



# HaRuach

## Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County

*The SPIRIT of Beth Israel Congregation - Chester County, PA*  
**DECEMBER 2018** **CHESHVAN - 5779 - KISLEV**



- 12/2 12:30 Chanukah Party  
 12/7 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim  
       7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service  
 12/8 9:30 AM Life Long Learning  
 12/11 7:30 PM Board Meeting  
 12/13 7:00 PM Interfaith Action Event  
 12/20 7:00 PM Religious School Committee  
       Meeting  
 12/21 6:30 PM Community Shabbat Dinner

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## *From Rabbi Cutler's desk*

At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, the Great War ended. At 5 a.m. that day, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compi  gne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.



It has been called "The Great War" and "The War to end All Wars". We know it as World War I. It began in 1914 and ended with an armistice at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918. The cost included 52,947 dead and 202,628 wounded Americans.

Nevertheless, the war-weary Allied armies enthusiastically welcomed the fresh American troops. In 1918, the Yanks won a small but important victory at Cantigny, stopped the German attack toward Paris at Belleau Wood and along the Marne, played the major role in turning the tide of the war at Soissons, eliminated the German salient at St Mihiel that had existed for four years, smashed the Hindenburg Line at Blanc Mont and again in the Meuse-Argonne, driving the Germans back across the Meuse River to the north and east by the time the Armistice was signed. The inexperienced and hastily trained Americans took severe casualties but were ultimately victorious in every major battle they fought.

This month we mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of World War I. Why should we remember?

Why should we stop and think about those events that happened so long ago? By the end of the First World War, there were very few people in the countries that took part who remained unaffected. The war reached out and touched almost everyone's life in some way or other. Children grew up in the shadow of battle, their fathers absent or lost. Women became directly involved, picking up the pieces of industry and agriculture as the men went off to fight. By 1918, they, too, could join the army and serve their country. Men enlisted, or were called up, in the millions, being sent to fight in places that many had never heard of before. It was a global struggle. Life changed forever. Nothing was ever the same again.

In the opening moves of the war, both in the West and the East, the nature of modern warfare soon became clear. Armies were numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Modern weapons rapidly caused heavy casualties and laid waste to whole communities. Soldiers went to ground, digging trenches and dugouts that soon began to feel almost permanent. Aircraft developed quickly, taking death and destruction into the sky. New ways of fighting made better and more effective use of huge quantities of shells and bullets manufactured on a scale never before seen.

The power unleashed by modern war resulted in previously unimagined losses. Over 9 million soldiers died as a result of the fighting. Food shortages, sometimes deliberately inflicted by blockade and sometimes resulting from failed harvests, weakened the people who remained on the home fronts. Nearly 6 million civilians died from disease or starvation. Almost 1 million more were killed as a direct result of military operations. In all, the estimate of dead resulting from the war stands at over 16 million.

And then there were the wounded. More than 21 million. Some recovered. Others were never the same again, either in body or in mind. It was not just people who died. The old-world order was also irreparably damaged. Both the Austro-Hungarian and Turkish empires were destroyed. From their ashes a host of new countries emerged, in Europe and the Middle East. Russia was wracked by revolution and became the world's first Communist state. Monarchies fell. A new world order emerged, with the United States developing a League of Nations that they then opted not to join. The consequences of many of these political changes can be heard today reverberating around the world, nearly a century later.

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World War I laid the foundation for World War II and the extermination of 6 million Jews and 5 million other people during the Holocaust. It created artificial national boundaries which a 100 years later people are still fighting over, especially in the Middle East and Europe. It eventually led to the establishment of the State of Israel with the Balfour Declaration in 1917, promising the Jewish people a homeland if Great Britain won the war.

The First World War had a profound impact on world Jewry. This was due to the existence of a large concentration of Jews within one of the principal arenas, the enlistment of unprecedented numbers of Jews to the armies of the belligerent nations and the success of Jewish leaders in influencing the political policies of the major powers. Furthermore, increasing tensions during the war years deepened the hostile attitudes towards the Jews, particularly in Germany and in Eastern Europe.

The war on the eastern front between Russia and the Central Powers (Germany and Austria) was conducted in territories that were home to almost four million Jews. In the autumn of 1914 and the winter of 1915, Russian forces occupied Austrian Galicia, and in the spring and summer of 1915, Germany and Austria conquered Poland, Lithuania, and western Belorussia. Under Russian rule, the Jews were suspected of collaboration with the enemy, and 600,000 of them were banished from the front by the czarist army, a traumatic experience and an economic catastrophe that was still felt long after the war. To aid their displaced and impoverished brethren, Jews around the world established welfare organizations on a scale previously unknown.

At the outbreak of the war, the Jews, eager to demonstrate their loyalty to their respective countries, rallied to the war effort. Initially the Jews in Russia were no exception, but when the policy of deportation was implemented, many Jews began to pray for the victory of the Central Powers. Nevertheless, about half a million Jews donned Russian uniforms. On the opposite side, almost 100,000 Jews were serving in the German army. Yet despite this massive enlistment, accusations of evasion and of profiteering were brought against the Jews in both countries, and official investigations were instigated. Although the conclusions of these inquiries were never published, the statistics indicate that the percentage of Jewish losses was in no way smaller than that of the non-Jewish population. Suspicions concerning their loyalty were even voiced in England and the United States, since the Jews did not hide their hostility toward the oppressive Russian autocracy, the ally of the two powers; and indeed, there were those among the recently arrived immigrants from Russia who refused to enlist. In both countries, Jews of German origin were required to sign humiliating public declarations of loyalty.

By the end of the war the majority of Jews found themselves confronting hatred and trouble. In Germany, the Jews were identified with the republican regime imposed on the country by the victors. Vanquished and humiliated, many Germans consoled themselves with the "stab in the back" myth, counting the Jews among the chief traitors. As the perennial scapegoat, the Jews were also blamed by many for the Bolshevik *coup d'état* of October 1917; approximately 100,000 Jews were killed in the anti-Bolshevik campaigns conducted by Ukrainians, Poles, and Russians.

The war's great upheavals changed the demographic map of the Jewish people. During the war, intercontinental migration dwindled, but there were large movements of refugees within Europe. Once the war was over, hundreds of thousands of Jews began leaving Europe again.

Sometimes the First World War feels like distant history. The jumpy black and white films, the unfamiliar clothes and the horses pulling wagons, all look like something from a world long forgotten. Yet the last soldiers who fought in the war have only recently died.

If we want to understand today, we need to know and remember what happened yesterday.

*Kol tav, Rabbi Jon*



Wishing everyone a  
very well digested Thanksgiving  
an early Happy Hanukkah  
and Happy New Year!



Hoping all your holiday celebrations bring you  
much happiness, health, joy and love! *Halle*

# Beth Israel Trustees

The Trustees have approved a new fee schedule effective January 1, 2019 for items under our purview:

Cemetery Plot Member price	\$ 750 (increase \$100)
Cemetery Plot Non-Member price	\$3,500 (increase \$500)
Tree of Life Leaf	\$ 126 (no change)
Tree of Life Boulder/Rock	\$1,000 (decrease \$2,000 - <i>WHAT A DEAL!</i> )
Yahrtzeit Plaque	\$ 306 (no change)

Members can purchase cemetery plots at any time and the price includes perpetual care. However, once purchased the plots are not transferrable nor can the Trustees “buy back” plots if circumstances change.

The extraordinarily low member cost for cemetery plots including perpetual care is a benefit of your Beth Israel membership. Beth Israel is unique in being able to offer this benefit to its members. The cost for a cemetery plot at a private Jewish cemetery is about 500% more than the member price at Beth Israel Cemetery. Please contact the Beth Israel office if you are interested.

We are still seeking members to serve with us on the Cemetery Committee. Interested volunteers can help us organize maintenance, contribute improvement ideas and learn how to mark graves for the excavators. The time commitment is as much or as little that you'd like to provide - there is something for everyone! The Cemetery Fund is available for maintenance and improvements at the cemetery. If you'd like to help, please contact Cemetery Chair Jeff Pickholtz at [jpickholtz@gmail.com](mailto:jpickholtz@gmail.com).

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Don Suss*

*Jeff Pickholtz*

*Ed Margolis*



# Preschool & Kindergarten News

by *Adrienne Liebman*



As part of our ongoing desire to help children learn to help others we have been participating in many different things this year. We were able to purchase 56 birthday boxes from the *Together We Rise* organization. On November 28<sup>th</sup> we assembled the contents of the boxes as well as decorated them. This organization supports children in foster care.

We helped to decorate the giant box that was used for donations as part of the Interfaith Action Committee.

Our fantastic fives class brings in tzedakah each Friday as part of their Shabbat celebration. They voted to use the money collected to buy food to bring to the Chester County Food Bank. They were able to feed a family a Thanksgiving meal.

In January, we will be doing a collection drive as well as sorting event for **Cradles to Crayons**. Did you know that there are 300,000 children in the Greater Philadelphia area that live in poverty?. We will be doing a collection from Jan. 4-27<sup>th</sup> at Beth Israel. This is a Synagogue effort and event. We can't do it without your help. We will be looking for the following items which can be gently used ( no stains, no missing buttons, etc.) or new clothing:

We can use your help with the collection as well as the sorting event on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information to come! If you have questions, you can reach me at 610-458-4300 or [biccpreschool@verizon.net](mailto:biccpreschool@verizon.net). Thank you so much for joining in the effort.

Our next endeavor that we will work on to support will be Simon's Heart.

## Clothing:

Boys Winter Tops- 11/12

Boys Jeans 4T,5/6,7/8,9/10,11/12 & 14/16

Girls Winter tops 2T & 11/12

Infant Girls Winter tops- 0-6 months, 18-24 months

Gender neutral baby winter clothing 0-6 months

Brand new socks, Underwear and PJ's- 2T to 14/16

Gently Used or new Infant PJ's 18-24 months

Brand new infant socks 0-24 months

## Hats & Gloves

Boys 8-12 years (Youth size large or Adult Small)

Girls 8-12 years (Youth size large or Adult Small)

Boys 5-7 years (Youth size medium)

## Coats-Sizes

Boys 0-6 months

Gender Neutral: 0-6 months

Girls: size 0-6 months

Boys: size 6-12 months

Boys: size 9/10

Boys: size 11/12

## Nursery Items:

Receiving blankets

Baby carriers

Diaper bags

Changing pads

Towels

Lotion

Burp cloths

Diapers-Sizes Newborn to 6

Crib sheets and blankets

Baby safety items

Pacifiers

Utensils

Bath Tubs

# HAPPY HANUKKAH

## Religious School Chai-lights

by Joanie Sharp

### Eight Ideas for Enhancing Hanukkah for the Family

1. Hanukkiah - The nine-branched candelabra for Hanukkah has eight candle holders to commemorate the eight days of Hanukkah and a separate one for the Shamash candle that lights each of the other candles.
  - ✧ Provide a hanukkiah for each person to light-- guests may bring their own!
  - ✧ Make your own oil-burning hanukkiah with small glass jars or glasses.
2. Hanukkah lights - Store Hanukkah candles in the freezer. They will burn much longer if frozen!
  - ✧ Make your own candles by wrapping beeswax sheets around wicks. These are available in many local craft stores.
  - ✧ Let even the youngest children choose the candles to place in the hanukkiah.
  - ✧ Try using olive oil from Israel to light an oil hanukkiah.
3. Hachnassat Orchim (Welcoming Guests)  
Invite friends and family to share Hanukkah with you. Think about inviting people for candle blessings, Hanukkah fun, and a light snack.
  - ✧ Each person in the family can be assigned a night or several nights for special friends to visit.
  - ✧ Make the Shabbat of Hanukkah a special time for guests to be with you for a meal.
4. Hanukkah Food - Many traditional holiday foods are fried in oil as a reminder of the miracle of holy oil in the Temple lasting for eight days when there was only enough for one day.
  - ✧ Celebrate Hanukkah with foods from different Jewish communities. Prepare Hanukkah recipes from Persian, Moroccan, Israeli, Eastern European and modern traditions.
  - ✧ Create latkes from a variety of vegetables: potato, zucchini, beets, parsnips, mushrooms, spinach, etc.
  - ✧ Make your own sufganiyot (jelly filled doughnuts). Use Israeli jam or chocolate spread for fillings!
5. Olive Oil - Pure olive oil was used to light the Ner Tamid (Eternal Flame) in the ancient Temple at the time of the Maccabees and was used for all lights until candles were introduced.
  - ✧ Conduct an olive oil tasting. Include at least 3 different varieties of olive oil (try to find at least one from Israel) and decide which is best with a plain piece of pita bread and which is best mixed with hummus or other foods.
  - ✧ Test the physical quality of different olive oils. Are some more difficult to ignite? Does the same quantity of some oils burn longer? How does temperature affect the different olive oil? Check the color and clarity of different oils. Compare the cost of different olive oils.
6. Hanukkah Stories
  - ✧ Read a new or favorite Hanukkah book.
  - ✧ Make a Hanukkah Family Book. Make your own Hanukkah celebration book by collecting reminiscences of Hanukkah from grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Include pictures of the contributors and send each a copy.
7. Tzedakah - Share some traditional Hanukkah gelt (money) as a tzedakah donation.
8. Music - It is traditional to sing Hanukkah songs following the lighting of the hanukkiah.
  - ✧ Learn a new Hanukkah song for each night. Have Hanukkah song sheets available with words and music for traditional or new holiday melodies.
  - ✧ Play CDs of Hanukkah music in the car and at home during the Hebrew month of Kislev (Hanukkah starts on the evening of the 25th of Kislev/ December 2<sup>nd</sup>.), but especially as the candles are burning in the hanukkiah.
  - ✧ Write a new Hanukkah song to a favorite melody or create your own.

*I wish you all a Chag Sameach!*



## Upcoming Religious School/Synagogue Events:

- 12/2 Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 AM Pre-School Parent workshop  
 12:30 PM Beth Israel Chanukah luncheon & party
- 12/5 Wednesday One-Plus Wed. Chanukah sing-along
- 12/7 Friday 6:30 - 7:30 PM - Shabbat Yeladim-  
 7:30 - 8:30 PM Family Shabbat Service
- 12/16 Wednesday NO CLASSES - Winter Break
- 12/21 Friday 6:30 PM Community Shabbat Dinner
- 12/23 Sunday NO CLASSES - Winter Break
- 12/31 Sunday NO CLASSES - Winter Break

## Sisterhood Snippets

In November Sisterhood held its paid-up-membership party. Thanks to Deborah Kaplan for coordinating, and thanks to Ellen Tauber for hosting at her lovely home. Thanks also to Erin Orso and Cassandra Lam for publicity. On November 12, Z'havah held a Ladies Night Out at Epicurean Garage, Thanks to Olga Faden and Jody Reinbold for coordinating. In November Sisterhood book Group met at Roz Goldstein's home. Last month's book was Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor, by Yossi Klein Halevi. Thanks to Anne Suss and Roz Goldstein for their leadership all these many years! And thanks to Roz Cohen for her expertise in helping BI shine in the Oneg and Kiddush category!

### December Goings-On

Gift Shop Sales are happening. If you ever need some supplies for Chanukah or some lovely Judaica, please come to an announced sale. You will be pleasantly surprised, and that will help Sisterhood to support our synagogue needs. Call Michelle Harbold for special items you don't see in the cases. She can find some for you at reasonable prices. Sisterhood will be having our monthly meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Coming Attractions

We will have a Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> and are looking for volunteers to participate in the Shabbat service. Anyone interested, please contact Roz Goldstein.

Coming Attractions for the spring: Beth Israel 3-night Movie Mondays, Dates: May 13, 20, June 3, 7 pm Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood. Eat-at-your-seat, meet film makers, and discuss an array of interesting movies.



# To All BI Women Members: Giving and Doing.... Sisterhood Needs You!

*By Maxine Endy*

In one of the Torah Parashat we read this winter, the Israelites are instructed to donate all of their precious stones and materials to the building of the tabernacle. After they donate massive amounts, they are overflowing with donations! So they are asked to start working.

Earlier in the year, Sisterhood asked you to give to the High Holy Day Greetings, and you did most generously. Some of you gave for the Floral Fund in memory of your dear departed. And last year, you bought our Hamantashen, helping us to fund so many BI projects! And, of course you participated in our Sisterhood adult education offerings. And many of our women paid their \$36 to join Sisterhood (while all new BI members get one year free).

Some of that money goes to Women's League to support its causes, and the rest goes to fund the many projects we do for BICC like supply the paper goods, pay for the supplies for onegs and kiddush, give to the religious school fund so Andy Joseph can perform, give gifts to our staff, pay our yearly commitment to BICC, pay for floral arrangements, support the BI Programming. What more can we say except "a hearty thank you!" We appreciate all you give.



Really, Sisterhood isn't asking you to stop the giving but to remember, too, that when you are asked to come and help, you do a tremendous mitzvah. So start the next phase (just as the Israelites had to do). Moses told the people to start working. More than anything else, we need volunteers to help in many ways. Sisterhood does the Onegs throughout the year, and if you are asked, please say that you'll give us a bit of time to help at an Oneg. Please help in other ways too. Do you like to perform mitzvot? Visit the sick and bring some food of cheer? Call Jaimee Helbein and say you can be on her list for that or say YES when she puts out a call for folks to help.

Other ways? When asked, please say YES to work on a gift shop sale. In the Spring Sisterhood and Men's Club are sponsoring Monday Night Movies with film makers and when we ask, please say YES, you'll help pick out movies or work in other ways on the event. Want to volunteer to fill in on a job usually reserved for a president? Just let us know. Will you be the one to write the next Sisterhood article for HaRuach, make phone calls to ask people to help set up for a meeting? When we ask, please say YES.

In the last few years, through your participation in Sisterhood's projects, we helped BICC by giving our yearly commitment and paying for countless items to the tune of over \$8,500 every year. In addition, Sisterhood women gave countless hours to make our synagogue the best in the area. We need you now. It's time for all of us to get to work. You'll be surprised how fulfilling that can be.

## SISTERHOOD CLOTHING DRIVE



Sisterhood is collecting coats and sweaters this winter for the **Mitzvah Circle Foundation**, a volunteer organization that supports people through tragedy and crisis. Please bring in your needed winter donations to synagogue and place them in the wooden chest in the lobby.



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## THE BOOK OF PSALMS (TEHILLAH)

During the recent crisis in Pittsburgh, congregations of all faiths turned to Psalms for hope and comfort. Among those heard were:



### Psalm 121

*I turn my eyes to the mountains;  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from Adonai  
maker of heaven and earth...Adonai will guard your coming and going for now and forever.*

### Psalm 77

*I cry aloud to God, that he may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; my hand is stretched out in the night, and does not rest;*

Some of the most widely recognized phrases and sentences from the Bible come to us from the Book of Psalms, referred to in Hebrew as Tehillim. While the psalms are not found in the Torah, they are part of the Jewish bible; found in Ketuvim (writings). The 150 poems in the Book of Psalms represent a range of human voices: the sounds of lament, of thanksgiving, individuals extolling G-d or imploring G-d.

Many of the psalms are incorporated into our liturgy. An example of one which we read in our prayer books is the Hallel, Psalms 113-118 which is recited on various holidays. Other examples are individual psalms (Pesukei D'Zimra) that precede the daily morning service; the seven psalms from the Kabbalat Friday night service, and Psalm 34 which accompanies the Torah procession. Psalm 29 is sung when returning the Torah to the ark; Psalm 126 is recited before the grace after meals (Birkat Hamazon) on Shabbat and holidays, and Psalm 137 on ordinary days.

Individuals have turned to psalms for solace or inspiration. To express joy and wonder at the created world; for example,

### Psalm 8, which includes this observation:

*When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that You set in place  
what is man that you have been mindful of him,  
mortal man that you have taken note of him?*

To express despair at the social order, you might turn to Psalm 12: "Help, O LORD! / For the faithful are no more; the loyal have vanished from among men." Meanwhile, these lines from

### Psalm 102 speaks for many of us in moments of anguish about our health:

*O LORD, hear my prayer;  
let my cry come before You.  
Do not hide Your face from me  
in my time of trouble;  
turn Your ear to me;  
when I cry, answer me speedily.  
For my days have vanished like smoke  
and my bones are charred like a hearth.  
My body is stricken and withered like grass;  
too wasted to eat my food.*

The source of the psalms is not completely known. The rabbinic tradition credits King David as the author, but scholars today believe they are the works of multiple poets and were written after David's death by Temple priests and musicians. The psalms were originally set to music and sections of the psalms in the original Hebrew have been incorporated in contemporary musical works by various artists such as; Salamone Dei Rossi in Renaissance Venice, Leonard Bernstein ("Chichester Psalms") and Israeli composer Yehezkel Braun (1922-2014). There are upbeat contemporary versions of Psalm 96, "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth" and of course there is our choral version of Hallelujah which we sing on the holidays during the Torah procession.

*Ann Greenstein*

# MAZEL TOV

to our very own **Beth Israel Choir**  
 who has been chosen with the honor of performing at  
**The Kimmel Center Presents *Sing Hallelujah***  
**Jewish Music of the American Jewish Community**  
**Wednesday Feb 20, 2019 8:00 PM**

This season, SING HALLELUJAH celebrates the arrival of the Jewish people in America, and how our music was changed and enriched by the harmonies, rhythms, colors, and intense emotions of their new home. The program will include American-Jewish musical experiences for chorus, soloists, instrumental ensemble, and feature Cantor Azi Schwartz of New York's Park Avenue Synagogue as a special guest. The highlight of the show is sure to be the choral work, "To Bigotry No Sanction," a setting of a letter written from George Washington to a community of American Jews during his first term as a statement of our nation's commitment to religious tolerance. Audiences will also get to enjoy a Hebrew adaptation of "You'll Be Back," from Hamilton. Don't miss this incredible concert as we bring together the Jewish communities of Philadelphia.

This year's participants include:

Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
 Makhelat Beth Shalom  
 Congregation M'kor Shalom  
 Sharim V'Sharot: People of Song

Main Line Reform Temple  
 Cantors Assembly of the Delaware Valley  
 Old York Road Kehillah/Jewish Community  
 Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County

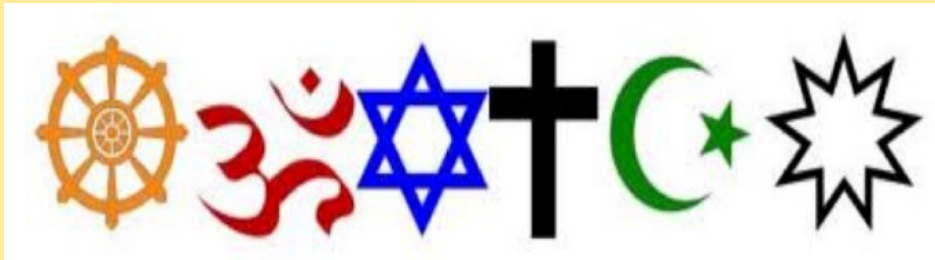
## **Beth Israel Choir, Robin Kerollis Napiecek, Music Conductor**

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Lynn Greenspan	Barb Hendel	Andrea Keller	Lieke Michelow
Jerry Napiecek	Alberto Perez	Judy Rosen	Hanya Simon
Theirry Steenberghs		Sophie Zebrowski	



Please support our choir with a donation to the Choir Fund





All of Beth Israel  
is welcome to this  
discussion series

*For All Faith Traditions:*  
The next in the Interfaith Action Community  
Discussion Series on **Sacred Text.**

Thursday, December 13 7:00 PM

Islamic Society of Chester County, 1001 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, PA

RSVP requested: <http://isccsacredtext.rsvpify.com>

Questions: [JBarnettfx42@gmail.com](mailto:JBarnettfx42@gmail.com)

Save these dates

January 18, Interfaith Unity Shabbat, Beth Israel

February 7, Buddhist Sacred Text and Practice, S. Matthews Lutheran Church

March 14, Hindu Sacred Text, Hari Om Mandir

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Saturday, April 27, 2019

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Kiddush Luncheon  
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# *Celebrate Hanukkah at Beth Israel*

## *Sunday, December 2 at 12:30pm*



**Crafts and Activities for Kids – Including a Talent Show!**  
*(Please sign up if your child is interested in participating)*

**Bring your Favorite Menorah to Light Together!**  
*(candles to be provided by Beth Israel Sisterhood)*

**Enjoy Delicious Pizza, Latkes, and Donuts!**  
*(latkes will be made by the Beth Israel Men's Club)*



**Join the fun! Just \$18 per family!**

Sign up for the talent show and RSVP at <https://goo.gl/UQDSng> or call the Beth Israel office at 610-458-8550

# December Celebrations



Zachary Levin	12/1	12th
Jeffrey Steen	12/1	
Harris Anderson	12/6	20th
Herman Behrend	12/6	
Neil Liebman	12/7	
Sarah Solomon	12/7	12th
Lena Zebrowski	12/11	8th
Joan Abrams	12/19	
Lawrence Goldstein	12/19	
Maxine Endy	12/22	
Elijah Myers	12/22	5th
Sondra Abrams	12/23	
Andrew Parker	12/27	
David Gold	12/28	
Rachel Kramer	12/28	
Amy Levin	12/28	
Jennnifer Brod	12/30	



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Robbie & Joan Sharp	12/16	34th
Jack & Sue Cazes	12/21	55th

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Last year at Chanukah Sarah's mother gave her two sweaters. Sarah thought it would be a nice gesture to wear one of the sweaters when visiting her mother this year for Chanukah. When Sarah arrived and took off her coat her mother asked, “So you didn’t like the green sweater?”

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# December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:30 AM Shabbat Services
2 9:00 AM Latke Making Men's Club 9:45 AM RS (K-Confirmation) 10:00-11:00 RS Pre-K Parent Workshop 11:30 AM Beginning Hebrew 12:30 PM Hanukkah Party	3 	4 9:00 AM BIP: Hanukkah Party 2-Day Classes  9:00 AM BIP: Parent Conferences  7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	5 9:00 AM BIP: Hanukkah Party—3,4,5  4:15 PM RS One+ 4:15 PM Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM Choir Practice	6 6:30 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	7 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim  7:30 PM RS: Family Shabbat Services  7:30 PM Shabbat Services	8 9:30 AM Shabbat Services And Life Long Learning  
9 9:45am RS (K-Confirmation)  11:30 AM Beginning Hebrew  11:30 AM Program Committee	10 9:00 AM BIP: Parent Conferences- Kindergarten	11 7:30 PM Board Meeting	12 9:00 AM BIP: Holiday Bazaar 4:15 PM RS: One + 4:15 PM Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM Choir Practice	13 7:00 PM An Interfaith Action Committee Event: Sacred Text-Islam	14 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	15 9:30 AM Shabbat Services
16 9:45 AM RS (K-Confirmation)  11:30 AM Beginning Hebrew	17 7:00 PM BIP: Daddy's Night - 3,4,5-Day Clas- ses	18	19 12:45 PM Interfaith Action Meeting 4:15 PM RS One + 4:15 PM Intermediate Hebrew 7:15 PM Choir Practice	20 7:00 PM RS Committee Meeting	21 9:00 AM Last day preschool Until 2019  6:30 PM Community Shabbat Dinner	22 9:30 AM Shabbat Services
23  30	24  	25	26	27	28 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	29 9:30 AM Shabbat Services

# January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			2 9:00 AM BIP 4:15 PM RS One + 7:15 PM Choir Practice	3 6:30 PM  Ritual Committee Meeting	4 7:30 PM Shabbat Services  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	5 9:30 AM Shabbat Services  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE
6 9:45 AM RS (K- Confirmation) 11:30 AM Programming Committee Mtg.	7 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	8 7:30 PM Board Meeting  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	9 9:30 AM BIP: PTO Meeting 4:15 PM RS One + 7:15 PM Choir Practice I	10   CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	11 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim  7:30 PM RS Family Shabbat Services	12 9:30 AM Life Long Learning  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE
13 9:45 AM RS (K- Confirmation) 10:00 am RS Pre-K Parent Workshop	14  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	15  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLEC- TION DRIVE	16 12:45 PM Inter-faith Action General Meeting 4:15 PM RS One + 7:15 PM Choir Practice	17 7:00 PM RS Committee Meeting  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	18 7:00 PM Interfaith Unity Shabbat Services 	19 9:30 AM Sisterhood Shabbat Services  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE
20 9:45 AM Religious School- NO CLASS  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION	21 9:00 AM BIP: NO SCHOOL  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION	22  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLEC- TION DRIVE	23 9:00 AM BIP: Parent Conferences 3 Day Classes 4:15 PM RS One+ 7:15 PM Choir Practice	24 9:00 AM BIP: Parent Confer- ences - 2 Day Classes  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION	25 7:30 PM Shabbat Service  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE	26 9:30 AM Shabbat Services  CRADLES TO CRAYONS COLLECTION DRIVE
27 9:45 AM RS (K- Confirmation)  CRADLES TO CRAYONS SORTING	28	29	30 4:15 PM RS One + 7:00 PM BIP: Dine Out Event 7:15 PM Choir Practice	31	1 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	2 9:30 AM RS Saturday Shabbat School (Luncheon follow)



**Todah Rabah!** Tzedakah is a mitzvah, a unique privilege granted to every Jew. Remembering friends and family in this manner is an appropriate way to show our feelings towards both our loved ones and our community. We want to thank the following for their contributions:

### Building Fund

In memory of Jayne Danien's mother,  
Elaine Friedman

In memory of Sue Levy's husband, Ellis  
*From Sondra Abrams & David Kleiner*

### General Operating Fund

*Donation from Bill Cabin*

### Choir Fund

*Donation from Judy and Bob Rosen*

Wishing Neil Liebman a speedy recovery  
*From Irv and Barb Hendel*

### Pearl Endy Adult Education Fund

*From Maxine and Allan Endy*

### Torah Fund

In honor of Neil and Adriene Leibman's son,  
Josh's wedding  
*From Nancy and Steve Goldberg*

In honor of Ilene Lipow's anniversary  
of her Bat Mitzvah  
*From Roz Goldstein & Tony Dykeman*

### Security Upgrades Fund

In memory of those who lost their lives at the  
Tree of Life Synagogue

*From Andrew and Heidi Block*

### Sisterhood Yahrzeit Floral Fund

In memory of Sheri's great-grandfather,  
Louis Abramowitz

*From Sheri and Michael Richman*

In memory of Sheri's friend, William Simon

*From Sheri and Michael Richman*

In memory of Sheri's grandmother,  
Blanche Kassoff

*From Sheri and Michael Richman*

In memory of Shelly's husband,  
Robert B. Kramer

*From Shelly Kramer*

In memory of Gary's father, N. Travis Levin

*From Gary and Susan Levin*

In memory of Barry's grandmother, Dora Milberg

*From Barry and Sandra Milberg*



## YAH RZEITS



### Observed 30 November /1 December

Barry Beck	12/1	Kislev 23
Isadore Fickler	12/1	Kislev 23
David Gittelman	12/1	Kislev 23
David Gottlieb	12/1	Kislev 23
Doris Shur	12/1	Kislev 23
Sylvia Baer	12/2	Kislev 24
Isador Borden	12/2	Kislev 24
Natalie Brams	12/2	Kislev 24
Samuel Hodess	12/2	Kislev 24
Albert Navarro	12/2	Kislev 24
Rebecca Abramoff	12/3	Kislev 25

Myrna Moskovitz	12/3	Kislev
Pearl Silverstein	12/3	Kislev 25
Louis Abramowitz	12/4	Kislev 26
Benjamin H. Cohen	12/4	Kislev 26
John Derby	12/4	Kislev 26
Siegfried Herzog	12/4	Kislev 26
Laurine Huber	12/4	Kislev 26
A. Benjamin Riebman	12/5	Kislev 27
Max Levithan	12/7	Kislev 29
Pearl Zalesne	12/7	Kislev 29





# YAHREZEITS



## Observed 7/8 December

Norman Greenspan	12/8	Kislev 30
Jack Haber	12/8	Kislev 30
Steven K. Bishop	12/9	Tevet 1
William Simon	12/9	Tevet 1
Blanche Kassoff	12/10	Tevet 2
Avraham Fischer	12/11	Tevet 3
Edward Gross	12/11	Tevet 3
Albert M. Hankin	12/11	Tevet 3
Morris Teckler	12/11	Tevet 3
Emanuel Weiss	12/11	Tevet 3
Rose Cohen	12/12	Tevet 4
Rhoda Ettelson	12/12	Tevet 4
Sophie Navarro	12/12	Tevet 4
Molly Resnick	12/12	Tevet 4
Zelik Wajsfelner	12/12	Tevet 4
Beatrice Dreier	12/13	Tevet 5
Morris Gold	12/13	Tevet 5
Herta Herzog	12/13	Tevet 5
Emma Kravitz	12/14	Tevet 6
Anna Strunk	12/14	Tevet 6
Bryna Wolfson	12/14	Tevet 6

## Observed 14/15 December

Stanley Jacowitz	12/15	Tevet 7
Miriam Endy Kidorf	12/15	Tevet 7
George Lehman	12/15	Tevet 7
William Plotkin	12/15	Tevet 7
Zimel Resnick	12/15	Tevet 7
Bernard Sacklow	12/15	Tevet 7
Harry Selkowitz	12/15	Tevet 7
Herman Abramsohn	12/16	Tevet 8
Hymie Silverstein	12/16	Tevet 8
Morris Cutler	12/17	Tevet 9
Walter Grossman	12/17	Tevet 9
Frank Klein	12/17	Tevet 9
Joseph Kronish	12/17	Tevet 9
Betty Altman	12/18	Tevet 10
Sase Gershonzon	12/18	Tevet 10
Robert Goldstein	12/18	Tevet 10
Clara Israelson	12/18	Tevet 10
Robert Kramer	12/18	Tevet 10
David Cener	12/19	Tevet 11
Bella Halpren	12/19	Tevet 11
N. Travis Levin	12/19	Tevet 11
Aaron Goldberg	12/20	Tevet 12
Leah Harnish	12/20	Tevet 12
William Liebman	12/20	Tevet 12
Emanuel Schwartz	12/20	Tevet 12
Albert Suckle	12/20	Tevet 12
Shirley Gerstenfeld	12/21	Tevet 13
Sonne Greenberg	12/21	Tevet 13
George Miller	12/21	Tevet 13

## Observed 21/22 December

Joseph Goldfine	12/22	Tevet 14
Lillian Green	12/22	Tevet 14
Joel Jacoby	12/22	Tevet 14
Kate Kauffman	12/22	Tevet 14
Martha Margolies	12/22	Tevet 14
Mae Steinberg	12/23	Tevet 15
Claire Tishfield	12/23	Tevet 15
Howard Grill	12/24	Tevet 16
Margaret Lehman	12/24	Tevet 16
Pauline Silver	12/24	Tevet 16
Mary Gelb	12/25	Tevet 17
Joseph Goodman	12/25	Tevet 17
Ruth Greene	12/25	Tevet 17
William Kauffman	12/25	Tevet 17
Fannie Sofer	12/25	Tevet 17
Benjamin Firestone	12/26	Tevet 18
David Corbett	12/27	Tevet 19
Phyllis R. Katz	12/27	Tevet 19
Fannie Rosenblum	12/27	Tevet 19
Margaret vanBemmelen	12/27	Tevet 19
H. Stanley Berman	12/28	Tevet 20

## Observed 28/29 December

Evelyn Grossman	12/29	Tevet 21
Anna Kramer	12/29	Tevet 21
Mary Mobley	12/29	Tevet 21
Richard Domesek	12/30	Tevet 22
Irving Goldstein	12/30	Tevet 22
Estelle Minus	12/30	Tevet 22
Martin L. Stone	12/30	Tevet 22
David Winicur	12/30	Tevet 22
Jacob Lopatin	12/31	Tevet 23
Dora Milberg	12/31	Tevet 23
Shirley Seftel	12/31	Tevet 23
Frank Stefanick	12/31	Tevet 23
Rachel Buch	1/1	Tevet 24
Abraham Endy	1/1	Tevet 24
Doris Gilbert	1/1	Tevet 24
Steven Kahn	1/1	Tevet 24
Fred Lenox	1/1	Tevet 24
Louise Maletz	1/1	Tevet 24
Marilyn Suss	1/1	Tevet 24
Harold Halpren	1/2	Tevet 25
Shirley Kornfield	1/2	Tevet 25
Ralph Gerstenfeld	1/3	Tevet 26
Cecelia Greenberg	1/3	Tevet 26
Jenny Kernerman	1/4	Tevet 27
Herbert Solash	1/4	Tevet 27

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