

# The Shofar

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## **Politics & Religion**

### Rabbi's Message

The presidential election and preceding campaign generated much discussion and debate in our nation and continue to do so. That fact is a good sign of a vibrant democracy. It is also true here at Beth Am Shalom. And why not? As people and Jews concerned with and engaged in our nation, we should speak with one another about issues, ideas and events that matter to us.

I acknowledge that some believe that "politics and religion do not mix." I disagree, but I recognize that discussions can become heated and emotional. In fact, National Public Radio broadcast a story about the annual Zionist Organization of America Gala, claiming that the Election of Donald Trump has created a rift in the Jewish Community. Indeed, there were both Jewish supporters and demonstrators outside the event's venue, but I am unsure about any "rift." You know that saying about three Jews and four opinions. We have often had disagreements with each other, and I suspect that the election will neither widen nor narrow our divisions.

We should be unafraid, therefore, to share views, as long as we speak respectfully and *listen* to each other, being as interested in learning the views of others as in expressing our own. Naïve? Perhaps. Yet, even a cursory look at Rabbinic literature reveals our Rabbis disagreeing with each other on the meaning of Torah narratives and laws. Our traditions recorded the different opinions, including the minority ones. We are still all Jews, and "arguments for the sake of heaven" (important ones) are holy. When we gather for Torah Study, many of us express different views, have different concerns and ask different questions. If we did not, it would not be interesting, and we would have little reason to gather and learn from each other.

"Rabbi," some will insist, "discussions and disagreements about a passage in Torah are fine, but keep 'politics out of it!'" If we mean by "politics" support for a particular candidate, elected official or political party, of course I will continue to do so. No religious movement, congregation or clergyperson has any business expressing that kind of support. If, however, we mean by "politics" a contemporary issue of concern to us as American Jews, then I cannot turn a blind eye or a deaf ear. Nor should any of us. I will continue to, and I encourage all of us to, be attentive and look to Jewish teaching to guide our understanding and responses.

Judaism has never idealized retreat from the world and society. Our tradition never embraced the monastic ideal, although there are a few examples of some figures that spent considerable time as hermits. Our tradition sees these exiles as divine judgment and in a negative light.

Reform Judaism is a movement dedicated to and emblematic of an abiding engagement with our world and its challenges and problems. Our designation as *Prophetic Judaism* means nothing without this engagement. It is embodied in the *Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*, (the RAC) headquartered in our nation's capital. A description of the RAC perfectly describes how and why politics and religion *must* mix:

For more than 50 years, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (or "the RAC") has been the hub of Jewish social justice and legislative activity in Washington, D.C. As the DC office of the Union for Reform Judaism, the RAC educates and mobilizes the Reform Jewish community on legislative and social concerns, advocating on more than 70 different issues, including economic justice, civil rights, religious liberty, Israel and more. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the RAC's advocacy work is completely non-partisan and pursues public policies that reflect the Jewish values of social justice that form the core of our mandate.  
(<http://www.rac.org/about-rac>)

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**We are collecting food  
for the pantry at  
Jesus is Lord Fellowship  
in Lakewood  
Please use the bins  
in the foyer**

### EVENTS THIS MONTH

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**Friday, Dec. 2  
6:00PM**

**Pot Luck Dinner**

**Saturday, Dec. 17  
7:00PM**

**"Saturday Night Live"**

**Sunday, Dec.19  
Chanukah Fair**

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### **Friday, Dec. 2**

**6:00PM** Pot Luck Shabbat  
Dinner

**7:00PM** Erev Shabbat Family  
Service

*Shabbat Toldot*  
Genesis 25:19 -28:9

### **Saturday, Dec.3**

**10:00**, Morning Sevice &  
**Shabbat** Bat Mitzvah of  
Jordyn Katz

### **Friday, Dec. 9**

**7:30PM** Erev Shabbat Servic

*Shabbat Vayetze*  
Genesis 28:10-32:3

### **Friday, Dec. 16**

**7:30PM** Erev Shabbat Service  
" New Member Shabbat"

*Shabbat Vayishlach*  
Genesis 32:4-36:43

### **Friday, Dec. 23**

**7:30PM** Erev Shabbat Service with  
Anniversaries

*Shabbat Vayeshev*  
Genesis 37:1-40:23

### **Friday, Dec. 30**

**7:30PM** Erev Shabbat Service

*Shabbat Miketz*  
Genesis 41:1- 44:17

## **\*\* WANTED \*\***

A few good people to visit Jewish patients at Community Hospital in Toms River as a representative of Beth Am Shalom.

These patients need a smiling face and a few minutes to talk with you.

Please call Harriet Frankenberg at 732 349-1844 for more information.

Harriet makes rounds at Community Hospital twice a month and has been participating in the Mitzvah and Caring Committee for many years. We are seeking a couple of giving souls to share this community commitment once a month. Harriet will show you the ropes.

**Politics & Religion – cont'd.**

Founded in 1959, the RAC has helped activate the Jewish community in the key debates and mobilizations of each generation since our founding, from the civil rights movement to contemporary fights over LGBT equality. Key Civil Rights legislation was drafted at the RAC headquarters with our African American partners. Along the way, Reform Jews have been deeply involved with advocacy for Israel, Soviet Jewry, women's rights to name just a few.

Without question, the Reform Movement's positions on these key issues are left leaning. This fact does NOT preclude individual Reform Jews from holding, expressing and advocating for opposing views. Witness just one plenary session on "Resolutions" at a Biennial URJ convention, and we see Jewish disagreement exemplified in dramatic fashion. These disagreements and debates are healthy for our movement as a whole *and* its individual member congregations.

By way of yet one more example of Reform Judaism's active and vocal concern for our nation, the URJ published an official statement on the Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (for full statement, see: <http://www.rac.org/reform-jewish-movement-statement-2016-presidential-election>) The statement concludes with a reminder that individual Reform Jews and others will disagree, and importantly notes that we all seek the best for our beloved nation and people:

"We ask God to help us appreciate one another and to respect the many ways that we may be faithful to the ways of righteousness, and to keep our country sound in body and spirit."

With the election of Donald Trump, I encourage all of us to follow President Obama's advice: we should all "root" for President-elect Donald Trump's "...success in uniting and leading the country." He also reminded us that despite our choice for president, "we are all on one team," and "we are all Americans." In the same way, we are all Jews; we are all members of Beth Am Shalom. We can disagree with each other on everything from the meaning of a Torah verse to our choice for President and still be friends who care deeply for each other.

I recognize that some of us are happy with the results, and some of us are disappointed. Indeed, many of us feel there will be big changes in our nation; some look forward to them, others fear them with anxiety. But I assure all of you, this will *not* change: Reform Judaism will continue to show our love for our country by remaining engaged, thoughtful, vocal and active. As the URJ's official statement declared:

"President-elect Trump has the opportunity to use his office to bring Americans together, and to move us toward a brighter future. If he does so, we will be ready to work with him for the common good. If he does not, we also stand ready to be fierce advocates for the values that guide us: inclusivity, justice and compassion."

*Kein y'hi ratzon*—May this be God's will,

Rabbi Steve

**What our Teachers are Teaching: Mrs. Helen Cerbone, Grade 3-Hebrew**

Our third graders have gotten right down to the business of learning the Hebrew *alef-bet*. By November, our students have already learned to read and write 11 letters, 5 vowels and are reading words up to 5 letters long. We use Hebrew words during our lessons such as:

*boker tov*-good morning

*heneini*-here I am," "*todah*-thank you,"

*tov m'od*-very good

*m'tzuyan*-excellent

In conjunction with our holidays and the food we eat, the children are learning blessings over bread, wine, candles, and cookies. As soon as we get a few more letters and vowels under our belts, we will be able to reinforce what we've learned by playing educational games such as *alef-bet* bingo, spelling English words using Hebrew letters and Hebrew baseball.

In our classroom, we have started an award wall. Whenever a student demonstrates making an extra effort with a lesson, helping another student, or in any way doing something special, they are given a paper award certificate and it is hung on our award wall. When we have enough awards collected we will have a little party.

The students have also been collecting *tzedakah*. Please reinforce this concept and encourage your children to bring in a little something for our *tzedakah* box. The most meaningful donation is something your child had to work for. At the end of the year, we will discuss various worthy causes and have the students vote on where the donation should be made.

Please stop by our classroom to chat and/or ask questions.  
B'Shalom, Helen Cerbone

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MY, my how quickly the days pass. As I write yet another article I cannot believe that it is December. Thanksgiving has passed, Chanukah and New Years are starring us in the face. With that in mind I would like to talk about life's greatest gifts.

Each of us is indeed blessed to be living in the greatest democracy man has ever known. While we often have political or ideological differences, we are all free to express our feelings, so long as it is done civilly. Yet, I look around to find so much stress and unrest. I look at young people (I am 62 so figure out the rest) so motivated to achieve and obtain the next best thing. I think I talked about this during my Kol Nidre speech. How the verb awesome, as it describes a thing or event, something to be achieved or obtained, has somehow overshadowed one's ability to experience awe. And then I wonder, what are we teaching our kids.

Happiness lies within. Not in a new I phone 7, designer jeans or handbags, jewelry or vacations. I don't know how to teach that or even irto demonstrate it. After all there is always a next best thing right around the corner and someone I know always has it. I raised children who always wanted more. Even now I can hear the arguments about who got what and how one sister wanted what the other one got. And with all that they have, did it make them happy? Well maybe for a day or two. But as they are growing up they can see that real happiness comes from a sense of inner peace. It emanates from someplace deep in their person. Their soul, aka their neshama. The Neshama is the most elevated and purest aspect of the soul and it shines at the deepest core of our being.

Now that is a gift! Getting in touch with our deepest feelings. Being open and accessible to the people around us who mean so much.

My point. While you are all shopping for the 'perfect' gift to give your child or loved one, just look within. It may not cost you as much but what a beautiful gift it will be.

I wish you all a Happy Chanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Pam Ligoriski*

President

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Religious School raised \$195 from the Quaker Steak event. The RS committee would like to thank everyone who participated. We all had a great meal and lots of fun as a temple family. We also raised \$872.20 from the Cookie Dough Sale. Thanks go to Melanie Giudice and her committee. Also thanks to Rebecca Frey, kids and parents who attended our Sky Zone event on November 9 all had a jumping great time, and the RS earned \$195.

Please continue to support our fundraising events. Mark your calendar for these future events:

- first week in December- **Five Below in Brick**. We will receive **10% of all purchases**
- December 28 from 5 to 9 – **I Play America – Freehold** - Huge indoor fun center with bumper cars, go-karts, laser tag & video games, plus a bar & grill. We will earn **20% from ticket sales and food purchases**.
- March 12 – **Community Purim Party** – Richard Eisenstein and Rebecca Frey agreed to serve as temple representatives to the Federation for the Purim festivities.
- June 24 - **Gift Auction** - chaired by Barbara Eisenstein. We need many volunteers to make this a success. Contact Barbara to learn what you can do.

□ *Shelly Newman and Michelle Goldman*  
*Religious School Chairs*

## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

On November 20th Katherine Sadowsky and I packed out the donations that were collected by the Senior Youth Group through the generosity of the Religious School families. In all, four large boxes and 4 gift cards were delivered to the family chosen by Rabbi Gold. We hope this will make their Thanksgiving a joyous day.

Also on November 20th, Katherine Sadowsky and I went to Shorrock Gardens Care Center in Brick and gave manicures to many the residents who were most appreciative. They were delighted to have new nail colors for the fall and to have someone to have a conversation with. I thank Katherine for her amazing participation in this very worthy endeavor.

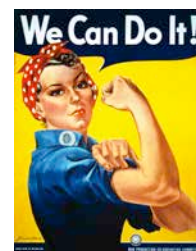
Looking forward, December 10th the Senior Youth Group will be bowling at Ocean Lanes on Rt. 88 and Chambersbridge Rd. in Lakewood. Start time will be 8pm. Cost is \$4.50 per game ( we will bowl 3 games). Shoes are \$2.00.

If you have a coupon for a free game you will have to pay for shoes. If you do not have a coupon for the free game you will get shoe rental free. Snacks are at your expense.

All 8th through 12th graders from Beth Am, CBI and Temple Beth Or along with Mrs. Malamud's Center Girls are invited to attend. Please make your reservation with me as soon as possible with a deposit of \$10.00. You can also contact me for more information at [zirinc@optonline.net](mailto:zirinc@optonline.net) or 732 232 1750. Hope there will be a nice representation of Beth Am Senior Youth.

**Connie A. Zirin**

## SISTERHOOD



### Women of BAS Book Club

**Book Club, December 28 @ 7:15 PM**

## MEN'S CLUB

December marks the halfway point in our year and we're still not done. Most of our meetings moving forward will be open to the Congregation as there will be an interesting program that everyone will benefit from. If you get a call from our automated system, please don't hang up...listen. It is information you need. There is so much entertainment and education coming up at Temple, it is worth listening to. Temple can once again be your entertainment stop this winter with something for the entire family. Mark your calendar for our game night on January 21. Do you want to learn Chess? Play Backgammon? Play Checkers, Clue, Risk, Chutes and Ladders? From seven PM until we're finished, enjoy a hot coffee, tea or Hot Chocolate along with a snack and your favorite game. Wednesday, December 21 is our next Men's Club social night. From 7 PM, come and enjoy a rewarding couple of hours with friends. Don't forget our Disaster donation box in the lobby. Please favor it with spare change or the odd dollar in your pocket. As always, any time I may be of service, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Email: [reisenstein@ebwinc.net](mailto:reisenstein@ebwinc.net)

Cell: (908) 278-8419

*Richard Eisenstein*

## TZEDAKAH

### Yahrzeit Fund

Barbara Woldow in loving memory of her mother , Ruth Hendler

Mike & Jacky Philips In memory of Bill Bassoff

Lynn Silverman in loving memory of her father Herbert Dimenstein

William Slipe in memory of Morrie & Anne Lerner

Claire Kramer in loving memory of her Son, Stephan Schiffman

Ralph Rosenberg in Loving memory of his wife Hannanh Rosenberg

Ralph Rosenberg in memory of his father Abraham Rosenberg

Ralph Rosenberg in memory of his mother Gussie Rosenberg

Dr. Joseph & Lucille Gluck in memory of Dr. Louis Gluck

Aunt Rosie & Uncle Shelly Fialkoff in loving memory of Heller Jo Mosca

Carl Nelson in memory of his father, Joseph Nelson

Elaine & Harold Kravetz in loving memory of Elaine's mother Bertha Shankman

The Francis Family in loving memory of Jacqueline Rothenhaus

Barbara S. Woldow in loving memory of Barney B. Woldow

### Tree Fund

Jacky & Mike Philips in memory of Bill Bassoff

Phyllis & Arnold & Family Schlisserman in memory of Jerry silver

Debby & Steve Grayson & Family in memory of Jerry Silver

### Cemetery Fund

Sally Bassoff in Honor of sarah Ligorski's engagement to Mike Osattin

Sally Bassoff in Honor of Adam Gold's engagement to Paige Zahn

Robert Zirin in memory of his father, Leonard Zirin

### ONEG Fund

Reuben & Iris Baumgarten in honor of their Anniversay

Harriet Frankenberg wish Jacky & Mike Philips Heathy & Happy living in Ohio.

Phyliss & Arnold Schlisserman in honor of Jacky & Mike Philips

### Youth Group Fund

Joan & Marvin Weiss, Wish Eleanor & Morty Konevaler Health & happiness in their new home.

### Cantors Music Fund

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Wanye & Rose Friedland

Leonore Turteltaub

### Merrill Pollinger Scholarship Fund

Joan & Marvin Weiss, Wish Roz & Bill Terzi, Health & Happiness in their new home

Lois Pollinger in memory of Gerry Gross

**TZEDAKAH** cont'd

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

Sonya Wallace, In memory of  
Jerry Gross

Dorothy & Fischel Myers in  
memory of Bill Bassoff

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**JCASE**

Bill & Dorothy Freiman

Wayne & Rose Friedland

**YEDIDAY**

Seymour & Lucille Berger  
Bill & Dorothy Freiman  
Dwight Halpern  
Dennis & Shelly Newman  
Max & Barbara Schloff  
Wayne & Rose Friedland

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**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

Seymour & Lucille Berger  
Ben Goldberg  
Bobbi & Bob Krantz  
Judy Lefsky  
Denise & Bob Mako  
Mike & Jacky Philips  
Harriet Selinger  
Cynthia & Alan Zbik

**SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Bill & Dorothy Freiman  
The Ligorski Family  
Dennis & Shelly Newman  
Arnold & Phyllis Schlisserman

**REFUAH SHLEIMA**

Delores Ackerman  
Lillian Bauman  
Lucille Berger  
Wayne Birkenthal  
Bella Blankfield  
Michele Braff  
Brandon Bravo  
Lynn Schnitzer Cardinale  
Karen Castor  
Barbara Chester  
B.J. Christian  
Elliot Cohen  
John Corsaro  
Dan Cummings  
Claire Drapkin  
Brooke Ducey  
Dov Eisak  
Judy Eisak  
Marcia Eisenstein  
Richard Eisenstein  
Pearl Epstein  
Nancy Francis  
Trish Frankenberg  
George Frazer

Charlotte Freedman  
Steven Friedeman  
Shawn Friedman  
Jonathan Geltzeiler  
Marilyn Gilbert  
Linda Gillick  
Michael Gillick  
Caryn Habermann  
Mark Kaban  
Steven Katz  
Tyler Keats  
Richard Koch  
Lauren Leonard  
Rose Levine  
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Ava Nebbia  
Lester Kostick  
Michael Neil  
Lynn Palin  
Herbert Parker  
Carol Raiten  
Joseph Ranoff

Robin Ratliff  
Beverly Rosenzweig  
Wendy Rubenstein  
Myrna Sachs  
Donald Sapara  
Paul Sayah  
Marilyn Siegel  
Linda Silverstein  
Katana Sprigley  
Yosh Stern  
Donna Strassman  
Wallace Strauss  
David Tolchin  
Manny Topal  
David Vienick  
Alexandra Warren  
Michelle Watkison  
Nancy Yaeger



# YAHRZEITS

## December 2

Barbara Frey  
Barney Gertner  
Louis Gluck  
Samuel Litman  
Heller Jo Mosca  
Nathan Moss  
Samuel Oldsman  
Hannah Rosenberg  
Julius Silverman  
Andrew Will

## December 9

Abraham Cohen  
Helen Fein  
Adele Kayne  
Harry Kolinsky  
Richard Schwartz  
Joseph Solomon  
Beatrice Vertun  
Barney B. Woldow

## December 16

Nathan Albaum  
Annabelle Atkins  
Stephen Bell  
Richard Cole  
Beverly Diamond  
Dustin Friedland  
Louis Gindoff  
Arlette Pinto Lim  
Sindey Liptzin  
Jordan Sosis  
Robert Woldow  
Ida Yedwab

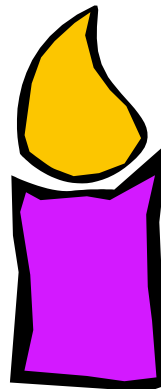


## December 23

Louis Bassoff  
Adolf Frey  
Bertram Friedman  
Catherine Gimple  
Jacqueline Klein- Rothenhaus  
Anna Kolinsky  
Raymond Reynolds  
Eva Schank  
Ivan Schwartz  
Dorothy Segal  
Bernard Strauss

## December 30

Edward Bernstein  
Sidney Feldman  
Oscar Gertner  
Leonard Goldman  
Herman Gordon  
Jessie Ingber  
Henry Lipsky  
Mollie Lipsky  
Frieda Rappaport  
Alice Rosenberg  
Abe Singer  
Hyman Surasky  
Nellie Surasky  
Selim Terzi  
Louis Vienick  
Rae Wallace  
Julio Yuson



When observing a Yahrzeit, please check the Kaddish list to be sure your loved one's name is included. If omitted, please inform Rabbi Gold so he can add it to the list. The Kaddish list is displayed on the Yahrzeit Wall.

# MEMORIALS

## Beth Olam Cemetery

*Located at 1235 Highway 70 in Lakewood*

A perpetual care memorial park with ground level grave markers only.

For information and availability, contact:  
Art Pedowitz – (732)657-6252 or  
Temple Office – (732)363-2800

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## Toms River Jewish Cemetery

*Whitty Road, Toms River*

Section One reserved for Jewish decedents, with traditional upright grave markers.

Section Two reserved for non-Jewish decedents, with ground level grave markers only.

Section Three reserved for Jewish decedents, with ground level grave markers only.

For information and availability, contact:  
David Sosis – (732)244-4212 or  
Temple Office – (732)363-2800

**The Rabbi, Cantor, Officers  
and Members of the  
Congregation extend  
their heartfelt sympathy to  
the family of  
Dr. Dwight Halpern**

## When Tragedy Strikes

Tragedy often comes suddenly and unannounced, therefore, it is wise to plan for the eventuality when death touches us. We want to be there for you, and accordingly, we have prepared this emergency guideline, which we hope you will save:

1. If a loved one becomes seriously ill and is taken to the hospital, please call Rabbi Gold at his temple office.
2. If the situation is grave, do not hesitate to call Rabbi Gold at his home: (848)222-4912.
3. If the Rabbi is unavailable, we do have contingency plans. Please call a Temple Officer or Committee Chairperson listed below:

Francine Gimpel ..... (732)657-7120  
Bill Mullis..... (732)276-7483  
Vallerie Magory..... (732)295-1150

Cemetery Committee:  
Art Pedowitz ..... (732)657-6252  
David Sosis..... (732)244-4212

## Memorializing Our Loved Ones

Temple has different ways for you to keep alive the memory of your loved ones.

### STONE "HONOR WALL"

Large Tile.....\$10,000  
Medium Tile.....5000  
Small Tile.....2500

### BRASS PLAQUES

Large Plaque.....\$1250  
Sanctuary Seat .....500  
Honorial/Memorial .....250

**BRONZE YAHRZEIT PLAQUES.....\$250**

**PATIO PAVER .....150**

**TREE OF LIFE LEAF.....125**

**EXTERIOR TREE MEMORIALS.....500**

**Please contact the  
Temple Office:  
( 732)363-2800 or  
office@bethamshalom.org**

### Trees in Israel

Beth Am Shalom is now selling trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

Do you have a simcha such as births, birthdays, engagements, weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs or anniversaries that you wish to honor, and/or a death that you want to memorialize?

The cost is \$18.00 per tree.

You can purchase individual trees, a ring of trees (3), a circle of trees (5), or an orchard of trees (10).

**Please contact Fran Gimpel, 732-657-7120**

and give her the name of the honoree or decedent, and the name and address where to send the acknowledgement.

(Donations to this program will be listed on the Tzedakh Page)

#### MAKING A DONATION IS EASY

In an effort to make it easier for you to help make the office run more efficiently, we request that the form below be used when making a donation. Please fill it out and mail or drop it off at Temple, **along with your check**. Thank you for your cooperation.

(The minimum donation for an acknowledgement card to be sent is \$10.00)

*Funds to which donations can be made are:*

Rabbi Stanley & Myra Yedwab Adult Academy of Judaism, Merrill Pollinger Scholarship Fund, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Cantor's Discretionary/Music Fund, Building Fund, General Fund, Oneg Shabbat, Religious School, Cemetery Beautification Fund, Honorial/Memorial, Yahrzeit, Jr. or Sr. Youth Group, Prayer Book\*

\*Please note: while lesser donations are welcome, the cost of a Prayer Book is now \$35.00 & large print is \$45.00

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Please accept the following donation(s) to the fund indicated below:

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgment card to: \_\_\_\_\_ Please send acknowledgment card to: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of/in honor of/on the occasion of: \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of/in honor of/on the occasion of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

We at Beth Am Shalom are writing you today in regards to our cemeteries, Beth Olam Memorial Park in Lakewood and Toms River Jewish Cemetery in Toms River. As you are well aware, Beth Olam Memorial Park is in dire need of restoration and beautification. Though much has been done to try and maintain this cemetery, it just hasn't been enough with the limited funds we have.

It has been decided that those of us with loved ones buried there deserve a more serene environment. With this in mind, our cemetery committee has moved forward with a more aggressive plan to rejuvenate the grounds:

1. Grave Stones that have sunk below grade level are being raised to ground level.
2. Starting in late September, a fertilization & seeding program will be started.
3. Irrigation system has been fixed and watering times adjusted to meet needs.

The above courses of action are quite costly and will soon deplete our cemetery fund. In order for us to continue to upkeep our cemeteries and maintain the need of our dearly departed...WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Funds are sorely lacking and the cemetery Committee is asking for your help in accomplishing our goals. We are asking for donations to be made to the cemetery fund, in multiples of \$18, chai! These donations can be made on a monthly basis or in one larger amount to be specified to the cemetery fund.

It is up to you and up to us to make the cemetery a place to be proud of.

Thank you for your generosity.

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of the floral arrangement  
I have just stolen.



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**4**  
4 kislev  
9:30 AM Religious School Meeting  
Five Below Fund raiser  
BINGO

**5**  
5 kislev

**6**  
6 kislev  
4:30-6:30 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting (All Are Welcome)

**7**  
7 kislev

**8**  
8 kislev  
ROSH CHODESH

**9**  
9 kislev  
7:30 PM Service

**10**  
10 kislev  
Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Events  
*Toldot*

**11**  
11 kislev  
BINGO

**12**  
12 kislev

**13**  
13 kislev  
7:30 BOT Meeting

**14**  
14 kislev

**15**  
15 kislev  
1:00 PM Chavurah Meeting

**16**  
16 kislev  
7:30 PM Service  
*Vayetze*

**17**  
17 kislev  
7:00-9:00 PM Saturday Night Live, Hanukkah Nosh

**18**  
18 kislev  
11:30 AM Hanukkah Fair  
BINGO

**19**  
19 kislev

**20**  
20 kislev  
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 3:30-8:00 PM a percentage will be donated to Temple

**21**  
21 kislev  
WINTER BEGINS

**22**  
22 kislev

**23**  
23 kislev  
7:30 PM Service Anniversaries  
*Vayeshhev*  
EREV HANUKKAH

**24**  
24 kislev  
*Vayishlach*

**25**  
25 kislev  
No Religious School  
No BINGO  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
HANUKKAH

**26**  
26 kislev  
HANUKKAH

**27**  
27 kislev  
No Religious School  
HANUKKAH

**28**  
28 kislev  
7:15 PM Book Club Religious School I Play America Night  
HANUKKAH

**29**  
29 kislev  
HANUKKAH

**30**  
30 kislev  
7:30 PM Service  
ROSH CHODESH  
HANUKKAH

**31**  
31 tevet  
2 tevet  
HANUKKAH  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3 tevet No Religious School BINGO	2 4 tevet	3 5 tevet 7:30 PM Journal Committee Meeting	4 6 tevet	5 7 tevet	6 8 tevet 6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner 7:00 PM Family Service	7 9 tevet B/M Class
8 10 tevet NEW YEAR'S DAY HANUKKAH 9:30 Religious School Meeting BINGO	9 11 tevet	10 12 tevet 7:30 BOT Meeting	11 13 tevet	12 14 tevet	13 15 tevet 7:30 Service	14 16 tevet Vayigash
15 17 tevet FAST DAY No Religious School 9:15 Mens Club Meeting BINGO	16 18 tevet MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17 19 tevet	18 20 tevet	19 21 tevet 1:00 PM Chavurah Meeting	20 22 tevet 7:30 PM Service	21 23 tevet Vayechi Saturday Night Live Game Night! Hosted by Men's Club & Fundraising Committee
22 24 tevet BINGO	23 25 tevet	24 26 tevet	25 27 tevet 7:15 Book Club	26 28 tevet	27 29 tevet 7:30 Service/ anniversaries	28 1 shevat Sfemot
29 2 shevat BINGO	30 3 shevat	31 4 shevat				Va'era ROSH CHODESH

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	September	5	<i>Fri., 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5:30 Pot Luck                7:00 Family Service</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. Session: 11 <sup>th</sup> , Grades K-6 10:00 Mandatory Parents' Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues Session: 13 <sup>th</sup> , Grades 3-9 Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup> : Grade 3 Book Ceremony
	October	4, 9, 11, 25	<i>Fri., 7<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 Pot Luck                7:00 Family Service &amp; Consecration</i> Tues, 18 <sup>th</sup> : Sukkah Program Grades 6-9 Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> : Sukkah Program Grades K-5
	November	27	<i>Fri., 4<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck &amp; Family Service / G. 7 &amp; 8</i> Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup> , Kristallnacht Program
	December	25, 27	<i>Fri., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pot Luck &amp; Family Service, Grade 6</i> Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup> , Class Parties for K-2 Tues. 20 <sup>th</sup> , Class Parties 3-9
	January	1, 15	<i>Fri., 6<sup>th</sup>: Family Service</i>
	February	19	<i>Fri., 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Service</i>
	March		<i>Fri., 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Service with Grade 5</i> Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> , Purim Service & Shpiel
	April	11, 16, 18	<i>Fri., 7<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck &amp; Family Service / Gr. 4</i> Sun. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Model Seder K-3 Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup> : Model Seder 4-9
	May	14	<i>Fri., 5<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck &amp; Family Service / Gr. 3</i> <i>Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation , Grade 9</i>
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	<p>* Grades K-3 will be participating in all family services. Although attendance is not mandatory, it is a learning experience, enjoyable for the children, and an honor to be called up to the Bima. Please help your children to have this wonderful experience as often as possible.</p>		

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