

# The Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

## *Fearless Journalism—Now More than Ever*

Many well known (and some less well known) figures such as George Orwell, William Randolph Hearst and Katharine Graham have been credited with defining news in one of several similar ways. Here are a few:

- "Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed; everything else is public relations."
- "News is something somebody doesn't want printed; all else is advertising."

According to *Quote Investigator*<sup>1</sup>, "The earliest strongly matching expression . . . was published in 1918," but no precise attribution was given:

- "Whatever a patron desires to get published is advertising; whatever he wants to keep out of the paper is news."

Regardless of who expressed it, one of the very best and bravest exemplars of this truth was Ruth Gruber, "a photojournalist and author who documented Stalin's gulags, life in Nazi Germany and the plight of Jewish refugees intercepted by the British on the infamous passage of the Exodus to Palestine in 1947..."<sup>1</sup> She died this past November at age 105 years.

Her *Times* biographer, Robert D. McFadden, also commented, "Ms. Gruber called herself a witness, and in an era of barbarities and war that left countless Jews displaced and stateless, she often crossed the line from journalist to human rights advocate, reporting as well as shaping events that became the headlines and historical footnotes of the 20th century."<sup>1</sup>

The issues of reporters' crucial duty to be objective when reporting events versus their moral obligation to intervene to save human lives and preserve justice are critical and hotly debated today. I believe that when covering most events, journalists ought to strive for objectivity, but I allow that there are extraordinary circumstances that cry for the journalist to "cross" that "line" for an even higher purpose.

Some of Ruth Gruber's most important work most definitely falls into that latter category. Without question, Stalin and Hitler did not want the world to know about their atrocities. Ruth Gruber's reporting (and that of others) brought some of the crimes of these powerful and ruthless leaders to light. That is why MacFadden's piece calls her a "Fearless Chronicler."

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***Rabbi's Message – cont'd.***

The best example of what Gruber's "fearless" reporting accomplished came in July 1947 when she was in British controlled Palestine to cover a United Nations conference. When she learned that a ship filled with Holocaust survivors had been intercepted near Haifa's port by the British, she ran there to cover the events. Gruber photographed and reported all of it: the attack to the already damaged and listing ship that killed three and wounded 120, the filthy conditions aboard the *Exodus*, how the British forced the 4,515 refugees onto prison ships and returned them to fenced camps in Germany, "reminiscent of the Nazi concentration camps."<sup>1</sup>

**According to MacFadden, "The international outcry that followed [Gruber's reporting] profoundly embarrassed the British . . . and helped pave the way for Israeli independence in 1948 and the eventual resettlement of nearly all the interned Jews."<sup>1</sup>**

Soon after, Gruber wrote a book describing the events in detail; she revised her book in 1999 and 2007 as *Exodus 1947: The Ship That Launched a Nation*. But it was her reporting *during* the events that contributed to Israel's founding as a sovereign nation. No intervening here, Ruth Gruber just told it like it was.

Indeed reporters must do their best to remain objective, so they can report honestly and accurately. The debate between aloof reporters standing above and indifferent to the events they cover or letting the human, ethical component into the equation by taking some action is still important. Nonetheless, when journalists do their best to report the news by confirming the facts, investigating the story to uncover and report the truth, that in itself will advance good causes by exposing what some political, business, organization and other leaders work so desperately to cover up.

I believe Ruth Gruber succeeded in balancing her obligations to her craft and to humanity. In 2001, she said, "I had two tools to fight injustice — words and images, my typewriter and my camera. I just felt that I had to fight evil, and I've felt like that since I was 20 years old. And I've never been an observer. I have to live a story to write it."

I believe we are living in a time when we need—more than ever—a vigorous, unfettered and independent news media that continues to report news with the understanding that there are *facts* and "*alternative facts*" are simply *lies* and will publish both as such despite those who do not want them printed.

If we still desire this kind of news media, we must therefore support it; here are a few ways:

- Buy a newspaper subscription—paper or digital.
- Join your public radio station (beholden only to what 'We the People' need and want to know.)
- Donate to ProPublica<sup>1</sup> or the Committee to Protect Journalists.<sup>1</sup>

Need more convincing? President Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, called the media the "opposition party." That is something new in America but not in nations with oppressive governments. The next step for Mr. Bannon may be to label the media "traitors;" arrests and censorship should follow.

Americans will not agree with one another on many of our Government's policies and actions, but for the sake of our rights, the collective good and wellbeing of our democracy, we should all demand to learn the truth about what our representatives and leaders are doing in our name. We must have fearless journalism.

Rabbi Steve

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<sup>1</sup>An on-line site devoted to "exploring the origins of quotations" (<http://quoteinvestigator.com/2013/01/20/news-suppress/>).

<sup>2</sup> *New York Times*, 11/18/16, p. 24A <sup>3</sup> *ibid* <sup>4</sup> *ibid* <sup>5</sup> *ibid* <sup>6</sup> <https://www.propublica.org/about/>



## 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 \* \* \*

**Saturday, Feb. 18**  
7:00PM  
"Saturday Night Alive"  
Family Bingo Night

**Sunday, Feb.. 26**  
"Neshamah Nosh"  
10:15-11:45

Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday of each  
month for a  
evening of fun!

**Friday, Feb. 4**  
7:00PM Erev Shabbat Family Service

Cantor Mariel Guarrera- Ashkenazy  
Will be leading the singing at this  
service.

*Shabbat Bo*  
Exodus 10:1-13:16

**Friday, Feb. 10**  
7:30PM Erev Shabbat Service

*Shabbat Beshalach*  
*Shabbat Shirah*  
*Tu B'Shevat*  
Exodus 13:17- 17:16

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
7:30PM Erev Shabbat Service

*Shabbat Yitro*  
Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

**Friday, Feb. 24**  
7:30PM Erev Shabbat Service with  
Anniversaries

Cantor Mariel Guarrera-Ashkenazy will  
be leading the singing at this service.

*Mishpatim*  
*Shabbat Shekalim*  
Exodus 21:1 – 24:18

### \*\* 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.

**Temple Beth Am Shalom is excited to announce the opening of  
our Beit Midrash and Library (BML)!!!**

Down through the centuries, the Jewish people have been known for our rigorous and creative study and creation of primary Jewish texts – Torah, Midrash, Talmud, and Zohar. The traditional place of study is called the Beit Midrash or “house of study”. A Beit Midrash is sacred space usually attached to a synagogue or located inside in a dedicated room where study partners would pore over a text and discuss (and often heatedly argue!) its meaning.

We felt it was time for Beth Am Shalom to have its own Beit Midrash! After weeks of organizing and categorizing our current MP2 room, the transformation is complete. However, the Beit Midrash will function as more than a study hall. It will also serve as a library offering hundreds of volumes in various categories:

Torah	History
Talmud	Fiction
Tradition	General Reading
Spirituality	And More . . .
Philosophy	

When you enter the BML you will notice a small table next to the bookshelves with a white binder. That binder contains all the information you will need to know to utilize the Beit Midrash and Library to its fullest.

We sincerely hope that 2017 will be the year when we begin a deeper commitment to Jewish learning and we hope the BML will be the place where it all begins!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Dave Garcia  
(732) 742-7392  
[ddgarcia@optonline.net](mailto:ddgarcia@optonline.net)

Please stop by the BML and see what we have to offer...I think you are going to love it!

We thank all of our wonderful  
friends for their good wishes  
as we depart for Ohio.

We will miss Beth Am Shalom,  
especially the many people we  
have come to love & admire.

*Mike & Jacky Philips*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I equate congregational life with community. Many people join a Temple for the same reason. They want to become a part of a Jewish family within the community. Being a part of 'The Yiddish Club' or 'Shalom Club' may well meet a one's social needs, but does nothing to perpetuate Jewish life nor does membership in those clubs help to meet our obligation to future generations. (Don't get me wrong I wish there was a Yiddish Club for me to join) Increasingly I have come to imagine Ocean County without nonorthodox synagogues. It truly saddens me. Many of us work so hard to create an environment that is welcoming, respectful and enchanting. We provide so many opportunities for learning for people of all ages. The door is open, how do we beckon you to come in?

On January 15<sup>th</sup> I was welcomed at the Men's Club meeting. My hat is off to the members of the Men's Club. First I thoroughly enjoyed David Letterman's program on Identity Theft. I learned some strategies, which even you could employ to prevent becoming the victim of **Identity Theft**, if only you had been there too. I am also impressed by the Men's Clubs desire to do good for Temple, our people and you. Please, come out and join them!

**Neshamah Nosh** (food for the soul) on January 22<sup>nd</sup> was just one example. The topic was 'Jewish Views of Life after Death'. We met in our own **Beit Midrash**. Those in attendance ranged in age from their 30's to their 80's, and there were many of us. The discussion was lively. We discussed Dante's Inferno, Freud, Maimonides and Torah and more, along with our own feelings and understandings. As always, we became closer as a community, more in touch with each other. Our next meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps you will join us? Oh, and of course there were bagels.

There are some very exciting events coming up and I hope that you will take advantage of them, join us and strengthen our bond with each other.

I am very excited to tell you about **Torah Time for Tots!** This program will begin on **March 5<sup>th</sup>**. It is geared towards our youngest members, age 3-4. Please look for more info in the Religious School section. It is free to members. There is a small fee for non-members. Perhaps you have a Jewish friend or neighbor, a grandchild, who could benefit from this program. Bring them please.

Two of my favorite holidays are coming, **Purim and Passover**. Sisterhood and the Women of BAS are planning two exciting programs. The first is for **Purim**, the date is to be announced. Let's meet in the kitchen and make **hamantashen**. Did you know that we eat **hamantashen** because they symbolize the very nature of the Purim miracle? As always, we can drink some wine and share the event. And they bring the fruits of our labor home to our family.

Finally we are bringing back the 'Women's Seder'. On Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> we will be joining with Sha'arey Ha-Yam, another Reform Congregation, for our Seder. It is open to women of all ages. Again we will be providing more information soon.

So I close with a plea. The flaps to our tent are open. Please, mark your calendars, (I know you are busy, so am I) enter and become a part of a greater community, **YOUR BAS FAMILY**.

*Pam Ligorski*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### **What our Teachers are Teaching: Mrs. Malamud Grades 4 & 5**

Can't believe the year is whizzing by... So much happening in the 4th and 5th Grade...

**Hebrew Reading** is moving along beautifully with tic tac toe championships, connect four competition, Hebrew Bingo and puzzles and of course our Homework Club with a free surprise.

4th grade has learned all the food blessings reinforced with making popcorn, tangerine shish kabobs and grape juice ices.

5th grade is learning different mitzvos, ( good deeds) we have made happy pins, doorknobs and get well cards.

Kosher symbol contest is underway in the 5th grade.

Chanukah was so much fun with donuts decorating, fun sheets and a massive dreidel game with REAL money!

### **Getting ready for our service on March 3rd ! Practice, Practice and more Practice!!!**

So much to look forward to with the Holiday of Purim and Pesach (Passover)  
Don't forget to bring your Helmets!

Keep Coming!  
Mrs. Malamud

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## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 2017

L A S E R   T A G

7:30 - 10:30 pm

Jersey Shore Arena  
1215 Wycoff Road  
Wall Township, NJ

\$10 UNLIMITED PLAY

RSVP ASAP

[zirinc@optonline.net](mailto:zirinc@optonline.net)

Payment In Advance is required!

## SISTERHOOD



### Women of BAS Book Club

The Women of BAS Book Club meets monthly, on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:15. We read a diverse list of novels provided to us free of charge from the Ocean County Library. We have a nice group of women who come together to discuss our books, and schmooze a little. Even if you don't finish the book, you're always welcome.

*"Those Who Save US"*  
*By: Jenna Blum*

February 22, 2017 @ 7:15 PM

## MEN'S CLUB

### Men's Club February 2017

Normally we are freezing right now...As of this writing it is comfortable outside. At Temple, things have heated up considerably this year. Come and get involved. Men's Club has an interesting program practically every month. Have breakfast on us and relax with friends one Sunday morning. Some you know. Others you haven't met yet. Our annual raffle will be for sale by the time you read this with first prize being a paid membership for one year. Second prize is maintenance fee for one year. Please contact a member of Men's Club for further information. Stay warm and I hope to see YOU at Temple soon.

*Richard Eisenstein*

Richard Eisenstein

## TZEDAKAH

### Yahrzeit Fund

Gloria & Len Kaminer in loving memory of Fannie Kaminer.

Gloria & Len Kaminer in loving memory of Anna Kolinsky.

Gloria & Len Kaminer in loving memory of Harry Kolinsky.

Lenore Turteltaub in loving memory of Richard Turteltaub.

Claire Kramer in loving memory of Leon Kramer.

Al & Sue Rutsky in loving memory of Arthur Spitzer.

Lynn & Steven Kaban in loving memory of Lilyan Kaban.

Lynn & Steven Kaban in loving memory of Sheryl Katz.

Ben Goldberg in loving memory of Nathan Goldberg.

Ben Goldberg in loving memory of David Goldberg.

Salvin & Teri Ribler in loving memory of Abe Ribler.

Lucille & Seymour Berger in loving memory of Simone Share.

The Ligorski Family in loving memory of Selig Ligorki.

Rose & Sheldon Fialkoff in loving memory of Lorraine Mosca.

Rose & Sheldon Fialkoff in loving memory of Irma Farbman.

Rochelle Rosenberg in loving memory of Eleanor Yellin.

Rochelle Rosenberg in loving memory of Bertha Loeb.

Denise & Bob Mako in loving memory of Jack Chamikles.

Denise & Bob Mako in loving memory of Gary Freedman

The Diamond Family in loving memory of Ivor Levy.

Lynn & Steven Kaban in loving memory of David Kaban

Elaine Kravetz in loving memory of Louis Berman.

Lynn & Steve Kaban in memory of Joseph Michowski.

Denise & Bob Mako in loving memory of Augusta Resnick.

Norman Katz in loving memory of Mark Katz.

Sue & Al Rutsky in loving memory of Blanche Spitzer.

Sue & Ruysky in loving memory of Ellen Flamholtz.

Phyllis & Arnold Schlisserman in loving memory of Anne maltzman.

Phyllis & Arnold Schlisserman in loving memory of Ida Schlisserman.

Lucille & Seymour Berger in loving memory of Isy Berger.

Karel Schnitzer in loving memory of Sara cohen

Fran Gimpel in loving memory of Harold Gimpel.

### Cemetery Fund

### ONEG Fund

Lynn & Steve Kaban, Thanks to Melanie & Frank Giudice for their dedication & service to BAS.

### Youth Group Fund

### Cantors Music Fund

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Wanye & Rose Friedland

### Merrill Pollinger Scholarship Fund

Lenore Turteltaub wishes Dorothy Myers a speedy recovery

Joan & Marvin Weiss in memory of Nick Neri

### General Fund

Jacky & Mike Philips on the occasion of Fran Gimpel's special birthday

**TZEDAKAH** cont'd

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

Lois Pollinger, sending get well wishes to Dottie Myers

**2016 – 2017**

**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

**2016 - 2017**

**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  
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

Shawn Friedman  
Jonathan Geltzeiler  
Marilyn Gilbert  
Linda Gillick  
Michael Gillick  
Caryn Habermann  
Mark Kaban  
Steven Katz  
Tyler Keats  
Richard Koch  
Lauren Leonard  
Rose Levine  
Logan Maarberg  
Truday Maarberg  
Linda Millet  
Marie Morgadonna  
Dottie Myers  
Ava Nebbia  
Lester Kostick  
Michael Neil  
Carl Nelson  
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

### February 3

Gussie Borock  
Jack Chamikles  
Sara Cohen  
Jerry Fink  
Minnie Flamholtz  
Milli Friedeman  
Benjamin Ginsberg  
David Goldberg  
Samuel Halpern  
Lilyan Kaban  
Sheryl Katz  
Leon Kramer  
Fanny Kravetz  
Barnet Levine  
Rochelle Nemirow  
Mary Ribler  
Julian Shapiro  
Dona Townsend  
Ilse Wolff  
Paul Wolff  
Eleanor Yellin  
Belle Yudman

### February 10

Israel Balous  
Louis Berman  
Max Blankfield  
Irma Farbman  
David Kaban  
Deborah Rosenzweig  
David Wechsler

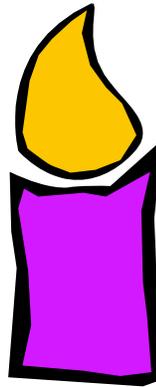


### February 17

Frances Frey Boloker  
Gary Freedman  
Harold Gimpel  
Sol Kayne  
Lorraine Mosca  
Simon Share  
Irving Wallace

### February 24

Isy Berger  
Phyllis Bussell  
Clara Cohen  
Susie Dymant  
Barry Eisenstein  
Ellen Flamholtz  
Sol Graubard  
Mae Haber  
Wendy Levine  
Myra Levy  
Abe Sachs  
Blanche Spitzer  
Dora Wiener



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,**

**Michael Michowski & Family on**

**the loss of Joseph Michowski.**

## 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:

Pamela Ligorsi..... (732)539-3834  
Shelly Newman ..... (732)330-3250  
David Sosis..... (732)244-4212

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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



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Purim is Coming!  
Hurray Hurray!  
The Jewish people's silliest day  
It's topsy turvy  
And fun all around  
Boo Haman as the groggers sound  
Be sure to sponsor baskets for all  
So everyone will have a ball!

Platinum Sponsor \$118

Gold Sponsor \$72

Silver Sponsor \$36

Bronze Sponsor \$18

Call the temple office for more information

# Torah Time for Tots



## Beth Am Shalom Is Proud to Announce Torah Time for Tots

Stories, Crafts, Songs, and Snacks designed for  
Three and Four Year Olds

Where: Beth Am Shalom  
1235 Route 70  
Lakewood, NJ  
732 363-2800

When: Three Sundays from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM  
March 5  
April 2  
May 7

Beth Am Shalom Members – free  
Non-Members - \$18 donation for all three sessions

## 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.

[WWW.BELKOFFGOLDSTEINFUNERALCHapel.COM](http://WWW.BELKOFFGOLDSTEINFUNERALCHapel.COM)

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How soft the petals  
of the floral arrangement  
I have just stolen.

**Beth Am Shalom Members Love to Learn while Eating  
Adult Education Series: Neshamah Nosh (Food for the Soul)**

Members of Beth Am Shalom meet with Rabbi Gold once a month in our new Beit Midrash/Library, to learn and discuss how portions of The Torah are relevant to our lives today. Held on Sunday morning, so that all members including parents of Religious School students can attend, participants have lively discussions while noshing on bagels, spreads, and coffee.

Previous topics have included:  
Studying the Sidrah (weekly Torah Portion) from a Woman's Perspective  
Jewish Views of Life after Death

and in the spring, we look forward to learning about and discussing Kabbalah.

There is no charge for this very worthwhile series, and all members are welcome!



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7:30 Service W/  
Anniversaries  
Cantor Mariel here

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29 shevat  
Sock Hop! 7 PM  
Cost is \$15 per person

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Neshamah Nosh  
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PRESIDENT'S DAY

**28**  
2 adar

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7:00 PM Family Service  
Cantor Mariel here

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B/M Class  
Senior Youth Group,  
Laser Tag 7:30-10:30 PM  
Jersey Shore Arena

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7:30 Erev Shabbat Service

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Erev Purim

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Purim Service 10:30  
Community Purim Carnival  
@ Congregation Ahavat  
Olam 12:30 PM

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7:30 PM BOT Meeting

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1:00 PM Chavurah Meeting

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7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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Saturday Night Alive  
Barber Shop Quartet  
7:00 PM

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9:15 Men's Club  
Sponsored, Breakfast with  
The Rabbi.

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Cantor Mariel here

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BIM Class

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Neshamah Nosh  
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29 adar  
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7:15 PM Book Club

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7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

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B/M Class

*Terumah*

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SHABBAT PARAH

*Vayakhel-Pekude*  
SHABBAT HACHODESH

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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>
<p><i>Check out our Website &amp; Facebook Page:</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.bethamshalom.org">www.bethamshalom.org</a>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BethAmShalomLakewood">https://www.facebook.com/BethAmShalomLakewood</a></p>	<p>Last Sessions: Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>      <b>** Confirmation: June, 16 2017</b>            Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup></p> <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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