

## Upcoming Beth Torah Events

### Ongoing Adult Education Offerings:

- **Rabbi Lunch N' Learn:** Join Rabbi Cattapan for lunch and learning, **Thursday, February 15th, 12:00-1:30 p.m.** Call the office by **Wednesday, February 14th**, to order a sandwich.
- **Discussions on the Writings of the Torah:** Join the community in discussion every **Shabbat morning** from **9:00-10:15 a.m.** in the Sader/Shimkin Chapel & Library.

### **Blood Drive Thank You...????**

**Congressional Candidate Forum** Congregation Beth Torah will host a Candidate Forum for all declared candidates for the Kansas 3rd Congressional District. This event will be held in the sanctuary at Beth Torah from **2:00-3:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, February 11th**. Nick Haines, Executive Producer/Public Affairs for KCPT Public Television, will moderate the event. Our goal is to have a civil discussion of the key issues that Congress will face in the next two years. To ensure civility, we will use rules devised by American Public Square (APS). Anyone interested can register for this free event on the Beth Torah website.

**Next Contemplation Night** Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday evening, **February 11th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** for our next evening of meditation. This month's program is special, featuring the cello playing of Kansas City Symphony Cellist Larry Figg. Contemplation Nights include music, readings, and segments of silence with a focus on inner prayer.

**Interested in a night out on the town?** BTTY will provide babysitting at Beth Torah from **5:00-9:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, February 17th**. Cost is \$30 for the first child and \$15 for each subsequent child from the same family. This is not only for Jewish kids – tell your friends and go out for the evening as a group! Contact Tess Gerson at [tessgerson2000@gmail.com](mailto:tessgerson2000@gmail.com) for more information.

**Shabbat Huddle: Songwriter Edition** Come early to Shabbat services on **Friday, February 23rd**. Join a full music team in the sanctuary **5:45-6:15 p.m.** Let your ears be the first to hear brand new songs by Carmen Dieker, Tim Intfen, Emily Tummons, and Lezlie Zucker—these pieces are hot off the press. This Huddle featuring all original songs happens only once a year!

**2018 Purim Spiel Episode XXI: A Farce Awakens in Shushan...** Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a Solo King Achashverosh decided to find a new queen. Under the advisement of Reb Yoda, a Jewdi Knight and...well, a Wookiee... the king held a contest and Esther won the job. Darth Haman, who desired to command his own Evil Empire, decided it was time to wipe out the rebel scum that called themselves Jews, and in an unforeseen turn of events, Mordechai Kenobi told Esther she was their only hope. In true royal fashion, she rolled up her hair and got down to business, saving the Jews from extermination. Join your fellow Reform Rebels in the so-distant future (**February 28th at 7:00 p.m.**), in a galaxy right next to you (the CBT sanctuary) as we share the Purim story in a new way. And may the farce be with you.

## Upcoming Beth Torah & Community Events

**Your welcoming Face is Needed on Friday Nights** Sign up to be part of our Shalom Squad and personify the warm and welcoming feel that Beth Torah creates. Since two people are needed every week, why not sign up with a friend? Thank you to our member Jeff Antoniewicz for saying "Yes" to CBT and coordinating the Squad. You can choose your dates at clicking on the Shalom Squad link to sign up.

**Thank you to everyone who supported Project Pet** Last Sunday we had our Cocoa for Canines sale. It was a great success! Please remember to bring in bath towels, paper products, newspapers, cleaning and pet supplies until February 14th. A donation box is located in the CBT lobby.

**3rd Annual CloudBurst** We are organizing our 3rd annual **CloudBurst**, a Jewish Poetry Reading at Congregation Beth Torah in OPKS on **Sunday, May 6th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, and I wanted to invite you to read. The event is held in a traditional coffeehouse format, including refreshments. We welcome poets of all ages and faith traditions. The only requirement is that all poems must be original and must touch on a Jewish theme. Poets may read 2 poems for a maximum of 5 minutes. The goal is to ensure a wide and diverse experience for the audience. Last year's poetry themes included Jewish prayers, Torah stories, family memories, Jewish holidays, Israel, the Holocaust, Yiddish, and more. All forms of poetry are welcome, including traditional verse, free form, Haiku, sonnets, spoken word, and slam poetry. The only requirement is that each poem touch on a Jewish theme. If you would like to read, please email me at [martha@mgconsulting.com](mailto:martha@mgconsulting.com) by April 15th. And feel free to share this invitation with others. We'd love to have you join us!

**Community-Wide Purim Day Seudah** Jewish Community members of all ages will join together on **Thursday, March 1st** for a Purim "Seudah" (a festive meal on Purim day) beginning at **10:00 a.m.** at Village Shalom. Enjoy a delicious and catered festival lunch, a Purim-sign-along, an engaging and interactive reading of the megillah, assemble Shalach Manot gift bags and an optional traditional Megillah after lunch. The program will be led by members of the Rabbinical Association. Participants are welcome to wear a costume! There is no charge to attend the program but attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable kosher food item for Passover for the JFS Food Pantry. If planning to attend, please register online at <https://kcpurim.eventbrite.com> or please send an email to [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or call (913) 327-4622 no later than **Monday, February 26th**. Please indicate the number and ages of children and the name of each person.

**Passover Food Drive** Hunger never takes a holiday. As we approach the season of Passover, there will be hundreds among us who will struggle to put food on the table, let alone those special items to celebrate a Seder. YOU can help make a difference. More than 160 families will be helped through your participation in the Passover food drive. Our congregation has chosen to collect donations of Matzah Meal and grape juice. Packaged items should be labeled "kosher for Passover". Drop off items at CBT through **Monday, March 19th**. Monetary donations are also being accepted by check or online through the JFS site ([www.jfsc.org](http://www.jfsc.org)). If you or someone you know wants to volunteer, please call (913) 730-1410 or email [volunteer@jfsc.org](mailto:volunteer@jfsc.org).

**Sunday Night Dinner at SAVEhome** For 25 years, CBT volunteers have provided dinner on Sunday Nights to SAVEhome, a supervised residence for up to 8 people with HIV/AIDS, plus one staff member. Cook at home, at SAVEhome or bring take-out. If you are interested in learning more, contact Lauren Aaronson at [aaronson.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:aaronson.lauren@gmail.com).

## Calendar of Events

### **Saturday, February 10th**

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

### **Sunday, February 11th**

9:00 a.m. Kids Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Religious School begins with Family T'filah  
10:00 a.m. Camp Scholarship Distribution Meeting  
10:10 a.m. Women's Group Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. Candidate Forum for 3rd Congressional District  
6:30 p.m. Contemplation Night with cellist Larry Figg

### **Monday, February 12th**

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 13th**

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

### **Wednesday, February 14th**

7:00 p.m. TAG

### **Thursday, February 15th**

Noon Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Cattapan  
7:00 p.m. Melton: The Star and the Crescent in the Library

### **Friday, February 16th**

12:00 p.m. Ray Davidson Yiddish Circle  
6:00 p.m. Nosh  
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Worship  
7:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat

### **Saturday, February 17th**

9:00 a.m. "Discussion on the Writings of the Torah"  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Worship  
5:00 p.m. BTTY Date Night Babysitting

### **Sunday, February 18th**

Faculty Professional Development Day - No Religious School

### **Tuesday, February 20th**

Office Closed

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Mi Shebeirach List

If you have a loved one that is currently ill whose name you would like to appear on our Mi Shebeirach List, please send an email to [robryan@beth-torah.org](mailto:robryan@beth-torah.org) and put in the message line: Mi Shebeirach List, or call the Beth Torah office and let us know. Thank you.

Deaths

RECENTLY LAID TO REST: SH'LOSHIM

Robert Micco (father and father-in-law of Bob and Debbie Hennecke and grand-father of Arlo Hennecke)

Yahrzeits

Jay Barrish (husband of Harriet Barrish) Harold A. Blum (father of Michael Blum) Raymond D. Davidson (father of Dan Davidson and Cathy Levin) Paul Flam (father of Nina Shik) Marion Friedlander (mother of Bill Friedlander) Susan Fry (cousin of Jan Dubinsky) Thelma Grossman (grandmother of Michael Golden) Ina Baila Harwood (grandmother of Emily Kerstein) Richard G. Hendler (father of Steven Hendler) Sharon K. Steinzeig Hunter (mother of Debbie Bass) Jerry Lapid (grandfather of Randy Wexler) Meyer Lerner (father of Paula Robinson) Terri Lipman (cousin of Rabbi Mark Levin) Emanuel Lowenstein (grandfather of Bill Lowenstein) Pearl Schecter (aunt of Phyllis Goldberg) Estelle Shames (mother of Cindy Shames) Alvin Shuchart (loved one of Johnny Shuchart) Marcia Sterneck (aunt of Frank Sterneck) Alberta Summers (sister of Mel Solomon) Mary Trembulak (grandmother of Richard Bellotti) Martha Weber (grandmother of Alex Moskowitz) Ethel Weiner (mother of Larry Weiner) Helen Zipper (grandmother of Brandon Zipper)

Friday Night Kiddush

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן. ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו ורצה בנו, ושבית קדשו באהבה וברצון הנחילנו זכרון למעשה בראשית, כי הוא יום תחלה למקראי קדש, זכר ליציאת מצרים, כי בנו בחרת ואותנו קדשת מכל העמים, ושבית קדשך באהבה וברצון הנחלתנו. ברוך אתה יי, מקדש השבת.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray p'ri hagafen. Baruch atah Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'ratza vanu, v'Shabbat kodsho b'hava uvratzon hinchilanu, zikaron l'ma'aseh v'raysheet. Ki hu yom t'chila l'mikra'ay kodesh, zecher l'tzi'at Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mikol ha'amim, v'Shabbat kodsh'cha b'hava uvratzon hinchaltanu. Baruch ata Adonai, m'kadaysh hashabbat.

Congregation Beth Torah

Welcome to Shabbat Services

We Embrace \*Energize \*Illuminate \*Inspire \*Respond \*Connect

Weekly Torah Portion - Mishpatim

Exodus 22:4-12 Plaut Chumash (red) pp. 577-578

Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26, Plaut Chumash (red) pp. 714-716

- Free child care is available in Classroom 1. Thank you to our BTTY volunteer: Nina Gale for assisting our babysitter on Friday night.
Thank you to Jim Kaplan for leading worship on Friday night.
Thank you to our Friday night worship leadership team: Rabbi Cattapan, Randy Deutch, Weber Ingersoll, Tim Intfen and, and Emily Tummons.
Thank you to our Saturday morning worship leadership team: Rabbi Cattapan, Tim Intfen, and Emily Tummons.
Thank you to Steve Cooper for delivering the d'var Torah, reading haftarah and Torah in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.



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