

Beth-Elements

The Bulletin of Beth-El Congregation - A Reform Synagogue Serving Tarrant County



December 2021 - January 2022



Brian Zimmerman, Senior Rabbi

Divrei Torah

.....Senior Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

"Do not neglect the children of the poor, for from them will go forth the Torah."

— Talmud, Nedarim

What does the Talmud mean when it reminds us that Torah, the very foundation of our faith, will flow freely or stop depending on how we honor our neediest children?

In 2008, Rabbi Amy Weiss of Houston learned that many of the city's children in need did not own underwear. For them, this most basic item was a luxury.

That's why Rabbi Weiss created Undies For Everyone, a registered nonprofit devoted to the sole mission of providing new underwear to children. In 2012, Undies delivered 9,000 pairs to Houston students. Today, her organization has a staff of five and donates more than 2 million pairs of underwear to 100,000 students in 15 cities, including Fort Worth.

Rabbi Weiss and her nonprofit work with religious organizations to raise money so Undies For Everyone can purchase new children's underwear in bulk. The underwear is then sent to those same churches and temples to pack and deliver to local schools.

Beth-El is proud to partner with Undies For Everyone and has committed to raise \$1,000, which will provide 360 packages of seven pairs each of brand-new children's underwear. In keeping with the mission of providing dignity to these children, we will also receive pack-

ing material to wrap the underwear as a gift. On Dec. 12, our 10th- and 11th-grade Religious School students will wrap the underwear and we will deliver it to DeZavala Elementary before Christmas break to go directly to children in need.

What if one night this Chanukah, instead of giving one more superfluous toy, you donated \$18, \$36, or more to provide new underwear for us to deliver?

If you'd like to participate, please send a check to Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund with **Undies** in the memo,

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Worship Services

All services are in person and led by Rabbi Brian Zimmerman, unless otherwise stated. Services also streamed at [youtube.com/BethElCongregation](https://www.youtube.com/BethElCongregation).

Friday, Dec. 3

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.
Chanukah Village Celebration and Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.
(see flyer for more information)

Saturday, Dec. 4

Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Yorkston 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 10

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Shabbat Out of The Box (details p.3) 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Bat Mitzvah of Maya Li Larson 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Zimmerman and Linda Hoffman 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Bat Mitzvah of Claire Schwartz 10:30 a.m.

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B'not Mitzvah



Madeline Yorkston
Dec. 4

Daughter of Eric and Julia Yorkston



Maya Li Larson
Dec. 18

Daughter of Nathan and Violet Larson



Claire Schwartz
Jan. 15

Daughter of Sylvan and Rachel Theriault Schwartz



Russ Schultz

President's Message

..... Temple President Russ Schultz

We just celebrated Thanksgiving and it has given me pause to think about the many things for which I am grateful. Recently, I celebrated a significant birthday (at my age any birthday is significant!) and Susan and I reached the milestone of 50 years of marriage. While we might have an ache here and a pain there, overall, we still have the health to enjoy our family.

I am also grateful to have such a wonderful congregation to call home. Beth-El has become a central part of our lives. So many of our friendships are connected to this congregation, which has bestowed upon me the honor of serving as its president.

Over the last six months I've learned so much about our history, culture, and

membership. I've had the opportunity to work closely with our Rabbi and staff, and to interact with leadership of other congregations from our area, across the country, and from the URJ. What I've learned is that our congregation is head and shoulders above others of similar or even larger size. When I hear the problems they're facing, it reinforces how well off we are.

So, maybe the blessings are there for all of us.

I want to share a couple of Temple updates:

· After three years in the making, the Strategic Plan, begun under the Jeff Kaitcer presidency, was submitted to and accepted by the Board of Directors at our November meeting. Much gratitude to Jane Nober and her committee for their patience and commitment to

Beth-El. Little did they know when they started this endeavor that COVID would interrupt their process. In spite of delays, this document presents a wonderful blueprint for our future. The Board will begin the process of implementation in January, and the Strategic Plan will be posted on our website for anyone who would like to read it.

· I am pleased to announce that our Temple fundraiser is returning and being planned as an in-person event. I want to thank Shayna Coyne, chair, and Eve Shulman, co-chair, for spearheading this "annual" Temple gathering. Details will follow, but it promises to be a wonderful, fun evening. Save the date: April 9, 2022.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, may 2022 be a year that brings you and your family happiness, health and, most of all, Shalom, peace.

Celebrating Suzie Koonsman

On Nov. 2, we gathered to celebrate Suzie Koonsman's 30 years of service to Beth-El. Thank you to everyone who helped make the reception possible, and a special thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and the entire staff for making Suzie's reception such a memorable occasion. I would also like to thank Rabbi Zimmerman, Rabbi Mecklenburger, Temple President Dr. Russ Schultz, Louise Appleman, Judie B. Greenman, Joan Katz, Carol Minker, Richard Minker, and Milena Razack. And finally, thank you to Suzie, a life that truly matters, with heartfelt love and gratitude from your Beth-El family.

– Ruth Roper, Reception Chair



A crowd of congregants, friends, and family members came to a reception celebrating beloved Beth-El administrator Suzie Koonsman for her 30 years of dedication to Beth-El. In this photo she is surrounded by past Temple Presidents.

Thank you to all the Beth-El family, Board of Directors, Beth-El Staff, MRJ, and WRJ for the beautiful reception for my retirement. I will always be grateful and honored to have been with Beth-El for 30 plus years. You have made my days and years precious memories. My heart is overflowing with gratitude. I will miss you.

Respectfully, Suzie Koonsman



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School

.....Education Director Shoshana Abrams-Kaikov

It might be getting colder outside, but the great things happening at

Beth-El Religious School are sure to warm your heart. It is hard to believe we have been back in-person, *B'yachad*, for an entire semester! And, what a semester it's been!!

Here are some chai-lights: our Kindergarten/1st Grade Consecration; Tefillah (prayers) and shofar sounding of the Sukkah; Tot Shabbat; Confirmation field trips; Jewish cooking for our teens; Alef Bet Yoga for our youngest students; the schoolwide *Hakarat HaTov*

(Gratitude) program; schoolwide challah baking; Jewish song jam sessions with Eli Davidsohn; and engaging in Mitzvah work by making goody bags for nurses as a token of our gratitude for the holy work they do.

We are so excited for our Religious School Chanukah Hoedown on Dec. 5! We invite all students to come to school in their Chanukah sweaters and cowboy boots for a fun Texas-style celebration!

We hope you will enjoy the wonderful photos we've included from our amazing semester. We wish you all a safe and fun winter break and can't wait to welcome all our families back to Religious School on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 9:30 a.m.



Congratulations to our Consecration class! From left, front row: Samson Sturman, Eila Hollander, Grace Brizendine, Ella Kaikov, Dillon Bekerman, Penny Brigati; second row: Landry Bekerman, Leah Rose Epstein, Eric Rubinson, Lainey Schneider, Jameson Coyne, Kieth Dujan; back row: Cantor Shoshana Kaikov, Melisa Morgan, David Rousch, Rabbi Brian Zimmerman



Religious school students enjoyed in-person activities, such as challah-making, during the fall semester.

Shabbat Out of the Box

Saturday, Dec. 11

Hakarat Hatov: Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving with Rabbi Zimmerman..... 10:30 a.m.

Jewish Yoga and Meditation with Brooks Alkek 11:30 a.m.

Worship Services

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Friday, Jan. 21

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Jewish Mediation with Brooks Alkek 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 28

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Fridays, Candle Lighting via Zoom

Rabbi Zimmerman and friends 5 p.m.

Saturdays, Havdallah via Zoom

Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman 6 p.m.

Divrei Torah

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or donate online and note **Undies** in the payment form. Our initial commitment is to present 360 children with a week of gift-wrapped new underwear for Christmas. Beyond that, for every extra thousand dollars we raise, another 360 packages will be bought, wrapped, and delivered to more needy children in our community.

This is the first step in a series of strategic partnerships that will, once again, make Beth-El a sacred partner in building a more just, kind, and loving Fort Worth.

Imagine receiving a week's worth of underwear and considering it a Chanukah miracle. You and I are so blessed and there is so much more we can do.

Do not neglect the children of the poor, for from them will go forth Torah.



Michelle Hartman

Women of Reform Judaism

.....WRJ President Michelle Hartman

Happy Chanukah from the WRJ Board. We have two upcoming events:

Bookies & Cookies, Sunday, Dec. 5, Beth-El Library: Bring a batch of cookies to swap and an unwrapped book for a white elephant-style exchange; go home with a mix of cookies and a new read!

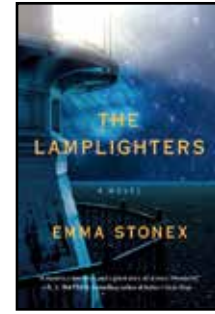
Cooking demo, Sunday, Jan. 9: Rabbi Zimmerman – or as we have nicknamed him, Chef BoyarZee – will host the fun

event. For more details, check Rabbi's e-blasts.

The 2021 Annual Brunch was an enjoyable and informative morning. Thank you to Laurie James for chairing this year's fundraiser and her hard-working team. Not only did we have four interesting speakers, we honored our Sisterhood's past presidents who were able to attend.

Upcoming: WRJ's Book Club will be discussing "The Lamplighters," by Emma Stonex on Wednesday, Feb. 2, via Zoom; see sidebar for details.

WRJ Book Club



The Lamplighters
By
Emma Stonex

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m. Zoom

From a lighthouse tower on a rugged and rocky island, miles off the wild coast of Cornwall, three men vanish. This is a story of the women they left behind.

A mystery, ghost story, and psychological study, the tale moves between the women's stories and the men's last weeks together. Long-held secrets surface and truths twist into lies.

Based on an actual event in 1900, novelist Emma Stonex moves the events to the 1970s and '90s. "The Lamplighters" is her debut under her own name; she is the author of several books written under a pseudonym. Before becoming a writer, she worked as an editor at a major publishing house.



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

.....MRJ President Eric Deutsch

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year from your MRJ.

We have a busy couple of months coming up. We will be helping out with the Religious School Chanukah celebration on Sunday, Dec. 5, and we will be catering another b'nai mitzvah later in the month. Finally, we will cap off the month with our annual **Christmas Eve trivia night/Chinese dinner**, where you get to face off

against other teams and show off your trivia knowledge. Look for more details in Rabbi's weekly e-blasts and on page 11 in this bulletin.

On **Jan. 23**, we will be catering the annual **Veterans' Brunch**. This is a very meaningful event and gives us a chance to thank those who provided service to our country. If you would like to get involved with any MRJ activities, please contact me at eric.deutsch@haynes-boone.com or 972-800-3578.

New member mixer

A new member reception at Rabbi and Mimi Zimmerman's home Nov. 6 was the perfect opportunity to enjoy conversation and community-building with some of Beth-El's newest members. They got a chance to meet each other, as well as members of the New Member Committee and the community. Everyone in attendance agreed it was a great mixer.

We have started a program called Beth-El Connects, which pairs incoming new families with existing member families in a similar stage in life. If you'd like to be part of Beth-El Connects, please email me, Milena Razack, New Member Chair, at merazack@gmail.com.



Mimi Zimmerman, standing center, and Rabbi Zimmerman, not pictured, hosted a new member mixer at their home in Fort Worth. Several current members attended to help welcome new families to Beth-El.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9 :30a.m. Religious School 1:30 p.m. WRJ Bookies and Cookies 	6 7 p.m. Federation Zoom event: "Was Hamilton Jewish?"	7 12 p.m. Jewish Puzzle of Life: Personal Theology 7:30 p.m. Curious About Conversion class	8	9	10 5 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service	11 9 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Out of the Box 6 p.m. Havdallah
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For additional information and updates about event listings, please see our website at bethelfw.org

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23 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Mecklenburger Lecture 10:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch	24	25	26	27 1:30 p.m. PrimeTimers Bridge 6:30 p.m. Beth-El Holocaust Torah Program at the Downtown Public Library	28 5 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service	29 9 a.m. Torah Study 6 p.m. Havdallah
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The Art Deco gate that protects the ark in the Hall of Remembrance was designed for our previous Temple in 1949 and brought to Briarhaven Road when the congregation moved here in 2000. Designed by modernist Erno Fabry, the doors feature a sunburst of rays emanating from a Star of David. David Stanford, the architect of our building, liked the design so much he changed the proportions and replicated the Art Deco sunburst in the Temple's four entry gates, linking Beth-El's past and present. (Photo by D. Brant)

Then & Now

Holocaust Torah Makes Amazing Journey to Beth-El

Hollace Ava Weiner, Beth-El Archivist



Hollace Weiner

In 1942, the Nazis seized Jewish ritual objects from synagogues across Czechoslovakia and shipped them to Prague to be

tagged and catalogued. Among those objects of Judaica were 1,564 Torahs.

Three decades later, one of those sacred scrolls was shipped by jet from London to Dallas, then delivered by courier to the ark at Beth-El.

Join Temple Archivist Hollace Weiner and Rabbi Emeritus Ralph Mecklenburger on **Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m., downtown at the Central Library** to learn about Beth-El's Holocaust Torah and its perilous journey from a Czech farming village, to a drafty Bohemian warehouse, and across the English Channel before it arrived in Texas in 1971 for a new lease on its spiritual life.

The illustrated lecture coincides with

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a United Nations observance that marks liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz on Jan. 27, 1945. The U.N. Holocaust Remembrance Day differs from Yom HaShoah, Israel's memorial day for the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Observed in Jewish communities worldwide, Yom HaShoah falls a week after Passover on the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. It will be observed April 27-28, 2022.

The downtown lecture, titled "Journey of Temple Beth-El's Holocaust Torah from Nazi Peril to Renewed Life in Texas," is free and open to the public. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Tandy Lecture Hall at the Central Library (500 West 3rd Street). Parking meters and the garage at 345 West 3rd St. are free on weeknights.

The Beth-El Holocaust Torah cover was designed and needlepointed by the late Ellen Mack. It says "Am Visroel Chai" in Hebrew, meaning "The Jewish People Shall Live."



Caring Congregation Committee

Carol Minker, Chair



At any moment in time, members of our Congregation may be in need – not of charity – but in need of *acts of loving kindness!* In order for the committee to do our best, we need to know who is ill, needs a welcome or virtual visit, or a meal. Please contact the Temple office, and a member of our committee will be in touch.

Contributions

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

In Honor of Steve Ginsberg, on his 75th birthday
• Bob Diamond

In Honor of Rabbi Mecklenburger, on his 75th birthday
• Roz Rosenthal

Floral Fund

In Honor of Ruth Roper, on her devotion and hard work at the Temple
• Carole Rogers

In Honor of a speedy recovery for William and Anne Westermann
• Yuyo Westermann

Library Fund

In Memory of Roman Schloss
• Loretta and Alan Feinberg

Prayerbook Fund

In Honor of Steve Ginsberg, on his 75th birthday
• Bob Diamond

Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Rabbi Ralph and Ann Mecklenburger, on their 50th wedding anniversary
• Roz Rosenthal

Temple Fund

In Honor of Leah Imran, on her Bat Mitzvah
• Laurie and Howard Kelfer

Music Fund

In Memory of Daniel Kirschbaum
• Jeanne and Steve Ginsberg



Commissioned by the Rosenthal family, this 2004 painting by Archie Rand is one of a pair that hang in the Temple foyer and are titled "Give Ear O Lord" (Psalms).

Beth-El Film Festival

Beth-El's Film Festival is back!

Join us on a Sunday night in December and January for great, free films – and maybe some popcorn, too!



Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles

PG-13, 2019

Sunday, Dec. 12
6 p.m.

When "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway in 1964, it explored themes of tradition, religion, and anti-Semitism against a modern backdrop of radical social change in gender roles, sexuality, and race. This engaging and entertaining documentary combines rare archival footage and interviews with musical luminaries to explore the legacy of this long-running, award-winning musical.



The Spy Behind Home Plate

PG-13, 2019

Sunday, Jan. 9
6 p.m.

Meet Morris "Moe" Berg, a major league baseball player, proud Jew, and a spy. Berg caught and fielded in the major leagues during baseball's Golden Age in the 1920s and 1930s, but very few people know Berg also worked for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), spying in Europe and playing a prominent role in America's efforts to undermine the German atomic bomb program during WWII. Aviva Kempner's exciting documentary brings this heroic and little-known story to life.

Social Action at Beth-El

The Torah tells us *Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof*, "Justice, Justice, you shall pursue." After studying, celebrating, and debating, Judaism is also about doing. We work to make the world a more just place. Many Beth-El members are engaged in serious action/social justice work.

This year, we hope to provide assistance to several local organizations that provide essential help in our community and around the world. If you have an organization or an idea for a project that you think the Temple can assist with, or if you would like to take a more active role in our current projects, please contact our Engagement Coordinator Rachael Hunt at rachaelhunt@bethelfw.org.

Current and upcoming projects:

- Underwear Drive for DeZavala Elementary School working with Undies for Everyone
- Toys for Tots in partnership with Ahavath Sholom
- Voting Rights Advocacy with the Religious Action Center
- Volunteering with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry
- Carter Mobile Blood Drives
- Habitat for Humanity house build
- Tarrant County Community Mitzvah Day, May 15

Yahrzeits

December 3

Louis Appleman
Jack I. Arensberg
Michelle Levin Asperi
James Barlow
Pauline Bassist
Herman Baum
Frank Seymour Berlin
Fany Cooles Gernsbacher
Fred Bihari
Stanley Alan Bihari
Cecile Brown
Dr. Donald M. Cohen
Theresa Cooles
Leonard Frank
Abraham Friedman
Blanche Friedman
Hans Friedman
Hertha Szigeti Friedman
Fanny Wolf Goldman
Stephen Goldman
Philip Groginski
Pearl Hayman
Gary Allen Herman
Esther Herzfeld
Max Klein
Adrienne Kline
Leah Taurog
Joseph Mayer
Edgar J. Myers
Charles W. Post
Charles S. Reynolds
Mollie Miller Roth
Carolyn S. Rubin
Nathan E. Rubin
Miriam Sherman
Dorothy Steinman
William Steinman
Anita Suby

December 10

Meyer Ander
Lorraine Bellet
Rose Berk
Etta Brachman
Edouard M "Bud" Propper
Benjamin Chance
Seymour Drescher
Earl I. Evans
Nellie Van Coevorden
Henry P. Florsheim, Jr
Irene Polan Cohen
Ben M. Gilbert
Edward Glass
Bertha Haas
Mary Haas
Arthur Hertz
Sam Hiller

Darwin W. Hirsh
Regina Schlinger Hochman
Rose Hochman
Veronka John-Steiner
Rose Anolik Kamber
Dorris Q Katten
Irene Levey
Marcus Lopin
Morris Miller
Elaine Mothner
Jack Roberts
Seymour Roberts
Alex Rosenthal
Ben Rosenthal
Helen Rosenthal
Morris S. Schiff
Jack I. Schwartz
Annie Sturman
Henriette Voet
Sylvia Weinberg

December 17

Ann D. Aston
Fortune Babani
Phyllis Beck
Grace Marie Fohr-Bentley
Marie Friedman Berger
David Brown
Helen Shields Cohen
Abraham Jacob Cooles
David Eisenman
Leon Friedman
Jacob Gernsbacher
Frank Greenbaum
Ruth Kantor
Malcolm "Mickey" Kohn
Gertrude Lehrer
Ruth Maizlish
Isadore Marx
Harry Sam Miller
Ethel Minker
Frieda Miron
Peggy Norris
Will S. Nurenborg
Margarete Reitman
Dora Levy Roddy
Ann W. Fred Rolnick
Dorothy Rosenstein
Bernard "Bubba" Rubin
Barbara Rubin
Max Stenzler
Berniece "Beanie" Weil

December 24

Meyer Abramson
Louis Henry Altman
Sidney Berenzweig
Carl Boxer
Philip Cooles

Bernard Doyschen
Audrey Faden
Lazar Friedberg
Sidney Frolkis
Bluma Fruhman
Mildred Gale
Harold Gilbert
Leia Reese Goldstein
Helen Klar Gordon
Sol Gordon
Goldie Greenbaum
Louis Greenberg
Elece Zeve Haas
Ernest Hochster
Lee Jackson
Gershon Joseph
Alvin Kaplan
Larry Kornbleet
Tilly Kotkin
Celine Haas Levy
Margaret L. Lynch
Margaret Jo Massey
Amanda Mayer
Louise Menscher
Bob Mothner
Samuel Neumegen
Marsha Oderberg
Hyman Robins
Sam Rosen
Harold Rosen
Nathan Rosenberg
Maggie Levy Rubin
Jose Silva
Judith Solomon
Sidney Strassman
Andrew Tanenhaus
Sara M. Winston

December 31

Marie Adams
Ellen Skillen Alkon
Frank Appleman
Robert I. Bloom
Carl Lee Bomash
Harriet Boxer
Flora Jean Campbell
Abraham Cohen
Pauline Cohen
Dr. Sidney Cohen
Melanie Cohn
Gaye Felder
Esther Weber Freed
Bernard Fruhman
Bella Ginsberg
Lilaine Goldman
Barbara Goldstein
Lena Gordon
Sarah Gordon
Norma Greenberg
Ismar Heilborn
Max Hirsch
Herman Hollander
Cary Isenberg

Susie Jackson
Elsie Jacobs
Greta Kemp
Ruth Williams Leaffer
Abraham Levy
Theresa Levy
Ida N. Lipshitz
Leo Lipshitz
Robert Gary Margolis
Harry Meisel
Gertrude Pozez
Virginia Allison Pratt
Ephraim G. Rosen
Edna Tennant Rubinton
David J. Schwartz
Margot Schwartz
Adrienne Simon
Betty Solomon
Dorothy Solomon
Joseph Solomon
Sam Solomon
Marcella Vann

January 7

Mark Altshuler
Moshe ben Avraham
Herman Baginsky
Frieda Steinberg Berlin
Kevan Lawrence Berlin
Nathan Brownold
Austin Sampson Carter
Sarah Friedman
Joe Harris
Helen Jacobs
Clara Klein
Mollie Solomon Klein
Marian Lederman
Herman Nathan Levi
Rachel Levy
Michael Newman
Phyllis Orlow
Tobias Oruch
Frances Plotsky
Richard Pritchard
Sidney Raimey
Dorothy Roper
Rebecca Sandberger
Hannah Weber Sandler
Hyman Sankary
Major M. Schoenbrun
Dorothy Schwartz
Leaba Weinshenker Silver
Hannah Simon
Ray Simon
Gertrude F. Slotter
Oscar J. Steinberg
Andrea Tomlinson
Ida Weil
Anita Lobe Weiner

January 14

Paul Alkon
Isaac Babani

S. R. Bloom
Esther Bock
Solomon Braun
Benjamin Thomas Bressert
Edward Brunstein
Sarah Brunstein
Malcolm Cohen
Harry Friedman
Anna Shaw Friedman
Jack Gerrick
Bernard W. Goldman
Sarah Goldstick
Harold Goodman
Ida Greenberg
Hulda Guggenheim
Celia Potter Hitman
Helen Isgur
Jerome Kantor
Albert Kelfer
Lillian L. Klotzman
Betty Kohn
Rosalie Krochmal
Charles Landman
Maurice "Poy" Levey
Gilbert Levy
Rabbi Harry A. Merfeld
Mildred Miller
Jacob Milner
Stuart M. Morewitz
Rachael M. Neumegen
Samuel M. Posnock
Laura Rohrbach
Dorothy Rosen
Henry Rosenberg
Sally Rosenblum
Arthur H. Rosenthal
Dan Rosenthal
Herman Rosenzweig
Esther Shamus
Stan Steiner
Dorothy Weinshenker
Evan Westermann
Meyer L. Wile
Joseph Wolffson

January 21

Cecile Azerad
Fannie B. Bloom
Ed Bond
Max Broude
Jeanette Bushner
Mildred Butterman
Miriam Butterman
Dr. Barry Bzostek
Stanley Cott
Phyllis Ettinger
Peggy Farb
Ira Flax
Edwin Friedman
Rose Fuller
Lawrence Gernsbacher
Arthur Ginsburg
Robert Gould

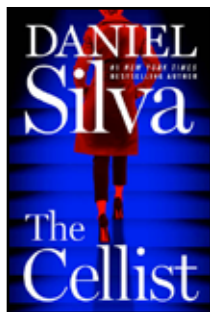
Otha Grisham
Emmanuel P. Haas
Harold Hoffman
Rose Hollander
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Barry Kalpin
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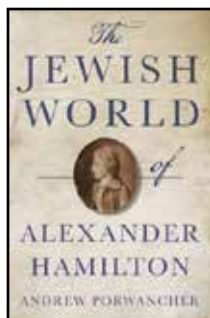
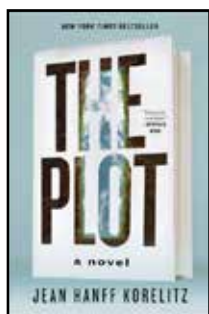
After a long hiatus, the Beth-El library is up and running with several new titles being added weekly. Among them are:

The Cellist, a new thriller by Daniel Silva featuring the legendary spy, Gabriel Allon, the KGB and British intelligence.

The Plot, a story of an award-winning author, who in the midst of his fame, receives an email message, "you are a thief." Author Jean Hanff Korelitz has created a mystery with a surprise ending.

The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton, a non-fiction book by Andrew Porwancher that offers a unique theory that Hamilton was born and raised as a Jew. See below for more information about a Zoom event with the author.

These titles, and several more, are in the section opposite the library desk. Please come in and **check them out!**



**Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?
Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.**

Andrew Porwancher, author of the fascinating new book "The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton," will be the featured speaker for a special community Zoom presentation when he will share his extensive research that challenges us to rethink the life and legend of a founding father who championed the cause of American and Jewish ideals. The event is free, but pre-registration is required at tarrantfederation.org.



Andrew Porwancher



NYC Shavuot Trip

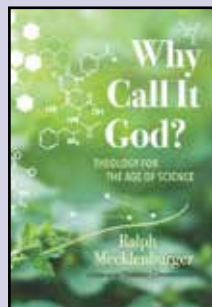
**Coming June 2-5, 2022
Shavuot Trip to Jewish NYC
with Rabbi Zimmerman**

Native New Yorker Rabbi Brian Zimmerman will lead an exciting summer trek to the city that is a unique cultural and religious laboratory for the American Jewish Experience. This is not necessarily a first-timer's trip but an experience for anyone who wants to experience New York through the eyes of locals, especially other Jews. We'll visit tourist sites and engage in conversations with local and national Jewish leaders, go on guided and in-depth walking tours, enjoy immersive worship and study experiences, and sample plenty of delicious meals.

This trip is also unique because it will take place during Shavuot, when many Jews stay up all night to study. Included in the trip is an optional all-night experience at some of the New York centers for arts, culture, and learning. Interested? Contact Rabbi Zimmerman for more information.

'Why Call It God?' now in Paperback

Join Rabbi Emeritus Ralph Mecklenburger on Sunday mornings at Beth-El as he reflects on his book, "Why Call It God? Theology for the Age of Science," which is for sale at the Beth-El gift shop and on Amazon.



**Sunday, Dec. 12
9:30 a.m.
The Divine Intangibles that
Make Our Life Worthwhile**

**Sunday, Jan. 23
9:30 a.m.
The Mystery of Prophecy**

Trivia Contest & Chinese Dinner

Friday, Dec. 24
7 p.m.
Great Hall
\$12 per person



Wondering what to do on Christmas Eve? MRJ's Christmas Eve Trivia Challenge and Chinese Food Dinner is the answer. MRJ's Trivia Master, Les Rosenthal, will once again bring a wide range of topics to challenge you and your friends.

This year's affair will feature dinner from Szechuan near Camp Bowie. The trivia challenge will follow, and participants will be able to seat themselves at a table of their choice to form their own team of six trivia challengers. Trivia categories and topics will be wide ranging and challenging for

everyone from young adults to experienced trivia veterans.

So bring everybody who is at home on Christmas Eve and enjoy MRJ's evening of fun and competitive trivia!

Great prizes will be given to everyone at the winning table. The trivia contest will follow dinner.

Please visit bethelfw.org to make reservations and pay for your evening of food and fun. Space may be limited, and reservations are an absolute must!

The price of reservations will increase to \$15 per person at the close of business on Wednesday, December 22.

If you'd like more information about the event, contact Alan Feinberg at 214-232-2055 or alan1020f@aol.com.

Theology Class

..... with Rabbi Zimmerman

Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life: A Search for Personal Theology

Tuesdays at noon,
Dec. 7, 21, and Jan. 4, 18

Have you ever been asked why you are Jewish and found yourself groping for an answer? Has your son or daughter asked you why he or she has to have a bar or bat mitzvah and you knew it mattered but found yourself speechless? As you confront evangelicals with a sure sense of afterlife theology, do you find yourself unable to articulate your own religious belief system?

A conversation without easy answers, this twice monthly class will study philosophers, occasionally bring in guest speakers, explore Jewish history and text, all with the goal of articulating a personal theology.

If this appeals to you, please consider joining us.

College Outreach

The Temple needs your college students' new addresses so that they can be a part of our Beth-El college outreach program.

This year will feature gift cards, some campus visits, gatherings during winter break and more!

But we can't invite your son or daughter if we don't have their information!

Please fill out this form and return it to the Temple.

The sooner we get this information, the sooner we can keep them connected to Beth-El!

Student's Name _____

College Address _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Birthday _____

Please return this information to the Temple even if you supplied the information last year.

Parents, do you want to help out with our college program?

We are always looking for helpers ready to work.

Contact Michelle Hartman, College Committee chair, at hartman8729@sbcglobal.net or Rabbi Zimmerman at rabbiz@bethelfw.org.





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Other funds: **Tree \$20, Prayer Book \$30, Floral \$40, Tree of Life Leaves \$300**

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