian Charter School in her hometown of Hoboken. She enjoys baking and cake decorating, drawing, playing board games, and hanging out with her big brother Ori. Ava has been skiing since she is 3 years old, and enjoys spending time in Vermont. She also participates in the debate and model UN club at school where she has honed her advocacy, research and oratory skills.

Ava's family has been members of Temple Beth El since celebrating Ava's baby naming when she was an infant. She has attended TBE's religious school since kindergarten, where the mitzvah of tzedakah, the concept of giving oneself in the form of social justice, was instilled in her. For instance, during the pandemic, Ava and Ori used their carpentry skills to build library boxes for the Hoboken Little Free Libraries program. These boxes were installed in locations throughout Hoboken to provide free books to children of all ages. Ava continues to support the Hoboken Little Free Libraries program by donating and collecting books, and has regularly restocked the box located at the Hoboken Housing Authority.

As Ava's Mitzvah Project, she has chosen to support the TBE Food Pantry through collecting donations of non-perishable food and toiletries, and volunteering at the pantry on Wednesday nights to distribute food to our TBE neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. She is asking that those joining in the celebration of her bat mitzvah consider making a food or monetary donation to the TBE food pantry either through the [Amazon wishlist](#) or on the [TBE donation page](#) (please designate "Food Pantry").

Ava is excited for her bat mitzvah and looking forward to celebrating with her family and close friends. She would like to thank Rabbi Moritt, Morah Marian, and the teachers in the religious school for helping her prepare for Jewish adulthood!



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Saturday, October 30 @ 10:30 am

Tot Shabbat on the Temple lawn!

Weather permitting.

Otherwise we will be in our sanctuary.



Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Last month's Live in our Sukkah was a smashing success. Welcome back to the Temple! Join us for singing, dancing, storytime, snack and an age-appropriate activity. *We will follow State mask and social distancing requirements when indoors.*

Thank you to Guillermo & Meagan Cancio (Pearl's parents) for bringing our edible sukkot ingredients and to Megan & Jon Russek, (Adelaide's parents), for bringing the challah, snack and juice boxes this month. Please consider volunteering for next month by signing up [here](#) or contacting [Morah Marian](#).

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the calendar year.

Watch for location details.

November 20 December 18 January 15 February 5 March 19 April 23 May 28 June 25

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email office@betheljc.org and ask to be added to our email list.

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Join your peers for some social fun!

Temple Beth-El's monthly Youth Group activities are fun and encourage our teens and pre-teens to develop a social conscience while they also develop a Jewish social network. The gatherings supplement our Religious School experiences and encourage children and teens to create lasting bonds with each other, their Jewish identity, social activism, and our congregation. Rosa Escandon, our Youth Group Director, leads our 2 groups: Junior Youth Group (grades 5-7) and Senior Youth Group (grades 8-12).

As a Reform synagogue, Temple Beth-El is part of the NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) network (<https://nfty.org/>). For more information or to get on our Youth Group email list, contact Rosa@betheljc.org.

HEBREW HIGH

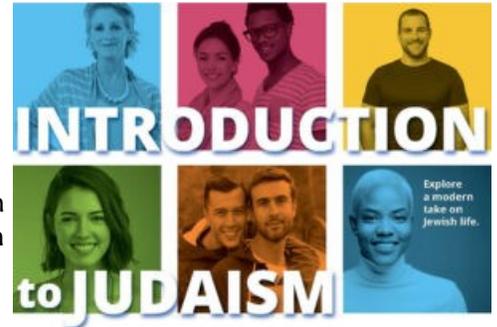
Beginning in November this year, teens who have already become bar or bat mitzvah are invited to join our new Teen Education Program!

Hebrew High meets virtually once a month to provide 8th-10th graders an intensive student-centered opportunity to deepen their Jewish knowledge as their intellect grows. The live virtual classes, which will occasionally meet in person, expand on their prior Religious School experiences and offer opportunities for community service both within our congregation and out into society. As teens' capacity for complex ethical thought develops and as their questions and concerns grow more worldly and complex, it's a chance to delve into Jewish topics that interest them. Taught by Rabbi Moritt and Morah Marian, the program leads into a Confirmation at the end of tenth grade.

For more information, contact [Rabbi Moritt](#) or [Morah Marian](#).

Introduction to Judaism Beginning Again This Fall!

You're curious about Judaism and what this 3,000-year-old tradition has to offer you or your family's life? Welcome.



Rabbi Moritt's Introduction to Judaism class will begin again on **Wednesday October 27**. Running for 20 weeks, the class will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm.

Open to all, our class is designed for individuals and couples from Jewish and various faith traditions and cultural backgrounds and well as those with no religious upbringing. It is perfect for interfaith couples wanting to broaden their understanding of Judaism or who are raising or plan to raise Jewish children. It is equally appropriate for seekers or Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.



Our class will focus on the "hows" and "whys" of Judaism and cover highlights, core concepts, master stories, key figures and the building blocks of Judaism. We will cover ethics, the Sabbath and holidays, prayer, life cycle events, dietary customs, the Jewish people and Israel. We will delve into Jewish theology, history and the meaning and practice of Jewish living. Each session will be a conversation, encouraging multiple perspectives, inquiries and questions. Inspiring readings for each week will be assigned ahead of time, and additional readings and viewing option will be suggested as the course progresses.

For non-Jewish participants, this class can serve as preparation for conversion to Judaism; however, commitment to conversion is not required at any point in the program. Rabbi Moritt is also available to meet privately with students. Synagogue membership is not required.

Please be in touch her at RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org with questions, to register or to set up a meeting. Rabbi Moritt meets with each student before registering. If you have already spoken, register [here](#).

Cost: Free for members. \$200 for non-members. All are invited. We anticipate this class will be held in-person. Students will be expected to purchase the assigned books, take turns bringing snacks and contribute to one communal Shabbat dinner.

And, starting in December, an optional Introduction to Hebrew class will be offered 30 minutes before class begins at no cost.

Introduction to Hebrew I

Wednesdays 7-7:30 pm beginning December 1

If you have always wanted to learn to read Hebrew or brush up on your Hebrew skills, join us.

This 13-week course will introduce you to the letters and vowels of the Hebrew language to enable Hebrew decoding. Following this course, you will be able to follow along in the *siddur* (prayer book) in Hebrew. Basic Hebrew prayer vocabulary words will also be introduced. All are welcome. Free for all, but students will be required to purchase their own text books. To sign up, contact [Rabbi Moritt](#).



Tashlich at Liberty State Park!



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

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

Yahrzeits/Memorial Plaques/ Simcha Tree Leaves

Remember and Honor



The yahrzeit, or anniversary of a loved one's passing, is a time to remember the person, in the synagogue by reciting the Kaddish prayer, through the giving of extra charity and through learning. Each week at services we speak aloud the names of those people whose yahrzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yahrzeit listings go to the [TBE yahrzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)
- To purchase a Simcha Tree Leaf to honor or congratulate friends or family members for special events or accomplishments please click [here](#)

Yahrzeits



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| Week ending October 2 | Frances Frank
Samuel Newman |
| Week ending October 9 | Priscilla Wagner Fields
Herbert Parmet
Alvin Rosensweet
Samuel Harwood |
| Week ending October 16 | Joan Gordon
Louis Pliskin
Patti Mayersohn
Steven Pinkowitz |
| Week ending October 23 | Rosalind Dars
Gladys Hauptman |
| Week ending October 30 | |
| Week ending November 6 | |



Family Promise is alive and well and still needs your help!

For the past few years, Family Promise has been dedicated to helping working and temporarily homeless families. Temple Beth-El has been one of a dozen congregations to house families in their basements, gyms and, in our case, in our Social Hall.

As you can imagine, Family Promise was greatly affected by the Covid pandemic. New solutions were needed, and were needed quickly. The good news is that, with the help of a dynamic consultant, dedicated research intern and many volunteers, Family Promise continues to provide tremendous support to the working families caught in the net of homelessness. Families are now placed in temporary housing scattered around Hudson County, living individually so as to be safe during Covid.

In addition, Family Promise has been working with program alumni to make sure their needs are taken care of and that they are able to keep their current home. In conjunction with United Way, Family Promise has also established a preventative program to “catch” those families going through crises. Family Promise is able to provide a variety of services to prevent the possibility of homelessness for these families. For example, recently one family came to Family Promise after a fire destroyed their home and all they own. Another family — a mother of one — is about to become a mother of two, and a baby registry has been set up to help out. You can donate [here](#).

On October 28 Family Promise is celebrating one of our Board members, Sister Georgette Gavioli, who has served the community at large for 29 years. For more details click [here](#), and purchase your tickets [here](#).

We welcome any help you can provide, and we’d love to see you at the event on October 28. Contact Lari Schwartz, lari@betheljc.org for any questions.

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

Acknowledgement of your contribution will be sent to the recipient and the message will be listed in the newsletter. To make a donation and offer a tribute for any reason, click [here](#) or contact the [office](#)

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on his yarzeit
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Members**

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

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

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

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



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