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We are here for you in your
times of joy and challenge.

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Save the date: May 14, 2022

Join us to celebrate

Congregation Beth Chaim!

The evening will feature

Mentalist Sidney Friedman



On May 14, 2022, you will be part of an exclusive experience!
Yes, by special arrangement, the country's leading mentalist
and a favorite of Jewish organizations, **SIDNEY FRIEDMAN**
will perform his amazing **MIND READING**.

Winner of the prestigious 2021 Dunninger Award, the highest honor in
the magical arts, what Sidney Friedman does can only be described as a
demonstration of extraordinary mind power and telepathy. Sidney will
literally read your mind, including his gift of sensing the song you're thinking!

Sidney has performed for over 400 Jewish charity events in just 14 years across
North America. He has been on numerous TV shows including the Today Show,
20/20 and The View. Plus, Sidney is a national best-selling author with his book,
Your Mind Knows More Than You Do, which reached #1 on Amazon.

Hoda Kotb of the TODAY SHOW exclaims, "We love Sidney!"
The Chicago Tribune states Sidney is "the master of all things psychic."
Suzanne Chessler of the *Jewish News* writes Sidney is "a force of energy."
Forbes calls him "the mentalist to the stars." You will too.

Brit Ha-Adamah: A Covenant with the Earth

One of my favorite *midrashim** is a story in response to the biblical book Ecclesiastes:

When the Blessed Holy One created the first human, [God] took him and led him round all the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to him: "Look at My works, how beautiful and praiseworthy they are! And all that I have created, it was for you that I created it. Pay attention that you do not corrupt and destroy My world: if you corrupt it, there is no one to repair it after you." (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:13)

From this text we learn the importance of caring for the earth that has been an integral component of Jewish tradition for thousands of years. Yes, the Torah teaches in Genesis 2:15 that God entrusted all of Creation to human beings, but the midrash comes to tell us that this is a big responsibility. The earth is a treasure that requires loving care to ensure its health and wellbeing for future generations.

This lesson is reinforced by the next Jewish holiday of Tu BiSh'vat. The 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat is our people's Arbor Day. It was originally intended as the catch-all birthday of trees in the Land of Israel, but it has evolved into an annual reminder to keep connected to the earth and all that grows on this precious planet. We celebrate Tu BiSh'vat with special *sedarim*** planting trees in Israel, and planting seeds at home. For example, it is a tradition in our Pre-School to sow parsley seeds on Tu BiSh'vat so that the herbs will be ready in time for Passover.

I am writing this article on the heels of the UN climate summit COP26. The Glasgow Climate Pact of 2021 sought to keep alive the Paris Agreement of 2015 by bringing together many nations across the globe to formulate an actionable plan to limit global warming and prevent an irreversible environmental crisis. Also we recently discussed "change makers" with our teens in religious school, and young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg was one of the leaders we studied. Environment and climate change is one of the areas of focus for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, our movement's main address for social justice. On the RAC's website, they explain why this is a priority for our community:

The Reform Movement is committed to protecting the environment and ensuring a just, healthy, and safe future for generations to come. The science is

clear: global climate change and pollution threaten our planet and endanger our communities. We have a sacred responsibility to care for the Earth and its inhabitants by advocating for sustainable policies addressing climate change, promoting clean air and water, and protecting wildlife. In doing this work, we must also ensure environmental justice, protecting those who have been disproportionately impacted by climate change and advocating for a just transition away from fossil fuels. Through our environmental advocacy, we carry on a Jewish tradition of stewardship and partnership in the ongoing work of Creation dating back to Genesis.

Congregation Beth Chaim is striving to do our part in this important work. We have started a conversation about moving away from disposable dishes and utensils, especially in our Pre-School. Before Covid-19 hit, we were doing this well by putting out ceramic mugs for coffee and tea that could be washed and reused without creating more waste. And we are currently in negotiations to set up solar panels on the synagogue roof, which would benefit both us and our world in a myriad of ways.

Jewish tradition teaches that we have a sacred covenantal relationship with the Earth, a *brit ha-adamah*, that requires us to care for the world as much as it allows us to reap the fruits of this earth. I want to ensure that this planet will be alive and well for my great-great grandchildren and beyond. This Tu BiSh'vat, I invite you to join me in ways each of us can make a difference. For ideas about what you can do to protect the earth, check out the following websites by organizations who do this work well. Wishing you and yours a joyful and green Tu BiSh'vat!

- RAC – rac.org/issues/environment-and-climate-change
- Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability – hazon.org
- Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life – coejl.org/
- GreenFaith multi-faith movement greenfaith.org

*Midrashim are ancient commentaries in response to the Hebrew Bible, often but not always in the form of stories.

**Like the Passover Seder, a Tu BiSh'vat Seder is a service around a table that includes four cups of wine and symbolic foods that teach the themes of the holiday.

Taking Care of Others is a Core Jewish Value

I am increasingly taken aback by how our world has become a judgmental and harsh place. Online and off, there are countless examples of people ranting, raving, judging, hurting and excluding others. For many, the need to be “right” outweighs any right for all to be heard; the loudest gets the attention – and the world is suffering.

The Jewish emphasis on community and caring for each other is inherent in our tradition – from Torah to Talmud, from Maimonides to more modern thinkers, much ink has been spilled on the merits of treating others with kindness.

Our Torah reminds us over and over again of the responsibility to “care for the widow, the orphan and the stranger.” We are responsible for making sure that the needs of the most vulnerable in our community are met; when we have power over others, we have responsibility for them. We are also continuously reminded that we were often strangers in a foreign land; powerless and at the mercy of governments that were not always friendly. Each Passover we read, “my ancestors were wandering Arameans.” We are descended not from gods and kinds, but from those too poor to own land. Rabbi Harold Kushner famously taught, “*Jews don’t pray for, Jews pray with.*” Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel famously joined hands with the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Marching together in Selma, Rabbi Kushner said, “*Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.*”

Throughout our history, we have been strangers in a strange land - not once, not twice, but many times over throughout our history. We know what it is like to be seen as other; to be treated with cruelty. From this, we learn how to behave when we have the power – we are commanded not to be oppressors but to treat all with kindness, dignity and compassion.

We are reminded of this *mitzvah*, this obligation each time we kindle the Shabbat candles and bring the light of joy and freedom into our world. Shabbat is the time set aside to imagine what our world could – and should – be like. A day to acknowledge the many gifts we have to offer, to count our blessings, and to rest so that after extinguishing the *Havdalah* candle at the end of Shabbat, we are refreshed and renewed and ready to continue our sacred task of improving the world.

Treating others with kindness and compassion creates a sense of kinship and peace across humanity. We care for other people because we see them as part of our human community. More importantly, when we do an act of kindness, no matter how small, we induce a sense of kinship between the giver and the receiver and, by extension, all of humanity. In a world torn apart by divisiveness, creating unity is the way to bring us back together.

Being part of the community means being responsible for the whole community. Rabbi Elimelech of Lizensk taught: *There are two kinds of “righteous” people: one who is truly righteous and one who just dresses like a righteous person in a fur coat. Each of them faces the winter in a different way. One will go out and collect wood for the fire; the other will wrap himself in his fur coat. The one who collects wood lights a fire and invites others to join him. He not only warms himself, but others as well. The one who makes himself cozy in his own heavy coat is secure, but those around him will freeze. The genuinely righteous person is the one who shares his warmth with others.*

In the days and weeks to come, let us harness the power of our prophets and see the world not as it is but as it could be. Let us all use our gifts to make our world better, creating connections and building bridges so that all of humanity benefits from our talents.

Anne Berman-Waldorf, RJE
Director of Lifelong Education



Torah Study & Bagels

Saturday mornings
8:45am

In person and on Zoom

Come casually dressed and join us
for an hour of discussion on
the weekly Torah portion.

New participants - of all ages -
are always welcome.

The Meaning of Community

Another word for a synagogue is a kehillah kedoshah--a holy community. They say that Jews are People of the Covenant. It is a covenant with God, but also a covenant with each other. Doing Jewish is not a solitary practice. There really isn't the concept of a Jewish hermit. As much as many rituals are based in the home, so much of Jewish life needs to happen in community. Prayers are not complete, Torah can't be read, kaddish cannot be said to mourn a loved one. We learn together, celebrate together, and comfort each other.

And that is why Jews build synagogues. We build a home to hold our community when we come together. Unlike many churches and other houses of worship, the synagogue is a beit kneset--a gathering place, not a holy place. The holiness is in the coming together.

So, how do we define "membership" in a Jewish community? Do we define it as the act of participating in the central activities of the community? Or do we define it in the narrowest terms as those who support the building in which many of those activities take place? Perhaps this is a trick question, because both are important to a thriving community. Ideally, every member in the community is a measure of each, a provider of material support *and* a participant in the ritual and interpersonal responsibilities. But, and this is important, the structures themselves are meaningless without the people, the community, they serve.

What is a community, but a network of interwoven relationships between individuals? Those relationships may start and center around ritual events and life cycle needs, but they become the glue that binds a community together. Each time we celebrate or comfort or pray together, we are building the connections between us and strengthening the community as a whole. Certainly, there are small micro-communities that form, families with similarly aged children, people who need to say kaddish at the same time, those who care about the same social cause. A well formed community weaves those subgroups into a common fabric.

At the quintessential event at Sinai where we coalesced from a wandering tribe into a People, we entered into a relationship with each other that bound us together through text, ritual and meaning. And fifty years ago, another group of wandering Jewish families became Beth Chaim, walking together on their own Jewish journeys, bound together through shared history and hope for the future.

As we begin a new secular year, one dedicated to the Jubilee Celebration of Congregation Beth Chaim, let us remember what binds us together. As we reflect on the past 50 years. Let us celebrate all that has come before and embrace all that lies ahead. Let us plan for the next 50 years by being intentional about all the ways that we weave together our community. Let us plan strategically in ways that reflect our values and manifest our vision. May we open wide our doors and welcome in those who seek to be a part of this sacred community. May we show appreciation and gratitude for all the ways that we each generously contribute our time, our talent and our resources to build this community together.

Mira Berzofsky
Executive Director

Kesher-Caring Task Force

When the days get longer, we feel better. No need to wait for mother nature – help a fellow congregant, and you will instantly feel better.



- Contact the temple office if you need a ride, a meal, shopping or some tech assistance in order to participate in on-line worship or programming.
- Volunteer to help others. Please contact Lori Watson (609-290-5867) or Hagit Sten (609-876-6809) or BCKesherCare@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Thank you.

Become a Beth Chaim Leader

The start of the new year (another one!) is a time for reflection and setting goals. If one of your goals is to get more involved or to give back to the community, I hope you'll consider offering your time and talents to Congregation Beth Chaim. We are always in need of congregants for leadership roles at the temple.

The pathway to leadership begins on our committees. Members of our various committees work on projects, solve problems, and share ideas. Our committee chairs learn how to set priorities and manage volunteers. These are important skills to have at the temple and beyond. Committee work is also a great steppingstone to a position on the board.

Each spring at Congregation Beth Chaim, our Nominating Committee convenes to select new board trustees and executive committee members. As outlined by our constitution, the Nominating Committee is chosen by the president, and it is comprised of congregants-at-large and a few board trustees. The trustees who are selected cannot be considered for another position on the board. The nominating committee interviews interested candidates and then chooses the new slate of board members, under the leadership of our immediate past president.

So what skills are needed on our Board of Directors? In my view, board members must be problem solvers who are open to new ideas and cooperation with each other. Board members need to put the temple first and be committed to making Beth Chaim a better place.

Everyone on our board comes to the table with a unique background, and that diversity helps us in our decision making. The responsibilities of a board member include voting on temple policies and having a fiduciary responsibility for the temple's financial well-being. Fortunately, our financial experts on the board are able to guide those board members with less expertise. The board meets monthly.

As our Nominating Committee will soon begin its work, I want to remind you that everyone in our community has something to contribute, and I know we have leaders who can step into new roles. I encourage you to join a committee and put your talents to work and consider applying for a board position once you have that volunteer experience under your belt. Our 50th anniversary year is a good reminder of how hard our current and past leaders have worked to get us to this point. It's time for the next generation of leaders to step up and take us into the next 50 years.

One final thought - I often hear from people that they are too busy. Yes, everyone is busy. Many of our volunteers work long hours and manage families and personal issues on top of that. But carving out just a little bit of time for a monthly meeting can also serve as a welcome break from those demands. And your contribution can lead to positive and lasting change at Congregation Beth Chaim. I invite you to come and make a difference.

Rhonda Wydra, President



PURIM: The Final Frontier

Financial Update

Happy 2022! I wish you and your family an incredibly happy and healthy secular new year.

In this edition of our *Beth Chaim Connection*, I want to provide an update on our financial position, as we approach the half-way point of our fiscal year, including initiatives we have undertaken to manage our finances, both income and expenses, and where we can use your assistance.

Last spring, not knowing the immediate and longer-term implications of the pandemic, the board and the congregation approved a very realistic, yet conservative budget for our fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021.

As always, the Board of Directors, Finance Committee and staff have been diligently working to maximize our revenue and control our expenses, without impacting services and programs for our congregational family and the community.

To begin, **membership is up!** We have over 500 member households. We have new families, primarily with school-aged children. Several past members have re-joined. We have implemented our new congregational integrated membership portal, *ShulCloud*, which has been extremely helpful in facilitating membership renewals. Eventually, we will each be able to update our own information on-line: add family members, view transactions, update Yahrzeits and more. Thank you to our Executive Director, Mira, for leading this process. If you have any questions about *ShulCloud*, please call Mira at the Temple office.

Our youth programs are also doing well this year. Pre-school, pre-school summer camp, and religious school have enjoyed increased enrollment from last year and are ahead of the current budget forecast. Huge kudos to our staff, Anne Berman-Waldorf, Robin Resnick, Darra Lipper and all our teachers.

Mira, in partnership with our rental sub-committee, has been proactive in increasing rental income from outside organizations. We are trying to maximize the use of our building when not typically used for membership activities. We have marketed our facility as a very viable option for community groups.

Speaking of facilities, since last summer, we have resurfaced part of the parking lot, which was long overdue, painted the sanctuary and social hall, and upgraded the security system with more enhancements on the way.

On the expense side, we have been holding the line where possible and developing long-range strategies to control costs as we continue to return to more in-person

activities. The Board of Directors has recently approved the installation of solar panels on our roof. This is in keeping with our Jewish value of Bal Tashchit, our responsibility to protect the environment, and reduce our annual energy operating costs, without any capital costs. We are projected to save approximately 50% of our electric cost for the next 15 years. The installation should be completed this spring.

Our fundraising has been robust to date. Fundraising represents 15% of our annual budget. It is a critical element in balancing our budget. We have been very blessed to have caring, generous members who have responded to our fundraising appeals to date. Thank you.... but we are only a little over half-way to our goal.

Our 50th anniversary celebration fundraiser is planned for May 14, please mark your calendars and watch for more info. We will have a 50th anniversary tribute book, sponsorships, live auctions and great entertainment featuring award winning musical Mentalist, Sidney Friedman.

You have seen that we focused our Giving Tuesday campaign as a special capital project to replace and upgrade our outdoor children's playground. Our plans are to renovate and replace the over 20-year-old equipment with new, safety-compliant playsets that will benefit the physical, emotional, and social development of the children of the Beth Chaim community, including our pre-school and religious school children. Your contribution will help cover the cost of the new equipment and construction. All contributions appreciated! There are naming opportunities available. Please see the Temple website or call the office for more information. Thank you to Board member, Dana Boyle, for leading this important project.

As we look ahead, I want to highlight two efforts we are focusing on to keep our congregation fiscally strong for the long-term. First, please consider making a 3-year fundraising commitment which helps our finance committee do multi-year budget planning. Second, consider becoming a LIFE & LEGACY PROMISOR by including a promise to Beth Chaim in your estate planning. If you would like more info about these two initiatives, please contact Don Leibowitz or Karen Brodsky.

If have any questions about the info in this article, please contact me at 215-694-8400.

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Drew Staffenberg
Vice President-Kesef

50th Anniversary Celebration

50 years have passed since Congregation Beth Chaim was founded. It is with great pleasure, pride, and enthusiasm that Ronnie Staffenberg and I share the vision of our celebratory year.

Our overall theme is: "HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE PRESENT, AND IMAGINING THE FUTURE." All sectors of our community will have the opportunity to participate in activities, learning opportunities, and events throughout the year.

The schedule below is a draft of activities, learning opportunities, and events that will take place throughout the year. We are planning activities that are "fun raising" as well as fundraising. We want to ensure that Congregation Beth Chaim will be present 50 years from now, so your help in this area is vital. We hope that you join as many of these offerings as your time and means permit!

Special Shabbat Services: On the following Friday nights, we will be honoring and holding reunions for any congregant who joined Beth Chaim in each decade. All are welcome to participate in services (parts can be assigned to those on Zoom as well as those in person). There will also be time provided for current and former congregants to reconnect. Please contact us at cbc50@bethchaim.com if you wish to participate with a specific honor.

We kicked off the series with a lovely service on 12/10/21 for Past Presidents. The following are Shabbatot celebrating those who joined each decade.

1/7/22	1970s
2/11/22	1980s
3/11/22	1990s
4/8/22	2000s
5/13/22	2010s
6/10/22	Anyone who has had a lifecycle event performed by our clergy

Honoring Cantor Binder, Joe and Sandy Pucciatti, and celebrating the Beth Chaim Choir. Cantor, Joe and Sandy have been with CBC for 31+ and 41+ years, but we missed celebrating their milestones due to the pandemic. Currently, we are planning Music, Merriment and Mazel to celebrate all their accomplishments. (Date to be determined.) The celebration will include music, an Italian pasta dinner, and a few surprises.

Anne Berman-Waldorf has been with Congregation Beth Chaim for 21+ years. As Anne is our Director of Lifelong Education, we are honoring her with a Scholar-in-Residence weekend filled with Friday night services, a workshop on Saturday, and a program for Religious School students on Sunday.

3/11/22 – 3/13/22 - Scholar-in-Residence, Hanoch Piven, world-renowned artist and author.

The "Gala" is our major fundraising event. 5/14/22 - Co-chairs Robin Valentine and Lisa Jasper welcome you to enjoy this special evening with Mentalist Sidney Friedman as the headline entertainment. Included will be hors d'oeuvres and dessert (depending on the ability to eat in the building at that time), an ad journal, a live auction, and a 50/50 raffle. We hope all will attend this amazing program and show your support for Congregation Beth Chaim. .

Congregation-wide picnic at JCC camp with BBQ lunch.

4/10/22 – Congregational picnic at JCC camp. There will be activities for every age group! And of course, food. A Chair of this event is Jeff Goldis.

Jewish Movie Night – Our chairpersons for the "past", Barbara Gilbert and Linda Feldstein, will host a movie night, which will only cost \$19.71 (celebrating the year in which CBC was founded). Join us in the sanctuary for an entertaining evening. Premiering June 2022.

PLEASE NOTE:

The above activities are subject to change, especially due to the on-going pandemic. We look forward to sharing the 50th celebration with our Beth Chaim Family. Please watch the weekly email for events and the 50th anniversary committee meetings.

Commemorative Artwork - A 50th anniversary piece of art has been commissioned by an award-winning artist/calligrapher. The original commissioned piece has been donated by a generous donor and one copy will be hung in the temple building. Artist-signed prints of the piece (some framed, some unframed) will be available for purchase by advance order.

The following words express our thoughts about our Congregation Beth Chaim family: "It shall be a jubilee for you: each of you shall return to your holding and each of you shall return to your family." (Lev 25:10a)

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50th Anniversary (con't)

Please join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary and plan for Congregation Beth Chaim family for the next 50 years.

None of these events happen without dozens of people planning and working behind the scenes. If you are interested in helping to make any of these events happen, contact us at cbc50@bethchaim.org. PLEASE step up, volunteer, and help us make this a jubilee year to remember. Thank you in advance for your support.

Camille Bloomberg and Ronnie Staffenberg



Sunday, January 23
1:00-4:00pm

Join Sisterhood and Tikkun Olam for this annual crafting event where we make hats, gloves and scarves to keep our community warm! Needles, yarn and patterns provided.

Simchas (Joyous Occasions)

*Mazal tov to Susan & Steve Bizenov
on the engagement of their son David
to Silvie Cohen.*



*Mazal tov to Amy Romanoff on
the birth of her son, Jacob Oliver
on November 11.*

*Mazal tov to our recent B'nei Mitzvah
and their families: Landon Lewis,
Jackson Balling, and Daryn Wolk.*



Sisterhood

sisterhood@bethchaim.org

Sisterhood Update

Happy secular New Year! I hope 2022 brings us all health, peace and much joy. While this is not a leap year according to our Gregorian solar calendar (February will only have 28 days), it is a leap year according to our Jewish lunar calendar. This year, we get an extra month, Adar II, allowing the calendar to readjust so we don't have another Rosh Hashanah near Labor Day and another Hanukkah near Thanksgiving, until the months creep up again.

Sisterhood too, is leaping this year, with fresh ideas for new programs, as well as bringing back some favorites. We enjoyed Ladino music and stories of Sephardic women with our brunch speaker Sarah Aroeste. We followed up with the first of our book clubs this year, which focuses on the Past, Present and Future of Jewish women. Our "Past" book this fall was *The People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. The story follows a precious Haggadah back through time as the heroine wonders about its history and origins. It was a fabulous read and fun to discuss together. I hope you will join us for our "Present" book club this winter and our "Future" book club this spring. Keep an eye open for book titles and dates.

We continue to be a crafty bunch, as we enjoyed a DIY event making whimsical winter scenes full of light just in time for Hanukkah, and once again we will host "Knitting for a Cause" together with Tikkun Olam on January 23. Look for more crafting events to be announced.

As our extra month of Adar II approaches in March, keep an eye out for Sisterhood's Purim fundraiser. Once again, we plan to help our community and spread the joy of Purim.

Until then, stay well and stay involved! It's not often we get an extra month, so enjoy the found time!

Mindy Lipman
Sisterhood President

Tikkun Olam

Mitzvot Helping the Poor, Feeding the Hungry and more

Our committee's ongoing social justice 'Healing the World' programs are in full swing as our mitzvot honor several worthy causes around our community, focused on helping the poor and feeding the hungry. Ongoing and upcoming programs are highlighted below.

- **Monthly HomeFront dinners** for students tutored at Lawrence Community Center: provide dinner one Wed. per month for approx 20-30 students and adults. Detailed online sign-up is available at least a week in advance and shared by email. Contact Holly Singer singereland@gmail.com
- **Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) drives:**
 - **Thanksgiving and LIGHTS** (November): huge success for both, many thanks to everyone who participated in either or both holiday drives.
 - **Passover 2022:** collection of Kosher items in March; stay tuned for flyers and online sign-up. Contact Fran Lichtenstein: franlich22@gmail.com
- **Chai Tea & Knitting for a Cause:**
Sunday, January 23: Participation details via flyer and email with online sign-up. Contact Helene Molter: helene.molter@gmail.com
- **Diaper Drive Benefitting Womanspace:**
February 1-19 collection of diapers, wipes, ointments, bottles, nipples, formula. Leave supplies in Beth Chaim lobby bin, stay tuned for flyer and online sign-up. Contact Linda Feldstein: lfeldstein@comcast.net
- **L'dor V'dor:** spreading kindness from generation to generation; stay tuned for program updates focused on younger generations helping older generations.
- **Refugee assistance:**
Contact Betsy le betsyiecgrrs@gmail.com

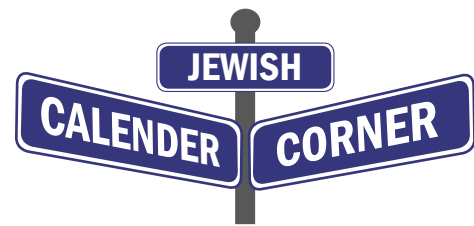
Upcoming Tikkun Olam Committee meetings:

Sundays, 11:00 am, all are welcome!

January 9, 2022
February 6, 2022
March 6, 2022
April 3, 2022
May 1, 2022
June 12, 2022

Committee co-chairs: Holly Singer and Becky Marks

Meeting minutes and more information:
bethchaim.org/tikkun-olam



Tu BiSh'vat



Tu BiSh'vat means the "15th of Shevat," which is Judaism's Arbor Day. This holiday celebrates the birthday of the trees so you do not have to remember on what day you planted each tree. This holiday typically falls in January and February, which is winter for us here in New Jersey, but in Israel it marks the beginning of spring. This year Tu BiSh'vat falls on January 17.

Purim Katan

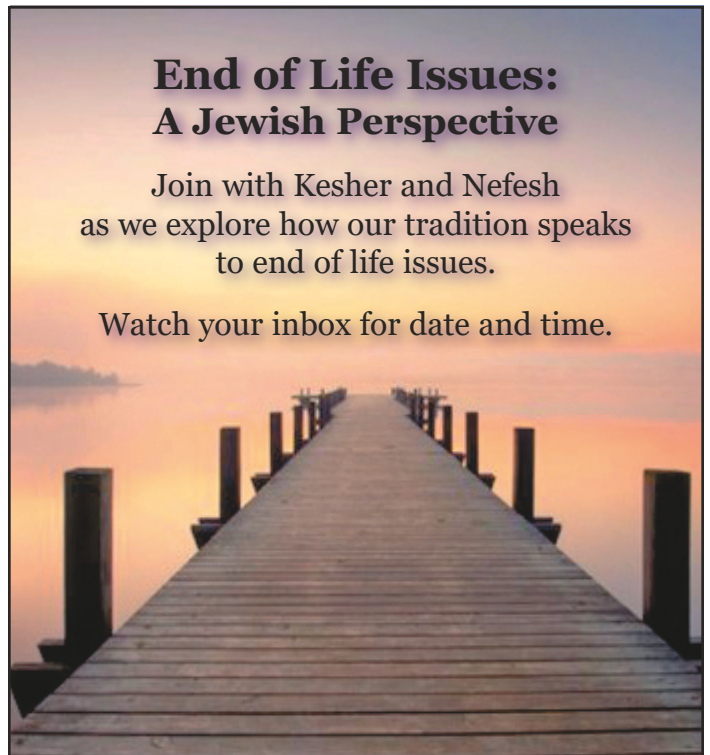
Purim Katan means "little [holiday of] lots," and it only falls in a leap year when there are two months of Adar (I and II). This holiday is a taste of the main Purim event that occurs the following month. It helps to increase the excitement and anticipation of this joyful festival. This year Purim Katan will be on February 15.



End of Life Issues: A Jewish Perspective

Join with Keshet and Nefesh
as we explore how our tradition speaks
to end of life issues.

Watch your inbox for date and time.





"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Interfaith Celebration and Service**
Sponsored by the Windsor-Hightstown Area Ministerium

Sunday, January 16 at 7:00 pm
in-person and livestreamed
Mount Olivet Baptist Church
21 Rev William L. Powell Dr., Hightstown, NJ 08520

All Are Welcome!



**Shabbat Family Time
Third Grade Families**
Friday, January 7, 2022
6:45pm

Join us at 6:45pm for some Shabbat learning and laughing; stay for services at 7:30pm to show what we create with the congregation.



Friday, January 21, 2022
Friday, February 11, 2022
6:00pm

Join us in the Sanctuary as we welcome Shabbat with songs, stories, singing and dancing!



**Shabbat Family Time
Fourth Grade Families**
Friday, February 4, 2022
6:45pm

Join us at 6:45pm for some Shabbat learning and laughing; stay for services at 7:30pm to show what we create with the congregation.



**Interfaith Family Shabbat:
Celebrating All Those Who
Create Jewish Homes**
Friday, February 25, 2022
7:30pm

Please join us as we honor those who embrace Torah and Jewish living.

Mazel Tov to Our Upcoming BMitzvah

Landon Lewis



Parents:
Dr. Aly Cohen and
Dr. Stephen Lewis
Sibling: Asher
Being Jewish is my
identity. My ances-
tors were Jewish,
and I have lived a
Jewish life. It is
important to me to be part of the story
of the Jewish people. Beth Chaim is a
place to learn and grow, where I made
friends in the gaga pit.

BMitzvah: January 22, 2022

Jackson Alexander Balling

Parents: Jill and Steve Balling

Sibling: Rebecca

Beth Chaim is special to me because it is
where I learned about the Jewish religion,
culture and traditions.

BMitzvah: February 12, 2022



Daryn Wolk

Parents: Jody and Eric Wolk

Sibling: Harrison

Beth Chaim is special to me because there is
a strong sense of community. I've learned so
much over the past few years about traditions,
Judaism, and the Torah.

BMitzvah: February 26, 2022



2024 BMitzvah Family Program Saturday, January 8 at 10:30am



Join us in the Sanctuary for a morning focus-
ing on what it means to become BMitzvah.
Join Rabbi Blum, Cantor Binder and Anne
Berman-Waldorf for a morning devoted to
the why's and how's of this ritual. The 2024
families will receive their BMitzvah dates at
this meeting.



**Religious School
CLOSED**

**Sunday,
January 2, 2022**

**Sunday,
January 16, 2022**

**Sunday,
February 20, 2022**

BMitzvah Family Class – Group 2 Saturday mornings

9-10:15am/noon

(followed by Shabbat service, when scheduled)


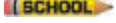



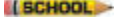


BEGINS on February 26

(continues 3/5, 12, 19 and 26; 4/2)

Families should join us in the LIBRARY at 9am.
Please bring a 3-ring binder and a pencil each week.











JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day • 8:45am Torah Study
2	3 • 1:00pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg	4 • 7:30pm Intro to Judaism • 8:00pm Membership Committee	5  • 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th • 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th	6	7 • 6:00pm Shabbat Family-Time (3rd grade) • 7:30pm Rock Shabbat Service – Celebration of those who joined in the 70s and those with birthdays and anniversaries in January	8 • 8:45am Torah Study • 10:30am 2024 BMITzvah Family Program
9 	10 • 1:00pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg	11 • 7:30pm Intro to Judaism • 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal • 7:30pm Executive Committee	12  • 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th • 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th • 7:00pm Security Committee	13 • 7:00pm IAC 4th Quarter • 8:00pm Reimagining Education Task Force	14 • 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 • 8:45am Torah Study
16	17 Building Closed MLK Day 	18 • 7:00pm Finance Committee • 7:30pm Intro to Judaism • 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	19  • 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th • 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th • 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	20 • 7:30pm RJTF and Sisterhood: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family in Early America	21 • 6:00pm Tot Shabbat • 7:30pm Shabbat Service	22 • 8:45am Torah Study • 10:30am BMITzvah: Landon Lewis
23 	24 • 1:00pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg	25 • 7:30pm Intro to Judaism • 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	26  • 4:30pm Tikkun Olam - Homefront Dinners • 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th • 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th	27 • 11:00am Nosh and Knowledge	28 • 7:30pm Shabbat Service	29 • 8:45am Torah Study
30 	31 • 1:00pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg					

Please check our Temple website's calendar (www.bethchaim.org) for the latest service times, meeting schedules, events, classes, etc.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm Membership Committee 	2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th 	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm Shabbat Family-Time (4th grade) 7:30pm Rock Shabbat Service - Celebration of February birthdays and anniversaries 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study
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20  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Religious School 9:30am Heart, Mind and Soul: Wisdom and History of the Jewish Holidays 10:30am Board Meeting 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Closed Presidents' Day 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 	23  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Tikkun Olam - Homefront Dinners 4:30pm Zoom School: 4th - 6th 6:30pm Religious School: 7th - 10th 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am Nosh and Knowledge 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Shabbat Service 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45am Torah Study 9:00am BMitzvah Family Class - Grp 2 10:30am BMitzvah: Daryn Wolk
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Congregation Beth Chaim is committed to becoming an explicitly antiracist organization, treating every day as an opportunity to live our values on racial justice through reflection, education, and action.



Our Racial Justice Task Force is working to foster deeper understanding around the issues of race and racial equity through a Jewish lens. Join us.

Contact our chairs, Lori Watson and Jon Rochkind, for more details.

Please go to bethchaim.org/racialjustice for more information, resources and recipes.

**“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Affordable Housing in a Just World: Basics and Beyond



Sunday, January 9, 2022, 5:30-7:00 PM

How can you support affordable housing in your community?
Our speakers will give you the basics & share ideas on how you can help.

Learn about

- types of low & moderate income housing
- process of creating affordable housing
- who's involved & what they do
- advantages of affordable housing for a community

Speakers:

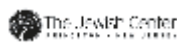
Diane Ciccone, Attorney, former West Windsor councilperson, filmmaker
Mitchell Newman, Senior VP, Lennar, home builders
Alice Small, President, Princeton Community Housing Development Corp.

Moderator:

Hon. Peter Buchsbaum, retired Superior Court Judge & court-appointed master to implement affordable housing settlements

This free program is open to all. To register for Zoom link or more information, email linda.openheim@gmail.com

Sponsored by Congregation Beth Chaim (Princeton Jct.), Har Sinai Temple (Pennington), The Jewish Center (Princeton)



The Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family in Early America

Laura Arnold Leibman, Ph.D., from Reed College presents the fascinating story of Sarah Brandon Rodriguez and her journey from being an enslaved person in Barbados to entering New York's Jewish elite.



Laura Arnold Leibman, Ph.D.
Author of *Once We Were Slaves*.



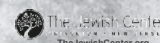
Sarah Brandon Rodriguez



The Nidhe Israel Synagogue and Museum in Barbados

- Thursday, January 20, 2022
- 7:30pm via Zoom
- To register email bethchaimrj@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Congregation Beth Chaim Racial Justice Task Force and Sisterhood, The Jewish Center of Princeton, Flemington Jewish Community Center, and the Ernestine Urken Social Action Committee of Adath Israel Congregation.





PURIM
Rehearsals begin
Sunday, February 6, 2022
at 1200 hours

BCTY Time

All 7th – 12th graders are invited to join Sara Abelson (our Youth Engagement Coordinator) and Carly Tomfohrde (BCTY President) for an hour of snacks, games and conversations on Sunday afternoons, 1-2pm at Beth Chaim on...

- January 9, 2022
- January 23, 2022
- February 6, 2022
- February 27, 2022



Swimming in a Sea of Talmud

A Sunday morning Adult Education class

January 9	Returning Lost Property
January 23	Shabbat
January 30	Shabbat
February 6	Employer-Employee Relations
February 13	Tzedakah
February 27	Honesty in Business

All classes are in person and on Zoom, from 9:30-10:30am



Great Jewish Debates

An Hour of Study and Conversation

11:00am, In Person AND on Zoom.

Thursday, January 27

Is Extremism Ever Justified?

Thursday, February 24

The Limits of Interpreting the Law

Join Rabbi Adena Blum, Cantor Stuart Binder and Anne Berman-Waldorf, RJE, for an hour of "Great Jewish Debates." Each month, we will examine a different discussion in history and apply it to life today.



Beth Chaim will be hosting a Diaper Drive benefitting Womanspace, a shelter for battered women and children.

They will be collecting the following baby supplies –

- Diapers
- Bottles
- Wipes
- Nipples
- Ointments
- Formula

A cause you can really get behind.



Donations can be left in the temple lobby bin from
FEBRUARY 1 to 19.

****Pre-school families can leave their donations in the rotunda at drop off/pick up. ****

For any questions, please contact: Linda Feldstein lfeldstein@comcast.net

50th Anniversary Congregational Picnic

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, April 10, 2022

Celebrate Beth Chaim's 50th Anniversary with a day at the JCC Camp!

It's a typical Sunday...just outside! Join us for....

- Adult Education under the trees
- Religious School in the field
- Sing-a-long with Cantor Binder
- Athletic Competitions - with prizes!
- Arts and Crafts - for All
- Contribute Memories to the Beth Chaim Time Capsule



All ages are invited to join us as we celebrate the best of Beth Chaim with learning, laughing, playing - and lunch!

Mark your calendar for a terrific day filled with the joys of Jewish learning and living and watch your inbox for details.

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Todah Rabbah

With deep appreciation to those who have contributed
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**For more information contact:
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The Board and Trustees of Congregation Beth Chaim wish to extend their sincerest condolences to the families of the following individuals upon their passing:

Peter Reich, husband of Patricia Reich
Jerry Sherman, brother-in-law of Adria Sherman
Marilyn Epstein, mother of Lee Epstein
Terry Perkins, cousin of Ellen Chajson
Dr. Cliff Gordon, father of Shara Hofing
Gerald Gittleman, uncle of Helene Molter
Joseph Alcalai, father of Rona Millinger
Rachel Pucciatti, daughter of Sandra and Joseph Pucciatti
Our long-time member, Betty Raam
Evelyn Kamen, mother-in-law of Dr. Ruth Kamen and grandmother of Libby Kamen

BCTY Fund

In memory of Evelyn Kamen
 Karen Brodsky & Don Leibowitz

Building Fund

Mazel Tov to the Boyarsky Family on Ben's becoming BMitzvah
 Karen Brodsky & Don Leibowitz

Camp Harlam Scholarship Fund

In memory of Ed Bershad
 Arlene & Stan Dorfman

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Zahava Brielle's naming
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In memory of my father, Seymour Wexler
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Caring/ Keshet Committee Fund

In celebration of the engagement of our son, David to Silvie Cohen
 Susan & Steve Bizenov
In honor of Lori Watson, for her exceptional caring and friendship
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In memory of my father, Irving Stanley
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In honor of Mason Blayne becoming BMitzvah
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 Andi & Joe Silien
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In honor of my grandson Mark becoming BMitzvah
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In honor of Len Greenberg blowing the shofar on Yom Kippur
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In memory of Donald Miller
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In memory of Mel Keltz
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Landscaping Fund

In honor of Michael Mulrone being made President of On Location Inc.
 Elana Berlinger

Religious School Fund

Mazel Tov to my grandson, Mason Blayne, on becoming BMitzvah
 Love Bubbie

Senior Rabbi Discretionary Fund

In honor of the High Holy Day Zoom Services

Sherrie & John Adams

In honor of the High Holy Days

Lori Dolnick

In honor of our granddaughters, Ava Bloom and Delaney Bloom, becoming BMitzvah

Jackie & Allen Bloom

Thank you for a wonderful baby naming ceremony for our granddaughter, Lylah Brooke Fox, who now has her Hebrew name, Lylah Mayim!

Karen Brodsky & Don Leibowitz

Thank you, Rabbi Blum, for being our strength during the High Holy Days and throughout the year with your optimistic leadership

Joan & Richard Druckman

In honor of our reading during the Yom Kippur service

Joan & Richard Druckman

In honor of Beverly Weiss' grandsons, Eric and Jon, becoming BMitzvah

Joni & Ken Freedman

Thank you, Rabbi Blum, for officiating at Art Horowitz's funeral and unveiling

Lora Horowitz

Edward Horowitz

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