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## Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Leana Moritt

Martin Luther King week has been a special event at Temple Beth-El for 37 years running, so it is not unusual for the Temple to be busy. This year, however, was extraordinary.

It started the week before, when I received texts from Governor Murphy's Chief of Staff as well as personal texts from First Lady Tammy Murphy, asking if we would host and I would lead a private interfaith prayer service for the Governor and his whole family on the morning of his inauguration. This was especially meaningful to First Lady Murphy, who especially wanted it to be at Temple Beth-El. Why? Because Governor Murphy would be taking the oath of office on the Tanakh that was passed down to Mrs. Murphy from her Jewish father's family for over a century.

So even while we were still shaking in the wake of the horrible armed hostage standoff in the Texas synagogue three days earlier, we were still able to celebrate Jewish life and history — the community leadership and diversity for which Temple Beth-El has stood for so long.



Leading the Governor and his family in prayer

Sandwiched between both these events, we also celebrated Shabbat with the incomparable Joshua Nelson, with Shabbat prayers drawn deeply from Jewish and Black roots. And of course, the week ended with our 37<sup>th</sup> annual MLK Memorial Shabbat service.

The Murphy family left for the Trenton inauguration after the 45-minute-long service. Along with the speakers, I was pleased to intersperse the service by leading the family in song — mostly English, but a little bit of Hebrew and Arabic. Many years ago, I sought and received permission from a Sufi Muslim musical master's for his "Allah hu" lyrics to be sung "Hallelu" on a recording for my synagogue. It seemed like the perfect time to offer the Halleluya's of Psalm 150 in both the Hebrew—Hallelu! and the Arabic—Allah hu! that morning.

The service was not open to press or the public, but I am pleased to share my remarks (see page 3).



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Save the date for Purim Services — March 12

**We are back in-person for all our Shabbat services.** Of course, we are also continuing to livestream all our services for all who do not feel ready to return.

We have also instituted a requirement that all eligible for booster vaccinations against Covid-19 have received one in order to gain entrance to our building. Masks remain a requirement for all over 2 years of age. Please read our COVID protocols carefully.

If you are following the service from home and would like to access the siddur, click [here](#).

**Friday, February 4** 6:30 pm  
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services featuring our 5th grade  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#)*

**Friday, February 11** 8:00 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat services  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#)*

**Friday, February 18** 8:00 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat services  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#)*

**Friday, February 25** 8:00 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat services  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#)*

**Friday, March 4** 6:30 pm  
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services featuring our 6th grade  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#)*

**Saturday, March 5** 10:30 am  
 Shabbat morning services and b'not mitzvah of Emily & Jordyn Eisen  
*Also available livestreamed from our sanctuary [here](#).*



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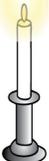
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*Click [here](#) for our new Temple Beth-El website & Member Section!*

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, February 4	5:00 pm	
	Friday, February 11	5:08 pm	
	Friday, February 18	5:17 pm	
	Friday, February 25	5:25 pm	
	Friday, March 4	5:33 pm	

## Rabbi's Article *(continued from page 1)*

I invite you to rewind this morning to the moment when your alarm clock first rang. The Jewish tradition assigns a prayer to this first moment of daily consciousness: that prayer thanks God for giving us another day, for restoring our soul back to us, as it were. And then—the prayer has us acknowledge a great faith.

But it's not the faith you might think. It's not **our** faith. We say: "*raba emunatecha*": Great is YOUR faith, God—Your faith in us. ... In me. ... In you.

Each day, from that very first moment, we remember that our soul was returned for the very purpose of living out the Holy One's deployment for us, knowing the deep well of love, support and courage from which it is drawn. I invite you all to visualize feeling wrapped in that faith around and within you as we offer these words—*Great is your faith*—in song- to begin this day: *Raba emunatecha*.

On this day that you accept the faith that the people of New Jersey place in you, Governor Murphy: May you be buoyed by the light of God's faith in you each day of the next four years, but really, each day of your life. May you take strength from that faith. May you be blessed to know you already are everything you need.

We are humbled and honored to welcome you all here today. I can't be more proud to be sharing this pulpit in prayer with friends and colleagues from across the spectrum of faith. Faith heals and fortifies us for the work before us—especially after this weekend's triggering reminder of how much is left to be done. *Praise God and law enforcement the innocents escaped.*

Governor Murphy, you will be taking the oath of office later on this historic day. But we know your entire family lives with that role as well— especially you, Madame First Lady. May this morning's prayers draw you closer to one another and fortify you in the adventures and challenges that lay ahead.

Morning prayer is spiritual chiropractic—it's meant to realign us for the work of the day. But prayer is also praise: Praise life. Praise today. Praise the wonder of it all.

We all sing:

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu! Kol han'shama t'hallel-Ya, hallelu, halleluya! Allah hu! Allah hu! Allah hu!

Come with me, for a moment- into the mythic cosmic battle between God and Pharaoh. The tensions are high. The stakes are higher. And there's a little horse-trading going on.

Previously Pharaoh had said, go ahead, leave. But just the men. Women and children— they have to stay behind. But Moses says nu-uh. Everyone's got to go. And here we are, after nine of the ten plagues—the blood, disease, pestilence, hail, and darkness you can cut with a knife, Pharaoh counters: Ok, go—but you have to leave the herds and flocks behind. And Moses says no. No way. Not a hoof gets left behind. Not a hoof.

And this is where the text gets radical: Moses adds:

*Because we're not going to know what we need until we get there.*

*We're not going to know what we need to serve until we get there.*

Wow.

So, is this Moses confessing that maybe he's not quite as tight with God as it may seem?

Is he admitting he's up for the job? Is this Moses admitting incompetence? Or is it something else?



Clockwise from top left: Governor Murphy and First Lady Murphy's children, Rev. Father Joseph Ciccone, Dr. Yadvinder Singh, Bishop Joshua Rodriguez, Gov. Murphy, Rabbi Leana Moritt, First Lady Tammy Murphy, Rev Derrick Green, Imam Dr. Mohammad Quatanani

### Rabbi's Remarks (continued from page 3)

We never know what a journey is going to ask of us. We can never predict, exactly, what we're going to need in any situation. Governor, did you know you would need to become fluent in virus contagion and face masks? *That's got to be just the tip of the iceberg.*

What incredible humility and truth Moses speaks! Who knows what pools of strength, courage, fortitude we will draw on— until we get there? But we know we don't do it alone. Moses didn't know. But he knew he was put there for a reason and purpose, as you are put here for a purpose.

Fast forward a couple of chapters and we're wandering in the desert. (You're getting four years, Governor. Moses slogged through 40.) And he knows God's presence in the desert only through a cloud. What's up with that? Why a cloud? Why is it just the thing that makes it harder to see? Why the thing that seemingly blocks the light and the way forward?

The 18<sup>th</sup> century Hasidic master Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav taught that it's because God is found in the opacity. He teaches that there is no such thing as an obstacle. He teaches *that every obstacle is a portal*—portals to something deeper and higher— if we face it head on with presence, openness, humility and love. They are the invitations to the next chapter of our service. They become the energy that we use to rise and create healing.

We were taken as slaves so we could be free. We need to fall so we can get up. We need to sleep so we can dream. The clouds don't limit us. They expand the definition of our path. We cannot predict. We cannot know. We cannot control. We don't know what form our service will take. And not knowing can be terrifying—and yet it also holds the infinite potential of our power and creativity. Do we dare to live in a place of uncertainty with the confidence that just showing up in our fullness and in our uniqueness is enough? **We will not know what is needed until we get there.**

And to quote the Talmud, “The day is short, the work is great, the workers are lazy, the reward is great, and the Master of the house presses.” You, Governor Murphy — all of us who are called to serve the Master of the House. You are serving God by serving the people.... *May you be blessed to trust you will know what to do when you there....*

The most intimate of Jewish prayers is called the Amidah, the standing prayer. It comes with deeply meaningful choreography. In it, we rise, take three small steps back, bow, and take three small steps forward, bow again. We then stand erect before our Creator, with whom we share our conscience ... and begin the prayer. Why? We stand erect, because we understand that God wants us in our fullness — our full humanity AND our full potential. We don't shrink, hunch over or crawl on our knees in our service to the Divine.

We take these steps back and bow before we begin in *deep humility*. We take these steps forward because *we are called* and we answer with our *full self*. And we change our position, because sometimes the work is to get out of our own way and allow clarity and flow to emerge.

So in that spirit, I invite you all to now rise for a moment of personal silent prayer, knowing you are embraced, guided, supported, enough. **(Silence)**

**All sing:**

Oh Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy

Tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

To end our service, I'd like to invite all my partners in faith (and anyone else who feels called) to raise their hands toward you, Governor, and your family, as we offer you this most ancient and powerful blessing.

בְּרַכְךָ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ אֵלֹהֵינוּ יי אֵלֵינוּ וְיִתְנַחֵם אֵלֵינוּ יי וְיִשְׁמַח אֵלֵינוּ יי וְיִשְׁמַח לָנוּ שְׁלוֹמֵנוּ.

May the holy One bless you and watch over you

May God's light shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's face lift up before you and grant you peace, shalom.



Jordyn and Emily Eisen, daughters of Jared and Lara Eisen, will become Bat Mitzvah on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Jordyn and Emily are in the seventh grade at Hoboken Charter School in Hoboken. They both love school and all their teachers. Emily has spent the last several years performing in the school musicals, and Jordyn is an avid reader and can always be caught with a book in her hand. The girls have been playing lacrosse for the past three years for both the Hoboken Travel team and Evolution Club Team. They are each very musically gifted; Jordyn plays the piano and Emily the guitar, which has helped them with their Bat Mitzvah preparation. The girls have spent the last 3 summers at Camp Romaca. Emily is excited to return to camp this summer while Jordyn is looking forward to her first Teen Tour traveling to Utah and California.

The Eisen family joined Temple Beth El in 2017 while the girls were in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Family traditions are very important to the girls, many of which are rooted in Jewish traditions. Jordyn and Emily have been working hard to prepare for their Bat Mitzvah. They have loved using their musical abilities to help them learn their Torah and Haftarah portions and are excited to sing them for everyone. Jordyn and Emily would like to thank Morah Marian, Rabbi Moritt and their parents for helping them to study and prepare and are looking forward to celebrating with their family and friends!



### Saturday, February 5 @ 10:30 am on Zoom

*We look forward to being back in person when Covid recedes to a safer level.*

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Join us for singing, dancing, and storytime. Have a snack ready for kiddush together.

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the calendar year. We will be meeting outside in various outdoor locations when weather permits. Watch for location details.

March 19 April 23 May 28 June 25 July 9 August 20  
September 17 October 15 November 12 December 10

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email [office@betheljc.org](mailto:office@betheljc.org) & ask to be added to our email list.

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### Winter Religious School Dates for Your Calendar

Family Shabbat Service — Grade 5	Friday February 4 at 6:30 pm
All-School Field Trip (Superbowl Sunday)	Sunday, February 13
No school (President's Weekend)	Sunday, February 20
Family Shabbat Service – Grade 6	Friday, March 4 at 6:30 pm
Purim Family FUN Day	Sunday, March 13
Purim Celebration, Shpiel, and Megillah reading	Wednesday, March 16
Family Shabbat Service – Grades K, 1, 2	Friday, April 1, at 6:30 pm
Family Shabbat Service – Grades 3& 4	Friday, May 6 at 6:30 pm

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



Have you received an email or call from Peter, Chloe or Joe (our Kadimah! team)?  
 Have you put off calling them back because you don't really know them?  
 Not so sure we need your contribution to renovate the Social Hall?  
*Have you seen what it looks like?*

Meet Peter, Chloe, Joe and Tom — congregants and volunteers just like you.  
 Here's a little about them.  
 They want to hear about you too!  
 Help them help us all.



**Peter**

When not volunteering for Temple Beth-El, Peter Retzlaff can be found at a concert somewhere...whether jazz in Greenwich Village, punk rock in the Bronx, or traveling out of state to see Ween, the passion for live music is only superseded by his love for the Eagles, Phillies, ice cream and strong coffee. As dedicated as Peter is to Temple Beth-El and as our fearless Kadimah! leader, he promises not to call you from the stadium or before his coffee. With a heart as big as a football field, Peter runs a nonprofit in NYC as his day job and can be seen here with his wife Alyssa after a day of demo work on his brother's kitchen!



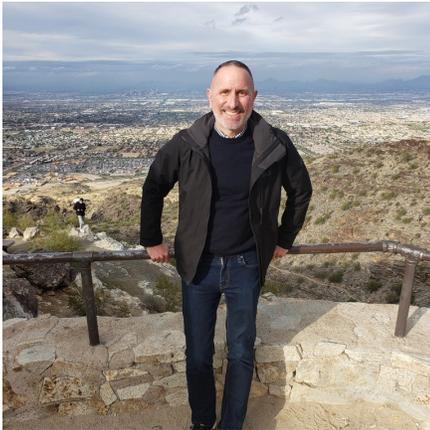
**Chloe**

The amazing Chloe Lipman juggles her baby daughter, Frankie (August '21) and her professional work all while exploring her passion for cooking and trying adventurous recipes and yet, still has the time to help Kadimah! raise money for the Temple renovation. If she could bottle the ability of all she is able to do while radiating her presence of shalom, she could raise enough money to renovate five temples. But one is enough. Chloe has been a proud member of Temple Beth-El for the last 9 years. One of her fondest memories is her Conversion to Judaism ceremony in 2013 that took place in our beautiful TBE sanctuary. Above all things, Chloe is most known for her longtime work with the American Cancer Society and dedicating her free time to causes more dear to her through her volunteer work. Chloe lives in the Heights with her husband Benjamin, daughter Frankie and two cats—Matzoh Ball and Latke.

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**Joe**



Joe would be volunteering at Temple Beth-El even if he could go to the pickle bar at Harold’s in Edison or travel to Europe. His visits to those favorite places have been curtailed by the pandemic, but it’s given him more time to donate his attention and time a little closer to home here with us. A total mensch, wit and all-around great person, Joe has lived in Jersey City since 2002 and has been a member of TBE for over ten years. Among the many reasons TBE is special to him is that Rabbi Brickman married him to the love of his life in 2015 at Zeppelin Hall in JC. Joe has worked at Dow Jones in varying roles for nearly 17 years, most recently on the live journalism and events team responsible for securing partnerships.

**Tom**



Beyond that mild-mannered exterior, our President, Tom Rosensweet is really Superman. With or without a phone booth, Tom pivots from defeating building leaks, wrestling budget shortfalls and subsiding unruly board meeting in a single bound. Despite his 40 years in New Jersey, Temple Tom remains a Pittsburgher through and through. He has the autographs of Roberto Clemente and Arnold Palmer in his office— alongside the embossed autograph on President Kennedy’s calling card. He observes a second Shabbat on those Sundays when the Steelers are on TV. After numerous years of “guest-ing” at Temple Beth-El’s High Holiday services, Tom, Barbara and Vanessa joined the temple in 2009. It’s really a lot better to belong, don’t you think? He’s been on the Board for 8 years, including 4 1/2 years as President. Tom is a metal trader with a long history of importing materials from China and elsewhere for use in the steel and corrosion-control industry. He’d rather be playing guitar.

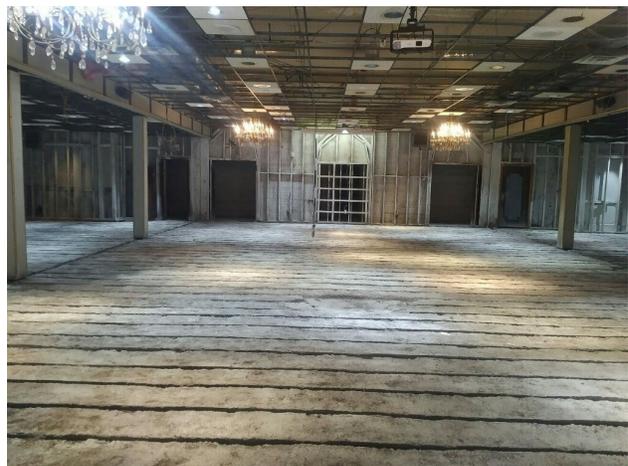
**Your Face Here**



**Our Kadimah! Team has volunteered to raise the money we need to make this renovation a reality. So, it’s really important you speak to them when they call and write.**

**Partner with us and invest in your Spiritual Community partner with us. Our goal is nothing less than 100% congregational participation in raising the funds to restore our Social Hall and revitalize our beautiful building.**

Thank you for being a vital part of Temple Beth-El’s story today and in the future.



## Purim Mitzvah & Fundraiser for Pandemic Year 2



**Purim is approaching once more, pandemic or not!** It's a mitzvah to participate in our annual **mishloach manot gift bag fundraiser**. Purim is a holiday of sweetness and joy, a time when we reflect on the power of an individual and the victory of the Jewish nation in the face of destruction.

A Purim tradition is "**mishloach manot**" (mish-LO-ach ma-NOTE) — the mitzvah of sending gifts and food. The giving of **shaloch manot** fosters a feeling of closeness and hope in the community at a time of the year when we are still burdened with the bleakness of winter and still dealing with this pandemic.

The rabbis taught that we should not only give gifts to friends, but to someone who is new in the community, to those who are needy, and to those whose spirits would be bolstered by knowing that someone cares.

Temple Beth El helps our members and non-member friends perform this mitzvah by preparing Shaloch Manot gift bags.

A letter in each Purim Bag acknowledges those who contribute to this mitzvah. **We hope you will choose to have your name on EVERYONE's gift letter by donating \$100.**

We are grateful to a generous anonymous donor who has donated the cost of placing hamentashen in each Purim bag. Please **VOLUNTEER** to help deliver these bags to our community between March 13-20 so the burden is less per volunteer. (Note: We are unable to deliver Purim bags to members who live outside of Hudson County.)

**To participate, please click [here](#),  
check off Event Ticket/  
Fundraising Initiative,  
and choose Purim Bags.  
We need your orders by  
Sunday, March 6.**



## Walk the Walk

*"If you truly wish your children to study Torah, study it yourself in their presence. They will follow your example. Otherwise, they will not themselves study Torah but will simply instruct their children to do so."*

Rabbi Menahem Mendel of Kotzk, Poland (1787–1859)

Many adults wonder, "what gift(s) should we give to our children as Jewish parents?" One of the best gifts we can give our children is the heritage of Jewish studies. My father was a first generation American whose parents survived Russian pogroms, and my mother was a *Shoah* survivor. This family background made Jewish studies a precious legacy for my brothers and me. By contrast, our Religious School teachers and I occasionally hear parents say, "I hated Religious School, and expect my child(ren) will hate it."



It's often argued that parents need to "walk the walk," rather than tell their children "Do as I say, not as I do." How about in our Jewish lives? How can parents who feel uninterested, spiritually and/or intellectually, find ways to be role models of Jewish involvement and Jewish study? Start somewhere. Start where your heart is. Be true to yourself and validate the experience for yourself as well as for your children.

Here are just a few of the many ways to be involved Jewishly:

- volunteer to be class parent and/or join our Youth Education Committee (YEC)
- help with Family FUNDays and special activities at our School
- shop for snacks for our Sunday classes
- organize a fundraiser
- assist with *Tikkun Olam* activities such as our Food Pantry
- substitute teach (Judaica classes require no Hebrew background)
- sit with your child during services and read/follow the prayer-book together
- light candles on Friday nights creating a special family time each week
- read an inspirational book such as *Sacred Intentions: Daily Inspiration based on Jewish Wisdom* (by Olitzky & Forman), short readings for each day

Setting aside time each Friday night for a special Shabbat meal together at home can be an anchoring experience for you and your family. A delightful children's song by Julie Silver says "*Shabbos* keeps our family; week by week we're going strong....*chazak chazak v'nit-cha-zeik*...be strong, be strong -- and we will be strengthened." You can listen to it on YouTube [here](#).

For more ideas about raising your Jewish child/children, please look at Wendy Mogel's books. In *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, Mogel, a child psychologist, discusses how she discovered that her Jewish heritage enhanced her parenting as well as the lives of other families in her community. "Judaism has given my family unexpected moments of closeness and harmony, clarity about daily ethical dilemmas, and a sense of the holy potential of everyday life." (p. 38) In this book, she details how to apply "three cornerstone principles of Jewish living . . . moderation, celebration, and sanctification," as, in her professional life, she's "seen families transformed by this new perspective on their problems in living." (p. 34) Another of Mogel's *The Blessing of a B Minus: Raising Resilient Teenagers*, is a great read for post *bar mitzvah*.

Your child(ren), their teachers, and I all look forward to seeing you and seeing you involved at TBE Religious School.

*B'shira* (in song),

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## An Inspirational MLK Service

Temple Beth-El held its 37th Annual Shabbat Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King on Friday, January 21st. We were so pleased that we were able to hold the service in our sanctuary this year (we did limit attendance to persons fully vaccinated and boosted).

Irwin Rosen introduced our guest speaker, Police Director Tawana Moody. We were excited to have the first Black female civilian director speak at our service.

Director Moody said that Reverend King's "I Have A Dream" speech inspired her mother to have dreams for her children. And it was her mother's dream that caused her to always work hard and persevere. She spoke about the two C's — Communication and Community — that would be the driving force behind her leadership as Director. For all her "sworns" and "civilians," her goal is to instill good communication among all those in the Jersey City Police Department. Her second goal is to have constant communication to all the many and diverse communities in Jersey City. That is why she can so often be found in the neighborhoods.



**Police Director Tawana Moody**



**Front row: Irwin Rosen, Councilwoman Denise Ridley, Councilman Frank Gilmore, Rev. Alonso Perry of New Hope Baptist Church, Gail Blanch Gill, of St Paul's Church of Incarnation Choir, Police Director Tawana Moody, Ahmed Shedeed, President of Jersey City Islamic Center, Councilwoman Mira Prinz-Arey, Council Pres. Joyce Watterman, Deputy Police Chief Nicola Flora, unknown JCPO. Second row: Temple President Tom Rosensweet, Rabbi Leana Moritt, Accompanist Ben Rauch. Photo by Nathan Sambul**

We were privileged to have as participants City Council President Joyce Watterman, City Councilman Frank Gilmore, City Councilwomen Denise Ridley and Mira Prinz-Arey, Jersey City Islamic Center President Ahmed Shedeed, our congregant Sam Pesin and Gail Blanche-Gill, choir director of the St. Paul's/Incarnation Church. as well as Jersey City religious leaders. And we were blessed by the inspiring closing remarks of Rev. Dr. Alonzo Perry:

God of our weary year, God of our silent tears  
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
 Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light  
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.

God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Jacob & Rachel –  
 Though we call you by different names tonight we are all desperate for you.

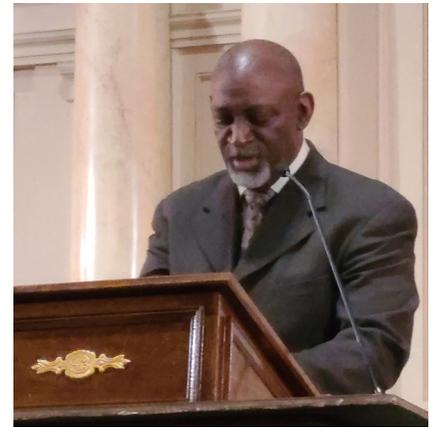
Lord, here we are one year later. In the past year we have lost over 450,000 additional souls to a dreaded raging virus. Injustice has been on display. Today, the wealth gap has grown larger, while many in our community struggle to stay warm and put food on their table.

Lord, here we are one year later. In the past year we have watched as our capitol has been assaulted. We have watched as truth has been bludgeoned and assaulted and left for dead. We continue to wander aimlessly in a wilderness of our own creation. God, we acknowledge how offensive we have been to you by not loving and cherishing your creation. By failing to agree with you that everything you made was good. We have allowed ourselves to be numbed by the bitter coldness of our indifference. We have sought to accentuate our differences and justify our unwillingness to see you in others.

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Lord, here we are one year later. We ask you to forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Forgive us for our willful blindness and our unwillingness to open our eyes to see as you see. Some of us have not just lost our capacity to see but our voices have been muted and silenced. Some of us have simply refused to lift our voice above a whisper in response to those who shout in our streets. Help us to speak up for the least of these. Give us the courage to use our words to offer help, hope and healing. Help us to acknowledge the power of your voice. Lord, would you forgive us for the violence of our tongues and our hands. Help us to create a symphony of love that will drown out the voices of hatred and discord.



**Reverend Dr. Alonso Perry Sr.**

Lord, here we are one year later asking you to help us to stoke the dying embers of hope that have nearly been extinguished by our coldness and indifference. Our refusal to show civility and kindness to others. God, will you help us to ignite within our beloved city the flames of hope and renewal? Will you help us to begin to break down the walls that separate us and help us build bridges to each other? Forgive us for being insular and divided. Help us make Jersey City that beloved community where the Lion and the Lamb can lay down together, where everyone has basic rights of decency and respect, where our children have not only the basic right to dream but something to dream for.

Lord, here we are one year later asking that you bless our city to no longer be the tale of two cities. Where our city no longer seeks to divide those that have from those that have not. Where decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing are available to all. Where injustice on any street corner threatens justice across all of our city. Where we are not judged by the hue and color of our skin, the languages and dialects we speak, or the clothes we wear. So that Jersey City knows that each of us becomes stronger when we drink the milk of human kindness. Eternal God, please help us in this moment of difficult decisions. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a community that transcends race, creed, sex or color.

Lord, here we are one year later asking you to help us to do more than simply remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader, a drum major for justice, and yes, a Baptist preacher who said, Eternal God out of whose mind sprang this great cosmic universe we bless thee. Help us to seek that which is high, noble and good. Help us in the moment of difficult decision. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a brotherhood that transcends race or color.

And to this all of God's people say AMEN.



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Temple Beth-El is partnering with IAC Eitanim to connect Israeli and Jewish-American teens to Israel through innovation, while building friendships and creating meaningful social connections nationally and locally. The program is based on a project-based learning approach where you get to deal with real-life challenges while learning skills like research, planning and execution, and placing innovation in the center of your solutions.

In the program you get to be supported by mentors and entrepreneurs, as well as experts in various fields, that accompany each group for the duration of the year.

The program's yearly cost is \$180.




# IAC EITANIM

## איתנים

**DREAM. INNOVATE. CONNECT.**

**Middle School & High School Groups**  
 Dates: Feb 16, March 2, 9, 23, 30, April 6, 13  
 Location - United Synagogue of Hoboken  
 \*In participation with Temple Beth El in Jersey City



**Lower Hudson**

**Wednesdays 6:30PM**




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# CAMP HARLAM

A URJ CAMP

## CAMP HARLAM

### 2021 Fall Highlights

### Virtual Information Sessions

Meet our directors | Learn about our program | Ask questions

**URJ Camp Harlam:** **Thursday, February 24 8-9 pm**  
**Tuesday, March 22 8-9 pm**



### In-person Tours

Meet our team | Explore our beautiful grounds  
 Get a taste of life as a Harlam camper!

**Saturday, March 12**  
**Sunday, March 20**  
**Sunday, April 10**

Learn more & register at:  
[CampHarlam.org/Future-Camper-Events](http://CampHarlam.org/Future-Camper-Events)



**Save the Date!**

# Purim

**Annual Purim Celebration,  
 Shpiel & Megilla Reading  
 Wednesday, March 16 from  
 6:00—8:00 pm**

Be a Star in our Beatles Purim Skit (Shpiel)

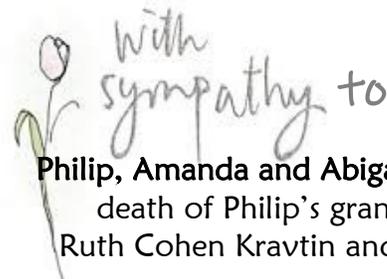
*There's a part specifically for you! . . .*  
 Please reply [here](#) to let us know whether you can perform in our Purim Shpiel. Rabbi Moritt and Morah Kleinman are excited to get the fun started! We will hold several short rehearsals based on cast member availability. Scripts will be used (no memorization required) along with karaoke recordings of favorite Beatles songs.



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

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

For further information, please contact Larry Gutterman at [admin@betheljc.org](mailto:admin@betheljc.org)



**Philip, Amanda and Abigail Gary** on the death of Philip's grandmothers, Ruth Cohen Kravtin and Gloria Gary

**The Bouer Family** on the death of longtime Temple member Shirley Bouer

**Lourdes and Jorge Narvaez** on the death of their daughter-in-law, Isaura Catalina Encalada Calderon

*Zichronan Livracha.  
May their memories always be for a blessing.*

## Yahrzeits



### Week ending February 5

Bradford Menkes  
Judith Ferbel  
Adolph Rabinowitz  
Ruth Tarlowe  
Martin Kahan  
Simy Burman Neels

### Week ending February 19

Joseph Abbott  
Joel P. Eisenberg  
Robert D. Bouer  
Ethel Pesin  
David Roter  
Nathan Schwartz

### Week ending February 12

Jeanette Cohen  
Fred Danzig  
Esther Rose Smith  
Jane Scanlon  
Irene Vogelman  
Isador Cuttler

### Week ending February 26

Peter Menkes

### Week ending March 5

Lowell Harwood  
Rose Bleiweis  
Alice Hersberg  
Mae Rosenzweig

## 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](#)



Our Twitter feed has over **800** followers!  
Check it out [here](#) or search for Temple Beth-El Jersey City on Twitter.

## 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](#)

### Sustaining Fund

In memory of mother, Carolyn Groner  
Susan Benoit

In memory of Esther Krieger  
Erin Berkowitz  
Erin & Jane Reyholds

In memory of Judi Baller-Fabian  
Madeline Carley

A donation were made by  
Aliza Willner

In memory of Eilleen Pollack  
Kevin R. Wexler

To Robert Kahan  
Congratulations on one year cancer free  
Suzanne Goldstein Smith &  
John Thompson

In memory of Almut Trinius, Bernice  
N. Marlowe, and Reinhold Trinius  
Robert Marlowe

In memory of Juliette Barland,  
Abraham Barland, and Harry Zlotiwic  
Isadora Zlotowicz

### Music Fund

Mazal Tov to Craig & Michele Lindner  
and Family on their move  
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Condolences to the Wellen Family on  
the passing of Florence  
Nancy & Nathan Sambul

To Nathan Sambul  
in celebration of our 38th anniversary  
Nancy Sambul

In memory of Shirley Bouer  
Irwin Rosen and Sharon Hirshberg

### Flower Donation

In memory of Murray Siegel  
Adrienne Kaye

### Rabbi's Fund

In memory of father, Dr. Charles K  
Brauer  
Joyce Brauer-Weston &  
Jon Weston

A donation was made by  
Judy Pesin & Louis Borriello

**A special thank you to the donors who responded to our Giving Tuesday appeal.**

**This appeal helped to replace the funds that we usually generate each autumn from a gala and silent auction that raises \$15,000 or more towards our operating budget.**

Dara Blume  
Heidi Bramson & Joseph Ryan  
Merrick & Tina Brodsky  
Joel Caminer & Ellen Simon  
Leslie Cooper & Sarah Zercher  
Aaron & Giovanna Dunkel  
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Alex & Robin Rosenzweig  
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Michael & Tyler Schonberger  
Evita & Jacob Vainer  
Paul Zajac



### Temple Beth El Jersey City Members

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



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## Wednesdays at TBE

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. (See below if you'd like to use a QR code to access the wishlist.)

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

Thank you so much for your support in keeping our food pantry running during these difficult times.



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