

HORIZONS

2026-2027

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Welcome to HORIZONS

By Rabbi A. Brian Stoller

The year 5787 will be a hallmark one for Temple Beth-El of Great Neck—a year of change and a year of excitement. In the coming months, we expect to close on the sale of our building and reclaim our original footprint in our historic temple home.

As the new year begins, we are launching a robust calendar of Jewish learning, spirituality, caring and social action opportunities, community-building events and Israel experiences to meet the diverse passions and interests of our wonderful community.

As you leaf through the pages of our *Horizons* catalog, you will see the many different ways you can participate in Jewish life at TBE.

Horizons is organized like a program catalog for a JCC, a park district or a university—with a section for each of our five core values: Torah (Jewish learning), *Avodah* (spiritual practice), *G'milut Chasadim* (acts of kindness and social action), *Kehillah* (community) and Israel (the land and people).

In each section, you will find brief summaries of our many programs and events, along with dates, times and other relevant information. Think of this catalog as a conceptual overview of the year, painting a picture of who we are and what we do.

A daily calendar of events will be published in the remaining three quarterly issues of *Shema* magazine this year.

I hope you will take time to peruse the catalog and mark your calendars for activities that spark your interest. In the meantime, I want to highlight a few opportunities we are particularly excited about:

- Scholar-in-residence weekends featuring Rabbis Emeriti Meir and Tara Feldman, along with other experts on Israel and Zionism, Hebrew poetry and American Jewish literature.
- A quarterly Current Events Brunch, where we will discuss contemporary Jewish issues in America and Israel.
- An occasional Healing Havdalah service with contemplative readings and music.



- Explorations of modern Israeli culture, economic life, art, food and more.
- Courses on religion and state, Jews in pop culture, comparative Judaism, Jewish American composers and the history of Reform Judaism.
- Community concerts, game nights, festive food tastings and other fun activities.
- Expert guidance for seniors and caregivers about aging safely and gracefully.
- High-quality Jewish cultural arts programs, including film, music, a Yiddish sing-along and more.
- Member-to-member outreach to care for people in times of sorrow and joy, deliver holiday treats to seniors, support the local food pantry and provide holiday meals to our Great Neck neighbors in need.
- Social action to support immigrants in our community.

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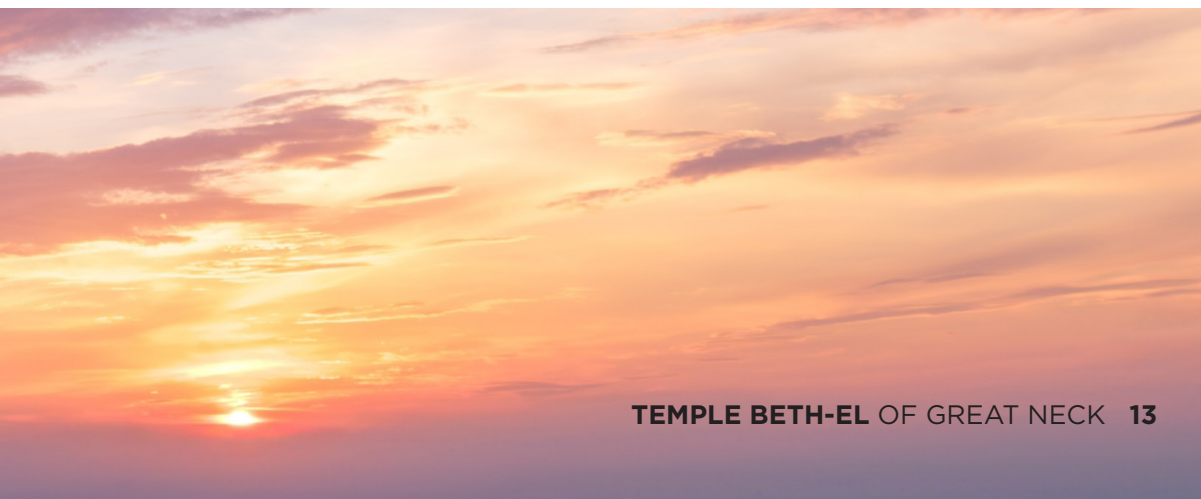
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LIFELONG LEARNING

Stimulating Jewish study for people of all ages that transforms the way we see and live in the world

MIRIAM & MOSES CENTER FOR PLURALISTIC ADULT JEWISH LEARNING

The Miriam & Moses Center was established to provide intellectually engaging adult-learning opportunities for Temple Beth-El, the North Shore and Eastern Queens, exploring topics of interest to the Jewish community from a wide range of perspectives in ways that challenge participants to open their minds and think more broadly about the world.

Volunteer Leadership

Active participants and supporters in our adult learning programs collaborate with Rabbi Stoller to identify topics and speakers for the Miriam & Moses Center. If you have ideas to share, please reach out directly to Rabbi Stoller.

SHABBAT SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE

LIFE IN ISRAEL

Friday, November 20–Saturday, November 21

Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman

Rabbis Emeriti, Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

Returning home to their Temple Beth-El family and community, the Rabbis Feldman will reflect upon lessons learned during the past year and a half while living in Israel through wars and stroke recovery. Rabbi Meir and Rabbi Tara's residency is generously sponsored by the TBE Israel Committee. See the *Israel* section for detailed information about the Feldmans' sessions.



AMERICAN ZIONISM

Friday, March 5–Saturday, March 6

Dr. Noam Pianko

Director, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington

The award-winning author and historian of American Zionism will explore the fascinating history of the relationship between American Jews and the State of Israel, and help participants navigate complex Jewish conversations about identity, peoplehood and power in our polarized world. Dr. Pianko's residency is generously sponsored by Cindy & Adam Bender.

JEWISH LITERATURE & FEMINISM

Friday, April 16–Saturday, April 17

Rabbi Wendy Zierler, PhD

Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies, Hebrew Union College

Ordained as a rabbi by Yeshivat Maharat for Orthodox women, Rabbi Zierler is an engaging teacher of modern Jewish and Hebrew literature from a feminist perspective. Drawing on contemporary Israeli poetry, the fiction of Philip Roth and her own memoir of losing both parents in one year, she will lead attendees in reflecting on grief, family, religious pluralism and the diverse experiences of women in modern Jewish life. Rabbi Zierler's residency is generously sponsored by Rabbi Laurie Gold & Nancy Killian.



TUESDAY NIGHT SYMPOSIUMS

Religion and State in Modern Jewish History

Tuesdays, October 13–December 22 (10 sessions), 7–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Brian Stoller

The separation of church and state, a core principle of the United States since its founding, hangs in the balance. As some leaders move to inject a particular form of Protestant Christianity into our public spaces, Jewish history can shed light on the challenges and opportunities we might face as the line blurs between religion and state. This course will survey key historical developments in Jewish history, including Moses Mendelssohn's Enlightenment vision, the rise of European nationalism, the United States' experiment in pluralistic democracy, religion and state in modern Israel and the troubling resurgence of Christian nationalism in America today.

Comparative Judaism

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30–9 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Jodie Siff, Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore

Tuesday, January 19, 7–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Balinsky, Chicago Board of Rabbis

Tuesday, January 26, 7–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Daniel Schweber, Temple Israel of Great Neck

In this Zoom-only minicourse, rabbis from the Reconstructionist, Modern Orthodox and Conservative movements will talk about the key principles and values of their denominations. These discussions will help prepare attendees for a deep dive into The History of Reform Judaism in our spring symposium. Participants may attend any or all sessions. This series is generously sponsored by Susan & David Weiss-Horowitz.

Please Excuse Juan (Epstein) for Being Absent:

Judaism in Pop Culture

Tuesdays, February 2 & 9, 7–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Stuart Botwinick

This Zoom-only course will explore Jewish writers, themes, characters and humor that influenced mainstream culture. Session 1 will focus on 1970's TV shows, including *Welcome Back Kotter*, *All in the Family* and *Taxi*. Session 2 will look at 1980's classics, such as *The Golden Girls*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Dirty Dancing* and *Seinfeld*.

The History of Reform Judaism

Tuesdays, March 9–May 25 (10 sessions), 7–8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rabbi Brian Stoller

For the last 100 years, more American Jews have identified with the Reform movement than with any other stream of Judaism, thanks to its compelling vision of prophetic justice, critical scholarship, innovation, inclusivity and active concern for all humanity. This course will study the political, religious and cultural changes that gave birth to the Reform movement, and participants will meet the fascinating personalities whose ideas have shaped the movement from its inception to today. Not only will this class answer your questions about Reform beliefs and practice—it will also make you proud to be a Reform Jew.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturdays, 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Founded more than 30 years ago by Rabbi Jerome Davidson, our weekly Shabbat morning study of *parashat hashavuah* (the weekly Torah portion) is one of the jewels in the Temple Beth-El crown. The classical commentators, Jewish history, modern thought, current events and participants' own personal experiences intersect each week as Rabbi Stoller leads the group in thought-provoking, in-depth conversation about Judaism's most sacred book. No prior knowledge or background is necessary, as each person brings a unique and valuable perspective that enriches the learning for everyone.

Current Events Brunch

Mondays, September 28, November 9, March 15 &

May 10, 10:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Stoller for brunch and conversation about current events in Israel and the U.S. as well as other Jewish issues of the day. This series is generously sponsored by Nancy & Bruce Matzner.

Coffee & Conversation at North Shore Towers

Thursdays, September 17, October 15, November 19,

December 17, January 21, February 11, March 18, April 15

& May 20, 1 p.m.

All North Shore Towers residents are welcome to join Rabbi Stoller once a month at their complex for coffee, snacks and discussions about current events in Israel and the U.S. as well as other Jewish issues of the day. This series is generously sponsored by Steve Redlich.

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FRIDAY NIGHT GUEST SERMONS

A Place to Belong: One Immigrant's Path to Opportunity **Friday, September 25, 7 p.m.**

Speaker: Karina Mena

The Great Neck resident will tell her story of immigrating as a child from El Salvador to the U.S. and talk about the challenges immigrants in our community face today.

The Narrowing: How Polarization Is Shrinking Jewish Life **Friday, March 5, 7 p.m.**

Speaker: Dr. Noam Pianko, University of Washington

Since October 7, two positions have hardened into something close to absolute—unconditional support for Israel on one side and total disentanglement from the Jewish state on the other. Both positions share a hidden assumption: that the relationship between Judaism and statehood is simple. It isn't—and the collapse of space for genuine Jewish conversation across the divide may be one of the quieter casualties of this moment.

Going Out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years with Hebrew Poetry

Friday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Wendy Zierler, PhD, Hebrew Union College

In the wake of unrelenting personal and communal loss, Rabbi Wendy Zierler turned to modern Hebrew poetry to guide her grief journey. The result is *Going Out with Knots*, an autobiography of mourning, told through translations and analyses of Hebrew poetry. In this Erev Shabbat sermon, she will reflect on love and loss, interlaced with a discussion of poems that tie together the holy and the homespun.

A Whole Kind of Pride: A Christian Pastor's Perspective on the Exceptional Gay Jewish Experience

Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. Christopher Ballard, Trinity-St. John's Episcopal Church, Hewlett, NY

In honor of Pride Shabbat, local interfaith leader Reverend Chris Ballard will speak as a Christian gay man about what he has learned from the Jewish LGBTQ+ community.

SATURDAY SCHOLARS

Pluralism in Action

Saturdays, 9:15 a.m.

October 17 • Rabbi David Spinrad, Danville, CA

November 7 • Rabbi Craig Lewis, Overland Park, KS

January 30 • Rabbi Seth Limmer, Chicago, IL

February 27 • Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick, Seattle, WA

March 20 • Rabbi Mark Washofsky, PhD, Dallas, TX
Rabbi Stoller's book *Politics & Pluralism* includes *divrei acher* (alternate viewpoints) by a number of prominent Reform rabbis. Five of these rabbis will be guest Torah Study teachers, via Zoom, throughout the year. In dialogue with Rabbi Stoller, they will model pluralism in action as they guide participants in a study of the parashah of the week. This series is generously sponsored by Debbie & Doug Bernstein.

How Far Was Too Far? 20th-Century Jewish Leaders and the Limits of Critiquing Israel

Saturday, March 6, 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Noam Pianko, University of Washington

Through readings of mid- to late-20th-century American Jewish thinkers like Moredcai Kaplan and others across the denominational spectrum, participants will examine how American Zionists confronted questions of ethics, sovereignty and dissent, and what their debates reveal about the enduring responsibilities of Diaspora Jews toward the Jewish state.

Who Decides What's Antisemitism?

Why the Debate Within Judaism Matters

Saturday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Noam Pianko, University of Washington

Where is the boundary between antisemitism and anti-Zionism—if one exists at all? This Lunch & Learn session will explore what is genuinely at stake: not just semantics but Jewish safety, free speech, solidarity and what it means to protect a people while making room for pluralistic debate.

Poems of God-Searching and Blessing

Saturday, April 17, 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Wendy Zierler, PhD, Hebrew Union College

Our scholar-in-residence will delve into the life and work of the magnificent scholar, artist, poet and novelist Lea Goldberg (1911–1970), who wrote some of the most beloved Hebrew poems for adults and children, including several gorgeous poems that were set to unforgettable music. Come prepared to learn and sing.

Jew Versus Jew: Philip Roth on the Clash of Jewish Visions and Values in the Suburbs

Saturday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Wendy Zierler, PhD, Hebrew Union College

In the late 1990s, Orthodox Jews in Beachwood, OH, began efforts to expand the community eruv, generating fierce opposition among many non-Orthodox Jews in their neighborhood. A similar controversy erupted from 2010 to 2015 in Westhampton Beach, prompting questions about who controls Jewish identity. This Lunch & Learn session will explore legendary Jewish American novelist Philip Roth's 1959 story "Eli, the Fanatic" about a similar suburban clash and what it can tell us about the conflicts of Jew versus Jew today, both here and in Israel.

Genesis Judaism and Exodus Judaism:

Reflections of an Atheist Jew by Choice

Saturday, June 5, 9:15 a.m.

Speaker: Joel Newton

The nature of Judaism fundamentally changed when the Israelites received the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, but Judaism is still passed from parent to child as a birthright and everyone born a Jew remains a Jew whether they follow the *mitzvot* or not. Joel Newton, author of *Doubt, Wisdom, and Communion: Reflections of an Atheist Jew by Choice*, will speak via Zoom about the dynamic tension between *Genesis* Judaism and *Exodus* Judaism and his own conversion journey.

LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reform Zionism: A Dialogue

Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m.

Speakers: Rabbi Brian Stoller and Rabbi Bennett Miller, New Brunswick, NJ; Moderator: Stuart Botwinick

As the Reform movement engages in a thoughtful debate about how to nurture a commitment to Zionism among congregants and future clergy, Rabbi Stoller and Rabbi Miller, a longtime leader of the American Reform Zionist Association (ARZA), will dialogue about theology, education, pluralism and Israel's role in modern Reform Jewish identity.

The Quest of Questions: Inside a New Exhibition at the National Library of Israel

Sunday, November 1, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Raquel Ukeles, Head of Collections, National Library of Israel

Coming to us from Israel by Zoom, Dr. Ukeles will lead an exclusive virtual tour of a major exhibition that opened in Jerusalem this past summer. She will explore how premodern Jewish, Muslim and Christian thinkers approached the great mysteries of existence. By looking closely at rare manuscripts and historic treasures from the library's collections, attendees will see how these diverse traditions asked remarkably similar questions—ones that mirror our own search for meaning today. This session is generously sponsored by Gail & Eric Kirschner.

The History of Christian Nationalism in America

Tuesday, December 8, 7–8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Marcia Pally, Professor of Interreligious Studies and Theology, NYU

As part of the Tuesday Night Symposium on Religion and State in Modern Jewish History, this recognized expert on American political history and culture will introduce attendees to the history of Christian nationalism in our country from America's founding to the modern day. This session is generously sponsored by Jackie & Andy Aaron.

Jewish American Songbook Sing-Along

Thursdays, March 4 & 11, 7 p.m.

Instructor: Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry

Some of the most iconic American songs of the 20th century were written by Jewish composers like Neil Diamond, Leonard Cohen, Carole King and more. Building on February's Jewish American Songbook program (*see the Kehillah section for details*), our cantorial soloist will teach us about our favorite Jewish songwriters and composers and lead us in singing along to their biggest hits.

Should Israel Have a Constitution?

Monday, March 15, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Moshe Koppel, Kohelet Policy Forum

Joining our Current Events Brunch from Israel by Zoom, this prominent Israeli computer scientist, political activist and author of two draft Constitutions for the State of Israel will speak about how not having a written Constitution impacts law, politics and life in the Jewish state—and what to do about it.

How Much Should We Change—and How Fast?

Tuesday, March 23, 7–8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Joseph Skloot, PhD, Hebrew Union College

As part of the Tuesday Night Symposium on The History of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Skloot will teach participants about the early Reformers' different approaches to religious change in 19th-century Germany, setting the stage for the Reform Judaism we know today. This session is generously sponsored by Dorothy & Ed Greenbaum.

Day Trip to the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia

Wednesday, May 26

As a capstone to our symposiums on Religion and State in Modern Jewish History and The History of Reform Judaism, we will take a day trip to this extraordinary museum to learn more about the American Jewish experience. This visit is a joint venture between the Miriam & Moses Center and TBE Explorers.

Learn more about the American Jewish experience during a day trip to the extraordinary Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia on May 26.



THE KEHILLAH PROJECT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Learning, Belonging, Becoming. The Kehillah Project at the Gershwind Family Religious School is Temple Beth-El's educational community. In Hebrew, kehillah means community, and the word is not only part of our name but our mission. The Kehillah Project is a joyous, forward-thinking Jewish-education program designed to enhance our children's lives through fun, innovative and active experiences. We believe that Jewish community is most vibrant when our children are rooted in and inspired by core Jewish values like inclusivity, character building and tikkun olam. The Kehillah Project complements children's secular lives, encouraging development of Jewish identity and values. The learning extends beyond the classroom to include the child's family, along with our North Shore neighbors, on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Grades K to 7, plus individually scheduled virtual Hebrew tutoring for upper-grade students.

Volunteer Leadership

Our Parent Youth Task Force partners with our Kehillah Project director to support and strengthen youth and family engagement at TBE. This group meets throughout the year so parents can offer input on aspects of the religious school and help shape meaningful programs and experiences for our youth community. Meetings are scheduled for Sundays, November 15, January 24 and March 7, at 10 a.m.

First Day of School and Sukkot Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.

To welcome back students and their families for the 2026–27 year, The Kehillah Project will come together in community for *tefillah* (prayer), decorating our sukkah and celebrating this joyous holiday outdoors.

Cleanup at Kings Point Park

Sunday, October 18, 10 a.m.

All TBE members are invited to join The Kehillah Project students and their families in giving back to our planet by doing this *mitzvah* of cleaning up Kings Point Park.

The Kehillah Project at the Sid Jacobson JCC Food Pantry

Sunday, November 8, 10 a.m.

Help our Kehillah Project students, as they chair the Sid Jacobson JCC's Curb Your Mitzvah and stock the Community Needs Bank shelves, by dropping off donations at the JCC during the event.

Family Thanksgiving Program

Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m.

To commemorate Thanksgiving, which has its roots in our own holiday of Sukkot, all Kehillah Project families are invited to share a special celebration.

Hanukkah Program

Sunday, December 6, 11 a.m.

The Kehillah Project families will come together for a Hanukkah celebration that includes festive fun, doughnuts, latkes, dreidels and games.



Great Neck Public Schools Snack Program

Date TBA

Our Kehillah Project students, in partnership with TBE Brotherhood, will pack food for Great Neck Public Schools students who are experiencing food insecurity.

Tu Bishvat Family Seder

Sunday, January 24, 10 a.m.

As part of the January parent meeting, all Kehillah Project families are invited to attend a special Tu Bishvat Seder, where participants will experience the tastes and smells of the holiday and create an art project.

Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 21, 10 a.m.

All families are invited to join The Kehillah Project Purim celebration for games, music and, of course, hamantaschen.

Seventh-Grade Tenement Museum Field Trip

Sunday, April 11, 10 a.m.

As a special trip for our seventh graders, students and families will visit the Tenement Museum in Manhattan and see how and where Jewish immigrants settled right here in New York.

Passover Celebration

Sunday, April 18, 11 a.m.

The Kehillah Project will come together for a model Passover Chocolate Seder, learning about the holiday through food, story and song.

Last Day of School

Sunday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate the end of school with games and ice cream sundaes.

For event updates, visit tbegreatneck.org/news/calendar.

עבודת אבדאח

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Traditional and modern prayer, enhanced by the joy of music, that meets the diverse spiritual needs of 21st-century Jews

Volunteer Leadership

The Worship Committee partners with Rabbi Stoller, Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry, Music Director Shy Kedmi and Choir Director Dr. Pam Levy to engage congregants in the prayer life of our community.

MUSIC

Stephanie & the Shabbatones

Fridays, October 23, December 4 & May 14, 7 p.m.; June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Music is central to the spiritual life of Temple Beth-El. Our house band, Stephanie & the Shabbatones, will join Rabbi Stoller quarterly to lead Friday night services, adding texture and richness to our Shabbat worship.

Adult Choir

Rehearsals: Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Director: Dr. Pam Levy

Our adult choir enriches our prayer experience during the High Holidays, at our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service and at other times throughout the year.

SERVICES & SPIRITUALITY

SHABBAT & WEEKDAYS

Friday Night Services

September–May, 7 p.m.; Summer, 6:30 p.m.

Every TBE service is soulful and musical and includes a thought-provoking sermon. Guest musicians and speakers, as well as special celebrations, frequently enhance the service. Torah is read on the last Friday of each month.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Immediately following Torah Study, attendees gather in the Rudin Chapel for Shabbat morning prayer. Torah is read if a *minyan* (10 adults or more) is present.

Daily Virtual Morning Minyan

Mondays–Fridays, 8 a.m.

TBE's morning minyan brings together Reform Jews from across the country on Zoom every weekday to pray, say Kaddish for loved ones and chat in a friendly and caring community. Torah is read on Thursday mornings.

Healing Havdalah Services

Saturdays, November 14 & April 17, 5:30 p.m.

Twice this year, a contemplative Havdalah service will be held featuring psalms, meditations and familiar Jewish music to soothe the spirit and heal the soul, led by Rabbi Stoller, Music Director Shy Kedmi and Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

SERVICES

S'lichot

Saturday, September 5, 7 p.m.

S'lichot is a moment on the Jewish calendar when we read penitential prayers and engage in deep personal introspection in preparation for the High Holidays. The evening will begin with a Study Session and Reception, followed by the service at 8 p.m.

Traditional Services

- **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Friday, September 11, 8 p.m.

- **Rosh Hashanah Day I**

Saturday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

- **Rosh Hashanah Day II**

Sunday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.

- **Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre**

Sunday, September 20, 8 p.m.

- **Yom Kippur Morning**

Monday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.

- **Yom Kippur Yizkor, Afternoon & N'ilah**

Monday, September 21, 3:45 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Stoller, Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry and the Adult Choir, our traditional High Holidays services inspire the soul with beautiful music and a thought-provoking sermon.

Family Services

- **Rosh Hashanah • Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m.**

- **Yom Kippur • Monday, September 21, 9 a.m.**

Rabbi Stoller will lead fun, energetic, musical services that bring the meaning of the High Holidays to families in ways that will inspire and resonate with children, parents and grandparents alike. These Family Services will be held in our beautiful Rudin Chapel from 9 to 10 a.m. on both Rosh Hashanah Day I and Yom Kippur. Immediately following the service, the children and their adults are invited to participate in a High Holidays-themed craft activity.

Tashlich at Steppingstone Park
Saturday, September 12, 2:45 p.m.

On Rosh Hashanah afternoon, we will gather as a TBE community for a Tashlich service in one of Great Neck's most beautiful and tranquil settings. Led by Rabbi Stoller and Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry, this service will include communal singing, private personal reflection and the traditional Jewish practice of symbolically casting away our sins in the hope of making a fresh start in the new year. This service is open to the entire Great Neck community.

Memorial Service at Beth Moses Cemetery
Tuesday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.

Led by Rabbi Stoller, this service will offer an opportunity to remember our loved ones during this holy time of year and visit the graves of those buried at TBE's cemetery.

Cherry Tree Service
Friday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

On the Friday night between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, immediately before the Shabbat service begins, members who have lost a child or grandchild are invited to gather at the cherry tree by the temple entrance for a service of remembrance.

Yom Kippur Chapel Meditations
Monday, September 21, 1 p.m.

Speakers: Jackie Aaron, Adam Bender and Barbara Herman
A venerable Yom Kippur tradition at TBE, this hour of reflection in the Rudin Chapel will feature congregants speaking from the heart about their personal spiritual journeys, interspersed with contemplative High Holidays music.

Sanctuary Transition Ceremony
Monday, September 21, 6 p.m.

This year, as we finalize the sale of our building, High Holidays services will be held in the large sanctuary for the final time. At the conclusion of Yom Kippur, we will ritually mark our transition from the sanctuary by turning out the eternal light and marching our Torah scrolls to the Rudin Chapel.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

Walking into the High Holidays
Tuesday, September 8, 2 p.m.

Join Sharon Epstein and Yanira Quiñones for a gentle, heart-centered reflective walk as participants prepare their hearts and minds for the High Holidays. Together, the group will take time to slow down, reflect and enter the season of renewal with intention and openness. Wear appropriate footwear and comfortable clothing.

High Holidays Craft Lounge

- **Rosh Hashanah • Saturday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.**
- **Yom Kippur • Monday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.**

After Family Services, children and adults are invited to make artwork together for the New Year.

A Conversation with Rabbi Jerome Davidson
Monday, September 21, 2:15 p.m.

As we mark this transitional year in our temple history, Rabbi Stoller will moderate a conversation with Rabbi Davidson and past presidents Franklin Abrams and Shelley Limmer about our historic legacy and the promise of the future.

High Holidays Social Action

Friday, September 11–Monday, September 21

For those who would like to help make a difference for needy members of the Great Neck community, monetary donations and personal hygiene and toiletry items will be collected throughout the High Holidays and contributed to the Interfaith Food Pantry at St. Aloysius Church.

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL SHABBATOT

Shabbat Sukkot: Welcoming the Stranger
Friday, September 25, 7 p.m.

During the service, the Jewish values of *chesed* (kindness), *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming the stranger) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) will be celebrated. We will offer a blessing of welcome to our new members, present the Stuart Lubert Tikkun Olam Award to congregants Len Schiff and Susanne Marcus for their leadership in our immigrant advocacy initiative and hear from Great Neck resident Karina Mena about her immigration journey from El Salvador to the U.S.

Sukkot/Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.

We will gather in the Rudin Chapel for festival morning prayer, including Hallel, Torah reading and shaking the *lulav*.

Yizkor & Erev Simchat Torah/Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, October 2, 6:15 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., we will say Yizkor for our loved ones and for those murdered on October 7, which was Simchat Torah 2023. At 7 p.m., we will celebrate Simchat Torah and Shabbat with music and dancing.



Simchat Torah/Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.

We will gather in the Rudin Chapel for festival morning prayer, including Hallel, concluding our annual reading of the Torah and beginning again.

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Stoller

Saturday, October 10, 10:30 a.m.

Karen Flayhart & Rabbi Stoller invite the whole TBE community to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary. Following the service, please join the Stoller family for a kiddush brunch in Zachary's honor, generously sponsored by TBE.

FallFest

Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

Gather with friends, meet and welcome new members, and learn more about the many ways to get involved at Temple Beth-El. Enjoy light refreshments and community connection before the 7 p.m. service, featuring the music of Stephanie & the Shabbatones.

Hanukkah Night 1 Shabbat: Honoring Our Volunteers

Friday, December 4, 7 p.m.

Celebrating the theme of dedication to Judaism and the Jewish community, on the first night of Hanukkah we will honor our many volunteers for their devoted service to our congregation. A communal candle lighting in the Rudin Chapel and joyous Hanukkah music by Stephanie & the Shabbatones will be featured.

Hanukkah Night 8 Shabbat: Put the Ha! in Hanukkah!

Friday, December 11, 7 p.m.

At this second Shabbat service during Hanukkah—the eighth night of the holiday—participants will light the full *hanukkiah* together in the Rudin Chapel and experience a fun, lighthearted *shpiel* performed by Len Schiff and Debbie Sutin.

Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat

Friday, January 15, 7 p.m.

We will honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a worship service featuring our interfaith choir and a keynote address by a prominent civic leader.

Shabbat in Honor of Mary Alice Dobbin

Saturday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

After a presentation by scholar-in-residence Dr. Noam Pianko, the Shabbat morning service will be held in the Rudin Chapel to honor member Mary Alice Dobbin for her work in advancing adult education at TBE. A special lunch in Mary Alice's honor will follow the service.

Purim Celebration & Shpiel

Monday, March 22, 7 p.m.

Celebrate Purim with our community at a festive evening filled with lively music by Stephanie & the Shabbatones, a humorous *shpiel* and a megillah reading. Join the fun by wearing a costume and bringing a grogger. Afterward, enjoy a delicious Hamantaschen Oneg filled with sweet treats.

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WHAT NOURISHMENT
IS TO THE BODY.”

—RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

Shabbat in Honor of Jerry Adelberg

Saturday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

After a presentation by scholar-in-residence Rabbi Wendy Zierler, the Shabbat morning service will be held in the Rudin Chapel to honor member Jerry Adelberg for his generosity of spirit to fellow TBE congregants. A special lunch in Jerry's honor will follow the service.

Pesach Day I Virtual Morning Minyan

Thursday, April 22, 8 a.m.

Join Rabbi Stoller and the Daily Morning Minyan community on Zoom for festival prayer, including Hallel and Torah reading.

Pesach Day VII Service & Yizkor

Wednesday, April 28, 10 a.m.

We will gather in the Rudin Chapel to celebrate the last day of Pesach and say Yizkor in remembrance of our loved ones.

Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, June 10, 6:45 p.m.

This evening of Torah study will be taught by clergy from local synagogues.

Shavuot Virtual Morning Minyan

Friday, June 11, 10 a.m.

Join Rabbi Stoller and our Daily Morning Minyan community on Zoom for festival prayer, including Hallel and the reading of the Ten Commandments.

Shavuot Yizkor Service

Friday, June 11, 5:45 p.m.

We will gather in the Rudin Chapel to say Yizkor for our loved ones, prior to the Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m.

Board Installation Shabbat

Friday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.

During the Shabbat service, we will install our new Board of Trustees and offer a congregational blessing as they assume the mantle of leadership.

Tisha B'Av Service

Wednesday, August 11, 7 p.m.

Together with our friends from Temple Isaiah of Great Neck, we will gather to mourn the destructions that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history and grieve for the losses in our own lives. As part of the service, participants will be invited to light a memorial candle in memory of their loved ones.

For event updates, visit tbegreatneck.org/news/calendar.

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CARING & SOCIAL ACTION

Acts of kindness
that touch our
congregants' lives
and make our
wider community
a better place

CHESED: CARING FOR OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Rabbi Stoller wants to know when your family or loved ones experience illness or death so he can support you in your times of need. Contact the temple office to speak with the rabbi's assistant or fill out the misheberach form in our weekly email. Be sure to provide all relevant information, including where you can be reached.

Volunteer Leadership

Our Chesed (Caring) Committee helps the rabbi provide support to all members of our community during times of joy and need. Volunteers make outreach calls to check on homebound seniors and members who are ill. Call the temple office if you would like to get involved.

High Holidays Honey Hugs

Tuesday, September 1, 11 a.m.

Share warmth, connection and a little sweetness this holiday season as you help brighten the New Year for community members ages 80 and older by volunteering to pack or deliver holiday treats.

Aging in Place

Mondays, October 19, March 29 & May 17, 11 a.m.; December 7, 12 p.m.

The empowering series on living well at home throughout life offers expert advice and practical tools to help participants take charge of their future as they age by discovering how to live comfortably in their own place with confidence, safety and vitality for years to come. *The December 7 session will meet at Parker Jewish Institute.*

Mishloach Manot Packing & Delivery

Monday, March 15, 11:45 a.m.

Help spread joy, connection and Purim spirit throughout our community by assembling Purim gift bags for members ages 70 and older and delivering them to those who are homebound. Prepared bags will also be available for pickup during office hours and at our Purim celebration.

TIKKUN OLAM: SERVING OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Immigrant Advocacy Group

In response to detention and cruelty toward immigrants on Long Island, this group educates our community about the challenges immigrants and refugees face, advocates for their rights and stands in solidarity with our neighbors. Meetings are held throughout the year, and information about local events, rallies and interfaith services are regularly shared with members.

Medical Lending Program

TBE's Medical Equipment Lending Program has provided hundreds of pieces of durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters, crutches, canes, shower chairs and commodes, to community members for as long as they need them.

St. Aloysius Food Pantry

Our award-winning Brotherhood provides opportunities for the men in our congregation to support and volunteer at the Great Neck Interfaith Food Pantry at St. Aloysius Church.

High Holidays Social Action

Friday, September 11–Monday, September 21

To help make a difference for needy members of the Great Neck community, monetary donations and toiletry items will be collected throughout the High Holidays and contributed to the Interfaith Food Pantry at St. Aloysius.

Park Cleanup at Kings Point Park

Sunday, October 18, 10 a.m.

All TBE members are invited to join The Kehillah Project students and their families in giving back to our planet by doing this *mitzvah* of cleaning up Kings Point Park.

Sid Jacobson JCC Food Pantry

Sunday, November 8, 10 a.m.

Help our Kehillah Project students, as they chair the Sid Jacobson JCC's Curb Your Mitzvah and stock the Community Needs Bank shelves, by dropping off donations at the JCC during the event.

“THE WORK OF TZEDAKAH
IS PEACE.”

—ISAIAH

“JUSTICE, JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE.”

—DEUTERONOMY

Great Neck Public Schools Snack Program

Date TBA

Our Kehillah Project students, in partnership with TBE Brotherhood, will pack food for Great Neck Public Schools students who are experiencing food insecurity.

Annual Tzedakah Project

Sunday, December 20, 9:30 a.m.

Help provide a holiday dinner for local families in need. In previous years through congregants' generous donations, complete meals were purchased, packaged and delivered to more than 325 families in Great Neck. Participants can give back in two ways: Make a donation to sponsor one or more holiday meals, which costs only \$30 per family, and/or join other volunteers at TBE to pack and deliver the meals.

Sharing Holiday Cheer

Thursday, December 25

Volunteer at either North Shore University Hospital or Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation to bring joy, smiles and a festive spirit to those around you.

SOCIAL ACTION SHABBATOT

Shabbat Sukkot: Welcoming the Stranger

Friday, September 25, 7 p.m.

During the service, the Jewish values of *chesed* (kindness), *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming the stranger) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) will be celebrated. We will offer a blessing of welcome to our new members, present the Stuart Lubert Tikkun Olam Award to congregants Len Schiff and Susanne Marcus for their leadership in our immigrant advocacy initiative and hear from Great Neck resident Karina Mena about her immigration journey from El Salvador to the U.S.

Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat

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We will honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a worship service featuring our interfaith choir and a keynote address by a prominent civic leader.



The annual Erev Shabbat service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. recognizes the reverend who spoke at Temple Beth-El in the 1960s.

Reproductive Rights Shabbat

Friday, February 5, 7 p.m.

We will join congregations from around the country to honor reproductive freedom and high-quality women's health care in America—and call for their expansion in places that currently deny those rights.

A Whole Kind of Pride: A Christian Pastor's Perspective on the Exceptional Gay Jewish Experience

Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. Christopher Ballard, Trinity-St. John's Episcopal Church, Hewlett, NY

In honor of Pride Shabbat, local interfaith leader Reverend Chris Ballard will speak as a Christian gay man about what he has learned from the Jewish LGBTQ+ community. The service will feature music by Stephanie & the Shabbatones.

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קהילה | KEHILLAH

COMMUNITY

Social and cultural activities that build community and give our members a sense of belonging

Volunteer Leadership

Temple Beth-El's Membership Committee integrates new congregants into the TBE community, spreads the word about our wonderful congregation and helps attract new members to the temple. The Susan Stumer Cultural Arts Committee works to create cultural arts programs for our congregation and the broader Great Neck community. Our TBE Explorers Planning Team arranges cultural, learning and other outings for our members. Additional task forces come together to plan various social events. The boards of TBE's Brotherhood and Sisterhood organize programs for the men and women of our congregation.

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El has a long and proud tradition of serving both our synagogue and the local community. Monthly gatherings to catch up with one another and plan activities, special events and community service are just some of the ways men can experience being part of this group. The members are especially proud of Brotherhood's commitment to the Great Neck Interfaith Food Pantry at St. Aloysius Church and support this vital community resource year-round.

Brotherhood Meetings

Tuesday, September 1, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, October 25, 9:30 a.m. & additional meetings TBA

Members are welcome to attend monthly meetings, which typically include Sunday bagel breakfasts or evening dinners.

Holy Spirits: Men's Dinner and Discussion Group

Thursday, November 5; Monday, March 8 & Thursday, April 15 (Passover Experience), 7 p.m.

Speaker: Rabbi Brian Stoller

Join Rabbi Stoller and the men of TBE for spirits, study and conversation about issues of interest to men of all ages.

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 31, 8:30 a.m.

The entire congregation is invited to join Brotherhood as group members march in the Memorial Day parade. Congregants will meet at Best Bagels in Great Neck, where breakfast will be provided by Brotherhood.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood strives to meet the needs of all women in our congregation. Through Rosh Chodesh programs, a Sukkot event, Girls' Night Out Dinners, book discussions and other social activities, membership is a vital arm of our community. Sisterhood embraces its name, because it speaks to the sense of family and mutual care its members seek to create. Through volunteering and working side-by-side, members build bonds of connection to each other and to the synagogue.

Book Club

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. & Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

If you love to read, join the Sisterhood Book Club for engaging discussions, thoughtful conversation and the opportunity to connect with friends—old and new. Whether you are an avid reader or simply enjoy great conversation, all are welcome. Book selections and meeting details will be announced throughout the year.

Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

All TBE women are invited to join a festive evening in the sukkah celebrating Sukkot with friends, shaking the *lulav* and *etrog*, and enjoying dinner and beverages. A vegetarian option will be available. All are welcome to bring desserts of fruit or baked treats to share.

Girls' Night Out

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Sisterhood members gather for fun and relaxing evenings of friendship, laughter and connection throughout the year. Whether meeting at a local restaurant or enjoying a cozy cookbook-inspired get-together, Girls' Night Out is always a wonderful opportunity to unwind and spend time with each other.

Dance Event

Monday, March 8, 7 p.m.

Move, groove and connect with fellow Sisterhood members during an uplifting dance experience that nourishes both body and soul. Through music, movement and community, participants will celebrate joy, friendship and self-expression in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. No dance experience is necessary—just bring your energy and a willingness to have fun.

Women's Seder

Sunday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

Gather with the women of TBE for a joyful and inspiring Passover celebration. As we prepare for the holiday, participants ages 12 and older are invited to learn, sing, dance, share stories and enjoy delicious food together. Bring a friend, your mother, grandmother or daughter, and experience the spirit of Pesach in a warm and welcoming community—without the stress of cooking or cleaning.

SUSAN STUMER CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Susan Stumer, a longtime TBE member and singer in our choir, was passionate about music and art. Established in her memory by her family, the mission of the Stumer Center is to ensure that Susan's love for the arts will continue at TBE for many years to come. The Stumer Center produces programs throughout the year in partnership with the Gold Coast Arts Center, which has been bringing high-quality experiences to the peninsula for more than 30 years.

So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience:

An Evening Honoring Barbara & David Podwall

Thursday, October 15, 7 p.m.

We will honor longtime Temple Beth-El members Barbara & David Podwall for their leadership and dedication to our congregation. The evening will feature the music of So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience, followed by a gala dinner. All proceeds will support TBE.

Gold Coast Film Festival Screening

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

The evening will begin with a wine reception, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Gold Coast Presents—The Dessert Table:

100 Joyful Jewish Sweets

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

Acclaimed cookbook author Leah Koenig and James Beard Award-winning food writer Gabriella Gershenson will share the stories, traditions and recipes behind beloved Jewish desserts from around the world. Together, attendees will discover how food, memory and culture come together at the Jewish table. The evening will begin with a wine reception, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Gold Coast Presents—Yiddish Sing-Along with Daniella Rabbani and Zalmen Mlotek

Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Jewish heritage with award-winning actress, internationally celebrated Yiddish singer and Great Neck native Daniella Rabbani alongside Zalmen Mlotek, the conductor, pianist and artistic director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene. The evening will begin with a wine reception, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Great Neck Comedy Night

Saturday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Don't miss the funniest night of the year, featuring three hilarious comedians along with Great Neck's own Stan Levine as master of ceremonies. In partnership with Temple Israel, this event will include appetizers and an open bar catered by W Kosher Events.

Gold Coast Presents—Jewish American Songbook

Thursday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an entertaining evening of live music, stories and history, exploring the Jewish composers who helped shape America's most beloved songs. Through piano, vocals and engaging storytelling, the renowned musician William Hindin will reveal the Jewish influences behind the tunes that defined the 20th century. The evening will begin with a wine reception, and the performance will start at 7 p.m.

Gold Coast Presents—Is Superman Circumcised?

The Complete Jewish History of the World's Greatest Hero

Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join author and pop-culture historian Roy Schwartz for this fascinating and entertaining journey through comic book lore, American history and Jewish tradition as we discuss the Mensch of Steel—Superman! The evening will begin with a wine and dessert reception, and the program will start at 7 p.m.

The Roads That Made Us: An Evening of Music with Cantor Vladimir Lapin and Cantor David Epstein

Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

To honor Susan Stumer's (z"l) passion for music and the arts, this evening of Broadway, Yiddish, Jewish and classical music will explore the journeys, people and experiences that shape our lives. The concert will feature TBE alum Cantor Vladimir Lapin from Congregation Mishkan Or in Beachwood, OH, along with TBE's own homegrown Cantor David Epstein from Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York. All proceeds will support the Susan Stumer Center in its work to bring high-quality Jewish cultural arts experiences to TBE for the benefit of the whole Great Neck community.

Watch Me Go: A Night of Music with

Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry

Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m.

Hear our Cantorial Soloist Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry perform her cheeky, vulnerable and empowering original songs, accompanied by some of TBE's finest musicians. Expect laughter, honesty, great music and an evening filled with heart, soul and song.

TBE alum Cantor Vladimir Lapin will share his magnificent voice with us on May 6.



**“A GOOD FRIEND IS LIKE
A SECURE SHELTER.
WHOEVER HAS FOUND
ONE HAS FOUND
A TREASURE.”**

—BEN SIRACH

EATING TOGETHER

Oneg Honoring Gloria & Jerry Landsberg's 70th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, September 4, 8 p.m.

After the service, the Landsbergs invite the whole congregation to celebrate this wonderful milestone with them.

Rosh Hashanah Kiddush Brunch

Sunday, September 13, 12:30 p.m.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, enjoy a delightful brunch in the Rudin Garden after the service. Brunch is open to members and not-yet members alike.

Erev Sukkot Family BBQ

Friday, September 25, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Sukkot with a scrumptious dinner in the sukkah, sponsored by Brotherhood, followed by an Erev Sukkot and Shabbat service.

Zachary Stoller's Bar Mitzvah Brunch

Saturday, October 10, 12 p.m.

Following the Shabbat morning service, TBE will host a congregational brunch in honor of Zachary's Bar Mitzvah. All are invited to attend.

FallFest Preneg

Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

Savor refreshments, schmooze and welcome new members.

Shabbat Dinner Honoring the Feldmans

Friday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

The entire community is invited as we welcome Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman and enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner from TBE's in-house caterer, W Kosher Events.

Sufganiyot Oneg

Friday, December 4, 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy delicious Hanukkah treats after a festive Shabbat service.

Latke Preneg

Friday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Nosh on latkes before Put the Ha! in Hanukkah!

Hamantaschen Oneg

Monday, March 22, 8 p.m.

Sample a delicious variety of hamantaschen after our Purim *shpiel*.

Charoset Tasting

Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m.

Bring your cherished family recipe or a modern twist on this Passover classic to share with the community, along with your written recipe to display. Taste, compare and vote to see whose charoset earns ultimate bragging rights. Registration is required to compete at this tasting, which will immediately follow the Shabbat service.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Dinner & Oneg

Friday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

TBE's Israel Committee invites the entire congregation to enjoy a delicious Israeli-themed Shabbat dinner and post-service Oneg in honor of Israel's Independence Day.

Lag BaOmer Campfire S'mores

Friday, May 21, 8:30 p.m.

After the service, enjoy a campfire Oneg with s'mores to celebrate the holiday.

Memorial Day BBQ

Monday, May 31, 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Temple Beth-El Brotherhood, our grill masters welcome the entire congregation to celebrate with kosher hamburgers and hot dogs, vegetarian burgers, side dishes, watermelon and drinks.

Ice Cream & Dessert Reception

Tuesday, June 1, 6:15 p.m.

Sponsored by TBE Sisterhood, this is an opportunity for our community to enjoy sweet treats and wonderful company as summer begins.

PURELY SOCIAL

TBE Explorers

Wednesdays, July 15, August 12, October 28, December 2, February 17, March 17, May 26 & June 23; Sunday, January 10

TBE Explorers bring our community closer through shared experiences during outings at theaters, museums and walking tours. Participants create connections and make memories while enjoying culture, delicious meals and each other's company.

Game Café

Thursdays, December 17 & April 8, 7 p.m.

Come for an evening of laughter, connection and friendly competition. Enjoy board games, card games, conversation and snacks. Whether you love playing or simply want a fun night out, there will be something for everyone. Bring a friend and join the fun!

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העצמאות | ISRAEL

LAND OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Recognizing the special relationship among Jews throughout the world, along with the unique and essential bond that we share with the State of Israel

Volunteer Leadership

Temple Beth-El's Israel Committee is dedicated to supporting the Jewish state by fostering a deep and enduring commitment to Zionism. The group strives to strengthen connections with Israel through education, advocacy and engagement by providing resources and opportunities to explore the country's rich culture, history and current events. We recognize the special relationship among Jews throughout the world, along with the unique and essential bond that we share with the State of Israel. TBE celebrates this bond through a variety of programs including worship services, learning, hands-on workshops and cultural experiences.

ISRAEL COMMITTEE SPEAKER SERIES

This series is generously sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Ten Ways to Fight Antisemitism

Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Max Kasler, StandWithUs

Campus organizer Max Kasler will discuss how to address the issue of antisemitism and provide practical strategies for effectively confronting it in our daily lives. He will guide us in identifying manifestations of antisemitism, exploring it as it relates to Israel and offering effective tools for responding to it.

Returning Home

Friday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Speakers: Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman

At this time of significant transition for Temple Beth-El, how do the Feldmans understand the impact of their years in Great Neck, and how do these experiences continue to inform their journey?

What Goes Up Must Come Down

Saturday, November 21, 9:15 a.m.

Speakers: Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman

Jacob's dream of angels ascending and descending the ladder occurs at the time of his recent departure from home, in his dark night of existential solitude. As the world shifts rapidly

around us—as old realities seem to fade away and new challenges emerge—what teachings can we glean from Jacob's dream?

Fracture Beyond Repair?

Saturday, November 21, 11:30 a.m.

Speakers: Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman

The prophet Hosea speaks of a bitter break between the Jewish people and God, followed by God's promise of a covenant restored and our people's ultimate return to Zion. In our current day, we are experiencing similar alienation. The subjects of Zionism and Israel can be sources of profound pain and fracture between Israeli Jews and those in the Diaspora. Is the divide too deep to bridge? How can we address these rifts in order to promote deeper mutual understanding?

Once a Paratrooper: The Story of a Lone Soldier in the Gaza War

Sunday, December 13, 11 a.m.

Speaker: Ira Kohler, Author

Long Island native and former IDF Lone Soldier Ira Kohler will share a firsthand account of his service in the IDF Paratroopers on October 7 and throughout the war in Gaza. Originally from Plainview, he served in the IDF's 890th Battalion of the Paratrooper Brigade. On October 7, he found himself in the heart of Israel's hardest battles as he fought in Kibbutz Be'eri and went on to serve more than 100 days inside the Gaza Strip.

From Kibbutz to Startup Nation: The Story of Israel's Economy

Sunday, February 28, 11 a.m.

Speaker: Galit Eizman

Economics researcher and professor Galit Eizman will speak about the incredible ingenuity and creativity of the Israeli economy.

Contemporary Antisemitism in America

Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Speakers: Stephanie Hausner, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and Josh Lipowsky, Counter Extremism Project

While in Israel during the Iran war last spring, congregants Dorothy & Ed Greenbaum spent

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NEARLY 2,000 YEARS
IS NOW A LAND THAT SINGS.”

—RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL



time in a safe room with today's speakers. Huddled together, they had deep conversations and built a lasting friendship. During their visit to TBE, the speakers will discuss Israel, antisemitism, family, friendship and more.

SERVICES & COMMEMORATIONS

Commemoration of October 7: Rabbi Hanna Yerushalmi
Wednesday, October 7, 7 p.m.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Service
Friday, May 14, 7 p.m.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Challah Bake
Thursday, September 3, 6:45 p.m.

Get ready for the High Holidays with a special round challah bake during an evening of hands-on preparation and heartfelt connection. As bakers knead and shape dough, participants will reflect on the themes of Rosh Hashanah—renewal, hope and sweetness—in the year ahead. This year's gathering will also carry a deeper purpose: to stand in solidarity with Israel and send prayers for peace, healing and safety for all who are still in harm's way. This program is hosted by the Israel Committee.

Sip and Art
Monday, January 11, 7 p.m.

Instructor: Lisa Pasternack, Resin Artist, New Leaf Events
Create a stunning resin floral charcuterie board for entertaining at home while enjoying wine and light refreshments. Check out the artist's creations on Instagram: @newleaf.events.

Hamantaschen Bake
Sunday, March 21, 10 a.m.

This hands-on hamantaschen baking experience will bring the joy of Purim to life through community, tradition and celebration. As participants roll, fill and fold, they'll reflect on the values of courage, resilience and hidden strength woven into both the story of Purim and the story of Israel. Expect laughter, meaningful connection and the chance to take home a batch of freshly made hamantaschen to enjoy or share. No baking experience is required. Light bites will be served. 🥰

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—THE SAGES

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