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The Reform Congregation of Jersey City
June 2022
Sivan — Tammuz 5782

Celebrating our 150th year as a
congregation & 95 years in our home!

BORSCHT IS BACK!

After 3 long years, we're thrilled to invite you support our epic
11th Annual Evening of Comedy, Saturday Night Borscht
hosted by Phil Rivo and featuring comic powerhouse, Jessica Kirson.

Buy your tickets [here](#)



Out of an abundance of caution and due to the recent uptick of local Covid cases, we have reinstated our sanctuary masking policy during services. Please watch our Weekly for when we can revert to mask optional for vaccinated folks.

All our Shabbat services are live and in person in our sanctuary.

Oneg refreshments have resumed!

If you have not already done so, please submit your vaccination documentation to office@betheljc.org. Only those verified will be permitted to attend events with food. Children 5 and under are not required to be vaccinated or masked.

Of course, we are also continuing to livestream all our services for all who do not feel ready to return. Read our full Covid protocols [here](#). Services that will be livestreamed from our sanctuary can be viewed [here](#). If you are following the service from home and would like to access the siddur, click [here](#).

Friday, June 3 6:30 pm
First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services. Oneg following services.

Sunday, June 5
Shavuot morning and Yizkor services 10:30 am
Shavuot Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social. 12—3 pm
Live Music by Ben!

Friday, June 10 8:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services. Oneg following services.

Friday, June 17
Wine & cheese “pre-neg” 7:15 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services. 8:00 pm

Friday, June 24
Kabbalat Shabbat services. Oneg following services. 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 25 10:30 am
* Tot Shabbat in person at Temple Beth-El.

Friday, July 1 6:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services. Oneg following services.

* This event will NOT be livestreamed.



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Office hours: Mon-Fri 10am—1pm

Much of our staff is working from home with limited access to files. Our phones, emails and website are up and running.

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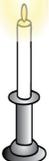
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kay@betheljc.org

Irwin Rosen, Past President



Please consider sponsoring an oneg— for a special occasion or just to celebrate being together!

Shabbat Candle Lighting

	Friday, June 3	8:05 pm	
	Friday, June 10	8:09 pm	
	Friday, June 17	8:12 pm	
	Friday, June 24	8:13 pm	
	Friday, July 1	8:13 pm	

We need Isaiah's vision now!

Just yesterday, news of the murders of the children and adults in Uvalde, Texas again shattered our hearts and threatened our faith in the priorities of our nation. Like many of you, I am dismayed at the cowardice and perversion of values shown by our lawmakers in what social ills they choose to tackle.

I'm not an op-ed writer. I am an American with a love of life and a conscience with subscriptions to reputable news sources. I vote religiously. I admit — I have to google the statistics, but these details are well-known: the statistics that report there are more guns than people in our nations (Over 98% of guns in the US are in civilian hands, the equivalent of 120 firearms per 100 citizens.); the statistics that place us head and shoulders above our peers as the nation with the most gun deaths by far; the statistics that remind us that food shopping, dancing, film-going and educating our children can be deadly.

I'm not an op-ed writer, but I am a Jew, with a textual wisdom tradition that puts life and peace squarely in the center of our values, as our leaders purport to do as well. I am a Jew who mines the Bible for timeless wisdom, as many of our leaders also purport to do. I am an American who lives, pursuant to the Declaration of Independence — our basis of government — which states that “we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (people) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are **life**, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

The 2nd of the Biblical 10 commandments is that “you will not put any gods before Me.” Even with both our Bible and our Declaration of Independence affirming human life as the highest value, too many of our lawmakers cower behind the gun lobby. Those who do pitifully hold the 2nd amendment (an amendment is, by definition, an afterthought!) above both the 2nd commandment and our Declaration of Independence. The prophet Isaiah (2:4) foretold the day in which the nations will reckon with their decisions and ultimately “beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks. Meaning: they will collectively melt down their guns and use their byproducts to nurture and sustain life. That day cannot come soon enough.

But there is another way in which our leaders have recently perverted the ideas that truly lie at the core of both American and Jewish values: that of individual liberty. Jewish legal and moral traditions affirm that until a viable life birth emerges from a womb, the life, wellbeing and judgment of the woman carrying that fetus is what rules all decision making around that fetus. Until then, according to Jewish law, a fetus is considered as another body part of the woman, fully dependent upon her life and health. The Talmud (Gittin 23:b) actually equates a fetus to a woman's thigh. In contradistinction to a pregnant woman whose “life” is self-evident, until the time of viable birth, the fetus is considered only “potential life.” Jewish tradition would consider equating the rights and status of a weeks-old, even months-old fetus to that of a woman a perversion of logic, human rights and the dignity of a person's right of self-determination — that same self-determination at the core of our American notion of liberty.

Anyone purporting to support individual liberties, which are also core to our identities as Americans, must uphold a woman's right to an abortion. Anyone who purports to cherish life must demand that the number of guns proliferating in our country be drastically reduced.

As a people who have had far more than our share of suffering in our millennia long history, we also know a thing or two about hope. There are two kinds of hope. There's a hope that means to expect and there's a hope that means to dream. To quote Herzl, “if you will it, it is no dream.” And to quote another Jewish saying: It's good to hope, it's the waiting that spoils it. Let's not spoil it by waiting any longer. Let us make this hope more than a dream. We must expect better of our lawmakers as Jews and as Americans.







**Small Congregations
TIKKUN LEIL
SHAVUOT 5782**

Saturday, June 4, 2022,
8:00 pm ET until
Sunday, June 5, 2022, 8:00 am PT

Register for Zoom details at:
SinaiReno.org/Shavuot

On the evening of Shavuot, we honor the gift of Torah at Mt. Sinai. Traditionally, we do this through an all-night Torah study session called **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**.

Join congregations and rabbis from all around the country via Zoom for an unique set of online study sessions including music, TV shows, and a celebration of Torah for all ages! **Programs run from 7:00 pm ET until 8:00 am PT.**

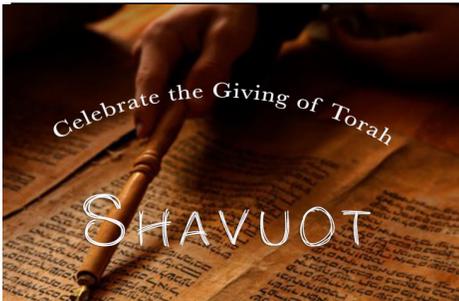
Saturday, June 4 @ 8 pm —
Sunday, June 5 @ 11 am

Temple Beth-El has joined with other Reform congregations for multiple study session throughout the night. Rabbi Moritt's session is at 8 pm and is called

Sweet Dreams!

Things you never knew about the bedtime Shema.

Forgiveness, angels and reincarnation are among the themes and images evoked in the traditional version of the Shema we say at bedtime. Looking beyond the V'ahavta, we will look at the text of the bedtime Shema and explore its impact on our spiritual life, sleep, and Jewish philosophy. Hers will be but one of dozens of wonderful offerings throughout the night. To review the complete schedule of sessions and to register, [Go Here](#).



Sunday, June 5 @ 10:30 am

Shavuot Morning/
Yizkor Services
in our sanctuary





Sunday, June 5 noon — 3 pm

**Shavuot Congregational Picnic &
Ice Cream Social**

Join us for FroYo, music and community on our lawn as we celebrate Shavuot. BYO Lunch and lawn chair/blanket.

Many thanks to Deborah and Mark Kahn of Downtown Yogurt for sponsoring this event!

tot Shabbat



Saturday, June 25 @ 10:30 am

Back in person at Temple Beth-El!

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Join your TBE friends, Rabbi Moritt & Morah Marian for singing, dancing, storytime, kiddush & motzi, and an age-appropriate craft.

Tot Shabbat Families! Join us for our Family picnic on May 15 (11:30-1:30) and our Congregational Shavuot Ice Cream Social and picnic on June 5 (noon-3)

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.

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 & ask to be added to our email list.

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First Annual
Northern New Jersey Community
Chag haGaavah Jewish LGBTQIA+



Pride Service & Celebration

Tues. June 21 6pm

THEME: "Across the Spectrums"
Presentation by LGBTQIA+ folks throughout the Jewish denominations

Members of the LGBTQIA+ community, allies, friends, and family are invited.

All ages are welcome. • Ice cream served.

REGISTER: https://bit.ly/Jewish_Pride_Svc2022
QUESTIONS: JewishPrideCelebration@gmail.com

LOCATION:
 Parking lot of Fair Lawn Jewish Center/
 Congregation Bnai Israel
 10-10 Norma Avenue - Fair Lawn



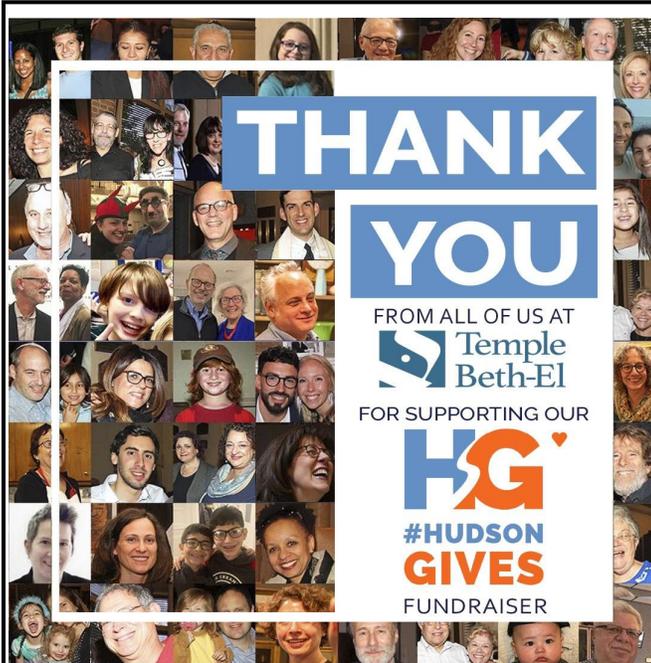
Temple Beth El Jersey City Members

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!



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



#HudsonGives Update

We appreciate your support for our first #HudsonGives campaign, whether it was a donation, regardless of its size, or sharing our fundraising page with your friends and family. Thank you for encouraging others to participate on this special date.

Thanks to you, this year we managed to collect a total of \$12,257 from 87 donors, which represents 68% of our goal of \$18,000. Out of 101 organizations participating, we came in 18th place. This will go a long way towards helping us rebuild our Social Hall and provide the classrooms for our Religious School.

We had 9 individual Fundraising Teams - Nancy Sambul, Nathan Sambul, Robin Schkrutz, Beth Achenbach & Lari Schwartz, Suzanne Goldstein Smith, Karen Seemen-Pinn, Shirley & Harvey Roter, Craig Linder, and Joel Caminer. They did a great job! Thank you.

Tributes

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

Sustaining Fund

Donations were made by
 Chris Eig & Jennifer Dusel
 Harriet & Gerald Miller
 Sam Pesin
 Irwin Rosen & Sharon Hirshberg
 Sergio Stifelman & Sara J. Welch

In honor of the Gavin Family & Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah
 Richard & Judy Berg

In memory of Bradley Fields
 Stephanie Chaiken

In memory of Mona Lubin
 Stephanie Chaiken

Congrats to our niece Lauren Kushner
 Holly & Alan Freedman

In memory of Shirley Harr on her Yahrzeit
 Lynn & Michael J. Reichgott

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Matthew & Lauren Kushner

Music Fund

Mazal Tov to Noa Linder and family on her bat mitzvah
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazal Tov to Erica Goodman and family on her bat mitzvah
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazal Tov to Ulyana Bravo on her conversion
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazal Tov to Jordan Somer on her conversion
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Mazal Tov to Lauren Kushner on her conversion
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thank you to Beth Achenbach for creating a great #hudsongives page
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thanks to Suzanne Goldstein Smith for donation of a PC
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Congratulations to Nancy on her special May Birthday
 Nathan Sambul

In memory of Nathan's grandfather, Nathan Trachman, and Nancy's grandfather, David Gurwitz, on their yahrzeits
 Nancy & Nathan Sambul

Thank you to Morah Marian for a lovely Yom HaShoah service
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In memory of Nathan's father, Murray Pollner, on his yahrzeit
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Foundations: The Social Hall Renovation

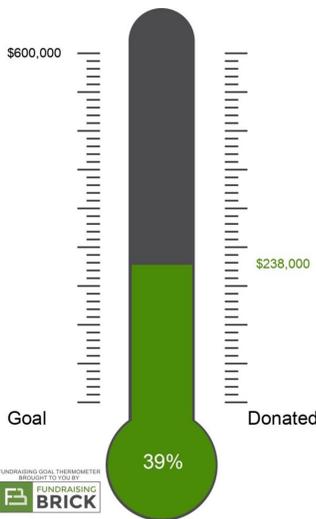
Social Hall Planning Continues

The Facilities Committee is working hard to obtain a Small Business Administration loan and a FEMA grant to help us cover the cost of remediating the damage done to the Social Hall by Hurricane Ida. We want to do a lot more than just that, both downstairs and upstairs as well so we really need your help!

The Kadimah! Fundraising committee is planning some small events to invigorate its fundraising efforts. In the meantime, if Peter, Chloe or Joe reach out to you, please take their call and give generously.



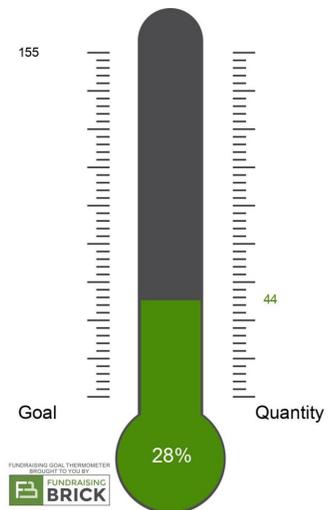
Rendering of the Social Hall being used for services



Progress as of 3/1/2022

The thermometer on the left shows the estimated cost of the Foundations phase of our renovation versus the amount we've raised for this phase.

The thermometer on the right shows our total membership and the number of our members who have contributed to the renovation.



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 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.

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



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Thank you to the following members who brightened our Shabbats with their donations:

Bima Flower Donations

Dr. Alex & Amy DeNoble
In memory of mother, Yetta DeNoble

Lyle Hysen & Lisa Chernick
In memory of Arlene Hysen

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

Ulyana Bravo & Jeremiah Lowe
Megan Dolbee-Russek & Jon Russek



Register for the 2022-23 Religious School Year Now!

It has been a beautiful school year and our Lag B'Omer Picnic was so much fun! Mazel Tov to the many B'nai Mitzvah students!

Kindly take a few minutes now to enroll your child/children for the 5783 (2022-2023) school year. Click [here](#) Please complete your enrollment as soon as possible, as this assists us in preparing for next year's in-person classes. **Our first day of school will be Sunday, September 11th.** Invite your friends and neighbors to enroll their children, too!

We look forward to seeing your children (and you!) at Religious School in September 2022. Please email [Rabbi Moritt](#) or [Morah Marian](#) if you have any questions.

Learn more & register at:
CampHarlam.org

\$ 1,000 OFF YOUR FIRST SUMMER!

The One Happy Camper program offers incentive grants of up to \$1,000 for families sending their kids to Jewish overnight camp for the first time. These grants are still available for summer 2022.

[Request Incentive Grant Information](#)



Temple Volunteer opportunities:

- Help bring TBE to those at home by pushing a couple of buttons. Join the tech crew and work our Livestream equipment at a Shabbat service. Contact Seth Lubin at sthlubin@gmail.com
- Love to shmooze? Do you believe in our Jewish future and want to share your enthusiasm and the amazing story of Beth-El? Help the Temple talk up and grow our Kadima! Development Team. Contact Peter Retzlaff at Peter@betheljc.org
- Know Wordpress or have tech skills? Help the Temple with occasional website updates or updating our digital infrastructure. Contact Tom@betheljc.org or RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org
- Want to create fun, welcoming and meaningful Temple events? Be part of our Religious Practices/ Ushering team or Membership committee. Contact RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org
- Want to help feed the hungry and change the world? Contact Mike Noveck at mike.noveck@gmail.com



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
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](#)

Yahrzeits

Week ending June 4

Miriam Kushner
Nathan Trachman
Joanne Caminer
Frieda Hirshberg
Sondra Silver
Estelle Siegel

Week ending June 25

Murray Goldberg
Hon. Gordon Lee Doerfer
Elaine Sandlauber
Milton Hoffman
Charles K. Krieger

Week ending June 11

Beatrice Hoffman
Irving Gromer

Week Ending July 2

Lewis Dars
Joseph Leonard Hornstein
Rochelle Kirschner
Bea Schimel

Week ending June 18

Maxwell Rosenzweig
Harold Rosen
Bryan Hines
Minnie Levine
Hortense Gutmann
Martha W. Schonberg



TBE



June 30 @ 8 pm
Rashi's Daughters/Book II
by Maggie Aton

July 21 @ 8 pm
Book TBA

For more information email Joanna Tartikoff at bookclub@betheljc.org



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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.

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With the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, we hope you will consider offering your support.

We have assembled links to organizations that can provide aid to the people of Ukraine. Please go [here](#) for additional information.



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