THIS MONTH AT TEMPLE BETH AM

111 Avenue B Bayonne, NJ 07002 201-858-2020 January 2025 Don Miller, President Rabbi Danielle Leshaw



A New Year is like a blank book, it has 12 chapters and 365 pages, and you are the author. My wish for you is that this year, you write the most beautiful story possible for yourself.

Happy New Year.

President's Message

Every month in my message, I try to find words that I hope will motivate you to participate in your Temple's activities /business in some way.

As you think about the New Year and plan all you wish to accomplish, please include attending Shabbat services. Our Zoom services are a way to pray, reflect, and socialize with our friends. We have also held two in-person services recently and are planning to schedule one each month. Rabbi Danielle is settling in, learning our names, some family dynamics, and some temple history. She is again planning to hold in-person services on Saturday morning, January 18th. Being that it is the birthday weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. makes it a special time to get together for prayer, meditation, and song. Please make every effort to attend.

Our Temple Beth Am has been a very important part of all of our lives. For each of us, belonging to Temple Beth Am has meant always having a place to worship and to celebrate life's cycles with family and friends. Our Temple has always been there for us whenever one of life's challenges happened. It has always been there for us whenever it was time for joy, our simchas. It has always been there for us and our individual spiritual needs. Our Temple Beth Am has always provided us with a sense of community and a connection to our Jewish heritage. Think about celebrating an occasion with family and friends at Temple such as a birthday, an anniversary, or a special event. Think about creating that special memory for yourself and all who attend. The joy of having that memory will always be with you.

Let me take this this opportunity for my wife Sue and I to wish you and all your loved ones a Happy, Healthy, Safe and Prosperous 2025. Let's pray that 2025 will be a great year for all.

Shalom,

Don

Rabbi's Message

As we enter the final days of Hanukkah, we reflect on the miraculous light that continues to inspire and uplift. The flickering flames of the menorah remind us of the resilience and courage of our ancient heroes - Judith, the Maccabees -- whose dedication to preserving our faith shines as brightly now as it did then. As we kindle the last few candles, may their light warm our homes, uplift our spirits, and connect us to generations past and future who have carried the beauty of our traditions forward.

This week's Torah portion, Vayigash, offers a powerful message of reconciliation and unity. We witness the emotional reunion between Joseph and his brothers, a moment of profound forgiveness and healing. Joseph's ability to see the bigger picture, to recognize how past travails paved the way for redemption, mirrors the Hanukkah story's themes of hope and faith. Just as Joseph brought his family together during hardship, may we draw close to one another during these final festive nights, celebrating the light and love that sustain us even in challenging times.

As we move from the brightness of Hanukkah into the everyday light of our lives, may the lessons of this season linger in our hearts. May we carry forward the courage to face challenges, the faith to seek miracles, and the gratitude for the light that guides our way.

As we enter the new year, may it bring hope, renewal, and opportunities for growth in all aspects of our lives. I am looking forward to seeing you in person on Shabbat morning, January 18th at Beth Am to share in prayer, learning, and the joy of community.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous conclusion to Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

Rabbi Danielle Leshaw



Gusan Klausner January 20

Anita Gladstone January 23

Rosalyn Turkish January 30

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James Sanderson	Donation to Temple (Thank You, James)	
Varda, Irene & Temple Emanu-El	Carole & Andy Drogin	Happy Chanukkah

YAHRZEITS

Barbara Rosenberg	In Memory of Henry B. (Hank) Rosenberg	
Laurie Feinberg	In Memory of Father Daniel Feinberg	
Joyce Nestle	In Memory of Herman I. Lauton	
Sandra Hirsch	In Memory of Fred "Hepsy" Hirsch	
Barbara Frank	In Memory of Mother Claire Frank	
Diane Birne	In Memory of Anna Birne	
Arlene Brown	In Memory of Gussie Ellis	

YAHRZEITS - JANUARY 2025

The Individual Yahrzeits will be read during the upcoming Shabbat Service

Saturday – January 4, 2025

Louis Padulsky (Kislev 30) – Anne Lazare – Estelle C. Siegel – Herman Kaiman – Irving I. Levine

Charles Rosenkrantz – Martin Korenthal (Tevet 2) – William Bernkopf (Tevet 3) – Samuel Rudner

Dr. Samuel Deitch – Louis A. Rubin – Gilbert Zall

Saturday – January 11, 2025

Helen Korenthal (Tevet 8) – Dora Grossman (Tevet 9) – Milton Schwartzman – Sarah Bender

Pearl Zeik – Herman Belkoff – Joan Levinson – Ida Zeik – Tillie Koslow – Michael Gleich

Joseph Rand – Samuel Doroshinsky – Larry Rubin – Edith Shapiro

Saturday – January 18, 2025

Miriam Esther Pater (Tevet 15) – Abraham Schwartzman (Tevet 17) – Irving H. Friedman

Stuart Lawsky – Joseph Soloway – Ethel Rosen – Morton Troum – Nicole Shayna Rothman

Lena Lang -Lillian Bousman – Louis Ash – Sally Picker Harrold – Samuel Levitt – Ceila Green

Anne R. Grossman

Saturday – January 25, 2025

Bernard Cozewith (Tevet 23) – Bernard Milton Solomon (Tevet 23) – Lester Goldberg (Tevet 25)

Estelle Johnnie Shainberg (Tevet 26) – Carl B. Sharf – Harry Friedberg – Ike Greenstein – Rose Kay Katz

Vera Vyshkina – Samuel Samnick – Barney Leviten – Samuel Rosen – Ruth Chertoff – Adolph Stark

Edythe Black Lewyant – Anne Flora – Ira M. Penn – Adolph Stark

Plaques and Gifts

Yahrzeit Plaques (\$250 for members) Zachor Wall Plaques (\$100-\$150) Shabbat Prayer Book Dedications (\$50) High Holy Day Prayer Book Dedications (\$25)

Contact the Temple office for details.

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Library Fund (\$18)
Rabbi Morris M. Tosk Fund (\$10)
Carol Weinberger Flower Fund (\$10)
Robert Blum Music Fund (\$5)
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund (\$5)

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