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The Reform Congregation of Jersey City
November 2022
Cheshvan—Kislev 5783

Celebrating our 150th year as a
congregation & 95 years in our home!

Click [here](#) to

Take the Chai Challenge!

Donate a multiple of chai (18) for 12 months
to meet our Social Hall Fundraising Goals.
(See page 3 for the exciting building details)

If every family donates \$180 for 12 months,
we would meet or exceed our goal to transform our Social Hall.

Can't do \$180? What multiple of chai is possible for you?
Can you do more to offset those who cannot?



- All Shabbat services are live and in person in our sanctuary.
- Temple Beth-El no longer requires masking or proof of vaccination. However, we have established a “masked required” section of our sanctuary for those who feel most comfortable sitting among masked people.
- We are continuing to livestream all our services for all who do not feel ready to return. **Services that will be livestreamed from our sanctuary can be viewed [here](#).** If you are following the service from home and would like to access the siddur, click [here](#).

Friday, November 4 6:30 pm
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Cantor Jeff
 5th Grade Shabbat; Oneg and cake honoring the children after services.

Friday, November 11
 Shabbat Dinner 7:00 — 8:30 pm
 All attendees must pre-register [here](#) by Tuesday
 November 8. All are welcome to the Oneg following services.
 Kaddish will be offered for those who wish to recite it.
 This dinner is in place of our usual Shabbat prayer services.

Saturday, November 12
 Tot Shabbat (not livestreamed) 10:30 am

Friday, November 18
 Wine & Cheese “Pre-neg” 7:15 pm
 Kabbalat Shabbat Services. Oneg following services. 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 19
 Shabbat Morning Services and Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Bleich.

Friday, November 25
 Kabbalat Shabbat services. Oneg following services. 8:00 pm

Friday, December 2
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Cantor Jeff. All Grade Shabbat. Oneg and cake honoring the children following services. 8:00 pm



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Office hours: Mon-Fri 10am – 1pm

Much of our staff is working from home with limited access to files. Our phones, emails and website are up and running.

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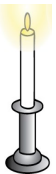


Please consider [sponsoring an oneg](#) —
 for a special occasion
 or just to celebrate being together!

Shabbat Candle Lighting



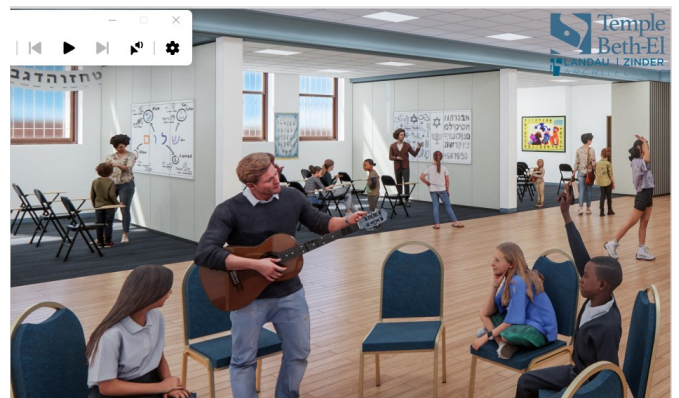
Friday, November 4	5:31 pm
Friday, November 11	4:24 pm
Friday, November 18	4:18 pm
Friday, November 25	4:14 pm
Friday, December 2	4:11 pm



Help us go from this



to this!



In partnership with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security,
our building will have **by next summer:**

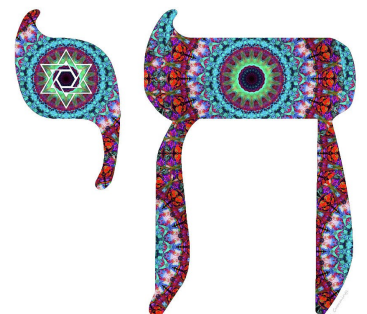
A completely and beautifully refurbished Social Hall with

- All new windows streaming in natural light
- A brand new school facility with audio-quality movable walls
- Ample space for all our celebrations and events
- New bathrooms in our lower level
- A handicap accessible elevator that goes from basement to balcony
- New HVAC in our lower level
- New front doors on the sanctuary level
- New security windows in our Annex Classrooms and Rabbi's office
- New security perimeter fencing and lighting around our building
- And more!

Click [here](#) to take the Chai Challenge!

We are in the final stages of firming up the budget and commitment from FEMA in their granting us 90% of an approximately \$2.25 million project.* We must raise the rest and raise the working capital to front load the first payments as we are reimbursed. If every family donates \$180 for 12 months, we would meet or exceed our goal to transform our Social Hall. Can't do \$180? What multiple of chai is possible for you? Can you do more to offset those who cannot?

*Full budgets, fundraising needs and timeline expected very soon!





Ethan Adrian Bleich, son of Joan Parker Adams and Eric Evan Bleich, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 19, 2022. Ethan is a Jersey City native who moved to Madison, NJ last year. He is an 8th grader at Madison Junior School. His favorite subjects are art and science. He is a member of the Gaming Club, Madison Makers and Art Club.

Ethan has been an active member of the Temple Beth-El community since he was in Tot Shabbat. He was part of the celebration and witnessed when his sister, Harleigh, became a Bat Mitzvah. He participated and enjoyed all of the fun activities and meeting friends every Sunday attending Hebrew School. He particularly loved Purim and Sukkot festivities!

Ethan enjoys playing video games, playing chess and board games, riding his scooter, drawing, making his own comic books, watching competition series such as Survivor, Final Table and various baking shows. He is very adventurous with trying new foods and enjoys going out to eat.

Ethan and his family are very grateful for the dedication of Rabbi Moritt, Cantor Marian and Cantor Hadar in helping him reach his potential. We are blessed to belong to such a unique and caring congregation so that Ethan can continue his life with his Jewish heritage always guiding him.



B'nai Mitzvah Orientation Meeting for Parents
Sunday, Nov. 13 @ 10:30 am

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Forming

Have you always wanted to celebrate (or celebrate anew) your own *b'nai mitzvah*?
 Go deeper into study as an adult?
 Learn along with your children?

A core group of people have formed to launch an Adult B'nai Mitzvah group and will be meeting soon with Rabbi Moritt to discuss our goals.

If you are interested in being part of the group, please reach out to [Rabbi Moritt](#) for more details.

Jersey City Together

Temple Beth-El is a founding congregation of Jersey City Together, a grassroots organization dedicated to listening to the needs of the people of Jersey City and carrying those concerns to the public and private decision-makers who can make changes for the better.



Join voices speaking out in support of the social change we seek to create. JCT's current focus is how to best improve housing affordability, public education, and public safety/criminal justice here in our own backyard. JCT plans listening sessions throughout the year and we are always interested in having varied

members of the Beth-El community represent us at JCT programming.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Jersey City Together. Please reach out to TBE Trustee [Phil Gary](#) to learn more about the team at TBE and get involved!



Shabbat Dinners at TBE!
Friday, November 11
Friday, January 27

Full hot catered Shabbat Dinner at TBE!
 Open to all with pre-registration.
 Cost: \$18/adult, \$10/child 3-10.

To register and pay please go [here](#) and select "Shabbat Dinner." The dinner will replace the Kabbalat Shabbat prayer service that week. Everyone will help with the dishes and those who enjoy wine with dinner should bring a bottle to share.

All non-registrants will be welcome for our regular oneg/dessert and we will offer the Mourner's Kaddish and misheberach for healing for those who are remembering a loved one during the oneg.



Save the Dates:
wine & cheese "pre-neq"
before services

Friday, November 18

Friday, December 16

Friday, January 20



- Help bring TBE to those at home by pushing a couple of buttons. Join the tech crew and work our Livestream equipment at a Shabbat service. Contact Seth Lubin at sthlubin@gmail.com
- Love to shmooze? Help the Temple talk up and grow our Kadimah! Development Team. Contact Peter Retzlaff at Kadimah@betheljc.org
- Know Wordpress or have tech skills? Help the Temple with occasional website updates or up dating our digital infrastructure. Contact Philip.gary@gmail.com or RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org
- Want to create fun, welcoming and meaningful Temple events? Be part of our Religious Practices/Ushering team or Membership committee. Contact RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org
- Want to help feed the hungry and change the world? Contact Laura Katzive at laura_katzive@yahoo.com



It's not too early to think about camp for next summer!
Learn about Camp Harlam [here](#).





Saturday, November 12 @ 10:30 am
at Temple Beth-El outdoors (weather permitting)

Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Join your TBE friends, Rabbi Moritt and Ben Rauch for singing, dancing, storytime, kiddush, motzi, and an age-appropriate craft.

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the calendar year. We will be meeting in various outdoor locations when weather permits. Watch for location details.

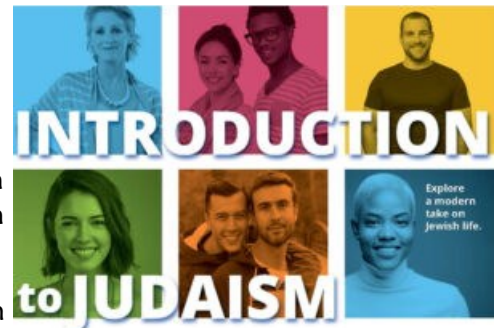
December 10 January 21 February 25
March 18 April 22 May 13 June 10

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email office@betheljc.org & ask to be added to our email list.

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Introduction to Judaism Beginning Again This Fall!

You're curious about Judaism and what this 3,000-year-old tradition has to offer you or your family's life? Welcome.



Rabbi Moritt's Introduction to Judaism class will begin again on **Wednesday November 2**. Running for 20 weeks, the class will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm.

Open to all, our class is designed for individuals and couples from Jewish and various faith traditions and cultural backgrounds and well as those with no religious upbringing. It is perfect for interfaith couples wanting to broaden their understanding of Judaism or who are raising or plan to raise Jewish children. It is equally appropriate for seekers or Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.

Our class will focus on the "hows" and "whys" of Judaism and cover highlights, core concepts, master stories, key figures and the building blocks of Judaism. We will cover ethics, the Sabbath and holidays, prayer, life cycle events, dietary customs, the Jewish people and Israel. We will delve into Jewish theology, history and the meaning and practice of Jewish living. Each session will be a conversation, encouraging multiple perspectives, inquiries and questions. Inspiring readings for each week will be assigned ahead of time, and additional readings and viewing option will be suggested as the course progresses.

For non-Jewish participants, this class can serve as preparation for conversion to Judaism; however, commitment to conversion is not required at any point in the program. Rabbi Moritt is also available to meet privately with students. Synagogue membership is not required.

Please be in touch her at RabbiMoritt@betheljc.org with questions, to register or to set up a meeting. Rabbi Moritt meets with each student before registering.

Cost: Free for members. \$375 per person/couple for non-members. All are invited. We anticipate this class will be held in-person. To pay registration fee, click [here](#). Students will be expected to purchase the assigned books, take turns bringing snacks and contribute to one communal Shabbat dinner.

An optional Introduction to Hebrew class will be offered 30 minutes before class begins, starting December 7, at no cost.



*Building, decorating,
and enjoying the
Temple sukkah on a
beautiful fall day!*





Change the World With One Hour of Your Time Temple Beth-El Food Pantry Every Thursday

Our Food Pantry is in its third year and is giving out more and more meals to our food-insecure neighbors. Our members and friends have been generous with food donations, which allows us to continue.

We really need more volunteers! Please consider coming in once a month to help out. It only takes an hour of your time and is a great mitzvah. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

You can also help by donating the foods and clothing listed [here](#), or by donating funds [here](#) so that we may purchase needed items. Our neighbors in need can use them. (Or you can use this QR code to access the wishlist.)



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Donations are tax-deductible. If you donate cash, you'll receive an acknowledgement as usual. If you donate items, email the receipt to kpd@betheljc.org or click [here](#) for a downloadable copy of the Temple's In-Kind Donation Form. Click on the second form to donate, complete it, and send it to kpd@betheljc.org.

Thank you to the following members who donated funds to the Food Pantry this month:

Joel Caminer & Ellen Simon
Robin & Terry Ewert

Aaron Green
Jay & Bonita (Bonnie) Heyman

Laura Katzive & Daniel Ackman
Robert & Hillela Ward

Tributes

Acknowledgement of your contribution is sent to the recipient and the message is listed in the newsletter. To make a donation and offer a tribute for any reason, click [here](#) and go to the appropriate tab or contact the [office](#)

Sustaining Fund

A donation was made by
Jeremy & Sarah Farrell

In memory of Judy Kaplan
Jason Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donations were made by
Adam & Paula Stein
Barbara Wolkoff

Music Fund

In memory of Donald Hockstein
Irwin Rosen

In memory of Sanford Harwood
Irwin Rosen

Wishing Phil Rivo a speedy recovery
Irwin Rosen

Time to Make/Renew your Pledge

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so now by clicking [here](#) and making your new pledge for fiscal year 2022-23. Our community can only thrive if everyone participates to the best of their financial ability. We need your support.

If you set up automatic credit-card payments via the Temple website last year and want to keep the amount unchanged, you don't have to do anything. If you want to change it, please call the Temple Office.

We raised the suggested donation for the first time in four years to \$2,700 for this year but, under our Terumah free-will dues system, we welcome your pledge in any amount that you can afford. We only ask that you give as generously as you can. If possible, please give a little more than you did last year. Due to COVID, we need your support more than ever.

Please be sure your membership is current so that our records will be up to date and so your children may attend the TBE Religious School.



Extraordinary times may compel one to make difficult decisions for which they were not previously prepared. Whether you find yourself faced with the decisions surrounding the death of a family member or you are considering making advance plans, Temple Beth-El has a plot of burial grounds in **Mount Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, NJ.**

Mount Moriah is a beautiful and well-maintained cemetery that has been serving the Jewish Community for over 100 years. The cemetery is located on the slopes of the Palisades just a few minutes from Hudson County, between Kennedy Blvd and Routes 1&9. The Temple's graves are located on the main road of the cemetery and are adjacent to our original plot where, among many of our founding members, our founding rabbi, the late Maurice Thorner is buried. These graves are available for purchase, either as a family plot or individual graves.

For further information, please contact Larry Gutterman at admin@betheljc.org

Yahrzeits/Memorial Plaques
Remember and Honor



The yahrzeit, or anniversary of a loved one's passing, is a time to remember the person, in the synagogue by reciting the Kaddish prayer, through the giving of extra charity and through learning. Each week at services we speak aloud the names of those people whose yahrzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yahrzeit listings go to the [TBE yahrzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)

Yahrzeits



Week ending November 5

Howard Bert Baker
Mark Cuttler
Michelle Gary
Mary Kushner
Victor Ruskin
Irving Sweet

Week ending November 19

Judith Baller-Fabian
Hortense Frank
Edna Press Herman
Patti Meyersohn
Steven Pinkowitz
Sylvia F. Shapiro

Week ending November 12

Fanny Altman
Evelyn Shugar Brauer
Maurice J. "Buddy"
Frank
Walter Gaines
Samuel Harwood
Esther "Betty" Lerner
Rachel Newman
Richard Epstein
Helen K. Wellen

Week ending November 26

Phyllis Barison
Mary Lou Goldstein
Dr. Jack Gurwitz
Alan Robert Levine
Milton Wiener

Week Ending 12/3

Silvia R. Brodsky
Laura Moritt Katz
Daniel Isidore Koplowitz
Louis Mayersohn
Sigmund Arthur
Newman
Elliott Porte
Herbert Ziff

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Temple Beth-El Jersey City Members

is a **private** Facebook Group created exclusively for our Temple Beth-El member community. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining. There is also a separate page for Beth-El families!



Our Twitter feed has over **800** followers! Check it out [here](#) or search for Temple Beth-El Jersey City on Twitter.



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Click [here](#) for our Temple Beth-El website & Member Section!

To access the member section, click on Member Login on the top right section of the homepage. You'll see a form to establish a unique username and password. Once in the Members Only section you'll find our Membership Directory, b'nai mitzvah materials, Religious School Parent Portal, Expense Reimbursement and In-Kind Donation Forms, and Yizkor online access.

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We have assembled links to organizations that can provide aid to the people of Ukraine. Please go [here](#) for additional information.



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