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Just  
show up

## SKLC Comedy Night Starring Joel Chasnoff and Honoring Jan Nirenberg

Saturday, April 6, 6:30 pm



Join us for an evening of good food, drinks, Havdalah, entertainment, building community, securing our future, and raffles!

Cocktails start at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner, entertainment and silent and live auction. The cost is \$75 per person; all proceeds will benefit the Sandi Kupperman Learning Center which provides educational programming for all ages. R.S.V.P. by March 18.

Jan is a philanthropist who understands that it is imperative to give back to the local community. Jan, and her late husband Charlie (z"l), were members of Temple Beth El for more than half a century. Jan has devoted herself to our temple and we appreciate her generous support with her leadership, participation and financial resources.

"Jan's love for life is palpable. She always gives generously and enjoys attending classes, programs and services. I am delighted to be honoring Jan for all that she has done for our congregation, particularly our educational programs. Jan was the first to step forward to support our sanctuary renovation with a gift of \$100,000. Without her generosity, we would not be where we are today," commented Rabbi Amy Katz.

To show our appreciation for Jan's wonderful contributions to our community, we will be showing a large-screen, electronic ad book during the evening. Sponsors can run ads or leave messages of appreciation. Visit our website at [tbespringfield.org](http://tbespringfield.org) for details.

Part of the evening's festivities will be an art auction, with the proceeds benefiting the SKLC. If you own gently-used art that you would be willing to donate for the auction, contact Caryn Resnick [cresnick@tbespringfield.org](mailto:cresnick@tbespringfield.org) or (413) 737-0170 to make arrangements.

## Community Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 20

Megillah reading at 6:00 pm; celebration to follow

Dust off your bell bottoms and throw on your beads. You are invited to a 60s-themed Purim party. Delicious refreshments, children's activities, mitzvah making, comradery and fun!



Community  
**PURIM**  
Celebration

## So you think there is dysfunction in Washington?

Historian & Author Robert Watson to Speak at Annual Lecture Series

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 pm

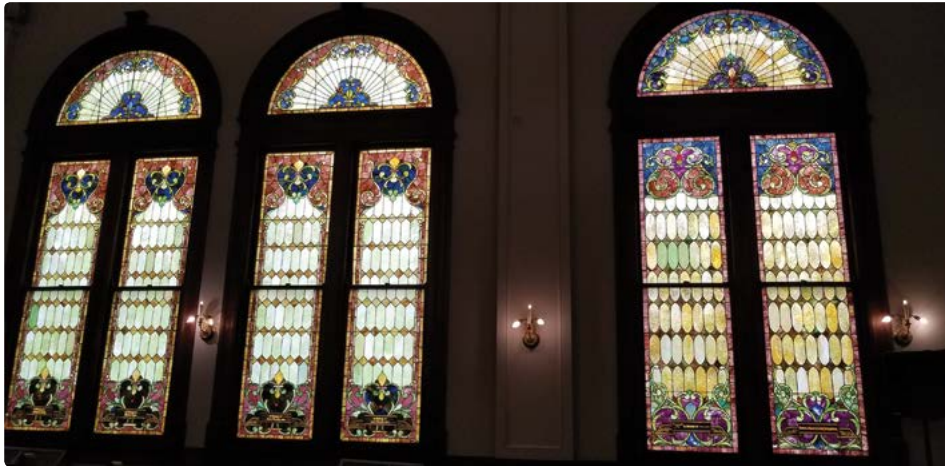
If you think there is dysfunction in Washington you are correct, BUT that is nothing new according to Dr. Robert Watson, this year's Bill & Lynn Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series speaker. Dr. Watson, an award-winning author, historian, professor, and political commentator, has published more than 40 books and 200 scholarly articles, been featured on numerous documentaries, and is a frequent media commentator on TV and radio. The event will begin at 4:00 pm with a reception with the speaker and refreshments; he will begin speaking at approximately 4:30 pm.



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The deadline for the **May/June** issue is **Friday, March 15**. Please email all articles or photos to [communications@thespringfield.org](mailto:communications@thespringfield.org).



## In the Deep South, a Rich Jewish Heritage Discovered

Debbie Peskin

Far from the teeming urban centers of the Northeast, where the largest concentration of American Jews traditionally lived at the turn of the 20th century, small yet vibrant Jewish communities flourished in the unlikelyst of places.

2½ hours north of New Orleans lies one such place. The small city of Natchez, Mississippi was an important center of trade along the mighty Mississippi River until the Civil War began. Here, the Jewish populace thrived, and became an important part of the community.

This past December, we took a family trip to the fascinating city of New Orleans, and decided to include a side trip to Natchez, a place we had heard about years ago but never had a chance to visit. Natchez is a charming city famous for its abundance of beautiful antebellum and Victorian mansions, many of which are open for tours. If you like historic accommodations, you can choose from more than 45 mansions which have been turned into B&Bs. The city has more than 1,000 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

My husband, David, enjoys conducting extensive research prior to our trips, and as he was working on our itinerary, he suggested we go to Natchez to see, among other things, its renowned synagogue, founded in 1843. Natchez had a small but very influential Jewish community which sadly has virtually



disappeared. As you walk on the main streets downtown, you can see the names of many Jewish merchants atop of the buildings they once owned. Historic informational signs also mention the prosperous Jewish residents who played an important role in its economic development. For example, Natchez's Jews played a crucial role in financing the city's rebirth after the economic ruin brought on by the Civil War.

Temple B'nai Israel, built in 1905, is open for tours. It features a dome, beautiful stained-glass windows, and ark of Italian marble. Originally built to seat 350 worshipers, the synagogue now offers bi-weekly Shabbat services for 10 or fewer people. The last full-time rabbi retired in 1976, and for many years afterwards the congregation was able to attract student and visiting rabbis. Now too small to attract clergy, lay leaders run the services. The synagogue is beloved and supported by the entire community, and some of the

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## זמני תפילות Worship Schedule

Please see page 8 for a schedule of Pesah services.

### Weekday Mornings

Monday through Friday ..... 7:00 am  
Sunday ..... 8:30 am

### Weekday Evenings

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday ..... 5:45 pm

### Shabbat Worship

Erev Shabbat ..... 6:00 pm  
Shabbat morning ..... 9:30 am  
Shabbat afternoon ..... 6:00 pm

### Purim

**Wednesday, March 20**  
Service and Megillah Reading ..... 5:45 pm  
Community Celebration ..... 7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 21

Service and Megillah Reading ..... 6:45 am

### Rosh Hodesh Nisan

**Saturday, April 6**  
Morning Service ..... 9:30 am

### Passover Begins

**Friday Evening, April 19 & Saturday, April 20**  
No Evening Services

### Rosh Hodesh Iyar

**Sunday, May 5 & Monday, May 6**  
Morning Service ..... 6:45 am

Please note: Beginning Saturday, March 2, the *Minha* service time for Saturdays will change to 6:00 pm.

# Off the Bimah מהבימה

Rabbi Amy Wallik Katz

When we first moved to the area, searching for the hametz was one of my favorite family rituals. My children were young, and they thoroughly enjoyed staying up, taking a candle and hunting for hametz in a house that had already been scoured for crumbs! It was like a Jewish game of hide and seek. I hid the hametz and the children searched for it. Once the hametz was found, we would go for ice cream and in the morning we would burn the hametz. We did all this the night before Seder. While the children were always so excited for relatives to come in town and celebrate, I was always exhausted. But it was part of the Passover preparations and I loved watching the kids hunt for the hidden hametz.

That was then. And now it is different.

My children were younger. I'll admit that these past few years the hide and seek game has been more challenging. Teenagers aren't as easy to engage in this whimsical activity.

I share this with you because I really understand that many Jewish rituals, like rituals in general, have a life-span. Sometimes they are accessible and bring great meaning, and other times they feel strange, silly or

maybe perfunctory. I would suggest that one of the challenges we adults have is to keep our Judaism fresh.

I will be honest. We won't search for hametz this year. My children are too old! For a few years, I tried to push the ritual. But it just didn't work. Rather than feeling empty or disappointed, I decided to recognize that my children are young adults. The morning of the Seder I will continue to burn the hametz. But I have learned that making that fire won't be as exciting for my children as it once was. And that is OK. Today won't be like yesterday and tomorrow will also bring something new!

For now, I will relish the fact that my children are perfectly capable and interested in participating in a thoughtful discussion at the Passover Seder. And rather than force yesterday's rituals to bring meaning to their lives, I will work on making today's rituals age-appropriate and meaningful.



As Purim and Passover draw near, I hope you will also consider which rituals need to be refreshed, which need to be retired, and which need to be incorporated into your family observance.

## Discussion topics for your Seder

"You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (*Exodus 22:21*)

"You shall not oppress a stranger since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you too were strangers in the land of Egypt." (*Exodus 23:9*) Our tradition goes further than this. Most audaciously, it orders us: "You must love the stranger as yourself!" (*Leviticus 19:34*)

Does American immigration policy reflect these lofty exhortations? Defend your answer. In your discussion, try to distinguish among the following:

- Naturalized American citizens
- Legal immigrants who have a permit to live and work in the United States.
- Unauthorized immigrants (also known as illegal immigrants)
- Refugees

## Friends Next Door: Sharing Religious Values for Our Time - Part 2

Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Sinai Temple

During this free, 5-week course, we will explore the different (and possibly similar) ways we read and relate to sacred texts. At each session, representatives from two religious traditions will present, field questions, and facilitate conversation. We will focus on the following topics:

**March 14** - Afterlife

**March 21** - Sin and Repentance

**March 28** - Rights of Passage / Lifecycle

**April 4** - I Haven't Got a Prayer - Thoughts and Questions on What Happens When We Pray.

**April 11** - Spiritual Seeking in Modern Times



Leading the discussions will be clergy from TBE and Sinai Temple, and area Catholic and Protestant clergy members. No prior knowledge required. Just you and your curiosity.

This is a continuation of the sessions that were held last fall, but you do not have to have attended those classes in order to participate. No need to sign up—**Just Show Up** (at Sinai Temple).



From the Director of Education

# THE SKLC COMEDY NIGHT

Caryn Resnick



CARYN RESNICK

## REASONS TO ATTEND THE SKLC COMEDY NIGHT APRIL 6:

- It will be a unique and fun event
- Enjoy a meal that you don't have to cook or clean up
- Meet people and see old friends
- Show respect and support to our honoree, **Jan Nirenberg**
- It's a way to contribute to the SKLC and have fun in the process
- Learn some new jokes
- Help ensure a future for Temple Beth El
- Buy a new piece of art at a much reduced cost
- Adults need to model supporting the community if they want to instill its importance in our youth
- You don't need to buy a fancy outfit to attend
- Win some great raffle items
- Our children and grandchildren benefit from the money raised
- To show the young parents of TBE that the congregation cares about the SKLC and their children
- LAUGHTER decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.
- LAUGHTER triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.
- Even if you don't love comedy shows, I know that you will find this evening rewarding

I'm looking forward to being with you at this event. It promises to be a great night at TBE!

# youth and children

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## Sandi Kupperman Learning Center

# Friday Night Family Shabbat Program

Friday, March 29 at 5:00 pm  
(Note: no 6:00pm service)

For families with children in grade 2 and younger.

**5:00-5:45 pm** Dinner for the children; refreshments for the adults

**5:45-6:30 pm** Musical and interactive service led by Family Educator and gifted musician, Marlene Rachelle

Menu: challah, grape juice, chicken nuggets, fries and fresh fruit

There is no fee for this dinner thanks to the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Shabbat Rekindle grant.

R.S.V.P. by March 22 to 737-0170 or [sklc@tbespringfield.org](mailto:sklc@tbespringfield.org).

## Upcoming Kadima Programs

Do you have kids in 5th-8th grade? The Kadima youth group has some great events coming up and we'd love to see your kids there!

Here are the events scheduled for the next two months:

**March 2** - Movie night and take part in a social action project

**March 31** - Come show off your bowling skills at Shaker Bowl

**April 7** - Get ready for Pesah with a Dr. Suess-themed Seder

Watch your mail for more information. Contact Co-Advisors Rebecca Kossman and Marie Sampson at 413-737-0170 or [sklc@tbespringfield.org](mailto:sklc@tbespringfield.org).

## Tot Shabbat Services

Our fun Tot Shabbat services will be held on March 2 and April 6 at 11:00 am in the Katz Family Library. These lively services are designed for children ages 5 and under with a parent or grandparent. On March 2, join Cantor Barber and her ukulele, and celebrate Shabbat with songs, dance, instruments, stories, and more. On April 6, Marlene Rachelle will lead this program. Following the short service, everyone is welcome to stay for Kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation. Non-members are always welcome!



## Congregant Profiles

Over the past 10 years, we have included the Congregant Profile column in Tekiah on a regular basis. Many of our members have written short articles about themselves and their families, and it has been a great way to get to know both familiar faces and new members. In fact, we have included articles written by the majority of our members. We want to give anyone who has not already been included the opportunity to write an article for an upcoming issue. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Debbie Peskin at 733-4149 or [communications@tbespringfield.org](mailto:communications@tbespringfield.org).

## Tomorrow's Leaders

From time to time, we like to highlight the extraordinary work of young adults who are making a difference by working or volunteering in a Jewish community, anywhere in the world. In this column, we learn first-hand about their work when they share, in their own words, what inspires them and how our synagogue has served as an influence. If you would like us to include your young adult child or grandchild in a future issue, please contact Debbie Peskin at 733-4149 or [communications@tbespringfield.org](mailto:communications@tbespringfield.org).



Students learn how to make challah for the SKLC Family Shabbat Dinner in January.



Alef-bet yoga helps students in Helene Shapiro's K-2 class learn the letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

# Adult Education

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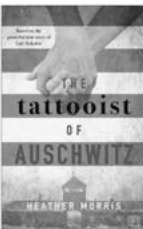
## Book Discussion Group News

Liz Marinelli, Librarian

**10:30 am in the library, all are welcome**

The book group will meet on March 27 to discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. This novel, which is based on the true story of an Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor, traces the experience of a Jewish prisoner who uses his position as a concentration camp tattooist to secure food for his fellow prisoners.

In April we will take our annual break from reading to enjoy a film--on April 10 we will watch the documentary *GI Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II*. In their own words, veterans both famous and unknown bring their war experience to life: how they fought for their nation, struggled with anti-Semitism within their ranks, and emerged transformed. We will meet earlier than usual at 10:00 am in order to have enough time to view the film.



The library is always adding new books to the collection; here are a few of the newest:

*Israeli Soul: Easy, Essential, Delicious* by Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook. From the award-winning authors of *Zahav*, a collection of recipes that focus on the great dishes which are the soul of Israeli cuisine, including such options as sabich, schawarma, hummus, falafel and schnitzel.

*Dear Zealots: Letters From a Divided Land* by Amos Oz. The late Israeli author offers three powerful essays that directly address our present age on the rise of zealotry in Israel and around the world.

*Lake Success: A Novel* by Gary Shteyngart. A self-made Wall Street millionaire, baffled by the implosion of his seemingly perfect life, takes a cross-country bus trip in search of his college sweetheart and the ideals of his youth.



**Sundays, March 10, 17, 24 & 31, April 7, 14 & 28 at 9:00 am**

During the month of March, we will continue our discussion of Pirkei Avot.

Please note that Cuppa Joe will not meet in April.

Pirkei Avot is comprised of a wonderful collection of ethics. Compiled around 200 CE, it is one of the best-known and most-cited of Jewish texts. The teachings range in topic from the ethics of everyday human interaction, to advice for scholars and aspiring scholars, to statements about the relationship of God and humanity. The worldview espoused by the rabbis quoted here emphasizes learning, service of God, discipleship, ethical behavior, humility, and fair judgment.



## Lunch & Learn Returns

**Thursday, March 14, 21, 28 at 12:00 pm**

We are happy to announce the return of Lunch & Learn! We will watch the popular Israeli TV series, *Shtisel*. This show follows the lives of an ultra-Orthodox family in Jerusalem. The storylines include bereavement, the fading health of an elderly mother, power struggles within a religious elementary school, and the search for a future spouse. The show is really very funny, and gives a window into the Haredi world. Rabbi Katz will lead a discussion about each show. Please bring a dairy lunch and join us to watch the show and have a lively discussion afterwards.



## Hesed Kitchen

This monthly program has provided many of our congregants with delicious and home-made food after an illness or following the loss of a loved one. Volunteers are invited to join Rabbi Katz in her kitchen to help prepare comfort food such as soup, kugel, bread, etc. which will be frozen and delivered to our members when the need arises. If you would like to help with this effort, please call the TBE office at 733-4149 for the dates in March and April.



Members of the Katz Family Book Group discuss the novel *Not Our Kind* by Kitty Zeldis at their January meeting.



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Dr. Watson noted that “there is a long history of partisanship, gridlock, and incivility in American politics, but it has been a long time since the nation has experienced the kind of dysfunction that now seems to define so much of our politics.” His lecture will explore the history of political dysfunction in an effort to both understand it and to suggest how the current crisis might be resolved.

Bill and Lynn Foggie explained why they wanted Dr. Watson as a speaker, “We are delighted to be introducing Dr. Robert Watson to our community. He is not only an amazing and knowledgeable historian, he’s a marvelously entertaining speaker and story teller. We have been to dozens of his lectures over many years and have been amazed at the diversity and depth of his knowledge. We’re convinced that you’ll want to hear him as often as we do.”

Dr. Watson’s recent books include *The Ghost Ship of Brooklyn: An Untold Story of the American Revolution* (2017). In that work, he recounts the most horrific struggle of the American Revolution, which occurred just 100 years ago off the coast of New York. In that incident more men died aboard a rotting prison ship than were lost to combat during the entirety of the war. The book won the John Barry and John Lyman Book Award and is the subject of an upcoming National Geographic TV special. In another one of his books, *The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II* (2016), Watson writes about the little-known story of the most intriguing ship ever to set sail. Built in 1927, the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona was the greatest ship since the RMS Titanic. When the Nazis seized control in Germany, the SS Cap Arcona was used as a floating barracks and troop transport. It was also cast as the “star” in a propaganda film about the sinking of the Titanic and ultimately was packed with thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Just days before Germany surrendered, the vessel was mistakenly bombed by the British Royal Air Force and nearly all of the prisoners were killed in what was the last major tragedy of the Holocaust and one of the worst maritime disasters in history. This



The Bill & Lynn Foggie

## Great Issues Lecture Series

book is being made into a motion picture and a Discovery Channel TV special. Finally, his newest book, *George Washington’s America*, will be released in late 2019.

A frequent media commentator, Watson has been interviewed thousands of times by news outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, USA Today, The New York Times, NPR, Hardball with Chris Matthews, and The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Dr. Watson has co-convened numerous national conferences on the American presidency, co-founded the annual Truman Legacy Symposium for the Truman Presidential Library, and served as a visiting scholar with dozens of organizations, such as the Truman Presidential Library, Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, Illinois Holocaust Museum, US Military Academy at West Point, and the National Archives.

Dr. Watson is the recipient of numerous awards for his election commentary, community service, civics and civility programs, leadership against anti-Semitism and hate, and contributions to the study of the presidency. He has also won several teaching excellence awards, including Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Faculty Service Award at Florida Atlantic University and Lynn University, and has been inducted into two sports halls of fame.

As a community leader and volunteer, he has hosted many voter registration drives, mock elections and civic education programs for schools, workshops for teachers, and served as a moderator for political debates and community town halls. He has lectured at civic and professional groups, libraries, museums, historic sites, and is a popular lecturer with the prestigious One Day University and luxury cruise ships.

Dr. Watson currently holds the title Distinguished Professor of American History and Director of Project Civitas at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL, and serves as Senior Fellow with Senator Bob Graham’s Florida Joint Center for Citizenship.

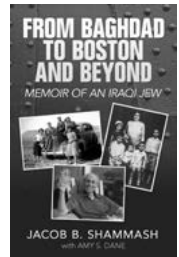
This program is free and open to the public.

## From Baghdad to Boston and Beyond: Memoir of an Iraqi Jew by Jacob Shammash

Presentation by Amy Dane, the eldest Shammash daughter

Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm

When he immigrated to the U.S. from Baghdad in 1947, TBE member Jacob Shammash had no idea that his timing was fortuitous or that he would never see his beloved homeland again.



Amy S. Dane, the first of Jake’s five children, editor of his memoir, and TBE member, is a freelance lecturer. Her visual presentation will set the stage for her father and his large family, characters in a tragic drama, by unraveling the fascinating yet horrific sequence of events culminating in the death knell of the 2,600-year-old Iraqi Jewish community.

The Shammash family reinvented themselves. They joined the successive wave of immigrants who have graced our shores and contributed to American society, carving out new and prosperous lives for themselves and the next generation.

TBE is pleased to host this program in partnership with the JCC’s Literatour program. There is no cost to attend.

## Shabbat Zimrah Services

Our next Shabbat Zimrah service will be held on Friday, March 8 and April 12 at 6:00 pm. Please join us for this lively, 1-hour service featuring Cantor Barber and guest musicians. During the service, we will recognize our members who have birthdays during the months of March and April.

*We have a tradition that one is not poor unless they lack knowledge.*

—TALMUD



## Spotlight on Jewish National Fund

David Peskin

We all remember them—those ubiquitous, blue and white tin boxes that said “make the wilderness bloom.” These small tzedakah boxes were found in Jewish homes and business throughout the United States. They were the symbol of one of the most venerable of all Jewish philanthropies, the Jewish National Fund (JNF). Quite simply, JNF was famed for planting thousands upon thousands of trees in Israel. And justly so— they did a remarkable job of it. But, today, some 118 years after its founding, JNF does so much more than just build forests. The story of JNF in the 21st century is indeed a compelling one, and it’s worth a closer look to see some of the amazing things JNF is working on.

All right then, you may ask, “What exactly is today’s JNF doing that is so exciting and worthy of our support?” There are many answers to that question. JNF is involved in so many critical aspects of Israeli society. Such as helping to build new communities in the south (Negev) and north (Galilee) areas to aid in managing the tiny country’s population growth. Or sponsoring rehabilitation facilities for the disabled, from inclusion into the Israel Defense Forces to a therapeutic horseback riding center. Not to mention world-class,

environmental research and development, including working with the renowned Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, which you have heard Rabbi Katz speak of over the past several years.

That’s a pretty full plate—and that’s not the whole of it. But if you were to ask, “Well, what’s the one thing JNF does that may be the most important of all?” I would have to answer with one word. Water. Yes, water. The stuff we take for granted here in New England. In the Mideast, no one takes water for granted. Under the best of circumstances, there isn’t enough for all the residents of this arid land. After many consecutive years of drought, the problems have grown worse. In Israel, the problems may be best illustrated by the Kinneret (more commonly known as the Sea of Galilee), which continues to recede as the water levels drop each year.

The success of desalination in Israel has gained worldwide notoriety, with Israeli technology behind major desalination projects in California. Desalination has made a huge impact, but at a cost—desalinated water is extremely expensive and the high price has hurt the Israeli agricultural industry, which requires water for irrigation in order to survive. Here’s where JNF is making a huge impact, by going beyond desalination to help solve Israel’s water crisis. Over the years, JNF has built 250 reservoirs throughout Israel. Every one of these reservoirs stores recycled water for regional communities. The recycled water reservoirs are actually the final stage in a complex process that involves purifying sewage, then treating and storing the recycled water in reservoirs, where it then can be used in irrigation. Incredibly, more than 50% of Israel’s agricultural water now comes from recycled water stored in JNF-built reservoirs. JNF’s ambitious, but attainable, goal is to build 90 new reservoirs in order to reach its goal that 95% of the agricultural water supply is recycled. JNF water technology, including some advanced water drilling techniques, are being used not only in Israel, but in developing African nations as well. In a thirsty world, JNF is really making a profound difference.

In the past few years, we’ve heard a lot about the divide in American Jewish support for Israel. Here’s the bottom line—no matter your view of Israeli politics, if you support

the state of Israel, you should support the Jewish National Fund. At JNF, politics are irrelevant. Instead, JNF offers a longstanding, proud record of protecting, supporting, and nurturing the land, and the people, of Israel. So how can you learn more about all the exciting and worthwhile things JNF is doing? Start by checking out their excellent website, [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org). Plan to attend some upcoming events. Watch *Tekiah* and TBE emails for future listings, and come hear more about this inspirational organization. Consider going on a JNF trip or mission to Israel to see their work for yourself. (There was a great article in a recent issue of the Massachusetts Jewish Ledger describing one couple’s awesome experience participating in one.) JNF has a new emissary for New England, Dar Nadler, who will be coming to our area several times in the coming months. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to explore all the amazing things JNF is doing, and see why this esteemed organization is worthy of your support.



## Help Feed the Hungry in Our Community

Rabbi Katz invites our members to join her to serve lunch at the **Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen**, located at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut Street in Springfield on **Wednesday, March 6** and **April 3** at 11:45 am. There’s no need to prepare any food ahead of time—just show up with a gallon of whole milk, and help serve the hungry in our community.

We will also prepare and serve dinner to approximately 50 hungry adults on the fourth Sunday of the month at **Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 797 State Street, Springfield on **Sunday, March 24** and **April 28** at 4:45 pm. Please contact our Social Action Chair, Susie Rosenberg, at [pawssgr@comcast.net](mailto:pawssgr@comcast.net) to sign up so she can coordinate who will bring different items. Food can be cooked at home or purchased.





# Upcoming Sisterhood Events

Sisterhood is planning several interesting and fun-filled events which we have listed below. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out!



## Sisterhood Presents the film *Dough* at Glenmeadow

**Sunday, March 3, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Sisterhood is sponsoring an afternoon of friendship, fun and entertainment at Glenmeadow, Cotz Hall, 24 Tabor Crossing in Longmeadow. We will watch this comedy about an old Jewish baker (Jonathan Pryce) who sees his struggling business boom when his young apprentice (Jerome Holder) accidentally drops marijuana into the dough. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge to attend. The Sisterhood will be collecting donations for the YWCA's Women's Shelter that afternoon. Suggested items include new toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, body wash, shampoo, women's hygiene items, etc. R.S.V.P. to the temple office at 733-4149 or [office@tbespringfield.org](mailto:office@tbespringfield.org).

## Sisterhood Shabbat

**March 23 at 9:30 am**

Please join us as the women of our congregation lead Shabbat morning services. The Sisterhood will be sponsoring Kiddush lunch on that day.

Additional upcoming events include:

**Torah Fund Event – May 15**

**Sisterhood Bar-B-Que – August 25**

**Sisterhood Flea Market – September 22**

Watch for more information.



## Carol's Beit Café

**Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 pm**

Carol's Beit Café will be held on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 pm at the home of Ellen and Dave Ratner. This popular annual event showcases the musical talents of our members, and is named in memory of Carol Resnick, who loved performing at this program.

If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love to have you perform! Contact Cantor Elise Barber at [cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org](mailto:cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org) for more information. President Dave Ratner commented, "What a chance to show off your chops! It was so cool to see kids and folks of all ages strut their stuff. I think this was the most fun event of my 3 years of presidency."

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested so we can plan accordingly for space and refreshments. Contact the TBE office at 733-4149 or [office@tbespringfield.org](mailto:office@tbespringfield.org) to make reservations or for more information.

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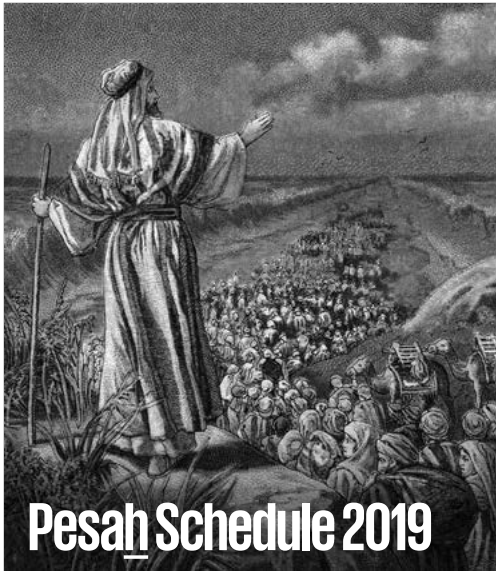
members are non-Jewish residents who attend services and events such as the annual Passover seder. Members of the church across the street are especially supportive. The maintenance of the aging structure has become increasingly difficult for the tiny congregation, and it is on Mississippi's list of 10 Most Endangered Historic Places. The building is now owned by the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, and it will become a museum once the last members are gone. We enjoyed our time in the Deep South and would encourage anyone interested to visit. If you are interested in learning more about the fascinating story of Southern Jewish life in communities like Natchez, visit [www.isjl.org](http://www.isjl.org).



## Shabbat Tof

Our new prayer experience—a regular Shabbat morning Musaf service with the addition of a drum or tof in Hebrew—made its debut in the fall, and will continue on the 3rd Shabbat morning of each month. The name of the service, Shabbat Tof, is a play on words since it sounds like Shabbat Tov, tov meaning good. Drumming can add a huge amount of ruach or spirit to a service and give people a sense of freedom to sing and come together. In addition, some people who have issues with musical instruments on Shabbat usually do not have the same problems with drums as they do not need to be tuned. Please join us on March 16 (no Shabbat Tof in April) to see and hear what it's all about!

We are very lucky to have percussionist Amanda Turk join us for Shabbat Tof. Amanda grew up in a very musical family and was exposed to drumming at an early age by her father who was a kit drummer. But it wasn't until she met her teacher, Raquy Danziger, in 2006 that she found her true musical calling. Since then, she has immersed herself in Middle Eastern percussion under the guidance of contemporary percussion masters. She has traveled to Turkey and Egypt to delve deeper into a style of drumming called the Turkish Split Hand Technique. In addition to playing the dumbek, she applies these principles to other types of drum, including frame drum, riq, cajon, djembe and handpan. She is passionate about sharing this unique flavor of music and infusing the many voices and artfulness of these instruments into different community events such as dance and yoga classes, Kirtans, festivals and Shabbat services. When her hands are not on a drum, Amanda nurtures her passion for bodywork with her 17-year practice in Northampton.



## Pesah Schedule 2019

### Fast of the first born

**Friday, April 19** ..... 7:00 am  
Dispose of hametz by 10:00 am

### Erev Pesah (First Seder)

**Friday, April 19**  
(No Kabbalat Shabbat Service)  
Candle Lighting ..... 7:18 pm

### 1st Day/2nd Evening Pesah (Second Seder)

**Saturday, April 20**  
(Counting the Omer Begins on 2nd Evening)  
Morning Service ..... 9:30 am  
(No Minḥa Service)  
Candle Lighting ..... 8:19 pm

### 2nd Day Pesah

**Sunday, April 21**  
Morning Service ..... 9:30 am  
Minḥa ..... 6:00 pm  
Havdalah ..... 8:27 pm

### Hol HaMoed Pesah

**Monday, April 22-Thursday, April 25**  
Morning Services ..... 6:45 am  
Evening Services (Monday-Wednesday) ..... 5:45 pm

### 7th Evening Pesah

**Thursday, April 25**  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 7:24 pm

### 7th Day/8th Evening Pesah

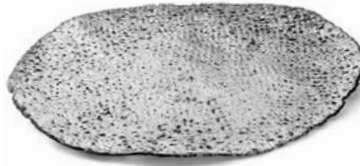
**Friday, April 26**  
Morning Service ..... 9:30 am  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Yizkor ..... 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 7:26 pm

### 8th Day Pesah

**Saturday, April 27**  
Morning Service/Yizkor ..... 9:30 am  
Minḥa ..... 6:00 pm  
Havdalah ..... 8:26 pm

# Hametz

Rabbi Amy Walk Katz



## Searching for the Hametz

### Thursday evening, April 18

Here's how to search for hametz: on the night before the first seder, the Mishnah ordains a formal search for leaven in the home, called *bedikat hametz*. The following blessing is recited,

*“Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who sanctified us by commanding us to remove all the hametz.”*

Then you search for hametz, moving from room to room. The house is darkened. The individual conducting the search carries a candle or flashlight, a wooden spoon, and a feather. As pre-placed pieces of bread (usually ten) are discovered, they are swept onto the spoon with the feather. When the search is completed, a special statement of nullification is recited, indicating that the house is now free of hametz.

This ceremony reflects a serious commitment to the traditional laws of Pesah and is an impressive experience for young children.

## Burning the Hametz

### Friday Morning, April 19

In the morning after searching for the hametz, tradition calls for a simple ceremony in which the hametz gathered the previous evening is burned. The person burning the hametz says,

*“All hametz in my possession, which I have not seen and have not removed, shall be nullified and be ownerless as the dust of the earth.”*

In traditional homes this is done before 10:00 am, after which no hametz is to be eaten.

## Selling of the Hametz

Jewish tradition tells us that we are to avoid owning or deriving benefit from wheat, barley, oats, spelt, or rye.

While the law calls for the physical removal of all personally-owned leaven from the home, the rabbis realized that this practice would impose a financial hardship upon those families who had substantial amounts of hametz in their households. Therefore, the custom evolved of simply placing all leaven in a secluded part of the home.

Traditionally upon selling hametz before Pesah, Jews donate to *Maot Hittin* (money for wheat). These funds are used to help Jews in need of money for celebrating the holiday. Rabbi Katz administers this fund. Mark contributions “Passover Fund” and return the form below to TBE.

## Selling of the Hametz Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Reverend David Aminia or Rabbi Amy Walk Katz to act as my agent in 2019 to sell any hametz that may be in my possession, wherever it may be (at home, place of business, car or elsewhere) in accordance with Jewish law.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to *Maot Hittin* \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## Passover Dietary Traditions

The dietary laws and traditions are very complicated for Passover. For a thorough guide, visit our website at [tbespringfield.org](http://tbespringfield.org). We will also include a link to the site in an upcoming Shabbat-a-Gram email.

For those of you who would like to do "a little more" this Passover, please contact Rabbi Amy Katz at [rabbikatz@tbespringfield.org](mailto:rabbikatz@tbespringfield.org).

## Balaboosta Recipe Exchange

Miriam Gordon

My older son came home with this recipe from the summer program Explo, at Wellesley College back in the mid-1980s and I have been making it ever since. This simple pumpkin bread recipe is nearly foolproof and freezes well!

### Pumpkin Bread (Pareve)

- 2/3 cup shortening
- 2 2/3 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 15-16 oz. can of pure pumpkin
- 2/3 cup of water
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves.
- 2/3 cup nuts and/or raisins (optional)

- 1) Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 2 loaf pans (or line with parchment paper). First cream together in your mixer's bowl: shortening, sugar, eggs, can of pure pumpkin, and water.
- 2) Mix together dry ingredients: flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, and ground cloves.
- 3) Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients with your mixer running, and run until well mixed. You may optionally add nuts and/or raisins near the end of mixing.
- 4) Pour half of the mixture into each of the prepared loaf pans and bake at 350° for 70 minutes.

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## "Three Identical Strangers" Film & Discussion

Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 pm

Alan Seigel

*Three Identical Strangers* is a 2018 documentary film directed by Tim Wardle and starring Edward Galland, David Kellman and Robert Shafran. It examines a set of American triplets who were adopted as six-month-old infants by separate families, unaware that each child had brothers. The separations were done as part of an undisclosed scientific "nature versus nurture" twin study to track the development of genetically identical siblings raised in differing circumstances. Combining archival footage, re-enacted scenes, and present-day interviews, the documentary reveals how the brothers discovered one another at age 19 and thereafter sought to understand the circumstances of their separation.

In the end, *Three Identical Strangers* covers a lot of themes; medical ethics, mental health, and the questions of nature vs. nurture among them. But for some it boils down to family.

Please join us for the movie and lively discussion at the home of Andrea and Jonathan Chasen on Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 pm and enjoy a discussion on the ethical issues raised in the film. Please contact the TBE office at 733-4149 to make your reservations so the Chasens know how many people to expect.

*God is the Healer of Shattered Hearts.*

-PSALMS 147:3

CommunityEvents  
אירועים בקהילה

## Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

The Yom HaShoah Commemoration will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at Sinai Temple. This community event is co-sponsored by the Springfield JCC, the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, Temple Beth El, Congregation B'nai Torah, and Sinai Temple.

At 7:30 pm, guest speaker Dr. Amy Simon will discuss "Holocaust Diaries: Victim Voices from the Abyss." Dr. Simon holds the William and Audrey Farber Family Chair in Holocaust Studies and European Jewish History at Michigan State University.

## Celebrate Israel's 71st birthday at the JCC

Wednesday, May 8

We will honor those who died defending the Jewish state. And community rabbis will explore both the Prayer for Israel, found in most American prayer books, and the Israeli Declaration of Independence.

## Yom Yerushalayim

A day to celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem  
Sunday June 2

People of all ages can gather to hike and bike to celebrate Yom Yerushalayim. A family-friendly hike led by Rabbi James Greene will leave from the JCC. A biking program ranging from 5 miles to 25 miles will be led by Sharon Cohen, and will also leave from the JCC parking lot. In the afternoon, enjoy a community concert celebrating Jerusalem.

## Joint Shavuot Service with Sinai Temple at TBE

Guest Speaker Dahlia Lithwick

Saturday, June 8

**Jews and the Supreme Court** - The connection between the Supreme Court and faith in America is complicated, and stirs up issues of religious liberty and more.



מעגלי חיים

# Cycle of Life

For everything there is a season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Barukh  
dayan  
ha-emet

ברוך דין האמת

Praised is the  
true judge.

We mourn the loss of the following members or loved ones of members from December 1 through January 31.

**James Laudato**  
Father of Lisa Laudato

**John Ramsey**  
Brother of Heidi Thibodeau

**Irving Chase**  
Husband of Doris Chase

**Cynthia Starr**  
Wife of Lawrence Starr

**Eleanor Freedman**  
Mother of Wendy Freedman Mackler

Just  
show up

תודה רבה

# today rabbah

thank you

IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

**To our Torah Readers:** Laura Broad, Bluma Bier, Rabbi James Greene, Ellen Ratner

**To our Haftarah Readers:** Fred Brownstein, Rebecca Schnaper, Seth Tenenbaum, Debbie Lieberman, Dennis Gordan. Max Chorowski, Mark Jackowitz, Michelle Anfang

**To our Service Leaders:** Dennis Gordan, Steve Weiner

**BREAKFAST SPONSORS:**

**In memory of his mother Pearl**  
Allen Mackler

**In memory of his son Chuck**  
Steve Lepow

**In memory of his mother Sarah**  
Elliot Altman

If you would like to sponsor a breakfast, please contact Reverend Aminia at the temple office at 733-4149.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS:**

**Dennis & Miriam Gordan**  
**In honor of their daughter**

Nora & Eric Gorenstein

**Dave & Ellen Ratner**

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush lunch to commemorate a special event, please contact Ralph Ritchie at the temple office at 733-4149.

מזל טוב

# mazel tov!

**Susanne & Robert Osofsky** on the recent birth of two grandsons. Max and Jane Osofsky had a baby boy, Nate Jacob, on October 26, 2018, and Renee Osofsky Levine and Robert Levine had a baby boy, Benjamin Samuel, on December 5, 2018.

**Betsy & Dick Gaberman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Natan, in London over Thanksgiving weekend.

SKLC teacher **Phyllis Katz** and her husband, **Steven**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Judith Chana Esther Seal. She was born on November 26 to Samantha and Andrew Seal of Durham, NH.

**Paul & Esta Farkas** on the birth of their granddaughter, Tessa Eden. She was born on December 24 to Melanie and Doug Stark. She joins big brother Ben in the household.



## TBE Celebrates Birthdays

Temple Beth El recognizes members' birthdays on the second Shabbat of the month, with a few exceptions. During our Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night service and again at our Shabbat morning service, we will serenade you, enjoy special birthday treats during the appetizer buffet and Kiddush lunch, and make a fuss over your reaching another birthday!

Our upcoming birthday celebrations will take place on Friday, March 8 and Shabbat, March 9, and Friday, April 12 and Shabbat, April 13.

Watch your mail during the month prior to your birthday for a special letter inviting you to let TBE be part of your celebration. If you do not receive this letter, it's possible that we do not have your date of birth in our database. Please call our office at 733-4149 so we can update our records.

## Membership Directory Available

Temple Beth El's Membership Directory is available to all members. This helpful tool includes names of members and children ages 22 and younger, along with their contact information, for those who have given us permission to include it. The Membership Directory helps our members communicate with each other, and helps in our efforts to build community.

The Membership Directory is available as a PDF, via email. It is updated in an ongoing basis; if you have any changes to your address, phone, or email, please contact Debbie Peskin in the TBE office at 733-4149 or communications@tbespringfield.org. If you do not have email, please stop by the office and request a hard copy.

## Upcoming Song Share Program

**Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 pm**

Our next Song Share program will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 pm at the home of Stuart & Michelle Anfang. We will begin with Havdalah, and then have a sing-along and teach each other some songs. Our previous Song Share events have been lots of fun! Even if singing isn't "your thing," please join us for a nosh and a chance to get to know fellow TBE members.

*First become a blessing to yourself so that you may become a blessing to others.*

-RABBI SAMSON RAPHAEL HIRSCH



**WEINBAUM CHAPEL FUND**

**Yahrzeit of Penny Rosen, beloved sister**

Joyce Weinbaum

**Yahrzeit of Burton J. Weinbaum, beloved father**

Lynn Cartwright

**Yahrzeit of Burton J. Weinbaum, beloved husband**

Joyce Weinbaum

**HESED FUND**

**Mazel tov to Vickie Donovan on the birth of her new grandson**

Charlotte Meyer

**In gratitude**

Michael & Kathryn Ritzen

**KATZ FAMILY LIBRARY FUND**

**In memory of Richard Sirkin**

Connie & Richard Golber

**NETTIE & MORRIS GOLDSTEIN FUND**

**In memory of John Ramsey**

Phyllis & Elliot Altman

**In memory of Stanley Miller**

Phyllis & Elliot Altman

**Mazel tov to Paul & Esta Farkas on the birth of their granddaughter**

Phyllis & Elliot Altman

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**Yahrzeit of Ken Broad, beloved husband**

Laura Broad

**Wishing Bill Fogle a speedy recovery**

Dorothy Zimmerman

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Mazel tov to Paul & Esta Farkas on the birth of their granddaughter**

Helene & Claudio Orefice

**CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Donation made by**

Susan & Bill Firestone

**TREE OF LIFE**

Leaves for the Tree of Life may be purchased for \$250 and stones may be purchased for \$2,500 to honor a friend or family member. Please contact Ralph Ritchie at 733-4149 if you would like to order a leaf or stone.

**Yahrzeit Plaques**

Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to remember a loved one's yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are displayed in the temple lobby each year during the week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375. If you would like to purchase a plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.

# Rachel Korazim – Scholar-in-Residence Back by Popular Demand

**Friday, May 17 & Shabbat, May 18**

Save the dates to explore important issues of Israeli society through stories, poem and songs of Israel's best writers. Rachel Korazim, one of Israel's finest educators, offers thought-provoking talks, opening a window into Israeli society, inviting listeners to engage with the country and its history in new ways.



DR. RACHEL KORAZIM

## Temple Beth El 2018 - 2019 Slate of Officers & Trustees

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# House Parties to Learn About Home Energy Improvements

There is a wonderful initiative from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, called Ener-G-Save, to help homeowners in the Pioneer Valley receive a free energy assessment of their home.

Last spring, Rabbi Katz participated in this program. She noted, "At first I was reticent because when we moved here, we had an energy audit and much work was completed to better insulate our home. I didn't realize that ten years later it would be necessary to repeat the energy audit. As I think about it, it makes sense. Ten years passed since my home was first audited. The second audit has made a big difference. I now have LED lightbulbs throughout my entire home, I was given two programmable thermostats, my chimneys were resealed, and weather stripping was installed on all of the doors leading to the outside."

With Cantor Barber's energy audit, she was able to get weather stripping around her doors, LED lightbulbs, and best of all, improved insulation installed at a much reduced rate. Now her home is much warmer and cozier in the interior.

The energy audit is truly free. It's paid for by a small surcharge on your utility bill. You'll receive free LED light bulbs to replace old incandescent bulbs, a free programmable thermostat, and free air sealing of leaks around your house. In addition, the assessor will go through your home and make suggestions for better efficiency and offer cost estimates. The utility companies are covering 70% or more of the cost of additional services. This is a great opportunity to save the environment, and save on your utility bills at the same time.

Contact Ener-G-Save at (413) 279-9141 or visit [ener-g-save.com](http://ener-g-save.com) to sign up. Be sure to mention that you're from TBE when you sign up. We are hoping to have 100 households participate!

If you would like to learn more about home energy improvements from someone who has done some, please join us at one of the following house parties to learn more while noshing and kibitzing:

**Saturday, March 16 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Rabbi Amy Katz

**Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Jonna Gaberman & Bruce Wintman

**Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Sue & Ed Kline

**Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Heather Wasilewski & David Lieber

Contact the TBE office at 733-4149 for the addresses and to R.S.V.P.

*The Officers, Board of Trustees and staff of Temple Beth El wish you and your family a happy Pesah.*



# What's Happening @ TBE

## Programs for Children

**SKLC Classes** – Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22, 29 and Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24 at 3:00 pm

**B'Yahad** – Thursdays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 11, 25 at 6:30 pm

**Tot Shabbat** – March 2 & April 6 at 11:00 am

**Babysitting** – March 2, 9 & April 6, 13 from 10:00 am to end of services

**Family Shabbat Program** – Friday, March 29 at 5:00 pm

## Youth Group Programs

**Kadima Movie Night** – Saturday, March 2 at 6:45 pm

**Kadima Bowling at Shaker Bowl** – Sunday, March 31 at 11:45 am

**Kadima Dr. Seuss Passover Seder** – Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 pm



## Programs for All Ages

**Nechamen/Chernick Breakfast** – Sunday, March 3 at 9:15 am

**Carol's Beit Café** – Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 pm

**Megillah Reading & Purim Celebration** – Wednesday, March 20 at 6:45 pm

**Family Shabbat Service & Dinner** – Friday, March 29 at 5:00 pm

**SKLC Fundraiser** – Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 pm



## Song Share



TBE members met at the home of Rabbi Katz to enjoy a sing-along at our Song Share event on Saturday, February 9.

## Meetings

**Board of Trustees** – Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm

## Adult Education Programs

**Sisterhood Presents the Film *Dough*** – Sunday, March 3 at 1:30 pm

**Foundations of Jewish Living Class** – Saturday, March 9 & April 13 at 4:30 pm

**Cuppa Joe** – Sundays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14 & 28 at 9:00 am

**Lunch & Learn** – Thursdays, March 14, 21 & 28 at 12:00 pm

**Katz Family Library Book Club** – Wednesday, March 27 & April 10 at 10:30 am

**Three Identical Strangers Film & Discussion** – Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 pm

**From Baghdad to Boston and Beyond: Memoir of an Iraqi Jew Book Discussion with Amy Dane** – Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm

**Mindfulness Class** – Tuesday, March 12, 26, April 9, 23 at 7:00 pm



## Social Action Programs

**Loaves & Fishes** – Wednesday, March 6 & April 3 at 11:45 am

**Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church** – Sunday, March 31 & April 28 at 4:45 pm

**Ronald McDonald House** – Sunday, March 10 & April 14 at 5:30 pm

## Shabbat Information

**March 1** – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 5:22 pm

**March 2** – Shabbat Va-yakhel  
Havdalah 6:22 pm

**March 8** – Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 5:31 pm

**March 9** – Shabbat P'kudei  
Havdalah 6:31 pm

**March 15** – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 6:39 pm

**March 16** – Shabbat Va-yikra  
Havdalah 7:39 pm

**March 22** – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 6:47 pm

**March 23** – Shabbat Tzav  
Havdalah 7:47 pm  
Sisterhood Shabbat

**March 29** – Family Service 5:00 pm  
No 6:00 pm service  
Candle Lighting 6:54 pm

**March 30** – Shabbat Sh'mini  
Havdalah 7:54 pm

**April 5** – Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 7:02 pm

**April 6** – Shabbat Tazria  
Havdalah 8:02 pm

**April 12** – Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 7:10 pm

**April 13** – Shabbat M'tzora  
Havdalah 8:10 pm

**April 19** – 1st Seder  
No 6:00 pm service  
Candle Lighting 7:18 pm

**April 20** – Passover -  
Morning service 9:30 am  
No 6:00 pm service  
Candle Lighting 8:27 pm

**April 26** – Passover -  
Kabbalat Shabbat/Yizkor 6:00 pm  
Candle Lighting 7:26 pm

**April 27** – Passover -  
Morning service 9:30 am  
Yizkor around 11:00 am  
Havdalah 8:26 pm

## Office Closings

**April 26** – Passover



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## Next Generation Celebration



Be the Future Campaign Chair Michelle Anfang presents the children of our congregation with a check representing the fact that TBE's mortgage has been paid off in full.



On Sunday, February 10, TBE members of all ages gathered to celebrate the retirement of our mortgage.