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Havdalah Service & Wine Tasting



Saturday January 27, 7-9 PM
In the TBT Social Hall

Please join us for a Havdalah Service and Kosher Wine Tasting hosted by TBT Youth Education.

This program includes an interactive Havdalah service, inspiring words from Rabbi Sara Rich, and multiple tastings of Kosher wines from Israel with Israeli food pairings.

Cost is \$18 per adult

Food pairings will be prepared by Luscious by Lori

RSVP to the TBT office 716-838-3232
or to Lori Morrison at lorimorrison23@gmail.com



As a symbol of sweetness and joy at Purim, all TBT families will receive a Mishloach Manot basket.

Opportunities are available to sponsor baskets to the whole congregation for \$180 or to specific congregant families for a cost of \$20 for 5 baskets.

Forms for this were sent in December. If you will be out of town or choose not to receive a basket, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Questions? Contact Marcia Goldstein at cappuccino.marcia@gmail.com or at 716-432-2963.
Need a new form? Contact the TBT office at 716-838-3232.**

As we begin a new year we hope for good health and happiness for each of you!

We want to thank all of our customers for supporting our
Women's Network Judaica Shop during the Chanukah season.

Our Gift Shop items are available year-round! We are available and willing to assist you
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Please call for an appointment. We would love to meet you at Temple.

Stay safe and be well!

Carolyn 716-818-8637, Myra 716-839-0962, & Linda 716-400-5394



Service times

WEEKDAY

| | |
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| Sunday Shaharit | 8:30 AM |
| Mon-Fri Shaharit | 7:30 AM |
| Daily Ma'ariv | 6:00 AM |

SHABBAT

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| Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:00 PM |
| Shaharit | 9:30 AM |

GATHERING TIMES FOR MA'ARIV & HAVDALAH

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|-------------|---------|
| January 6 | 5:37 PM |
| January 13 | 5:45 PM |
| January 20 | 5:53 PM |
| January 27 | 6:02 PM |
| February 3 | 6:15 PM |
| February 10 | 6:20 PM |
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Caregivers come fill your own cups, "Kosi R'vaya," in community. We will share brief Jewish text, our stories, experience silence, offer insights, and sing meditative songs.

Rabbi Yonina Foster from Jewish Family Services WNY will facilitate the Caregiver Group and welcomes all, share with family and friends.

Come join us at Temple Beth Tzedek in the Social Hall, find the circle of chairs and breathe.

Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, December 21, 2023 @ 1:00-2:00 pm

Sunday, January 21, 2024 @ 10:45-12:00 pm

**Rabbi Yonina can be reached at yfoster@jfswny.org
or call (716) 331-5313 *JFSWNY is here for you.***

*We gratefully acknowledge donations in observance of
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From The Rabbi

Shir Chadash - New Israeli Music for Ancient Prayer

Some of my most meaningful prayer experiences have taken place in Israel, specifically in Jerusalem. When I was studying at the Pardes Yeshiva in Jerusalem immediately after I graduated college and then the following year at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, I enjoyed the opportunity each Shabbat to “minyan hop.” Knowing that my future would lead me to attend Shabbat services regularly at the same place, though I did not know yet where that would be, I took advantage of the opportunity during my year and a half in Jerusalem to experience a wide variety of minyanim. I attended each of the Reform and Masorti (Conservative) synagogues in Jerusalem on more than one occasion. I went to Orthodox services that started at 8 am and were finished by 10 am. I once (and only once!) attended a Neo-Chasidic synagogue that started at 8 am and finished at 2 pm. And this was a regular Shabbat not Yom Kippur!

Regardless of whether the services were long or short, took place in a synagogue or in a high school gym, the services that I enjoyed the most were the ones that featured spirited communal singing. In Jerusalem, I encountered new melodies that I had not learned at my home synagogue in Maryland or at Hillel. I learned that some were known in other parts of the Jewish world in the U.S. and that others were special to Israel – they were composed in Israel, and had not yet made their way across the sea. To me, it was deeply spiritually moving to be in the land of Israel, the land where the Psalms and many of our prayers were composed, singing these same words to new melodies so many years later. Singing these prayers with fellow Jews from Israel and all over the world meant that Judaism was alive, vital, and continually unfolding.

At the USCJ Convening in Baltimore last month, we enjoyed a visit from an Israeli musician named Yahala Lachmish, who is the Co-Head of Prayer at Kehilat Zion in Jerusalem.

Kehilat Zion is affiliated with the Masorti Movement in Israel, and describes itself as “a community of Israeli Jews of varied backgrounds, beliefs, customs, and practices gathering together to re-dream Jerusalem as a meeting point for all.”

Yahala is a graduate of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance and leads prayer, choirs, and public events for Kehilat Zion. Yahala led Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Morning services at the Convening in a style that none of us had experienced before. We are familiar with Nusach Ashkenazi, the Ashkenazi prayer traditions, and have had some exposure to Nusach Sefaradi, Sephardic prayer customs. Yahala introduced us to “Nusach Eretz Yisraeli” which is a new prayer tradition that combines the many backgrounds present in Jerusalem; including Ashkenazi, Sephardic, and North African. This meant that some of the melodies were completely new to us, and some were the same as what we sing here in Buffalo on a typical Shabbat. There is a Sephardic custom to recite Song of Songs before Kabbalat Shabbat services, so we chanted large sections of these poems. On Shabbat morning, we spent a full hour on Psukei d’Zimra alone, recited the Psalms fully aloud and with repetitive melodies that were easy to learn and sing along with.

At a time when Israel is constantly on our minds but feels so far away, I was grateful to Yahala for bringing us a soulful element of contemporary Israeli religious culture. Singing this new Israeli style of prayer transported me back 18 years to my first prayer experiences in Israel. Kehilat Zion had not yet been created when I lived there, and the continual birth of new egalitarian minyanim and communities in Jerusalem is a beautiful symbol of vitality for this ancient city. I encourage you to check out their Youtube page! You can visit this link: www.bit.ly/1948kz to watch recent public music events in Jerusalem and community gatherings.

Rabbi Sara Rich

Temple Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 3 PM

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From the President

Last month I went to the USCJ Convening in Baltimore together with Rabbi Sara and Ezra Rich, Dan Guttuso, Marcia Goldstein, and my husband Larry. While the Shabbaton hosted about 300 people, the Convening hosted about 800 people. My senses were on overdrive - so much to learn, see, hear, and feel. I kept notes on random words I heard that resonated with me. Let me share some of those thoughts with you.

- Conservative Jews live between the words – between tradition and modernity, between constancy and change.
- People have an innate desire to belong, to contribute, to feel valued.
- Explore what will enrich Jewish life. Some ideas will fail, but we must try.
- We are not alone when we stand together.
- The best way to combat anti-Semitism is to stand together.
- Everyone has a say; not everyone gets their way.
- Forget the past, look forward.

With these thoughts still floating in my mind I noticed a prevailing sense of kindness that permeates our services. There are hugs and kisses as people greet one another. There are helping hands and arms when someone needs an assist. There are nods as Rabbi Rich's words of d'var Torah sink in. There is warmth in welcoming those we do not yet know. There are tears when we pray for the safety of the Israel Defense Force. There is comfort as we pray for healing of those who are ill. There are smiles as the Kinder Crew runs in for the concluding prayers and lines up for a candy treat.

While all of these things are positive, we can always improve. Rabbi Rich and I have asked the board to complete a SWOT Analysis. I invite all congregants to share thoughts on our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. There is a form for this on the back of this page in the Shofar. You can drop the form off in the shul office or email it to me. My email is boxerlinda@gmail.com. If you can't send the form, send me a list.

- Strengths: tell us about what we're good at, our unique assets and resources, and how our positive attributes are perceived by others.
- Weaknesses: tell us about improvements we need to make, any resources we lack, and how these negative attributes might be perceived by others.
- Opportunities: List doors that are currently open to us, opportunities we can capitalize on, and how our strengths can create new connections.
- Threats: List any harmful hazards, competitors, and how known weaknesses can open the door to threats.

We will compile all the answers and look for some common threads. As I learned in Baltimore, some ideas will fail, and everyone has a say. Let's work together to make Temple Beth Tzedek even better.

May 2024 be a year of blessings for us all.

Am Yisrael Chai

Linda

Linda Boxer, President


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From the Library

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Thanks for your understanding, and we'll send library updates along as we have them!

Temple Beth Tzedek - SWOT Analysis

| INTERNAL FACTORS | |
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| STRENGTHS + | WEAKNESSES - |
| <p>Talk about what we're good at, our unique assets and resources, and how our positive attributes are perceived by others.</p> | <p>Talk about improvements we need to make, any resources we lack, and how these negative attributes might be perceived by others.</p> |
| EXTERNAL FACTORS | |
| OPPORTUNITIES + | THREATS - |
| <p>List doors that are currently open to us, opportunities we can capitalize on, and how our strengths can create new connections.</p> | <p>List any harmful hazards, competitors, and how known weaknesses can open the door to threats.</p> |

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Rusty & Joe Zackheim

In memory of my mother, Mary Cantor and
Maksym Sugorovskiy
Daniel Cantor

In observance of the birthday of Leslie Brothman
Alba Martin

From the Men's Club

After a tumultuous few months, and a mixture of anger and hand-wringing, 2023 is now in the books, and we're on to 2024. And your Brotherhood is looking forward as well.

We've got a bunch of upcoming programs planned for you, to bring us together for camaraderie, companionship and collegiality. We want to support, entertain, educate and enrich you, while also assisting our synagogue and community. But in particular, we want to do more for our younger members and our dads, because you are our future, and we want to give you – and all of your friends – lots of reasons to be part of our men's club.

Who wants to go bowling with your kids, maybe at Transit Lanes? How about shooting pool at Bison Billiards? Maybe a family hike in the warmer months, or some mini-golf? Let's be adventurous and try something new. We're always looking for ideas, and we want to engage you in our planning.

This is a great opportunity to get involved, and to make this your club.

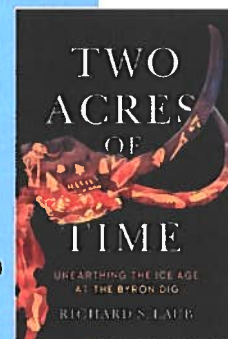
But don't worry, we've also still got some of our other traditional activities planned as well.

In the coming months, we'll be teaming up with the Women's Network to bring Dr. Richard Laub in as a guest speaker on Feb. 11, for a Sunday brunch and presentation on his new book, *Two Acres of Time: Unearthing the Ice Age at the Byron Dig*, about archaeological research he led at a Western New York site where the bones of a mastodon were found in 1959.

We'll also be marking the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' annual World Wide Wrap program that morning, to teach about and encourage the practice of putting on tefillin to highlight our relationship with G-d. Our Men's Club Shabbat will be held in March, once again coordinated by Gil Wolfe. And of course, we're hoping to head back to the Bisons in the summer for another great BBQ and baseball game.

So sign up now if you're not already a member; it's just \$30 for the year. Contact me for more information, and to get involved.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Jonathan Epstein



Upcoming Events

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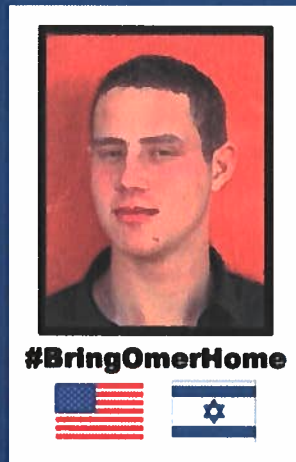
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Mah Koreh B'CRS? (What's Happening at CRS)

From Einav Symons

The staff, students, and leadership of CRS hope that 2024 will bring peace! December was a busy month with Rabbi Gutmann teaching about Cyber bullying, Rabbi Alex leading the grades 7 family program and grades 5-7 students participating in a workshop on antisemitism. Our 6th grade students researched the artist Hanoch Piven and prepared a self portrait to share with 6th grade students in Israel on Zoom. This is the beginning of a wonderful connection with these students!

CRS celebrated Chanukkah with a bazaar, latke making, games, crafts, sufganiot, and letter writing to Israeli soldiers. It was so wonderful to see so many parent volunteers have such a great time together frying over 500 latkes!

In January the students will continue to benefit from the teaching of Rabbis Alex, Gutmann, and Rich. We look forward to fun Havdalah line-dancing on January 6th and a Friday night Superbowl service in February! Our Ganainu monthly program keeps growing every month. It is so exciting to meet all the future CRS students and their families.

Sundays at CRS are filled with so many activities and students. It has been my pleasure to give some of our donors a tour so they can see first hand how effective their donation is. Please contact Einav at 716 574-6016 to schedule a visit.

CRS is an inclusive pluralistic Community Religious School that inspires Jewish identity, literacy, and values. Our Rabbis, educators and role models foster an environment where leadership, lifelong friendships and family connections thrive. The Community Religious School serves the students of Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion, Congregation Shir Shalom and unaffiliated families. One community, one community school. CRS provides engaging curriculum which includes holidays, Israel, Torah, ethics/values, life cycles, history, cooking, art and music. The Hebrew curriculum is taught as private, remote lessons to students from 1st through 7th grade. Hebrew is reinforced during in class T'fillah time on Sundays.

For more information on our academic program for students Pre-K through 7th, our Madrichim program for 8th-12th graders, or to become a supporter, please contact Einav Symons, the CRS Director at 716-574-6016. Please check out our website www.crsbuffalo.com for information and updates.





What do Natalie Abramson, Gert Bacol, Lana Benatovich, Linda Boxer, Elaine Brothman, Judith Brownstein, Lisa Burstein, Carol Davis, Jane Fischman, Bobbi Giller, Marcia Goldstein, Janet Gunner, Sharon Jacobs, Sharon Kostiner, Kathy Krieger, Rise Kulick, Barbara Leifer-Lavitz, Tinka Lendner, Ilene Levine, Roberta Levine, Mona Lewis, Linda Linsky, Ellen Lippa, Sheila London, Marian Lustig,

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They have all made or pledged to make donations to Torah Fund's Kol Yisrael Averim Ze ba'Zeh General Campaign! Thank you to each and everyone. Those donating \$180 and more receive a gift of a silver pin crafted and made in Israel, bearing the word Averim. Add your name to the list!

Torah Fund is the dedicated tzedakah of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The dollars donated to this campaign help to provide scholarship funds and programming to the students at the five intuitions of higher learning, The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam. Help strengthen Jewish education and ensure the vibrancy of the Jewish people for decades to come, with your gift to Torah Fund.

Every year the Torah Fund Cabinet picks a theme for the next year so it was over a year ago that this year's theme was chosen: Kol Yisrael Averim Ze ba'Zeh, All Israel is responsible for one another. This theme was chosen before Hamas attacked Israel and destroyed our peace of mind. More than ever, we need to educate our future rabbis, cantors, educators and scholars. Donations, large and small, are welcome.

Contact Linda Steinhorn or Linda Boxer if you have questions.

Returnable bottles and cans, oh my!

Did you know that we have a Temple Beth Tzedek account at Millersport Recycling Bottle and Can Redemption Center? Those nickels add up to help with funding our youth programming. After our recent drive-up event, we collected over 1000 bottles and cans to return.

The Millersport Recycling building is on Millersport Road, corner of North Westfield, in the Grover Cleveland Plaza, one building down from Natalie's Restaurant.

Millersport Recycling accepts all bottles and cans, not just certain brand name bottles and cans. No need to run from store to store to make your returns. Millersport Recycling gives not for profits an extra 1% to the dollar amount from bottles and cans that are turned in.

If you return your own bottles and cans to Millersport Recycling, ask that they credit the Temple Beth Tzedek account. Need a pick up? Contact Steve Lippa.



VIDEO YAHRZEIT BOARD

As many of you know we have a video yahrzeit board that displays the virtual plaques the week of the yahrzeit. If you would like to purchase a physical memorial tablet to be placed on the wall in the courtyard (along with the virtual plaque on our video board) the cost is \$600. What you may not know is that you have the capability of adding a short biography about your loved one and a picture. This can be accessed through the search function on the board or through the link on our website and weekly announcements email. It also will be displayed automatically the week of the yahrzeit, along with the virtual plaque. The cost for the biography and picture is \$180. For more information on ordering or information on how to see a sample of this, please contact Kim Jones in the synagogue office at 716-838-3232.



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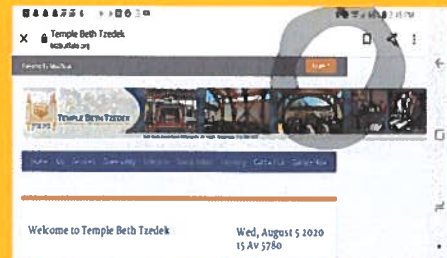
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CANDLE LIGHTING MA'ARIV/HAVDALAH

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|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|
| January 5 | 4:36pm | January 6 | 5:37pm |
| January 12 | 4:43 pm | January 13 | 5:45pm |
| January 19 | 4:52pm | January 20 | 5:53pm |
| January 26 | 5:01pm | January 27 | 6:02pm |
| February 2 | 5:10pm | February 3 | 6:15pm |
| February 9 | 5:19pm | February 10 | 6:20pm |
| February 16 | 5:28pm | February 17 | 6:30pm |
| February 23 | 5:38pm | February 24 | 6:40pm |

January Calendar (Subject to change)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 20 Tevet New Year's Day | 2 21 Tevet Office Closed 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:30PM Ritual | 3 22 Tevet | 4 23 Tevet 8:00 PM Youth Ed. | 5 24 Tevet | 6 25 Tevet CRS-CSS Havdalah Square Dancing |
| 7 26 Tevet 9:15-10:45 AM Ganainu 6:30 PM Men's Club LoMein Dinner | 8 27 Tevet | 9 28 Tevet 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:00 PM Board | 10 29 Tevet 7:00PM Membership | 11 1 Shevat 7:00 PM Keshet | 12 2 Shevat | 13 3 Shevat |
| 14 4 Shevat | 15 5 Shevat Martin Luther King Day | 16 6 Shevat 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 2:00 PM Sisterhood Board on Zoom 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk | 17 7 Shevat 7:00 PM Finance | 18 8 Shevat 7:30 PM Adult Ed | 19 9 Shevat | 20 10 Shevat |
| 21 11 Shevat 10:45 AM - Noon Caregivers Support Group | 22 12 Shevat | 23 13 Shevat 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk | 24 14 Shevat 7:30 PM House | 25 15 Shevat 8:00 PM Youth Ed. | 26 16 Shevat | 27 17 Shevat 7-9 PM Havdalah & Wine Tasting |
| 28 18 Shevat 9:30-11AM Mishpacha | 29 19 Shevat | 30 20 Shevat 12-12:30 PM Lunchtime Torah Express 5-6:15 PM Torah Talk 7:00 PM Officers | 31 21 Shevat | | | |