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Just
show up

Hanukkah Dinner

Friday, December 3 at 7:00 pm

Come and celebrate Hanukkah together! Join us for the Friday evening service at 6:00 pm, followed by a delicious in-person dinner at 7:00 pm, catered by Meital. This service will be in-person and livestreamed.

The menu includes:

- Field greens with roasted beets and glazed walnuts
- Orange chicken
- Vegetarian option: stuffed zucchini squash with quinoa and tofu
- Latkes and applesauce
- Green beans
- Fresh fruit and brownies

The cost is \$20 per adult, \$14 for children ages 4-10, and free for children three and younger. Don't let the cost of this dinner stop you from attending—contact Sonia or Rabbi Walk. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, November 24. Watch your email for a link to make your reservations.

Stories of Israel

On Yom Kippur, I spoke about how important it is for our community to find ways to learn more about Israel. While it is important to understand the political landscape of Israel, there is so much more to Israel than the conflict with the Palestinians. Once again, this year we will work with Rabbi Josh Weisberg via Zoom to learn about Israeli society by encountering Israelis. Through personal stories we will confront the larger issues facing Israeli and Jewish society today: race, gender, religious pluralism, sexual identity, immigration and so much more.

This year we will meet:

MEITAL SAPIR. Raised in Florida by her Israeli father and American mother, Meital immigrated to Israel after completing her degree at Barnard College. Today, Meital serves as a commander in Israel's Air Force. Join us on **Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 am** as we watch a documentary about Meital's journey and she joins us for a conversation about the challenges she faces as a woman and feminist in the Israeli military.

NOA HAR ZAHAV was born into a secular Israeli kibbutz family. Noa first met religious Israelis during her army service. That encounter set Noa on a journey to deepen her connection with Judaism. This happened at the same time as her Orthodox-born husband chose to leave the traditional observance of his youth. Join us on **Sunday, January 23 at 10:30 am** to meet Noa as she describes a fascinating new brand of Israeli Judaism not bound by strict definitions or secular and/or religious.

BROTHER OLIVIER is the son of a fiercely anti-clerical Catholic father in Southern France. Olivier was transformed as a young man, joining a Benedictine monastery and moving to Israel. Today, he lives in Abu Gosh, an Arab town. Olivier is an Israeli citizen, a volunteer in the IDF who works tirelessly to promote mutual acceptance between Christians, Jews and Muslims. Olivier is a monk and does not speak during the daylight hours. As a result, it is hard to find a time that is convenient for both Olivier and our community. Join us on **Sunday, February 27 at 1:00 pm** as Olivier tells his extraordinary life story and discusses the challenges of balancing his activism with the contemplative life of a monk.

Bill & Lynn Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series with Keynote Speaker Bari Weiss

Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm

World-renowned journalist and author Bari Weiss was a staff writer and editor for the Opinion section of The New York Times from 2017-2020. She was a senior editor at Tablet, the online magazine of Jewish news, politics, and culture, where she edited the site's political and news coverage. She regularly appears on shows like The View, Morning Joe and Real Time with Bill Maher.



Bari Weiss

Bill (z") and Lynn Foggie, longtime community leaders and philanthropists, established this series with a generous gift to Temple Beth El in 2018. The purpose of this annual series is to bring a world-class speaker to TBE who will stimulate thought and lively exploration of ideas about today's most challenging global issues. Previous speakers have included Jeffrey Goldberg and Dr. David Watson.

Cuppa Joe

Sundays at 9:00 am



We will continue our discussion of Pirke Avot, a wonderful collection of ethics compiled around 200 CE. It is one of the best-known and most-cited Jewish texts. No previous knowledge is required! Contact Rabbi Wallk if you need a book.

Join Our Email list to keep informed

If you're not on our email list, you're missing out on links to online daily and weekly services, invitations to special events and programs, inspiring messages from Rabbi Amy Wallk, notices about births, engagements, marriages and deaths and our community, and much more.

Please send your name and email address to Debbie Peskin at communications@tbespringfield.org or 733-4149.



The New Testament

Sunday, November 28,
December 12 at 10.15 am

Our 4-session class on The New Testament continues. The New Testament is not simply rooted in Judaism, it is also a document within Jewish history, in a particularly important and stressful period, the end of the Second Temple era. The letters of Paul, a Pharisee, were written a few years before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE, and the Gospels were written shortly after. Most of the authors of the various New Testament texts were Jews,

writing from a deeply Jewish context about such fundamentally Jewish beliefs as the coming of the Messiah and the ultimate sovereignty of God, as proclaimed by the prophets. To be sure, later Christians interpreted these ideas in ways that diverged significantly from their Jewish meanings, and

all too often used their interpretations not only to differentiate their beliefs but also to excoriate those who did not agree. Still, to read the New Testament in its historical context is to discover much about the Judaism of the time, as well as to see the beginnings of Christianity. The text for our course is The Jewish Annotated New Testament, an edition prepared by Jewish scholars with the explicit aim of restoring that historical context.

This is taught by Bruce Herzberg, a TBE member, who is emeritus professor of English at Bentley University, where he taught the Bible as Literature, both Tanakh and New Testament, for many years.

MARK TWAIN WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE JEWS' SECRET OF IMMORTALITY. HE WROTE IN AN ARTICLE "CONCERNING THE JEWS":

"The Jew has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself, and be excused for it. The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian, rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away. The Greek and the Roman followed, and long since made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Commenting on Mark Twain's essay Dr. Daniel Gordis wrote "Hyperbolic, to be sure. But as Jews search for an authentic and compelling identity in modernity, as we seek our authentic voice once again, Twain reminds us of an obvious but forgotten truth: our very survival is part of our message. Hanukkah is about the tenacity of the Jews, but more broadly, it is about the persistence of good, the endurance of the weak. Hanukkah thus urges modern Jews to reflect on their survival, to wonder how we have persevered beyond all expectation, how it is that in spite of all the obstacles thrown our way, our history still inspired Voltaire – who hated Jews – to speak of us as a miracle.

For the rabbis, Hanukkah was not just a celebration of a military victory. Nor was it simply about the miracle of the cruse of oil, as important as that was to their conception of the festival. Rather, Hanukkah became a holiday about survival, about the spirit overpowering the sword, about goodness overcoming evil and about the few – if their cause is just – ultimately vanquishing the many.



OFF THE BIMAH

מהבימה

When I think about last year's Thanksgiving, I remember how so many of us were unable to be with family. We were unvaccinated and afraid to travel. So much has changed in just one year! I imagine this Thanksgiving will be quite joyful for many of us, as we travel to spend the holiday with family.

Thinking about Thanksgivings in years past I was reminded about the many places I celebrated Thanksgiving.

I remember when I used to go "home to Chicago" for Thanksgiving, traveling for a

Home, ideally, is where we feel safe and open to share. Home is where we create memories and experience an ease of spirit. Some say that our home is our sanctuary, a place of peace and calm, of personal joy and comfort.

Peace and calm are words that were far away from my vocabulary with three young children. But truth be told, home was their sanctuary. And that was what mattered!

Those three young children are now all between 20-27 years old. My home is quieter these days, and now with life

moving on in a different zone of covid-reality, I am now an empty-nester. Because of the pandemic and where my children were in their lives, they were all home for an extra year. While I enjoyed the bonus time, I am ready for them to open the next chapters of their lives. And so are they!

Mishlei/Proverbs reminds us, "By

wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge, its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures." We see our rooms filled with treasures, for we understand, to feel at home is to experience the most sacred of blessings.

Jonathan Safran Foer may believe that home is "just" a place. I believe home is *the* place where our soul climbs higher and higher. Dorothy said it best. *There's no place like home.*

May we create sacred and safe homes and may your Thanksgiving be a time of giving thanks with love and gratitude.

Rabbi Amy S. Wallk



Rabbi's Childhood Home

much-needed vacation and a chance to see my family. Upon my return I realized that my childhood house no longer felt quite like home. I loved going to Chicago. I loved being in my childhood space. But — truth be told — I felt much more comfortable in my home, in my space, with my children and with my community.

Jonathan Safran Foer writes, "The strangest thing to reencounter was the home where I lived for the first nine years of life...I was sure I'd have strong feelings revisiting it for the first time in decades, but it was merely interesting, and I was happy enough to leave after ten minutes... Maybe home, in the end, is just a place." So...where is home?

Kab Shab

Ready for something new?

Spend the third Friday night of each month at TBE schmoozing, singing and praying.

Join us for a cocktail and nosh from 5:30-6:00 pm, followed by a fun, musical service at 6:00-6:30 pm led by Rabbi Wallk and Marlene Rachelle. The service is in-person and livestreamed.

Mark your calendars for the following dates: December 17, January 21, March 18 (no program in February).



Michelle Anfang

A Message from the President

Last spring, newly vaccinated and in a burst of hopefulness, we planned a trip abroad. No surprise, we eventually modified our plans to go on a hiking vacation in Utah. We had been hikers in our younger days, and hoped we'd still get the same thrill we used to. So we dusted off our boots and headed west. Thankfully, Utah did not disappoint. The hiking was challenging and a bit awkward at first. We felt rusty. But by the end of the trip, we had an eagerness to hit the trail—because we knew the experience would be rewarding.

I tell this story because there is a lesson about rediscovering an old passion. There are many activities that we used to do but have drifted away from. We have disconnected, let go of each other, and Covid has accelerated this. Now the thought of resuming those old activities feels awkward, requiring effort. But if we just get started, the joy returns. So if you remember enjoying services at TBE, come back. Dust off your tallis, and rediscover that old feeling. You may feel tentative at first, but you will quickly remember the reward of seeing friends in a prayerful space.

Wishing you courage to re-engage in what gives your life joy and meaning.

Michelle Anfang



From the Director of Education

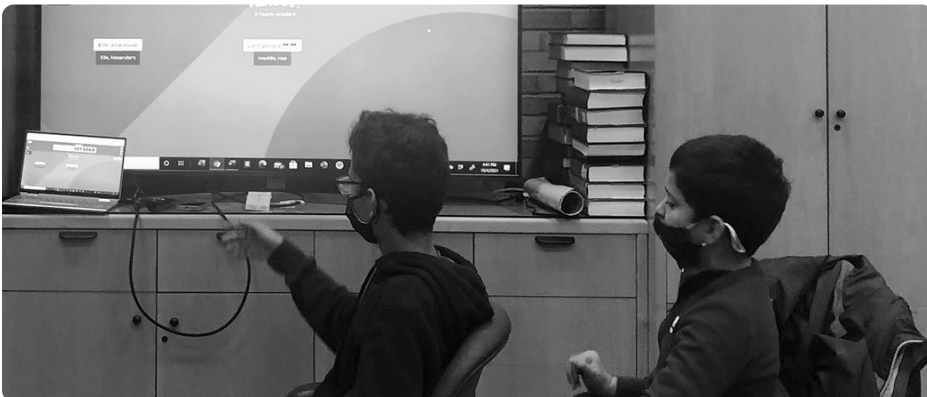
Caryn Resnick

After the fervor of the High Holy Days in the month of Tishrei, the month of Heshvan was quiet with no holidays, but Temple Beth El was full of activity! We had classes, a Bar Mitzvah, a Scholar-in-Residence, book clubs, outdoor services, youth group events and more! Kislev continues to be busy with opportunities that we had not experienced in 21 months, and Hanukkah comes early this year.

We were able to come together in person indoors to gather in community. The religious school classes moved from the outdoor tent to the classrooms and we will share meals together at Hanukkah and on Shabbat. Our beautiful building is large enough that we are able to be socially distanced and follow all of the other COVID protocols for safety.



We have a renewed sense of community as our social activities start to resume and we see children in the building again. We also recognize that the pandemic



Religious school moves indoors

is not yet over, and so we continue to offer choices for in-person and online programming to meet the varied needs of our community members.

The month of Tevet offers our new Israeli film series and the secular new year. In Shevat we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat and then we get to the month of Adar: Purim is coming! We hope that we can all gather again in community for our Purim celebration. Mark your calendars for March 16.

Joining together to celebrate and to mourn is an essential function of Judaism and our synagogue, and we are grateful to all of you for helping us to keep safe and also supported through a challenging time.

Tot Shabbat Programs

We have scheduled several wonderful Tot Shabbat programs this year and we look forward to welcoming all community families to the events. Tot Shabbat is led by Marlene Rachelle and is designed for families with children age six and younger.

Tot Shabbat at TBE takes place on the first Shabbat morning of each month from 10:00-10:45 am, and the third Friday night of each month from 5:30-6:00 pm.

Dinner will follow the Friday evening program with an option to eat at TBE or as a take-out meal.

We are fortunate to have several Tot Shabbat programs in our area, including the JCC and Sinai Temple. By working together, our organizations have developed a cooperative Tot Shabbat schedule. Families are able to choose from the rotating schedule of our locations throughout the month.

We will meet at TBE: December 4 - the JCC and Sinai Temple will join us, December 17, January 21, February 5.

These programs are held in-person and socially distanced. Watch your mail for more details.

These programs are made possible through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Katz Family Grant.

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Resnick at cresnick@tbespringfield.org.



TBE Annual Meeting & Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Katz Family Library Book Group

The book group will meet on **December 15 at 10:30 am** to discuss *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz.

A washed-up novelist finds bestselling success with a story purloined from an arrogant student, but events spiral out of control as the fraudulent author starts receiving anonymous letters threatening to expose him. A tapestry of intertwining story lines, and a candid glimpse into the publishing business make this a page-turner of the highest order. The author will appear on a Zoom program as part of the JCC's Literatour program on December 7.



On **January 19 at 10:30 am** the group will discuss *An Unorthodox Match* by Naomi Ragen. A California girl chooses to enter an ultra-Orthodox enclave in Boro Park, Brooklyn, against her family's wishes.



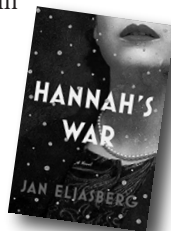
Hidden secrets on all sides create questions and issues of how to belong, should you belong and where do we really belong. The author will appear on a Literatour program on January 12 to discuss her recent novel.

Our focus turns to the waning months of World War II when we meet on **February 16 at 10:30 am** to discuss *Hannah's War* by Jan Eliasberg. Based on the true story of a refugee physicist, this exhilarating thriller moves between 1930s Berlin

and 1940s New Mexico. Physics and love become entangled in the life of a heroic woman whose bravery and brilliance helped to change the course of modern history.

The author will be appearing in person at the JCC on March 8 as part of Literatour.

All meetings will be online, look for the link in *TBE Connection* closer to the dates.

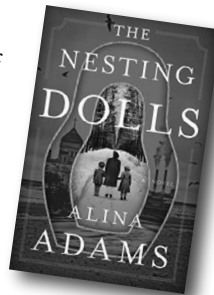


The library catalog can be accessed online: <https://templebethel.library.site/> If you would like to check out a book, please email katzlibrary@comcast.net to pick up the book at the office.

Author Talk with Alina Adams

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

The Katz Family Library Book Group will be presenting this program via Zoom with Alina Adams, author of *The Nesting Dolls*. This historical family saga features three generations of Soviet-Jewish women from Odessa, USSR of the 1930s to present-day Brighton Beach, Brooklyn.



This novel was recently reviewed by TBE's Katz Family Library Book Group and our local Hadassah book club, and was highly recommended. Come hear Odessa-born, NYC-dwelling author Alina Adams explain how her characters' "resemblance to actual persons living or dead is purely coincidental." Watch your email for the Zoom link.

Wise Aging

Wednesday, December 8, 22, January 5, 19, February 2 & 16, March 2 & 30, April 13 & 27 at 7:00 pm

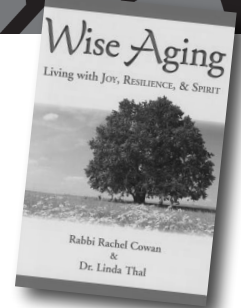
The purpose of Wise Aging is to bring together women in their second and third chapters of life, to create a supportive space for reflection: on our lives, our bodies, and our relationships, on loss, forgiveness, reconciliation, illness, death and dying, and legacy, and on cultivating spiritual qualities for well-being. Together, we will engage in learning, discussion, writing, and meditation as we explore the internal wisdom each of us brings to the table.

Our goal in our time together is to create and deepen our connection with ourselves and each other.

We will meet on Zoom; each session will be 90-minutes. This is not a drop-in group. Those who join commit to attending all 10 sessions.

We will be using the book, *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, & Spirit* by Rabbi Rachel Cowan z'l and Dr. Linda Thal.

Elana Zaiman is the first woman rabbi from a family spanning six generations of rabbis. She travels throughout North America as a scholar-in-residence, inspirational speaker, and workshop facilitator. She's a chaplain at The Summit at First Hill, a retirement community in Seattle; a certified Wise Aging instructor (Institute for Jewish Spirituality); and Adjunct Faculty at Seattle's Harborview Hospital CPE Program. Elana is the author of *The Forever Letter*, and a writer of memoir and nonfiction. Her work can be found in: *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Sun*, *Post Road*, *American Letters & Commentary*, and elsewhere. From its inception in 2012 to its final issue in 2021, Elana was the Ethics and Spirituality columnist for *LivFun*, a publication for Leisure Care retirement facilities in 10 states. Elana volunteers as a co-partner in the Seattle



Rabbi Elana Zaiman

Limbe Sewing Circle, an intergenerational and interracial community which brings together Jews, Muslims, and Christians to create feminine hygiene kits for girls in Cameroon, Africa. She lives in Seattle, Washington with her husband Seth and son Gabe.

Funding for this class comes from the Jewish Community Endowment. This group is co-sponsored by Sinai Temple, TBE, JCC and Glenmeadow.

Melton Mondays – Press Pause: Rest, Assured



Rabbi Wallk is teaching this 6-week Melton course for Kansas City via Zoom, and our community is welcome to join, too.

The Jewish approach to mindfulness and self-care traces back to the roots of creation. The concept of a week comes from the Jewish marking of six days of work and one day of rest. For six days each week, we actively interact with the world. On the seventh, we reflect on our actions. We pause, rest, reflect and reboot.

In this unit, we will explore Shabbat and the role of time in Judaism, along with other prescribed Jewish practices that ask us to pause, reflect and refrain from business as usual. Together, we will reflect on the practices that allow us to start anew, week after week, and year after year.

Dates: Monday evenings: November 29, December 6, 13, 20, January 17 & 24

Time: 7:45-9:15 pm ET

Cost: \$179

To register, visit https://www.thejkc.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=MeltonKC&category=jewish_experiences&link=MeltonKC

You'll find the course, and click "register" and you'll be taken to the International Melton website. From there, you add the course to your cart and check out. If you have any programs, contact Megan Pender at meganp@thejkc.org.

Jews Around the World

Our popular Zoom series with Dr. Simon Sibelman continues.

**Tuesday, December 7
from 7:00 - 8:15 pm**

After the fall of Judea in 70 CE, the vast majority of Jews moved into various areas of Roman North Africa. They found an already thriving Jewish community in

Egypt, especially in Alexandria. From there, they would move along the coast line, eventually establishing important communities in modern Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco. Other Jews opted to head toward the center of power in the Roman world: Italy. These communities, though small, held great sway in the Jewish and non-Jewish world. This lecture will focus primarily on the communities of Rome and Venice.

Tuesday, January 4 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm

In January, the world will observe International Holocaust Day, marking the 76th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. This lecture will explore how one man, Meyer July, chose to remember the pre-Holocaust world by painting his memories of that civilization obliterated by the Nazis using a simple, primitive style reminiscent of the paintings of Grandma Moses.

A Taste of the Jewish World

We have traveled and learned the history of the Jews of the world with Simon Sibelman via Zoom. Now we invite you to have "a taste of the Jewish world" through food and film in-person at Temple Beth El.

**"A TASTE OF ITALY"
Saturday, January 8 at 6:00 pm**

Dinner will be pizza, salad, fresh fruit and Italian pastry.

We will view the movie "My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes" - the untold saga of Italians who rescued Jews and other refugees fleeing Nazis in World War II featuring Gina Barteli, the charismatic Italian cycling hero.

\$12 a person - Please make your reservation by December 17.

**"A TASTE OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE"
Saturday, February 12 at 6:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for our second film viewing. The participants attending the January 8 program will vote on the movie to be shown. Watch the TBE Connection email for the details.



Discussion with Andrew Feiler

Author of *A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington and the 4,978 Schools That Changed America*

Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Born to Jewish immigrants, Julius Rosenwald rose to lead Sears, Roebuck & Company and turned it into the world's largest retailer. Born into slavery, Booker T. Washington became the founding principal of Tuskegee Institute. In 1912, the two men launched a program to partner with Southern Black communities to build public schools for African American children. This collaboration between Jews and African Americans drove dramatic improvement in African American educational attainment and fostered the generation who became the leaders and foot soldiers of the Civil Rights movement. Feiler photographed 105 schools and interviewed dozens of former students, teachers, preservationists, and community leaders. His book includes a forward by Congressman John Lewis.

Andrew Feiler grew up Jewish in Savannah and has been shaped by the rich complexities of the American South. He has created numerous community initiatives, serves on multiple not-for-profit boards, and is an active advisor to political leaders. His art is an extension of his civic values.

This event is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Springfield Museums, home of the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss.

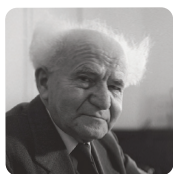
www.tbefspringfield.org

Film Series: Israeli Prime Ministers

Each film will be made available via email on the first of the month. Everyone will have a few weeks to watch the film, then Rabbi Wallk and Rabbi Lewis Warshauer will lead a discussion about the film.



Rabbi Warshauer



BEN GURION: EPILOGUE

Thursday,
December 16
at 7:00 pm

The film brings to life a lost interview with one of the modern history's greatest leaders, David Ben-Gurion. It is 1968, he is 82 and lives in the desert. Ben-Gurion's introspective soul-searching provides a surprising vision for crucial decisions Israel needs to make today. At the time of the global leadership crisis, the film also brings thought-provoking insights about the role of leaders in today's complex world.



GOLDA

Thursday,
January 20
at 7:00 pm

Shortly before her passing, Golda Meir was interviewed for the Israeli television. After the shooting ended the cameras kept rolling, recording an intimate talk with the first and only woman to ever rule Israel. Based on that never-seen-before talk, testimonies of supporters and opponents and rare archive footage, "GOLDA" tells the story of Meir's dramatic premiership - from her surprising rise to power and iconic international stature as "queen of the Jewish people" to her tragic and lonely demise.



MENACHEM BEGIN: PEACE and WAR

Thursday,
February 17
at 7:00 pm

This powerful film was produced in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt and presents a surprising and unfamiliar portrait of Israel's sixth prime minister. Menachem Begin led Israel for six dramatic and tumultuous years, which produced waves still felt deeply within the fabric of Israel's social and political landscape. During Begin's shortened one-and-a-half terms of office, he faced a maelstrom of challenges and made a handful of fateful decisions that led to both creating peace and launching a hubristic war.



KING BIBI

Thursday,
March 17
at 7:00 pm

Twenty years before the spectacle of Donald Trump, Benjamin Netanyahu already understood the political benefits of a toxic relationship with the media, and direct communication with the public. King Bibi explores Netanyahu's rise to power, relying solely on archival footage of his media performances over the years: from his days as a popular guest expert on American TV, through his public confession of adultery, and his mastery of the art of social media. From one studio to another, "Bibi" evolved from Israel's great political hope, to a controversial figure whom some perceive as Israel's savior, and others - as a cynical politician who will stop at nothing to retain his power.

Carol's Beit Café

Saturday, February 5 at 7:00 pm

Carol's Beit Café is one of TBE's most popular events, showcasing the musical talents of our members. The event is named in memory of Carol Resnick, who loved performing at this program. This year, Carol's Beit Café will be held at Temple Beth El. In case of bad weather, the event will be held on March 26.

If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love you have you perform! Contact Cantor Barber at cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org for more information or to sign up as a performer.

Reservations are requested if you will attend so we can plan accordingly for seating and refreshments. Contact the TBE office at 733-4149 or office@tbespringfield.org.



A Shabbat Afternoon Musical Interlude with Cantor Elizabeth Shammash

Saturday, January 15 at 5:00 pm



Cantor Shammash

Join Cantor Elizabeth Shammash on Saturday, January 15 at 5:00 pm. We will mark the end of Shabbat Shira (the Shabbat dedicated to music) with a musical program on Zoom.

Cantor Shammash will share some of her thoughts about how we understand and relate to the Israelites crossing the sea and leaving Egypt. Through song and Torah, Cantor Shammash and Rabbi Wallk will share a conversation about how we navigate transitions and about how music and Torah can hold us in these moments. We will conclude with Havdalah.

Cantor Shammash, who grew up at TBE, is a gifted spiritual leader, performing and recording artist and educator. Besides serving as Cantor at Adath Israel in Merion Station, PA, she is on the faculty of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.



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HANUKKAH HOW-TO

Rabbi Amy S. Walk



Hanukkah is a festival of light, of miracles and of celebration. And like many of the Jewish holidays, it is celebrated primarily in our homes. This year, Hanukkah begins on the evening of Sunday, November 28.

We have all heard the story of this eight-day festival, which commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabean Jews' victory over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 BCE. We remember the miracle of a tiny flask of oil that kept the Temple's great menorah burning for not one, but eight days, until more purified oil could be obtained.

Thank goodness, this year will not be like last year! Extended families can gather and our world is lighter than last. Enjoy the sacred time — and do pause to name your gratitude for this year's celebrations.

Aside from the many communal activities we have planned for our congregation, I share with you some ideas - ways you can bring light into your world, and into the world of those around you.

WHERE TO LIGHT

To best publicize the miracle, the Hanukkah menorah ("Hanukkiah") is ideally lit outside the doorway of our house, on the left side when entering. If this is not practical, then the menorah should be lit in a window facing the public thoroughfare. If the menorah cannot be lit by the window, place it inside the house on a table, which at least fulfills the mitzvah of "publicizing the miracle" for members of the household.

WHEN TO LIGHT

The menorah should preferably be lit immediately at nightfall. If necessary, the menorah can be lit late into the night. It is best to wait until all members of the household are present to light the menorah.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE FIRST NIGHT

On the first night, place one candle in the menorah's far right (as you face the menorah) candle holder. Another candle is placed for the shamash (helper candle). Recite all three of the blessings (on the next page) and then light the candle using the shamash.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH NIGHT

The second night, place two candles in the menorah's far right (as you face the menorah) candle holders. Another candle is placed for the shamash. Recite the first two blessings and then light the candles using the shamash. Light the candle to the far left first and then light in order, from left to right. Follow this procedure for each night of Hanukkah.

CONCLUDING THE HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING

On all eight nights of Hanukkah, it is traditional to sing or recite Hanerot Halalu, an ancient chant mentioned in the Talmud (Soferim 20:6). It reminds us of the sacred nature of the Hanukkah lights that are lit to commemorate and publicize the Hanukkah miracles. The song states that our sole intent in kindling the Hanukkah lights is to publicize the miracle.

We conclude the candle lighting ceremony with the singing of Maoz Tzur. The lyrics were written about 800-900 years ago in Europe. The tune that is considered to be "traditional" in most parts of the Jewish world today is an adaptation of a German folk song.

Now it's time to enjoy latkes, sufganiot (donuts), gifts and the joy of the festival that our people have celebrated in this same tradition for many centuries!

HANUKKAH BLESSINGS & SONGS

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
A-sheer ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav
V'tzi-va--nu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.*

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
She-a-sa ni-sim l'a-vo-tei-nu, ba-ya-mim ha-heim,
U-va-z'man ha-zeh

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים
הָהֵם וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.*

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
She-he-chi-yanu, v'ki-y'ma-nu,
V'hig-i-ya-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחֵיֵינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.*

HANEROT HALALU

Ha-ne-rot ha-la-lu a-nach-nu mad-li-kim
Al ha-ni-sim v'al ha-nif-la-ot, v'al ha-t'shu-ot
V'al ha-mil-cha-mot she-a-si-ta l'a-vo-tei-nu
Ba-ya-mim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh,
Al y'dei ko-ha-ne-cha ha-k'do-shim.

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מַדְלִיקִים
עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת
וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת,
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
וּבְזֶמַן הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנֵיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים.

*We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders,
For the redemption and the battles that You made for our forefathers
In ancient days, and in our time, through Your holy priests.*

MAOZ TZUR

Ma-oz tzur ye-shu-ati, l'cha na-eh l'sha-bei-ach
Ti-kon beit t'fi-la-ti, v'sham to-dah n'za-bei-ach.
L'eit ta-chin mat-bei-ach, mi-tsar ham-na-bei-ach
Az egmor, b'shir miz-mor, chanukat ha-miz-bei-ach.

מָעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נָאָה לְשִׁבְחֲךָ
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּחֲךָ
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הַמִּזְבֵּחַ

*Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power,
You, amid the raging foe, were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us, but Your help availed us,
And your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.*

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Caleb, Shelley, Spencer, and Nathan

Meet Spencer Ackerman, Shelley Barron, and Family

We are the Barron Ackerman Family! Spencer, Shelley, Nathan (4) and Caleb (1). We moved to Longmeadow in May 2021 so we could live closer to family and have a little more space than our Boston apartment. Spencer is an Assistant Vice President at Delaware Life Insurance Company where he works as an Actuary on Financial Planning & Analysis. Shelley is a Staff Attorney at Community Legal Aid in Springfield, where she focuses on eviction defense and homelessness prevention work.

Before children (and COVID-19) we used to have lots of hobbies like attending live music concerts, traveling, hiking, salsa dancing, beer brewing and playing ultimate frisbee. We have been blessed with two beautiful boys, Nathan and Caleb. They definitely inherited our love of hiking and dancing. These days, our family enjoys nature walks around Turner Pond, exploring the Pioneer Valley, swimming at the JCC pool, spending time with family, and of course, jamming out with Marlene for Tot Shabbat.

We both grew up in Jewish families in Massachusetts; Shelley grew up in Newton and Spencer grew up in Groton. Creating a warm Jewish home was always important for us as we started a family, and being members of a synagogue was an essential foundation of our Jewish family experience. In Boston, Shelley and Spencer were active members of Kehillath Israel in Brookline before moving to Longmeadow.

Our parents and grandparents helped inspire our love of Judaism. Shelley's father, Dr. Alan Barron z"l, sadly passed away in 2020. Alan was a devoted leader at Temple Emeth in South Brookline and is dearly missed. Alan showed us how meaningful it can be to be deeply involved in a shul community.

We were first introduced to TBE because Shelley's sister, Rebecca, and her husband Tovy joined TBE when they moved to the Springfield area in 2020. TBE has the right balance our family is looking for, in terms of commitment to tradition and Israel while also embodying modern values. We really appreciate the warm welcome we've received from the community so far and we look forward to meeting many more of you in the months and years ahead.

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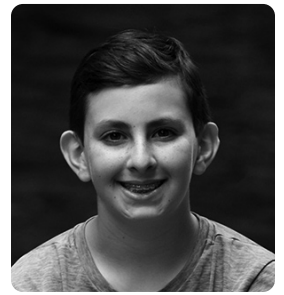
Outdoor Simhat Torah



Kab Shab with Rabbi Josh Warshawsky and Marlene Rachelle

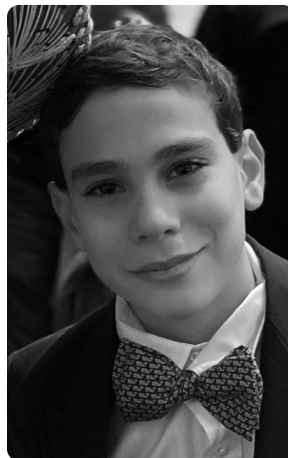


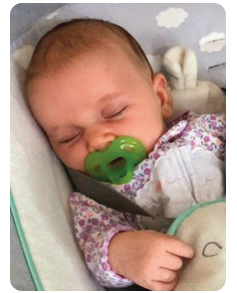
Dinner in the sukkah



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