

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 12th	
9:00 a.m.	"Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"
10:30 a.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Lindsay Gill
Sunday, November 13th Barnes & Noble Bookfair	
9:30 a.m.	Religious School, Pre-K-6 grade
10:00 a.m.	Kindergarten Family Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	Melton
10:00 a.m.	Adult Hebrew Class
10:30 a.m.	Parent Consecration Meeting
11:10 a.m.	Melton Graduate Class "Denominations"
Monday, November 14th	
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Worship
6:30 p.m.	AI Anon Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 15th Building Closed	
Wednesday, November 16th	
Noon	Wisdom on Wednesdays
4:30 p.m.	Keshet Classes
6:00 p.m.	JYG Pizza & Cake Decorating
6:15 p.m.	BTTY Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class
7:00 p.m.	Intergenerational Ensemble Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	TAG
Thursday, November 17th Confirmation Class Etgar Trip (through Sunday)	
10:00 a.m.	Music with Mar
Noon	Lunch with the Rabbi (discussion begins at 12:30)
6:00 p.m.	Weekday Worship
7:00 p.m.	DBSA meeting
Friday, November 18th	
Noon	Yiddish Circle
6:00 p.m.	Nosh
6:10 p.m.	Simchat Shabbat and Activities
Saturday, November 19th	
9:00 a.m.	"Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"
10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Worship
Sunday, November 20th	
9:00 a.m.	4th grade Bake Sale in the Ulam
9:30 a.m.	Religious School, K-6th grade
10:00 a.m.	Mount Moriah Cemetery Open House
10:00 a.m..	Melton
10:00 a.m.	Adult Hebrew Class
11:00 a.m.	Adult Ed: Diversity in Judaism with Rabbi Levin and Rabbi Ben Zion Friedman
11:10 a.m.	Melton Graduate Class "Denominations"
Noon	TWYG Pizza and Incredibowl
Noon	BTTY/NFTY Option Meeting
12:15 p.m.	YAEC meeting

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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	Hallelu, Hallelu...
Praise the One whose strength heavens praise	Kol han'shama t'haleil Yah
Praise the One for mighty deeds	Hallelu, Halleluyah
Praise the One whose greatness exceeds	Kol han'shama t'haleil Yah

Halleluyah...

Praise the One with the shofar blast;	Hallelu, Halleluyah
Praise the One with the harp and the lute;	Hallelu, Halleluyah
Praise the One with drum and dance;	Hallelu, Halleluyah
Praise the One with strings and flute	Hallelu, Halleluyah

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 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 ...

Mi Shebeirach (Debbie Friedman)

Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu, m'kor ha-b'ra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before us help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing and let us say "Amen".

Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu, m'kor ha-b'ra-cha l'a-vo-tei-nu

Bless those in need of healing with r'fu-ah sh'lei-mah, the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit and let us say "Amen".

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 va dor nagid godlecha
Ul'neitsach n'tsachim k'dushatcha nakdish
V'shivchacha Eloheinu mipinu lo yamush l'olam vaed

L'dor vador...

In consideration of the people around you, should your young child become restless during worship, please feel free to worship from the ulam (foyer) where the worship is audible, or take advantage of free child care.

Congregation Beth Torah

Welcome to Shabbat Services

Weekly Torah Portion—Vayera
Genesis 18:1-22:24 (Plaut Chumash pp. 122-148)
II Kings 4:1-37 (Plaut Chumash pp. 334-337)

*Erev Shabbat worship is in the Mishkan T'filah Prayerbook.
Shabbat morning worship is Service I, page 283 of Gates of Prayer.
You will find a transliterated prayer book on the book cart at the back of the Sanctuary for the Shabbat morning service.*

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Thank you to our Shalom Squad members **Ray Davidson** and **Fran Kuhn** for welcoming everyone on Erev Shabbat.
- ♦ Thank you to **Lezlie Zucker** for leading our music for Tot Shabbat Friday night.
- ♦ Thank you to **Tim Intfen** for our music on Friday night.
- ♦ Pulpit flowers sponsored by **Debra** and **Michael Gill** in honor of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Lindsay Gill**.
- ♦ Thank you to **Samantha** and **Quentin Hammontree** for reciting the Torah blessings on Friday night in honor of their wedding anniversary.
- ♦ Thank you to the **November Hospitality Committee** for providing the sweets for the Oneg Shabbat Friday night.
- ♦ Mazel Tov to **Lindsay Gill** for leading services and reading Torah on Shabbat morning in honor of her bat mitzvah.
- ♦ Thank you to **Debra** and **Michael Gill** for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of the bat mitzvah of their daughter, **Lindsay Gill**.

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.

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In Our Thoughts

Recent Deaths

LAID TO REST THIS PAST WEEK:

RECENTLY LAID TO REST:

Muriel Blackman (mother-in-law of Kristy Blackman and grandmother of Todd Blackman)

Yahrzeits

Polly "Poppy" Birne (grandmother of Jackie Berry) **Estelle Bloom** (mother of Stephen Bloom) **Iola Cohen** (mother of Debbie Katz) **Melvin Cohen** (father of Debbie Katz) **Sasha Parris Cohen** (daughter of Tom Cohen and Roshann Parris) **Lucille Ellis** (mother of Howard Ellis) **Rose Ellis** (great-grandmother of Hersh Ellis and Shayna Ellis and grandmother of Michael Ellis) **Marie Friedson** (mother of Shelly Gore) **Wayne Gasswint** (father of Stanley Gasswint) **Harriet Gawronsky** (mother of Bruce Steinberg) **Norman Gill** (grandfather of Steven Dubner) **Bertha Goldstein** (mother-in-law of Gail Goldstein) **Masha Maxine Golub** (mother-in-law of Jane Golub) **Zelda Gorsky** (mother of Pola Greenwald) **Stanley Hailpern** (father of Debbie Ruben) **Raymond Kirke** (brother of Larry Kirke) **William Klopper** (father of Nadine Agron and grandfather of Karen Agron Flattery) **Jesse Lamison** (cousin of Brandon Zipper) **Isaac Matorin** (grandfather of Linda Matorin Sweeney) **Arnold Moskowitz** (father of Doug Moskowitz) **Anita Novack** (mother of Pam Kanter) **Marion Nygren** (loved one of Chris Nygren) **Gabriel Parris** (brother of Arnold Parris) **Fannie Rittmaster** (grandmother of Larry Rittmaster) **Eugene Rubin** (father of Ronald Rubin) **John Ryder** (father of Louise Ackerman) **Zvi Shik** (father of David Shik) **Ruth Slade** (grandmother of Adam Zack and Jason Zack) **Alvin Tolin** (brother of Jerry Tolin) **Nathan Weiner** (father of Larry Weiner)

Caring for the Sick

We rely upon our members to notify the office when there is an illness in your family, if someone is hospitalized or if someone is in need of a pastoral visit. Please call and let us know if you know of someone who has been hospitalized.

Mi Shebeirach List

Howard Agron, Norma Altman, Diane Beene, David Bernstein, Gloria Bernstein, Noah Blank, Neal Block, Peedee Brown, Taylor Brown, David Bush, Richard Casey, Morea Cummings, Tracy Edwards, Bruce Efron, Stan Eiler, Isaac Elyachar, Todd Epsten, Symie Fasbinder, Ida Feldman, Judi Field-Schwartz (Yehudit bat Miriam), Joel Fish, Ira Fishman, Jennifer Forman-Wright, Sue Foster, Jeanine Fox, Eileen Garry, Rick Gray, Ruth Gruenebaum, Mark Guzman, Genie Hecker, Penny Hendrikse, Alan Hersch, Hugo Holland, Julie Hollerbach, John Holsberger, Jay Horowitz, Gunnar Hughes, Lucille Johnston, Seymour Kaplan, Bill LaFever, Marsha Levy, Marilyn Lewandowski, Wolfgang Lewandowski, Roz Litwin, Cathy Lowenstein, Constantino Molinero, Betty Moses, Aleza Myer, Harrison Myers, Jean Myers, Robin Myers, Burt Newman, Minda Norris, Quinn Obregon, Kam-Fai Pang, Lex Passman, Gregory Pope, Carl Poslosky, Robb Raney, Lucille Rubin, Marvin Schlezinger, Richard Seitzinger, Radine Shaw, Shirley Ship, Barbara Steinhart, Vicki Stine Pollman, Helen Towster, Izak Towster, Brenda Vey, Latitica Wallace, Robbi Weil, Jo Willer, Richard Willer, Kris Wittenberger, Toby Yudin, Merry Zuscheck, Edward Zipper, Ellen Zipper, Irv Zipper, Tammy Zwick

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

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.

Announcements

Upcoming Beth Torah & Community Events

Cemetery Open House at Mt. Moriah Please join us for an Open House on **Sunday, November 20th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Congregation Beth Torah Section at the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Representatives from Mt. Moriah and the Congregation Beth Torah Cemetery Committee will be available to discuss site selection, pre-need burial packages and the special discount pricing available for spaces purchased before **December 31, 2011**. If you have any questions regarding the cemetery or this open house, please call Dr. Michael Blum, Chairperson of the Beth Torah Cemetery Committee at (913) 383-2586 or Jack Feldman, Executive Director at (913) 498-2212.

Men's Club Our next meeting will be a potluck dinner at the home of Steve Becker on **Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m.** Please call the office to RSVP and to let us know your preference of chicken or brisket from Jack Stack BBQ. There is a charge of \$10 to cover the cost of the main course. All men are welcome. If you have friends that have not yet attended a Men's Club meeting, please invite them to come along. After you RSVP you will hear from Mickey Swade or Steve Becker with directions to Steve's house and more information about what to bring for the potluck. Call Mickey Swade with questions at (913) 681-3050.

Tot Shabbat Children ages 5 and under celebrate Shabbat with adults who love them in musical, age appropriate services. The second Friday of every month at Beth Torah Rabbi Harris leads with Bridey Stangler or Lezlie Zucker. On the first Friday of every month we gather at B'nai Jehudah and on the third Saturday we gather at Beth Shalom for a service led by their volunteers. Older siblings are always welcome.

Pleasant Green Baptist Church Holiday Meals Join other Beth Torah members to help to feed the hungry on Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Pleasant Green ministry. Contact Bernice McKinney to sign up at (913) 371-5393. Please contact Farrah Green if you are able to provide a ride for other members who want to volunteer.

Sponsor a Turkey! Help Beth Torah Donate Turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals with Pleasant Green Baptist Church. Each Turkey Costs \$12. Questions? Contact Farrah Green at (913) 498-2212 or fgreen@beth-torah.org.

Jewish Diversity There's great diversity in Jewish practices, across denominations and even among Beth Torah members. Join Rabbi Mark Levin and special guest, Rabbi Ben Zion Friedman from the Torah Learning Center on **Sunday, November 20th** from **11:00 a.m.-noon** in the Bride's Room to learn about Diversity in Judaism.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair Think ahead for Hanukkah and shop at the CBT Barnes & Noble Bookfair on **Sunday, November 13th** from **10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** at the Town Center store. Any purchases made using the Beth Torah Bookfair **Voucher ID# 10562171** will benefit our religious school program. You can also help support us by shopping online at www.bn.com/bookfairs between **November 13th-21st** and using the voucher number at check-out. For more information, contact Marcia Rittmaster, Religious School & Youth Groups Director at mrittmaster@beth-torah.org or (913) 498-2212.

Adult Education Join us in the kitchen for *Oil Vey!* on **Sunday, December 4th** with Sylvie Radvinsky, Nina Shik and Bonnie Swade to learn about the benefits of using different oils in your Hanukkah cooking. In the Bride's Room on **Sunday, December 11th** Bonnie Swade will guide us through journaling practices for *Reflections on Self-Care in the New Year*. Both sessions are at **11:00 a.m.**

Community Healing Service If you are interested in a deeply spiritual healing service featuring traditional liturgy and contemporary readings and music join us at Village Shalom on **Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.** This service will be co-facilitated by Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, community chaplain and Linda Matorin Sweeney. Rabbi Vered Harris will be guest facilitator. The service is free of charge to the entire community. For more information, call JFS at (913) 327-8250 or by email to healing@jfskc.org.

Summer Israel Trip 2012 Join Rabbi Levin for a 12 day tour of Israel, leaving from Kansas City International Airport on **Thursday, June 7th** and returning to Kansas City 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.

Upcoming Events continued

Adopt a Family for Hanukkah Support the JFS Hanukkah Baskets Program and fulfill the wishes of a Jewish family in need. Please contact Farrah Green at Beth Torah (913) 498-2212 to sign up. Those who sign up will receive more information in mid-November.

More Melton Are you ready to begin the pluralistic adult study of your own Jewish heritage? Enroll today in the Melton Mini-School's 10-week module, "Celebrations", which will meet weekly on **Tuesday mornings** or **Tuesday evenings** between **November 15th** and **January 31st** at the JCC. The cost, including textbook, is \$230. A minimum of eight registered students is required to hold this class. For more information or to register, call Jill Maidhof (913) 327-8077.

Grief and Loss Support Group Series This support group focuses on putting the loss into context of family functioning, Jewish/spiritual identify and ritual and personal transformation. Sessions begin **Monday, November 21st, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at the JCC. The program is co-facilitated by Vicki Cohen, LCSW, Therapist at JFS and Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Jewish Community Chaplain. To register contact Vicki Cohen at (816) 333-1172.

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

Simchat Shabbat

A Celebration of Shabbat

Join us at our next Simchat Shabbat
on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Check the Tekiah or the website for more details.

Psalm 139: 7-18

Where can I escape from Your spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I descend to Sheol, You are there too.
If I take wing with the dawn to come to rest on the western horizon,
even there Your hand will be guiding me, Your right hand will be holding me fast.
If I say, "Surely darkness will conceal me, night will provide me with cover,
darkness is not dark for You; night is as light as day; darkness and light are the same.
It was You who created my conscience; You fashioned me in my mother's womb.
I praise You, for I am awesomely, wondrously made; Your work is wonderful;
I know it very well. My frame was not concealed from You when I was shaped
in a hidden place, knit together in the recesses of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed limbs; they were all recorded in Your book;
in due time they were formed, To the very last one of them. How weighty Your
thoughts seem to me, O God, How great their number! I count them—they exceed the
grains of sand; I end—but am still with You.