

In Our Thoughts

Recent Deaths

LAI D TO REST THIS PAST WEEK

Bertha Gutovitz (mother of Allen Gutovitz)

RECENTLY LAID TO REST:

David Finkelstein (father of Victor Finkelstein and grandfather of Zachary and Gabrielle Finkelstein)

Richard Siegel (cousin of Steve Siegel)

Charlotte Silverman (aunt of Ron Sandhaus)

Matt Neumann (brother of Jenny Ball)

Betty Jean Moses (wife of Lou Moses, mother of Julie Altman, Janet Bloom and Judy Dubrov, grandmother of Jordy, Doug and Scott Altman and Ally and Drew Dubrov)

Leonard "Buddy" Goldstein (uncle of Martha Gershun)

Robert Tomassi, Sr. (father of Robert Tomassi)

Yahrzeits

Ida Barns (grandmother of Susan Asner) **Dorothy M. Chapman** (mother of Paul Chapman) **Leslee Crowell** (sister of Barbara Pittel) **Susan Fry** (cousin of Janet Dubinsky) **Ethel Gill** (grandmother of Steven Dubner) **Otto E. Hirsch** (father-in-law of Bill Kessler) **Eva Ingersoll** (grandmother of Michael Ingersoll and mother of Weber Ingersoll) **Shirley Jacobson** (mother of Bev Goldstein) **Lisa Kahn** (niece of Marlene Kahn) **Elizabeth Kort** (grandmother of Elliot Kort and Jason Kort and mother of Robert Kort and Bill Kort) **Habibolah Lavi** (brother of Sion Rahbarrad) **Sylvia Levin** (mother of Mark Levin) **Sarah Maslan** (mother of Sharon Turek) **Jack Osman** (father of Stan Osman) **Sanford Peltzman** (great uncle of Sara Glass) **Sam "Archie" Penner** (uncle of Stan Goldman) **Ethyl Portman** (mother of Gail Goldstein) **Natalie J. Razafsky** (mother of Jeffrey Razafsky) **Genya Rudnick** (mother of Evelyn Kucherovsky) **Audre Schiff** (grandmother of Randi Lefko) **Lillian Schwartz** (grandmother of Ellen Sommi) **Rebecca Steinhardt** (mother of Barbara Steinhardt) **Alberta Summers** (sister of Mel Solomon) **Karen Towerman** (loved one of Scott and Sara Goldstein)

Psalm 40:1-6;12

I put my hope in the Eternal One; God inclined toward me, and heeded my cry. God lifted me out of the miry pit, and slimy clay, and set my feet on a rock, steadied my legs. God put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

May many see it and stand in awe, and trust in the Eternal One.

Happy is the man who makes the Eternal One his trust, who turns not to the arrogant or to followers of falsehood. You, O Eternal One my God, have done many things; the wonders You have devised for us cannot be set out before You; I would rehearse the tale of them, but they are more than can be told. O Eternal One, You will not withhold from me Your compassion; Your steadfast love will protect me always.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech haolam shegemalani kol tov.

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who grants us every good thing.

Harvesters Item of the Month: Hot Cereal Your donation makes a difference! Please bring your contributions to the Harvesters bins at Beth Torah.

Announcements

Upcoming Beth Torah & Community Events

Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs

- This American Library Association touring exhibit highlighting the lives and works of Jewish American popular music composers from 1910-1965 will be on display at Beth Torah through **February 23, 2012**. It is open to the public.
- **Adult Education** Join Congregation Beth Torah music director, Linda Sweenie on **Wednesday, February 15th, 7:30-9:00 p.m.** for What Makes That Jewish—Jewish Themes in American Popular Music.

For more information contact Linda Matorin Sweenie at (913) 498-2212 or email lsweenie@beth-torah.org

Blood Drive Blood donations always decline during the winter months, but the Community Blood Center needs 580 pints per day year-round to meet local demands. Join your Beth Torah friends at our quarterly blood drive on **Monday, February 13th, 2:30-7:30 p.m.** and help save lives! Schedule online today at www.esavealifenow.org (click on "find a drive" and sponsor code "bethtorah"), or call the CBT office at (913) 498-2212.

CCO: CBT Members who are Missouri Residents Do you know that the average APR for payday loans in Missouri is more than 400%? The average payday loan borrower pays back over \$700 for a \$300 loan. CCO is working on the Missouri side of the state line to limit the payday loan industry to a cap of 36%. The first step toward this needed reform is to get the measure on the November ballot. If you are interested in working on this issue, contact Wynne at (816) 298-6022 or wbegun@aol.com.

Summer Israel Trip 2012 Join Rabbi Levin for a 12 day tour of Israel, leaving KC International Airport on **Thursday, June 7th** and returning to KC on **Monday, June 18th**. We will visit major sites in Tel Aviv, the Galilee, the Golan, and Jerusalem, including Masada and the Dead Sea. For more information, call Rabbi Levin at (913) 498-2212. Several families have already signed up. If you've never been to Israel, this is your opportunity.

2012 Chili Cook Off & Fun Fest It's time to get your chili on...Join your friends for a night of fun, food and festivities at Congregation Beth Torah's Annual Chili Cook Off & Fun Fest on **Sunday, February 12th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Don't forget to mark your calendar! For more information on the event or to sign up to be one of the 125 volunteers needed for the evening, call Laura Intfen in the CBT office at (913) 498-2212, or send her an email at lintfen@beth-torah.org.

Adult Education On **Sunday, February 19th**, join Rabbi Harris for an interactive Torah study. Beginners to expert are all welcome. Class is at **11:00 a.m.** in the Bride's Room.

Super Bowl Party! The new Congregation Beth Torah Men's Group will meet at the Overland Park Soccer Complex (135th & Switzer) on **Sunday, February 5th at 5:00 p.m.** A catered dinner will be served while we watch the game on 2 large screen TVs. \$10 per person. RSVP to Mickey Swade at mickswade@everestkc.net

Camp Sabra Reunion Shabbat There is nothing that screams summer louder than a song session! Join Camp Sabra Director, Shmuel Bergman, at Beth Torah on **Friday night, February 17th**. Everyone is invited for camp songs and snacks after worship.

Religious School Round-up It is time to think about your child's religious education. On **Sunday, March 4th**, Congregation Beth Torah will host a Religious School Round-up at Beth Torah for all families with incoming Kindergartners and students new to the Weiner Religious School. If you know of anyone wanting to enroll their child in the Weiner Religious School, but they are not yet members of CBT, please invite them to come with you and learn more about our congregation and its religious school program! Please RSVP to kblackman@beth-torah.org or (913) 498-2212

Upcoming Events continued

Tu B'Shevat Seder Come to the 12th Annual Mitzvah Garden Tu B'Shevat Seder. This musical, fun-filled seder features Shireinu, the Jewish Community Chorale of Greater KC. Celebrate the earth and each other at Village Shalom, **Tuesday, February 7th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Faces of Israel: A Discussion About State and Religion in the Jewish Homeland The Jewish community will gather from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 29th** at Congregation Beth Torah for an important educational program about Israel and what it means to live in both a Jewish and democratic state. Filmmaker Amy Beth Oppenheimer will lead the discussion, including showing portions of her documentary Faces of Israel: A Discussion About Marriage, State, and Religion in the Jewish Homeland. Reception will follow the program. Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Torah, the JCC, HBHA and New Reform Temple. RSVPs kindly requested to (913) 498-2212.

New Melton Classes are Beginning! You may register for the following classes at the JCC main desk, or by calling (913) 327-8000.

- **Israeli Society seen through Israeli Literature:** A fascinating examination of post-1948 Israeli society depicted by its leading writers. Michal Cahlon teaches at CBT **Sundays, now through April 1st, 11:10 a.m.-12:40 p.m.** \$180 to the JCC.
- **Jewish Denominations-Jewish Response to Modernity:** Michal Cahlon teaches a text-based exploration of the development of Jewish denominations. At the JCC, **Tuesdays, now through March 20th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** \$180.
- **Digging Through the Cairo Geniza:** Current and unexpected insights gained from the ancient writings found in the Cairo Geniza. Rabbi Morey Schwartz teaches at Village Shalom. **Tuesdays, March 6th-April 3rd, 8:30-10:00 am.** \$75 to the JCC.

A Taste of Ayeka – Where are You? Deepen your appreciation for the world as you're guided on a path to a kinder, holier and more joyful life. Edna Levy from the JCC facilitates a free *Taste of Ayeka* on **Sunday, February 5th, 10:30 a.m.-noon**. Call the JCC (913) 327-8077 for more information.

Mi Shebeirach List

Howard Agron, Chulda Sarah bat Miriam, David Bernstein, Gloria Bernstein, Marilyn Block, Neal Block, Peedee Brown, Taylor Brown, David Bush, Richard Casey, Charles Coombes, Lois Cowan, Morea Cummings, Tracy Edwards, Bruce Efron, Stan Eiler, Kesha Engel, Todd Epsten, Ida Feldman, Judi Field-Schwartz (Yehudit bat Miriam), Joel Fish, Ira Fishman, Jennifer Forman-Wright, Sue Foster, Jeanine Fox, Matthew Golden, Stan Goldman, Rick Gray, Mark Guzman, Mel Hakan, Jonathan Hammond, Genie Hecker, Penny Hendrikse, Alan Hersch, Hugo Holland, Julie Hollerbach, Denise Holsberger, John Holsberger, Jay Horowitz, Lucille Johnston, Carole Kaplan, Monica Kitt, Maribell Knickerbocker, Elizabeth Gnora Kontras, Trisha Kuhn, Mary Lauber, Marsha Levy, Marilyn Lewandowski, Wolfgang Lewandowski, Robin Stolar Lloyd, Cathy Lowenstein, Constantino Molinero, Aleza Myer, Harrison Myers, Jean Myers, Robin Myers, Minda Norris, Finnegan O'Keefe, Jerry Pakula, Kam-Fai Pang, Lex Passman, Vicki Stine Pollman, Gregory Pope, Carl Poslosky, Robb Raney, Richard Ruben, Lucille Rubin, Dennis Sandler, Marvin Schlezinger, Phyllis Schwartz, Richard Seitzinger, Radine Shaw, Lanny Solomon, Barbara Steinhardt, Harriet Swade, Bill Swearingin, Teshura bat Jacob, Helen Towster, Latitica Wallace, Robbi Weil, Jo Willer, Richard Willer, Kris Wittenberger, Toby Yudin, Merry Zuschek, Edward Zipper, Ellen Zipper, Irv Zipper, Tammy Zwick

To add a name to the Mi Shebeirach list, please call the Beth Torah office.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 a.m. "Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Worship

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 a.m. Religious School Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Religious School, PreK-6 grade
10:00 a.m. 6th grade Family School
10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew Class
10:00 a.m. Melton
10:00 a.m. "Taste of Ayeka"
11:10 a.m. Israel Through Israeli Literature
Noon Faculty Planning Party
5:00 p.m. CBT Men's Group Super Bowl Party at Overland Park Soccer Complex

Monday, February 6th

6:00 p.m. Weekday Worship
6:30 p.m. Al Anon
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th Building Closed

Wednesday, February 8th

Noon Wisdom on Wednesdays
4:30 p.m. Keshet Classes
6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
6:30 p.m. JYG Chavurah Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m. TAG Classes
7:00 p.m. Intergenerational Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9th

10:00 a.m. Music with Mar.
6:00 p.m. Weekday Worship
7:00 p.m. DBSA Meeting

Friday, February 10th

Noon Yiddish Circle
6:00 p.m. Nosh
6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship

Saturday, February 11th

9:00 a.m. "Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"
10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Emert

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Shabbat Songs

Vaanachnu N'vareich Yah (Debbie Friedman)

Vaanachnu n'vareich Yah
Meiata v'ad olam (3xs)
Hal'luyah
Hal'luyah...
(But we will bless Adonai now and forever, Halleluyah!)

Hallelu based on a Sufi chant (Arr. Maseng/Finn)

Halleluyah...
Praise the One in our holy place
Praise the One whose strength heavens praise
Praise the One for mighty deeds
Praise the One whose greatness exceeds
Halleluyah...
Praise the One with the shofar blast;
Praise the One with the harp and the lute;
Praise the One with drum and dance;
Praise the One with strings and flute
Halleluyah...

Hallelu, Hallelu...
Kol han'shama t'haleil Yah
Hallelu, Halleluyah
Kol han'shama t'haleil Yah
Hallelu, Halleluyah

Mi Shebeirach (Lisa Levine)

Mi shebeirach avoteinu Avraham Yitzchak v'Ya'akov
Mi shebeirach imoteinu Sarah, Rivka, Leah v'Racheil

May the One who blessed our Mothers, may the One who blessed our Fathers
Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, hear our prayer, hear our prayer and bless us as well
Bless us with the power of Your healing, bless us with the power of Your hope
May our hearts be filled with understanding and strengthened by the power of Your love
Mi shebeirach ...

You Shall Love (Debbie Friedman)

And you shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might
and all these words which I command you on this day shall be in your heart
And you shall teach them diligently unto your children. And you shall speak of them when you
sit in your house, when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up
And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your
eyes and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and upon your gates
That you may remember and do all of my commandments and be holy unto your God.

L'dor Vador (Linda Matorin Sweeney)

L'dor vador, standing side by side
L'dor vador, we add to the chain
L'dor vador, together year by year
We build a future here...l'dor vador
A hope, a prayer...a dream we share
A light for those who enter there
A community of faith – beit t'filah

L'dor vador...

Within these walls Your spirit sings
May we be blessed beneath Your wings
As we move from strength to strength...halleluyah
L'dor vador
L'dor vador nagid godlecha
Ul'neitsach n'tsachim k'dushatcha nakdish
V'shivchacha Eloheinu mipinu lo yamush l'olam vaed
L'dor vador...

Celebrate Shabbat

Log onto: <http://bethtorah.blogspot.com/> to hear Rabbi Levin's past sermons.
You can listen to them again and share them with others.
Rabbi Levin always welcomes feedback on his sermons and thoughts.
You can email him at mlevin@beth-torah.org.

Congregation Beth Torah

Welcome to Shabbat Services

Weekly Torah Portion—Beshalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16 (Plaut Chumash pp. 478-507)
Judges 4:4-5:31; 5:1-31 (Plaut Chumash p. 703-709)

Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning worship are in the Mishkan T'filah Prayerbook.

- ♦ Join us every Erev Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. for a little nosh before worship which begins at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ Free child care is always available in Classroom 1 on Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning during services.
- ♦ Tonight's *Sermon in Song* is performed by the **Congregation Beth Torah Adult and Children's choirs** and the **Intergenerational Ensemble**.
- ♦ Thank you to **Rabbi Levin** for sponsoring the Shabbat nosh on Friday night in honor of his birthday.
- ♦ Thank you to our Shalom Squad members **Maureen** and **Sandy Salz** and **Betsy Wanger** for welcoming everyone on Friday night.
- ♦ Thank you to **Shir Balev** for our music on Friday night.
- ♦ Thank you to the **February Hospitality Committee** for providing the sweets for tonight's Oneg Shabbat.
- ♦ This week the Shabbat calendar says "**Sing for Joy.**" Our Shabbat morning aliyah is offered to everyone who is following the Shabbat calendar, all those who sing for joy.

Shabbat Shira



We Sing with Joy!

February 3rd/4th, 2012/11 Shevat, 5772