

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 24th

9:00 a.m. "Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"
 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Worship
 8:00 p.m. Selichot Dessert Reception
 8:50 p.m. Community Selichot Program
 10:00 p.m. Selichot Worship

Sunday, September 25th

9:30 a.m. Religious School, K-6 Grade
 10:00 a.m. reLox and Shmooze and News
 10:00 a.m. Melton Class
 10:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew Class
 11:00 a.m. Adult Education: Worship
 11:10 a.m. Melton Graduate Class "Denominations"
 12:30 p.m. Under Construction: Building to Mensch-hood
 1:30 p.m. BTTY Program @ Skate City

Monday, September 26th

6:00 p.m. Weekday Worship
 6:30 p.m. Al Anon Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 27th Building Closed

Wednesday, September 28th

Erev Rosh Hashanah
 Noon Wisdom on Wednesdays
 7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Worship

Thursday, September 29th

Rosh Hashanah
 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
 8:30 a.m. Children's Service for 2nd-5th graders
 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
 4:00 p.m. Young Children's Family Service
 5:00 p.m. Tashlich

Friday, September 30th

Noon Yiddish Circle
 6:00 p.m. Combined Worship at B'nai Jehudah. Rabbi Levin will give the sermon.
 ** There will be worship at Beth Torah lead by Rabbi Harris.

Saturday, October 1st

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

Congregation Beth Torah

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 Laura Intfen, Member Services Coordinator
 Marcia Rittmaster, Religious School & Youth Groups Director
 Sara Glass, Communications Associate
 Farrah Green, Social Justice & Friends Next Door Coordinator
 Robin O'Bryan, Office Manager

Shabbat Songs

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 (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".

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 ...

Adonai Li (the last lines of Adon Olam)

A-do-nai li, ve-lo-i-ra

Be-ya do af-kid ru-chi

Be-eit i-shan ve-a-i-ra,

Ve-im ru-chi ge-vi-ya-ti:

A-do-nai li, ve-lo-i-ra

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—Nitzavim-Vayelech

Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 (Plaut Chumash pp. 1537-1550)

Isaiah 61:10-63:9 (Plaut Chumash pp. 1618-1622)

Erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning worship is in 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.
- Thank you to our Shalom Squad members **Marlene Kahn** and **Ray Davidson** for welcoming everyone on Friday night.
- Thank you to **Tim Intfen** for our music.
- Thank you to the **September Hospitality team** for providing the sweets for the Oneg Shabbat Friday night.



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:

William Belcher (friend of Michael Orenberg)
Saralee Steinberg (mother of Alyson Spector)
Semen Kucherovsky (father of Gene Kucherovsky)
Bruce DeVeney (father of Zachary DeVeney)

Yahrzeits

Benjamin Birne (grandfather of Jacqueline Berry) **Solomon Botwin** (father of Sue Hurwitz) **Don Daniels** (husband of Lee Daniels and brother of Bernice Daniels) **Frieda Davidson** (mother of Dan Davidson and Cathy Levin and wife of Ray Davidson) **Diane Droskin** (mother of Debra Berkowitz) **William Duncan** (stepfather of Ariana Weindling) **Judee K. Epstein** (mother of Henry Epstein) **John Esser, Jr.** (father of Glenn Esser) **Morris Harness** (father of Tom Harness) **Marilyn Heikoff** (loved one of Laura Intfen) **Anna Kpasnaya** (grandmother of Gene Kucherovsky) **Phillip Arthur Christopher Marsh** (brother of Nanci Hirschorn) **Paul Mesh** (uncle of Madeline Chapman) **Bessie Polsky** (grandmother of Doug Polsky) **Haskell Rosenblum** (father of Carol Ducak) **Audrey Rubin** (mother of Ron Rubin) **Shirlee Rudolf** (grandmother of Michael Fine) **Richard Schlesinger** (brother of Helen Gandal) **Harry Shaffer** (brother-in-law of Radine Shaw) **Max Shrago** (grandfather of Nini Rosenstock) **Cyril Skikne** (brother of Barry Skikne) **Emma Steinzeig** (loved one Debra Bass) **Jacqueline Temkin** (mother of Ronald Shesol) **Hal Vey** (father of Natalie Vey) **LeRoy Vey** (grandfather of Natalie Vey) **Gale Watt** (uncle of Mike Worthington) **Lewis White** (father of Sandi Fried) **Carl Wilson** (father of Elizabeth Levin) **Fanny Zisman de Jaes** (grandmother of Tamara Falicov)

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, Muriel Blackman, Neal Block, Peedee Brown, Taylor Brown, David Bush, Morea Cummings, Bruce Efron, Stan Eiler, Isaac Elyachar, Todd Epsten, John Esser, Mark Fasbinder, Ida Feldman, Judi Field, Joel Fish, Ira Fishman, Jennifer Forman-Wright, Sue Foster, Jeanine Fox, Elizabeth Gnor Kontras, Rick Gray, Mark Guzman, Genie Hecker, Penny Hendrikse, Alan Hersch, Hugo Holland, Julie Hollerbach, John Holsberger, Jay Horowitz, Gunnar Hughes, Lucille Johnston, Seymour Kaplan, Barbara Karchin, Leonard Kay, Lillian Kersh, Bill LaFever, Julie Lee, Steve Lesko, Marilyn Lewandowski, Wolfgang Lewandowski, Roz Litwin, Cathy Lowenstein, Joe Manley, Constantino Molinero, Betty Moses, Harrison Myers, Jean Myers, Robin Myers, Burt Newman, Minda Norris, Quinn Obregon, Mesa Olsen, Toby Olsen, Kam-Fai Pang, Lex Passman, Carl Poslosky, Robb Raney, Lucille Rubin, Vicki Stine Pollman, Gregory Pope, Radine Shaw, Shirley Ship, Barbara Steinhardt, Helen Towster, Izak Towster, Brenda Vey, Latitica Wallace, Robbi Weil, Jo Willer, Richard Willer, Meriel Winn, 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.

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

High Holy Day Volunteers One aspect of services at High Holy Days that enriches the experience for all of us is the Beth Torah tradition to include as many members as possible as ushers and service participants. There are English and Hebrew parts as well as non-speaking parts. Call Laura Intfen at the office or email her at lintfen@beth-torah.org and find new meaning in the High Holy Days at Beth Torah.

Sunday Schmooze & News Every Sunday when religious school is in session we are schmoozing and catching up with our friends while reading the newspapers. Bagel breakfast begins and at **9:15 a.m.** At **9:30 a.m.** we move into the sanctuary for family *tefillah* (worship, which is a required part of religious school). Following *tefillah*, the students go to class, the toasters come out and the fun really begins. Get a bagel and some coffee, choose your favorite part of the newspaper, find a table with some interesting folks, and schmooze away your morning at the friendliest café in town. All CBT members are welcome, so encourage your friends to meet at CBT where the bagels and lively conversations are plenty.

reLox This coming Sunday, during religious school we will celebrate with **reLox!** Come and “relox” at **Beth Torah**, when we add lox, tomatoes and onions to our regular Schmooze and News breakfast after the students go to class!

Adult Education The first four Sunday morning adult learning sessions of the year are devoted to an overview of Beth Torah’s approach to holidays and observance, prayer, social justice and lifecycle events. Throughout the year we will explore various aspects of these general topics and how our lives express our Jewish selves. These first four courses are intended to give a little bit of “Basic Judaism” Beth Torah style, and your questions are always welcome! **September 25th:** Prayer, with Rabbi Harris, **October 2nd:** Social Justice, with Farrah Green, **October 16th:** Lifecycle, with Rabbi Levin.

Jewish Community Prepares for High Holy Days with Community-wide Selichot Program and Service on Saturday, September 24th, at Congregation Beth Torah. Service begins at **10:00 p.m.** and is designed to help worshipers begin to spiritually prepare for the High Holy Days. Dessert reception at **8:00 p.m.** followed by Havdalah at **8:30 p.m.** Rabbis will lead sessions exploring themes of spiritual preparation from **8:50-9:50 p.m.** For course descriptions and additional information, visit www.kcrabbis.org. Selichot services also take place at **12:15 a.m.** at Kehilath Israel and **1:10 a.m.** at Beth Israel Abraham and Voliner.

Community Worship with B’nai Jehudah Congregation Beth Torah will worship together with Congregation B’nai Jehudah on Erev Shabbat, **September 30th**, the day after Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat Shuvah. Rabbi Levin will give the sermon, and the worship will be according to the ritual at B’nai Jehudah and in their building. This is the first time the two Reform congregations have officially held combined worship. Worship will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

Men’s Group Get to know some of the other men at Congregation Beth Torah. Join organizers Mickey Swade, Boyd Bolter, Matt Haun, Dan Davidson, Dave Zucker and others on **Sunday, October 2nd, 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Beth Torah to talk, play board games or cards and see if there is interest in meeting again in the future. Call Mickey Swade with questions (913) 681-3050 or RSVP to the office.

It’s On! Join CCO and 1,000 people of faith from across the metro area for *Communities Creating Opportunity Now: It’s ON!*, a grassroots response to conditions right here in KC on **October 18th, 6:30 p.m.** at Union Station, Pershing and Main, KCMO. The event will bring people of faith together to advance systemic changes and innovative solutions to make KC a better place. Rabbi Levin will be among the clergy who join CCO congregations and partners to call on elected officials and other civic leaders to help us create economic security, and safe and healthy environments for families. For more information, please contact Linda Zappulla at lzappulla@kc.rr.com. Free event parking is available in the parking garage behind Union Station.

Upcoming Events continued

Sort Donations at Beth Torah Help sort and pack kosher items for Yachad on **Sunday, October 9th**, the day after Yom Kippur. Trucks and vans are also needed to transport items to the Yachad pantry. Call or email Farrah Green to sign up at fgreen@beth-torah.org.

Build Abraham’s House Join an interfaith ministry for a Habitat for Humanity build beginning **Wednesday, October 12th** and going through December. Sign up for a building shift by contacting Grady at gradysanford@mac.com

Blood Drive Mark your calendar for **Monday, October 24th, 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Our quarterly Blood Drives save lives! Donate with your friends at Beth Torah and join our growing group of regulars who provide this vital service to local hospitals. Schedule online today at www.esavealifenow.org (click on “find a drive” and sponsor code “bethtorah”, or call the Beth Torah office at (913) 498-2212.

Simchat Shabbat

A Celebration of Shabbat

Join us at our next Simchat Shabbat
on Friday, October 21, 2011.

Check the Tekiah or the website for more details.

Psalm 27: 7-14

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; have mercy on me, answer me.
In Your behalf my heart says: “Seek My face!”
O Lord, I seek Your face. Do not hide Your face from me;
Do not thrust aside Your servant in anger; You have ever been my help.
Do not forsake me, do not abandon me, O God, my deliverer.
Though my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will take me in.
Show me Your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my watchful foes.
Do not subject me to the will of my foes, for false witnesses
and unjust accusers have appeared against me.
Had I not the assurance that I would enjoy the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living...
Look to the Lord; be strong and of good courage!
O Look to the Lord!*