

Beth-Elements

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



November 2024



Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

Divrei Torah

..... Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Talmud, Menachot, 43b, teaches that a person should say 100 blessings each day.

How do you find time – or enough things to be grateful for – to support 100 blessings a day?!

Our tradition offers blessings for every moment and miracle – from eating different types of food, to the first sight of a rainbow, to the first steps a new baby takes, to the last minutes before burial – the sacred and mundane are all moments for awe.

Some Brachot are thank you notes to God, or each other, while others are a chance to fulfill a sacred act that might seem ordinary.

We are in a season of thanksgiving. I am writing this article at the beginning of Sukkot, our festival of harvest thanksgiving, but by the time you read it we will be just a few weeks before the arrival of our country's Thanksgiving.

From Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur and in this season of gratitude, it seemed like a good time to consider some of our Temple blessings that are too easily taken for granted.

Thank you to our amazing facilities team, Jaime, Jaime Jr., and Sandra, who somehow always get our building up and ready to go.

Thank you to our musical team under the care of John Sauvey, who put in his usual hundreds of hours, and to our amazing choir, Hans Grim, and the instrumentalists who made the holiday speak

to us so beautifully through music.

Thank you to Cantor Shoshana who broke her own rule and stepped up to help lead us through the High Holy Days with her beautiful voice at a time of need, and also in the first few weeks of Religious School as our 115 students returned.

Thank you to Angie Friedman who led all the music at our family services and also guided us through a Yom Kippur reflection.

Thank you to our FWFTY youth leaders who helped lead our family service.

Thanks to our office staff of Renée, Pattie, and Max, who put in hours upon hours so everything would run smoothly from the front office to the back.

Thank you to the Brotherhood for building the Sukkah and providing some security, and to the Sisterhood for an incredible Rosh Hashanah reception, and also to Ruth Roper and her team of volunteers who packed hundreds of bags of food so the families of De Zavala Elementary School would have something extra to eat when school is closed during Thanksgiving.

Thank you to our president and board of directors who called every Temple member for the High Holy Days, and to so many of you who read a part, called out on the Shofar, or spoke or sat on the Bema, or were just kind and patient when something came in the mail that wasn't quite right.

I am so grateful.

You are 100 daily blessings and then some!

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you.

Worship Services

Minyan with the community

Tuesday-Thursday 6 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat with wine, cheese, and friends at 5:30 p.m. Fridays, before the 6:15 p.m. services.

Friday, Nov. 1

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Mecklenburger and Genie Long 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15

Tot Shabbat with Cantor Shoshana and friends 5:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, the Beth-El choir and John Sauvey, guest speaker Linnea Blakemore, Brite Divinity School master's student, "We'll Live." See page 2 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Shabbat morning service of song and study at Rabbi Zimmerman's home with Angie Friedman; contact the office to let Rabbi know you plan to attend 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 22

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Mecklenburger and John Sauvey 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 29

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and John Sauvey 6:15 p.m.

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All services in person and streamed at youtube.com/BethElCongregation.



Robert Simon

President's Message

..... Temple President Robert Simon

Our Jewish community had an eventful fall, and many Beth-El congregants have contributed to those events. On Sept. 28, the Tarrant County Jewish community celebrated Selichot at Ahavath Sholom. Rabbi Zimmerman participated as clergyman on behalf of Beth-El. Many of you joined the more than 200 attendees. On Oct. 7, the Jewish Federation sponsored a one-year commemoration of the massacre in Israel. Beth-El congregants showed up in force, and I thank everyone who was able to attend either or both events.

By the time you read this column, the High Holy Days, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah of the year 5785 will be pleasant memories. I want to thank everyone who helped make those memories happen, including Rabbi Zimmerman, Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov, Music Director John Sauvey, Executive Director Renée Woods, Executive Assistant Pattie Wood, the MRJ, the WRJ, Ruth Roper and Jane Oderberg, who coordinated our High Holy Days honors, the streamers who made our services available online, and our Beth-El staff. Those congregational events require many hours of

hard work and preparation, and they could not have happened without the efforts of our staff and volunteers.

This year again, I had the privilege of addressing the congregation on Rosh Hashana morning. With your help, Beth-El will continue to promote the core Jewish values of *kehillah* (community), *kvod* (respect), and *chesed* (kindness). Our congregational retreat at Greene Family Camp is Nov. 1-3. As we move toward the end of the year, Beth-El will also get ready to celebrate Chanukah.

Religious School is off to a great start this year. If you have children from toddler to 10th grade, please enroll them. There is no substitute for Jewish education.

Our Beth-El youth continue to be engaged. We celebrated Tot Shabbat on Sept. 20. The Junior Maccabees (infant though kindergarten), the Maccabees (1st-4th grade), BEJY (5th-7th grade), and FWFTY (8th-12th grade) have been active and have held events.

Finally, the Board of Directors continues to work on a new, updated website for Beth-El. I am finalizing revisions to the proposed new By-Laws, which the Board will present to the Congregation for review and study either in December or early next year.

Schmoozing with the Simons Sundays, Nov. 10 and 17, 9:15 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Beth-El President Robert Simon and his wife, Cindy, will welcome parents of Religious School students – and any other congregants – with coffee, bagels, and conversation.

Brite Divinity student Linnea Blakemore, "We'll Live" Shabbat, Friday, Nov. 15, at 6:15 p.m.

Our Shabbat guest speaker will be Linnea Blakemore, a third-year master's student at TCU's Brite Divinity School and a 2024 Walker Preaching Scholar.

As a candidate for ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), she is serving as the student associate minister at First Christian Church in Irving. Join us as a new voice of faith shares her religious journey.



Linnea Blakemore

New Member Profile



Meet the Pine Family: Richard and Ginger, Myra, 11, Max'o, 7

What brought you to Fort Worth?

Ginger lived in Arlington her whole life and grew up at Congregation Beth Shalom. Richard and Ginger met in 2007 and married in November 2011. Her parents, Harvey and Barbara Lefer, moved to Fort Worth in 2007 and joined Beth-El. They are the reason the Pines joined Beth-El, along with their kids Myra, 11, and Maximus, 7, who now goes by "Max'o" – his choice.

Why Beth-El?

Being a part of a *Kehilla Kedusha*, sacred community, has meant the world to the Pines and watching their kids grow up in that Jewish community has made their parents and Bubbe kvell.

What do you do for a living?

Richard has worked for O'Reilly Auto Parts for 18 years. He's currently in loss prevention. He sticks around every Sunday to help with Religious School wherever he can. Ginger is involved in many volunteer opportunities in the community and is teaching 1st grade Religious School at Beth-El. She also does face painting on the side.

What's your favorite way to spend a family weekend?

Myra and Max'o participate in taekwondo. Myra is two belts away from her black belt and has competed nationally and placed first in sparring (fighting) in her division. They both are in BEJY and Jr. Maccabees and love being with other Jewish kids.

Make sure to say "hi!" to the Pines when you see them at Beth-El.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

The Sacred Act of Baking Challah

Education Director, Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Thursday nights are for baking challah in our home. And it's a process.

My kids know that as I am preparing dinner on Thursday evenings, I am also making challah dough so it can be set aside and rise as we carry on with our weeknight family routine. Yeast, flour, sugar, eggs, water, a pinch of salt, a splash of oil, and all my love. I never really follow a recipe, and somehow this combination of ingredients in just the right proportions is pure magic – or maybe even divine!

Once my kids are asleep, I tiptoe back to the kitchen and get to work. Sometimes I even put my ear buds in and listen to my favorite Jewish music. It is a labor of love – the island will ultimately be covered in flour, sticky dough, and drops of egg wash. The sink will be

filled with dirty dishes, and I will be cleaning the kitchen until forever. But, in a matter of a few short hours, a certain calm comes over our home and it feels as though Shabbat is truly on its way.

There is something so sacred and meditative about the act of making challah. Sometimes I feel as though it is a form of prayer all its own. Maybe it's the gentle rhythm of kneading and braiding the dough each week that helps me connect with my ancestors. Maybe it's the quiet in my home when everyone is asleep that helps me converse with the divine and process the ups and downs of the week. Maybe it's the act of braiding challah that reminds me that we are all interwoven and connected as a Jewish people.

My family knows that one of the greatest ways I show my love for them

is by cooking and baking for them. It has always been a passion of mine, and on the weeks when life is particularly hectic and I don't get to make challah, we all miss it. No matter how tired or overwhelmed I may feel, I look forward to my Thursday night ritual.



As the loaves bake in the oven, a special aroma permeates through our home. It is the smell of Shabbat, and it lets us all know the rhythm of our week is about to change – a beautiful reminder that this day of rest is what has sustained our people through the generations.

If you've never tried baking challah, I highly recommend it. Even if baking is not your thing, it is a great way to connect with your family and the Jewish tradition. Happy baking!

FWFTY News

Saturday, Nov. 16

FWFTY All-Night Shul-In at the Temple

This night of fun includes a scavenger hunt, create your own snack activity, late-night food run, and much more.

Contact Rabbi Zimmerman for information.

Saturday, Dec. 7

FWFTY and NFTY TOR Day at Six Flags over Texas

Join other high school youth-groups for a day of roller coasters and fun.

Registration begins Nov. 1; contact Rabbi Zimmerman.



FWFTY Co-Presidents Erin Beck-Johnson, left, and Conor Maxon, right, carry Torahs during the Yom Kippur morning family service.

Calling all Beth-El women!

Don't forget: WRJ's Annual Brunch, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Come have a scrumptious brunch, visit with friends, learn about the Snack Sack program, and bid on beautiful items for your home.

RSVP by Oct. 28 (If you're a few days over, please call the office, and we will see what we can do.) Hope to see you there!

Contributions

Caring Congregation

- In Memory of Dr. Richard Hochberger
- Marilyn and Larry McGee
- In Memory of Jack Orlow
- Marilyn and Larry McGee
- In Memory of Carl Kuehn
- Jim Stanton

Floral Fund

- In Memory of Belle Schultz
- Susan and Russ Schultz
- In Memory of Marion Kaplan
- Phyllis and Eric Lawrence
- In Memory of William
- on our Anniversary
- Yuyo Westermann

Library Fund

- In Memory of Carl Kuehn
- Judie and Bob Greenman
- In Memory of Ruthie Hamill
- Judie and Bob Greenman

Music Fund

- In Memory of
- Lucille and Milton Klegman
- Ellen Douglass

Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

- In Honor of Rosh Hashanah
- Jennifer Karno
- In Memory of Janet McCullough John
- Sheri Allen
- In Memory of Alexander Handleman
- Caren Handleman and Steven Pew
- In Memory of Carl Kuehn
- Jane and Marc Cohen

Religious School

- In Memory of Sullivan Collins
- Judi Massis-Leventhal and Harry Leventhal

Temple Fund

- In Honor of the quick recovery
- of Ben Rosenthal
- Carol and Richard Minker

Temple Fund (continued)

- In Honor of the speedy recovery
- of Ben Rosenthal
- Holly and Bill Schur
- In Honor of High Holy Days 2024
- Rabbi Susan Stone
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- Edith and Daniel Gachman
- Harriette and Arnold Gachman
- In Memory of Linda Cohn
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- In Memory of Henrietta Krumholz
- Rozanne and Billy Rosenthal
- In Honor of Beth-El Congregation
- Gates of Chai

DeZavala Elementary Food Closet

- In Memory of Charles Etcoff
- Michele and Fred Reynolds

Wish List: Irrigation Well

- Steve Brown
- Melody and Guy Bustillos
- Judie and Bob Greenman
- Laurie and Howard Kelfer
- Joseph Klein
- Phyllis and Sheldon Levy
- Gretchen and David Miller
- Jobe and Helen Richards Foundation
- Debra and Les Rosenthal
- Jude and Marc Slotter
- Sonja and Jim Stein
- Trudie and Dan Oshman

Primetimers

.....Michelle Hartman

Noon Thursday, Nov. 14.

Hello, Primetimers! Be sure to join us Thursday, Nov. 14, for our monthly program featuring a wonderful speaker, Adam Schiffer, a political science professor at TCU. He will be leading a nonpartisan lecture and discussion about the election and its implications for the future. Lunch will be at noon in the Great Hall, followed by the program at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be catered by Jason's Deli, or bring your own. For \$12, you get chips, a cookie, and your choice of:

- Tuna salad sandwich
- Roasted turkey sandwich
- Nutty mixed-up salad (vegetarian, no chips)

Please RSVP to Michelle Hartman at hartman8729@sbcglobal.net no later than Sunday, Nov. 10.

Mazel Tov!

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... to **Hollace Weiner**, right, on receiving the Historic Fort Worth Preservation Award for her years of service in preserving the sacred history of Beth-El and our Jewish community. We owe Hollace so much for her sacred work.

... to **Dale and Antonia Bronstein** on the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, and the engagement of their granddaughter, Pauline.



Thank you, Beth-El, from DeZavala!

.....Pattie Wood, Executive Assistant

Thank you, Beth-El, for your generous donations supporting DeZavala Elementary School. You consistently donate school supplies, but this year we added the food drive – and you responded with enthusiasm!

Since school is in session, we plan on donating the school supplies to the teachers of DeZavala. As the year continues, you know that supplies for elementary-age children

will break, wear out, or get lost. Teachers spend their own money to ensure students are able to grow and learn.

The Food Drive originated with the WRJ social action response. The shelf-stable items will create a food closet from which children can “purchase” food for the Thanksgiving and winter breaks. It may even be full for Spring Break as well.

Thank you for beginning 5785 with a mitzvah.

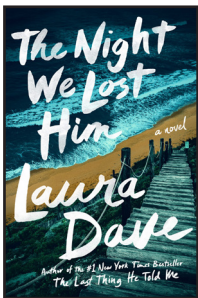
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Ages Retreat at Greene Family Camp 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Early Shabbat Service	2 All Ages Retreat at Greene Family Camp 9 am Zoom Torah Study
<p>Get the latest Beth-El News Sign up for Rabbi's weekly e-blasts by e-mailing: rabbiz@bethelfw.org</p>						
3 All Ages Retreat at Greene Family Camp No Religious School	4 11:30 am Chair Yoga 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Zoom Meeting	5 6 pm Evening Minyan	6 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	7 10 am Mahjong 6 pm Evening Minyan	8 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9 9 am 9th & 10th Grade. RS Field Trip 9 am Zoom Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Ashton Finklestein
10 9:30 am Religious School 10 am WRJ Annual Brunch Fundraiser 10:30 am MRJ Meeting 12:15 pm Hebrew Class	11 TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED 7 pm Board Meeting	12 10 am People of the Book 12 pm Jewish Puzzle Of Life 6 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Curious About Conversion	13 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	14 12 pm PrimeTimers Event 6 pm Evening Minyan	15 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	16 FWFTY Sleepover 9 am Zoom Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Song, Study and Lunch at Zimmerman home
17 9:15 am Gift shop open 9:30 am Religious School 9:30 am Book Discussion 10 am Confirmation Class 10:30 am MRJ Meeting 12:15 pm Hebrew Class	18 11:30 am Chair Yoga	19 12 pm Jewish Puzzle of Life 6 pm Evening Minyan	20 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	21 10 am Mahjong 6 pm Evening Minyan	22 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	23 9 am Zoom Torah Study
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For additional information and updates about events, please visit our website at www.bethelfw.org or see Rabbi's e-blasts.

Library Reviews

.....Margie Zentner

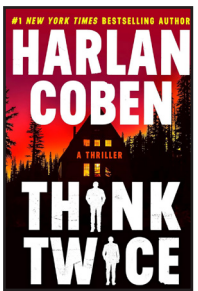


The Night We Lost Him

by Laura Dave

fills the reader with drama, mystery, and intrigue as estranged siblings chase a 50-year-old secret that shaped

their father's mysterious life – and now death – in this unforgettable story. If you loved Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me*, you'll enjoy this riveting page-turner with a heartbreaking twist you'll never see coming.

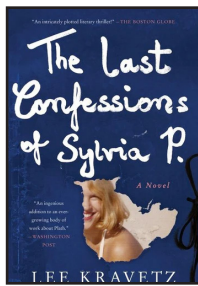


Think Twice

by Harlan Coben

brings another familiar Myron Bolitar story to life. A presumed dead, renowned basketball coach is suddenly wanted for murder in this thriller

of secrets, lies, and dangerous conspiracies. Myron and Win, longtime friends and colleagues, set out to find the truth, but the more they discover about their supposed dead friend, Greg, the more dangerous their world becomes.



The Last Confessions of Sylvia Plath

by Lee Kravetz

is told through three unique narratives. This novel reimagines a chapter

in the life of Sylvia Plath, telling the story behind her creation of her classic, semi-autobiographical novel, *The Bell Jar*. Suspenseful and beautifully written, Kravetz bridges fact and fiction to imagine the life of a revered writer.

Stay tuned for the review of Jean Hanff Korelitz's new book, *The Sequel* next month!



Laurie James

Women of Reform Judaism

..... WRJ President Laurie James

WRJ organized a fantastic reception for Erev Rosh Hashanah, and our

members and congregants provided so many excellent treats. Financial contributions funded a lovely semi-home-made catering from Central Market, and WRJ member Nikki Slobodin's honey was the perfect accompaniment to the apples and the start of a sweet new year. Thanks to everyone who contributed a cherished dessert or a new favorite! Special thanks to Marge Van Giesen and Kim Factor for their kitchen and organizational skills.

Thanks also to the MRJ for their annual construction of the Sukkah, where WRJ had one of my favorite events, a

spiritual/social happy hour, in October.

By the time you read this, the Annual (formerly Donor) Brunch will be upon us. While it might be too late to purchase tickets, you don't have to be a WRJ member to bid on the fantastic auction items Ruth Roper and her committee procured. We have rodeo tickets, gift cards for almost anywhere you want to eat or shop, and a chance to be a Food Reviewer for a Day! We also have a Wine Pull. For \$20, you'll get to pull a bottle of wine worth at least that much. Come take a chance!

Finally, membership letters and calendars should have reached everyone who joined WRJ. If you didn't get one, or if you're not sure you've joined, please contact me at lbjames1967@yahoo.com. I hope to see you soon.



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

..... MRJ President Eric Deutsch

Thanks to everyone who participated as a golfer, sponsor, or volunteer for

our annual Matzo Ball Golf Classic on Sunday, Oct. 20. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We raised several thousand dollars, which will be used to fund camperships and scholarships. Special thanks to our tournament co-chairs Jay Martin and Jeff Kaitcer.

We also had a lot of fun during the month putting up and taking down

the Sukkah and at our MRJ Night in the Sukkah.

One of our major activities in November will be making latkes for sale to members and to be served at the Temple and Religious School Chanukah celebrations in December. A latke order form will be included in the December bulletin.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the MRJ at eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com or 972-800-3578.

Healing Prayers and Visits:

<https://bethelfw.shulcloud.com/form/beth-el-mi-shebeirach-or-visit-request>

If you know someone at home or in the hospital who could use a visit from the Rabbi or another Temple member, or if you have the name of an ill family member or friend that you would like to be read at our Shabbat services, call the Temple

office or go directly to our website: Community, Mi Shebeirach/Prayer and Visit Request.

Rabbi Zimmerman, Renée Woods, and Pattie Wood will get the information from this site quickly.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Yahrzeits

Nov. 1

Barnett Bernstein
Michael Boxer
Hattie Kahn Carb
Holly Clegg
Fay B. Cohen
Rose Davis
Ernest Friedson
Bertha Fuerst
Irwin Fuerst
Abe B. Gardner
Robert Gerson
Nathan Imber
Henry W. Landman
Samuel Lefkovitz
Annie Mann Lehwald
Stephen Herman Mehl
Jack Orlow
Harry E. Ritchey
Norman Rosenblum
Frances Schechter
Flora Weltman Schiff
Belle Schultz
Ann Schuster
Edwin Schwarz, Jr.
Audrey Slotter
Bill Steinman
Jean Strassman
Beatrice Weinshenker
Muriel (Mimi) Weisser
Ben H. Wile
Joseph Zentner

Nov. 8

Lynn Altman
Sheldon Anisman
Harold Baum
Anna Echt
Robert Eisman
Helen Factor
Samuel A. Frankrich
Ben Friedman
David Ginsburg
Joseph Goldgraber
Sheridan Libby
Samuel G. Miron

Kathleen Mitchell
Ruth Rosenblum Propper
Margaret Littman Rosenthal
Louis P. Rosenwasser
Jeanette Baker Ross
Henry Schiff
Larry Schultz
Martin Louis Shiffman
Beatrice Frankrich Slatkin
Max Switzman
Marlene Tilkin
Marion Werner
Dr. Richard Yentis

Nov. 15

Michael Archenhold
Louis Barnett
Henry Bodzy
Miriam Voliansky Braverman
Ignace Charles Capper
Meredith R. Carb, Jr.
Bert Coopersmith
Martine Ginsburg
Louis Goldman
Edith Granek
Frieda Heilborn
Richard Heniford
Ralph Jacobson
Jerome Lamensdorf
Frances S. Landman
William LeMaire
Ricky Luebbert
Henry Luskey
Dora Neumegen Marks
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W. H. Myer
Lena Nass
Emily V. Pew
Gerald Pollack
Henry Potishman
Shaol Pozez
Martha Rousch
Norma Schlinger
Ronald Slotter
Isaac Suder
Homer Tomlinson

Nov. 22

Stanley Edward Ackin
Delsie Gans Altman
Ethel Appleman
Arthur G. Bassist
Harris Belford
Donald Blank
Patti Blank
Solomon Brachman
Sophia Clein Ellman
Sarah Gernsbacher
Alan Gold
Norman Goldin
Rae Goldstein
Joe Herman
I. E. Horwitz
Isaac L. Jacobs
Harris Jacobs
Morris Kelfer
Mollie Kessel
Laszlo Kiss
Robert Koslow
Alvin Kramer
Anna Lesnick

Julia Shanblum Lesser
Michael J. Moore
Herman Isaac Morris
Louis Morris
Lillian Raimey
Susan M. Rosenthal
Andrew Roux
Harry Schweitzer
Louis F. Shanblum
Hans Joachim Thoma
Beatrice Wolf

Nov. 29

Stanley Alan Bihari
Fred Bihari
Bernard M. Brooks
Cecile Brown
Theresa Cooles
Louis Samuel Cristol
Annette Dover
Ruth Englander
Moshe Epstein
Judith Lee Feinberg
Leonard Frank

Blanche Friedman
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Marvin Glazer
Philip Groginski
Earl Henken
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Charles W. Post
Ben H. Rosenthal
Carolyn S. Rubin
Miriam Sherman
Roman Shloss
Anita Suby

Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life:

Tuesdays at noon, Nov. 12 and 19

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 found yourself speechless? This twice-monthly class led by Rabbi Zimmerman will study philosophers, bring in guest speakers, explore Jewish history and text to articulate a personal theology.

Please consider joining us.



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Contributions

- Make your contribution online at: **bethelfw.org** or fill out the form below and mail it with your check to Beth-El Congregation
- **Undesignated donations** will be placed in the Temple Fund.

\$18-minimum contribution: Temple Fund, Religious School Fund, Youth Fund, Library Fund, Music Fund, Mitch Stenzler Scholarship Fund, Rabbi Zimmerman’s Discretionary Fund, Rabbi Mecklenburger’s Discretionary Fund, President’s Discretionary Fund, Religious School Director’s Discretionary Fund, Temple Archives, Caring Congregation

\$50-minimum contribution: Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund, Operating Endowment Fund, Endowment #2

Other funds: **Tree \$20, Prayer Book \$30, Floral \$50, Tree of Life Leaf \$300**

Contribution Form

Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____

Designated Fund: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Donor Name(s): _____

Please send me

Address: _____

_____ (qty)

additional forms.

Phone: _____

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