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TBH101: Social Action Conversations (1-2 credits)

On November 5th, TBH members will have a chance to discuss two social action initiatives being considered by the Board. Both are being put forward in the spirit of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving-kindness). While as Jews we are united in regarding acts of *gemilut chasadim* as central to Jewish ethics, we know, of course, that we may disagree about whether or not to endorse specific actions. Prerequisites for participation in the discussions on November 5th are TBH membership and a willingness to put the Seahawks game on tape delay. If you have not yet, I recommend reading the [TBH Endorsement and Sponsorship Policy \(PDF\)](#). Come for one or both discussions.

I-940: De-escalate Washington November 5, 1:30-2:15 pm

Initiative 940 calls for required, state-wide, continuous training of police in de-escalation, communications, conflict resolution, first aid, and mental health. It also calls for two changes in state law that would help prosecutors convict police when they have used excessive force in their work:

it establishes a legal definition of “good faith” and it eliminates the need to prove “malicious intent.”

In September the Board provisionally approved this initiative. A request was sent out to TBH members for comments on whether or not we should endorse I-940. While most comments received were positive, some issues were raised. Evan Ferber has invited two leaders (Leslie Cushman and Kathy Baros Friedt) of the De-Escalate movement to answer congregants' questions. Please come, especially if you have concerns about whether or not the Board should endorse I-940. The Board is likely to take action at their upcoming meeting on November 29th. If you can't make it to the meeting, please send comments to me at pres@bethhatfiloh.org or the office at tbh@bethhatfiloh.org by November 15th.

Go here www.deescalatewa.org for information from De-Escalate Washington and www.deescalatewa.org/full_text_of_initiative for a full text of I-940.

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TBH101: Continued

Immigrant and Refugee Conversation Sanctuary, November 5, 2:30-4:00 pm

This past spring a group of TBH members spontaneously formed the Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee and they have been actively meeting with representatives from other faith communities and the local Strengthening Sanctuary group. Now they want to take the temperature of the TBH community about formally supporting specific activities such as advocating for justice for immigrants and refugees; helping immigrants to doctor visits, grocery stores and immigration hearings; providing training around immigrant rights; volunteering at local congregations providing physical sanctuary; and potentially providing physical sanctuary at TBH. This is a wide ranging issue and for us to move forward as a community it is critical that we hear from you.

The input the group receives at this meeting will help guide them in preparing an endorsement request to the Board. If the Board provisionally approves their request, it will be sent out to all TBH members for comment. If you cannot make it to the meeting or you wish to get more information on the Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee, contact Cathy Wasserman at cathyvic@comcast.net or tbh@bethhatfiloh.org.

These are difficult times for many who fear that the arc of our country's history is turning away from increasing compassion and more equal justice. No matter where you stand on these two specific issues, we hope you add your voice to these important conversations in the coming months and join us on November 5th.

B'shalom,



Emanuel Ben-David, Visiting Scholar Presenting On War and Peace

Sunday, November 19, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Temple Beth Hatfiloh is honored to welcome Emanuel Ben-David as our Visiting Scholar. A native Israeli, Emanuel has unique insights to share with us. Please join us for one or both presentations. We hope to offer a catered lunch, with details to be arranged or bring a brown bag lunch if you like.

[Download the PDF flyer here.](#)



In the morning presentation at 10:30 am, Emanuel will walk us through events and situations that rocked Israel, leading to the 1967 Six Day War. This year marks the war's 50th anniversary.

In the afternoon presentation at 1:00 pm, Emanuel will describe his personal experience working for decades for Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, one of the three major defense contractors in Israel. Emanuel will also give an example of how defense technology has been transposed to the medical arena, providing life-saving breakthroughs.

Jewish with Meaning: Torah reading Lech L'cha

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

On November 4 the Jewish With Meaning Group will explore the Torah reading Lech L'cha, and what it can help us understand about being present in our own lives. The passage below comes from a teaching by Rabbi Brian Yosef Schacter-Brooks (www.torahofawakening.com).

“...this is the Divine call to Avram: Don’t be stuck in the past! Let go of the way you experienced things yesterday, and come *el ha’aretz asher arecha—to the land that I am now showing you*...Reality as it’s being revealed in this moment is completely unique... familiarity comes from memory, from the past. And that’s a good thing; you don’t want to get rid of your memories, but rather, simply recognize the truth that this is a new moment. Just like a river that seems to stay the same, but the actual flowing water is always new, so this moment is also completely fresh and new, when you allow your conditioned mind---meaning, your thinking and your judging---to subside and simply come to this moment as it is...That is the practice of Presence.”

NOVEMBER EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

November 3 7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Oneg following hosted by Gail Pollock in memory of her mother Esther Pollock

November 10 6:00 pm Shabbat Salon
Catered meal and speaker after the service featuring speaker Dr. Gary Franklin

November 17 6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service
Potluck dinner following

November 24 7:30 pm Shabbat Service
No oneg following

Please note that we have recently tweaked our Erev Shabbat schedule. To accommodate different programs and congregant desires, we have shifted to twice a month early services and twice a month later services.

NOVEMBER SHABBAT DAY ACTIVITIES

JEWISH WITH MEANING

1st Saturday, November 4, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
We gather for food, ritual, experience, and discussion as we connect with our tradition on a deep level. *See details about this month's meeting on page two.* All are welcome!

TORAH STUDY

2nd Saturday, November 11, 10:00 am
Prayer and study are equally holy activities; and we will do both. We'll share a snack and study the Torah together. All are invited. No experience is necessary!

MUSSAR

3rd Saturday, November 18, 9:30 am
Mussar is the Jewish school of thought which seeks to root personal character development and right behavior in Jewish tradition and text. We meet monthly to share food and learn more about this tradition and how it may benefit our lives.

TALMUD STUDY

4th Saturday, November 25, 9:30 am
The Talmud is a compendium of law and lore that is the basis on which biblical interpretation and contemporary Jewish practice rest. Rabbi Seth will lead us as we dive deep into this complex and fascinating text.

November Shabbat Salon

Friday, November 10th at 6:00 pm

Join us for the first Shabbat Salon of the season! This month our guest speaker is TBH member Gary M. Franklin, MD, MPH. Gary is the Medical Director of the Washington State Deptment of Labor and Industries and a Research Professor for the Departments of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Neurology, and Health services at the University of Washington. Dr. Franklin reported the first opioid related deaths in the US and has been working diligently both in Washington and nationally to reverse this man mad scourge. His presentation will discuss "Reversing the Opioid Epidemic: How To Really Abate the Emergency. **We will begin with a full Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a catered dinner and speaker in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm. You must register for the dinner only by e-mailing tbh@bethhatfiloh.org or [sign up and pay for dinner on our event page!](#)**



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The Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD) is the payroll contribution program for state and higher education employees and retirees. This program allows employees to make donations via check, credit card and payroll deduction to their favorite charities.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENT:

Make Your Voice Heard Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

This political advocacy group focuses on current issue advocacy. Open to members and friends of the Jewish community.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 am



All kids ages 0-6 and their grown ups and families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together with song, story, movement, prayer and craft! Join us the first Saturday of every month.

Meeting for Members: Two Crucial Tikkun Olam Discussions -- Please come! Sunday, November 5 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm

Please mark your calendar and come to one or both of these conversations.

1:30 pm - I-940 with Leslie Cushman and Kathy Baros Friedt from De-Escalate Washington: Two leaders in the movement will be at TBH to answer congregants' questions. Please come, especially if you have concerns about the Board's decision whether or not to endorse the Initiative.

2:30 pm - Providing Sanctuary with TBH Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee: The TBH Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee has been meeting since the spring other faith communities and the local Providing Sanctuary group. They are preparing to ask the Board to endorse activities ranging from helping immigrants to doctor visits or grocery stores to providing physical sanctuary at TBH. This is a wide-ranging issue and it is critical that we hear your voice.

Jews on Wheels

Sunday, November 5, 5:00 pm



Join TBH at Skateland! The cost is \$8 per person and includes skate rental and snacks/drinks.

Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, November 7, 12:00 pm



Don't miss out! Bring your brown bag lunch and jokes! Betty Goldstein will present a travelogue with photos of her recent travels. Dessert will be provided!

Shabbat Salon Returns!

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FORKids Food Packing Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 pm

Thurston County Food Bank
2260 Mottman Road SW, Tumwater

Join us on the second Tuesday of November as we again fill bags at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County Food Bank. The FORKids program provides a weekend bag of food to over 2,000 children. Questions? Please contact Elie Halpern at (360) 357-8160 or ehalpern7379@gmail.com.

On War and Peace Sunday, November 19 10:30 am and 1:00 pm

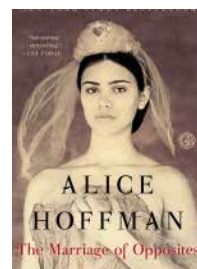
Join us for one or both presentations by Emanuel Ben-David, our Visiting Scholar. *See full details on page two.*

34th Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, 2:00 pm

Please join Interfaith Works for sharing and friendship around the theme of living in thanksgiving every day. This event will be held at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 North Street SE in Olympia. [Download the PDF flyer here.](#)

Book Group: *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

Join us to discuss this forbidden love story about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to the Jewish painter Camille Pissarro, a Father of Impressionism.



[Download the full book club schedule here \(PDF\).](#)

Advancing in Hebrew Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm

This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots. Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

DECEMBER EVENTS PREVIEW



Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, December 5 at 12:00 pm

Shabbat Salon

Friday, December 8 at 6:00 pm

Join us for the Human Rights Shabbat Salon. Watch the weekly for details!

SAVE THE DATE: Hanukkah Party!

Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm



Join us for our annual Hanukkah celebration! Details to follow in upcoming weekly e-newsletters.

Book Group

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

Cousin Joseph: A Graphic Novel
by Jules Feiffer



Legendary cartoonist Jules Feiffer introduces us to Big Sam Hannigan in a graphic noir novel set in the 1930s. Patriotism, anti-Semitism, anti-immigrant, and anti-union themes have echoes of today.

From TBH Committees TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the food drive and in our Mitzvah Morning Tikkun Olam activities. Twenty volunteers took 100 bags of food, equaling 1,370 pounds of food to the food bank along with \$504. At the Food Bank Warehouse these volunteers sorted all our bags of food and then two pallets of bags for the 4Kids program. Another group of 8 volunteers had had a wonderful soup making party in the TBH kitchen. Delicious vegetarian stone soup is available to anyone in the TBH community who is in need of some TLC for whatever reason. Feel free to take soup for yourself or anyone whom you think may need it. We also can deliver soup if needed. We also sent volunteers to Priest Point Park, where they pulled ivy off trees, and to GRUB where they helped get the fields ready for winter.

FORKids UPDATE

Kudos to TBH members **Betty Goldstein, Beth Dubey, Harriet Trobman and Marcia David** who volunteered at the FORKids program on the second Tuesday in October. We had a great time and a good workout. There were three other dedicated volunteers from St. Andrews Methodist Church who showed up as volunteers. We spent an hour and a half filling 432 bags of food. We encourage all other volunteers to please come to the Tumwater Food Bank at 3:30 on November 14, the second Tuesday of November, to join us in this mitzvah. There will be a third food bank in the near future in Lacey. Over 2,000 bags go out to all the elementary school children in the Tumwater, Olympia and North Thurston school districts on a weekly basis during school to prevent food insecurity. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Elie Halpern at 360-357-8160 or by e-mail at ehalpern7379@gmail.com. You will get to meet Morgan if you volunteer. She is in charge of the FORKids program during the school year as well as the summer lunch program during the summer that provides lunches for kids in at least six locations in Lacey, Tumwater and Olympia to prevent food insecurity. In these two programs there are no state or federal monies used for the food that is provided.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Sukkah: Scott Royer, Marvin Max, Michael Krasnokutsky and Erin, Gaute, and Leif Syverson

Mussar and Service: Laura Hurtado-Webb and Anaya Balter

Torah Study Brunch: Laura and Sam Schrager, Howard Goldberg and Daniel Farber

FROM CATHERINE CARMEL: FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING DIRECTOR



The Jewish values of *din* (justice) and *rachamim* (compassion) play heavily into what we do around the High Holidays. Therefore they were on my mind as I planned for the first Beit Sefer *middah* (value).

I selected *rachamim* as the *middah* for October and joined with the PJ Library to begin our year sending Jewish books to families hit by hurricanes in August and September. Our first small mitzvah project is one the kids can do personally, by selecting and bringing in books they love to give to other children. Doing things that connect Torah to our lives is one of the most valuable ways we teach our children to identify as being Jewish.

A great example of this is the idea that Torah requires us to remember and retell the story of the Exodus. It is that shared telling that serves as one piece of Jewish identity. When Moses encounters the Edomites, he doesn't introduce his people as the ones with all the laws. He says they are the people the Egyptians dealt harshly with. That story isn't necessarily an inspiring one for the kids, but look at what our Geza'im teacher, Ariel Adereth is doing with the Exodus story this year.

Don't forget to join us for our annual skate party! Everyone is welcome. Jews on Wheels happens on Sunday, November 5!

L'shalom,

Catherine

Shalom! This year, we begin our studies in Torah with a look at our ancestors in Egypt. In class, we will learn about the struggle for freedom, and the incredible source of strength and power built through unity. We will learn of the Jewish people's journey across the desert to Mount Sinai. As always, we plan to learn through a variety of engaging and hands-on activities. Themes we address will range over poverty, refuge, community, *rachamim* (compassion), and how as individuals we can provide strength and be a pillar for those that need help. In Hebrew, Geza'im will learn the אֵלֶף בֵּית (Aleph- Bet) and develop basic writing and reading skills. We will cover colors, numbers, and common greetings through interactive games. I am looking forward to leading Geza'im through another exciting year!

- Ariel Adereth

Sunday, November 5
5:00pm – 7:00pm
at Skateland in Olympia
2725 12th Ave NE
\$8 per person



Jews on Wheels

Bring friends and family!

For more information contact Catherine at 754-8519 or beitsefer@bethathatiah.org

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NOVEMBER YAHREZEITS

1	Ronald Jerome Brooks	11	Walter Benjamin Reichman	21	Bernard Shelan
1	Harriet Rosen	12	Charlotte Grotzky Reichman	21	Jack Snyder
2	David Soule	13	Sylvia Ebner	23	Ruth Jaffe Farber
2	Linda Silverman Weisstein	13	Roslyn Cohen	24	Bessie Klotz
3	Artie Browning	14	Ann Baldwin	25	Charles Friedman
4	Minne Levinson	15	Rose Robinson Margolis	25	Marcheta Bean
6	Morris Belling	17	George Neff	26	Edward Duthweiler
7	Esther Pollock	18	Selma Soule	27	Margaret Urstadt
9	Esther Schwartz	18	Benjamin Rome	27	Adlaide Bamberger
10	Mary Parker	20	Mitchell Mogal	30	Freida Charlet
10	Leroy Hittle	20	Etta Stern		

*These names will be read from the bimah at Shabbat services before and after the yahrzeit. **Bold type** denotes those inscribed on a plaque on our Memorial Wall. Please send any corrections and additions to the Yahrzeit listings to tbh@bethhatfiloh.org.*

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3 Erin Syversen	18 Cobie Whitten
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9 Gail Wish	23 Ronda Collins
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