



CONGREGATION  
BETH TORAH

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Sunday, February 11th

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- Contemplation Night

Saturday, February 17th

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Sunday, February 18th

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Friday, February 23rd

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# Tekiah

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## A Note from Rabbi Javier Cattapan



### Civil Rights for the 21st Century

Earlier this month, our confirmation trip took us to some of the most iconic places in the history of the Civil

Rights movement. We visited Montgomery and Selma, Alabama where we walked on the famous bridge. We finished our three-day trip in Atlanta, attending Sunday morning service at Ebenezer Baptist Church. It is not just about the places we visit, but about the people we meet. Some of them were there when the events were taking place, others are still waiting for Dr. King's dream to come true. Poverty and massive incarceration in the African-American community is still a big issue, as much or more than voter rights.

Beth Torah's confirmation class journeyed back into history—or so we thought. In reality, we simply journeyed into a part of American society that they seldom experience where we live, because many of us look the other way.

New voter ID laws here in Kansas are a new sad chapter of the same wrong idea: That only a few selected individuals are qualified to vote. African-Americans are the target of these restrictive laws. During the past year, immigrant communities have been added to the list of targets put forward by white supremacists and other nationalist and hate groups.

In the South, our confirmands learned that many of the Civil Rights leaders were Jewish. They heeded the teachings of the Torah under the banner, "for you were strangers in the land

of Egypt." Some of us might not have been around during the struggle of the '50s and '60s or had the chance to be a part of the movement. History is happening today, again. Our generation's challenge is how as a community and as a nation we will solve the immigration problem.

This month, the Religious Action Center, in partnership with URJ Youth, is mobilizing the greater Reform Movement in an effort to help pass a clean Dream Act, which would grant permanent residence status on a conditional basis and provide a pathway to citizenship for DREAMers who attend college, work in the U.S. or serve in the military. (please visit [rac.org](http://rac.org) for the latest updates)

Jewish tradition is clear on the treatment of immigrants. Our faith demands of us concern for the stranger in our midst. Now is the time to turn our creeds into action, and to ensure that justice for our country's most vulnerable is imminent and everlasting.

Please [visit this link](#) for more information.

## Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 7th  
2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Book your appointment today at [savealifenow.org](http://savealifenow.org) and enter Sponsor Code: BethTorah

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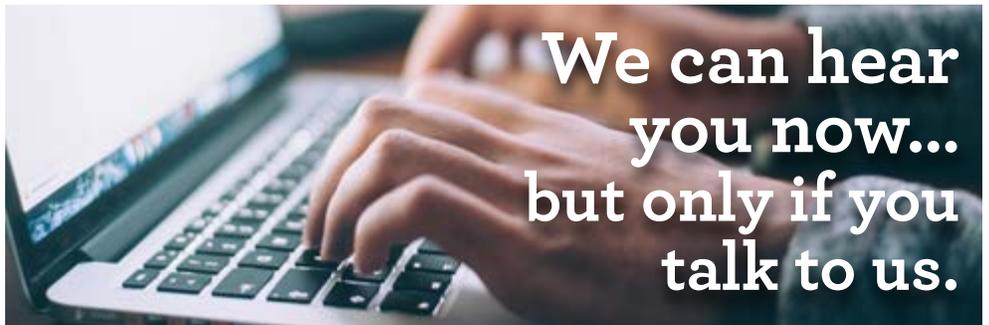
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Beth Torah members!! You will be getting an email from our President Barry Katz and me with the following message:

We are thrilled to invite you to participate in a survey as part of our Congregational Assessment work through the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). This initiative is being piloted in our congregation along with about fifty others to explore ways for Reform synagogues to best succeed in the 21st century.

This survey provides you the opportunity to let us know what we're doing right and what we can improve. The survey should take as few as 5 minutes, and as many as

15 minutes to complete. Keep a look out in your email inbox and on our website for the link to complete the survey.

Each adult in your household may complete his or her own survey and our hope is that at least one adult per household will do so. Please feel free to contact the CBT office at 913-498-2212 if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance of your participation; note that the survey will only be open until February 20th.

Sincerely,

Barry Katz  
President, Board of Trustees

Laura Intfen  
Director of Operations

Congregants Matt Haun, Gregg Herman and Genna Stowe will work with me in learning useful information from these surveys as we work with the URJ to analyze numbers and use them to build a stronger congregation financially, programmatically, and with an eye toward a strong future in building spiritual and educational connections throughout our Beth Torah community. Please look for the survey and fill it out when you receive it. We are counting on you.

#### *In Memoriam:*

##### *Michele R. Goldman*

Wife of Michael Goldman,  
mother and mother-in-law of  
Keith & Amy Goldman, her grandchildren,  
Jones and Olive Goldman

##### *Edward Ginsberg*

Father and father-in-law of  
Michael & Barbara Ginsberg and  
grandfather of Jacob,  
Daniel & Hannah Ginsberg

##### *Stanley Preston Eisenberg*

Brother of Diana Hurst

#### *Mazel Tov to:*

John Lantos & Martha Montello  
on the birth of granddaughter  
Zadie Beth Wofford.  
She was born on December 21, 2017  
and weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 oz.  
The entire family is overjoyed  
and feeling great.

Rabbi Mark Levin & Kacy Levin  
on the birth of their grandson,  
Zachary Bennett Stamey.

#### TORAH PORTION AND HAFTARAH

February 2/3 | 18 Shevat  
Yitro

February 9/10 | 25 Shevat  
Mishpatim

February 16/17 | 2 Adar  
Terumah

February 23/24 | 9 Adar  
Tetzaveh



## Why Do We Fundraise?

I hope this headline doesn't scare off too many readers. Fundraising (also known as Tzedakah) is an important topic and I wanted to create the

proper frame of mind in advance of the 100 Days of Giving campaign that gets underway in March.

Let's start with these questions: Why do we fundraise? Why aren't dues enough? The answer comes down to simple math. Based on current membership, the cost of operations amounts to about \$2,800 per member as compared to the standard membership commitment of \$2,025 (including the capital assessment). That's a significant gap that doesn't even take into account that the commitment amount for older and younger members is substantially lower than \$2,025, and that not everyone is able to pay the standard amount for their age group.

The only way to bridge this gap is through fundraising. And it's the job of the Fund Development Committee [Samantha Hammontree (co-chair), Linda Zappulla (co-chair), Frank Sterneck, Sharon Altman, Dave Zucker, Debbie Bass and me] to keep us on track toward our fundraising goals. The most immediate event that needs your support is the 100 Days of

Giving Campaign that will run from March 15th through June 22nd. Each day costs \$100 and provides the opportunity for you to celebrate and recognize a happy event or milestone in your life or any other random occasion that appeals to you. Once a day goes by without being claimed, the opportunity is lost. So, we would like to get the first 30 days sold before March 15th, to make sure that doesn't happen. Please call the office to get your day reserved as soon as possible.

Another project where the clock is ticking is Educating our Future, which funds free tuition for Beth Torah members at our Weiner Religious School. We are about 80% toward our goal for this year, but still need about \$10,000 before our year end (June 30).

And please don't forget ongoing opportunities like Tree of Life (\$250 per leaf) to honor and recognize important events in your life; and Yahrzeit Plaques (\$500 per plaque) to memorialize loved ones. These also go towards funding our operations.

I know you have many options to choose from when deciding where to direct your charitable giving. I just want to make sure that as you make those decisions, you give every consideration to Beth Torah!

## Be Involved in Setting Future Direction Raise Your Hand to Get Involved in Leadership at Beth Torah!

Hello Beth Torah Members,

Every year at this time, the Nominating Committee is activated to develop the slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee consists of three board members and three non-board members. (Nominating Committee members cannot be proposed as officers or new members of the board.)

Throughout the year, Board leadership is looking for its own successors. Sometimes we need particular skills or need to add people who reflect the demographics of the membership. We become aware of people who have been involved in Beth Torah activities, taken a leadership role in a program or committee, or expressed interest in joining the Board. But we may not know of YOUR interest and skills. Please let us know if you are interested in being considered for the Board or in getting involved in another leadership role.

This is a great time to SAY YES to Beth Torah, and be involved in setting future direction. Please consider stepping forward

into leadership. Realize that it may take time to work your way into the ultimate leadership role you want, but getting started is equally important. We need your professional skills, your interest and commitment and your love for the community we call Beth Torah.

Please contact me directly with your interests. I look forward to hearing from you!

Linda Zappulla,  
Nominating Committee Chair and  
Immediate Past President, Board of Trustees

913-220-3521

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# Congressional Candidate Forum

Congregation Beth Torah will host a Candidate Forum for all declared candidates for the KS 3rd Congressional District.

The event will be in the sanctuary at Beth Torah from **2:00 to 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 key issues that Congress will face in the next two years.

To ensure civility, we will use rules devised by American Public Square (APS).

Specifically:

- There will be no applause during the Forum.
- Members of the audience will be given “civility bells” to ring if the conversation is getting uncivil.
- We will have librarians as fact checkers. Audience members may request a fact check on any claim made by candidates.



- We will take questions from the audience, but they will be written down and read by the moderator.

Using these rules, we will allow the candidates to clearly state their positions and views.

Congregation Beth Torah members can register for this free event on the Beth Torah website or by [visiting this site](#).



Everyone who is on Facebook sees it from time to time, when someone they are ‘friends’ with holds a fundraiser. Linda Zap-pulla read about the matching opportunity from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, so she held a fundraiser for Beth Torah for Giving Tuesday. SueAnn Strom held a FB fundraiser for Beth Torah for her December birthday. Anyone can do it, and you’ll be surprised by who donates. We were.

Linda set a goal of \$1,000, and raised \$1,016. We’ll let you know if that number goes up from matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. SueAnn set a goal of \$360, and raised \$500. Even after the FB campaign was over, Beth Torah

received several more donations. Together, we had 23 donors in all, including current and past members, first time donors, out-of-town relatives, a neighbor and friends. Many people we would not have asked to donate. We are so grateful to those who donated.

Our purpose in sharing this information is not to suggest that everyone should run a Facebook fundraiser, but rather to encourage people to be creative. Large and small donations are needed to support the annual budget of Beth Torah. It’s a privilege to support the institution we love, and it can be fun!

Contact SueAnn or Linda for more information.



### Beth Torah...Inside Out

As a member of Congregation Beth Torah, you have a right to have available to you information regarding our community. You are asked

to “bring a friend” to events and to encourage your unaffiliated friends to join. But it is hard for you to answer questions when you may not know the answers.

So, in 5778, my goal is to pick topics regarding Beth Torah and to offer comments and information on specific areas. Here is a quick list of what to expect from this part of our newsletter in the coming months:

- March ..... Camp Scholarships
- April..... Board of Trustees
- May..... Staff and Job descriptions
- June ..... Adjustments

### Our Budget:

In my recent articles, lots of numbers have been mentioned. Membership Financial Commitments, mortgage, salaries, school costs, community assistance and so on. But, how do we arrive at those numbers? How do we create the budget each year?

Simply; a budget is a plan. Much like the personal budget in your home, each year we account for all planned income and expenses. Along the way, we respond to unexpected income and expenditures while adhering closely to the financial plan that has been approved by the board and the congregation.

Our budget process begins in January. By that time, we have six months of financial activity from the current fiscal year to examine, and we can project what the next six months will most likely look like to help us plan the next fiscal year.

Our Director of Finance, Tara Hyder, reaches out to the staff to get their input on how next year might be different than this year and what impact those differences will have on the budget. An overall projection of the budget is brought to our Finance Committee in February. A more defined budget is created and presented to our Executive Committee at the end of February.

The Executive Committee then goes through the projections while closely monitoring our current year budget performance. Our membership numbers, donation trends and spending priorities are looked at in detail so the committee can put a budget together based on fact, based on realistic expectations and projections, and based on the vision of the leaders of our congregation.

As the Director of Operations, I work closely with our lay leadership to ensure that everyone has the information they need. I work with Tara and our Bookkeeper, Barbara Kitt to provide accurate information on expenditures, income, fund balances, etc.

We go through several drafts of the budget before the process is completed. We look at membership numbers and trends, school enrollment numbers, the capital needs of our building and the

different things our clergy and lay leadership hope to be able to do in the year to come.

In accordance with our Bylaws, the budget goes to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting in May. However, before we present it to the congregation, we first present the budget to the Board of Trustees. Our Treasurer, currently Mike Ginsberg, walks our board through each line, the different requests that were made and how final numbers were decided upon. Questions are asked, assumptions are challenged, often changes are made, and together our board votes whether or not to present the budget to the congregation for approval.

The budget we present to the congregation each year reflects the leadership and vision of our Board of Trustees and the philosophy of our congregation. We value education, and our budget reflects that. We believe that no one should be turned away from membership at our congregation due to financial hardship, and our budget reflects that. We believe we must care for our sacred home, our temple building, and our budget reflects that. We believe that our clergy and staff should earn a good salary for the hard work they do on behalf of the members of the congregation, and our budget reflects that.

The Beth Torah budget is always available for your review, and we always welcome your questions and meaningful input in this important, ongoing process.





## Religious School

Rabbi Monica Kleinman, Director of Lifelong Learning  
mkleinman@beth-torah.org

Hello, Beth Torah Families!

It is a pleasure to bring you our February *middah* (Jewish value), ענוה *anavah* (humility). In a world filled with social media it's hard to remember that we are only the center of our own world: not that of

others. I'm delighted to share with you a Chasidic story as related in Martin Buber's collection *Tales of the Hasidim*.

### *The Recipient*

A man who lived in the same town as Rabbi Zusya saw that he was very poor. So each day he put twenty pennies into the little bag in which Zusya kept his phylacteries [tefillin], so that he and his family might buy the necessities of life. From that time on, the man grew richer and richer. The more he had, the more he gave Zusya, and the more he gave Zusya, the more he had.

But once he recalled that Zusya was the disciple of a great *maggid* [renowned teacher], and it occurred to him that if what he gave the disciple was so lavishly rewarded, he might become even more prosperous if he made presents to the master himself. So he traveled to Mezritch and introduced Rabbi Baer to accept a substantial gift from him. From this time on, his means shrank until he had lost all the profits he had made during the more fortunate period. He took his trouble to Rabbi Zusya, told him the whole story, and asked him what his present predicament was due to. For had not the rabbi himself told him that his master was immeasurably greater than he?

Zusya replied: "Look! As long as you gave and did not bother to whom, whether to Zusya or another, God gave to you and did not bother to whom. But when you began to seek out especially noble and distinguished recipients, God did exactly the same."

## Driving Risk Awareness: for Teens and Parents

Teens' risk of being in a car crash is at a lifetime high in their first 12 to 24 months of driving!



**Open to 9th and 10th graders and their parents**

### This workshop includes:

- Providing a realistic picture of the risks of teen driving
- Providing practical advice on ways families can reduce teen driving risks
- Promoting teen-parent involvement and cooperation in teen driving, and creating a teen-parent driving agreement

### Facilitated by:

Susie Hurst, MA – Adolescent Specialist, C.H.A.I. Program  
and Lieutenant Mark Terman

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

**10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Jewish Community Campus, Conference Room C



Offered by CHAI, a program of Jewish Family Services with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City.

While this workshop is free, reservations are required.  
Contact Susie Hurst at 913-327-8259 or susieh@jfskc.org

## BTTY: Beth Torah Temple Youth



During the month of January, BTTY and JYG went down to reStart to cook dinner. It was such an amazing opportunity to not only cook dinner for people who can't necessarily make dinner for themselves but to also connect with them. Also, the BTTY high schoolers really liked getting to know

the JYG middle schoolers as some of them will be graduating to BTTY next year! After we made the dinner, we went to get dinner ourselves. This was such a great opportunity to help our community and to meet the wonderful JYGers.

In February, we will be having another Date Night Babysitting event. This will take place on February 17th from 5:00–9:30 p.m. Parents, this is a great chance for you to go out on your own for an evening and just drop your kids off at Congregation Beth Torah to play games, eat food, and maybe even watch a movie! The cost will be \$30 for the first child and \$15 for every child after that. Please tell your friends as this is not only for Jewish kids and families. Teens, we will need your help with babysitting so that we have enough teens to kids!

Lastly, if you or your teen, who is in high school, would like to help plan some of our upcoming programs or come to our board meetings they are welcome too! Just contact Tess Gerson at [tessgerson2000@gmail.com](mailto:tessgerson2000@gmail.com). Also, if you are interested in helping babysit at the Date Night Babysitting Event, please contact Tess!

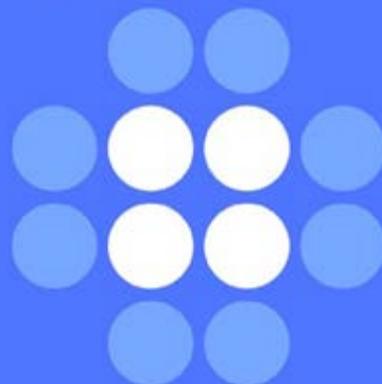
Tess Gerson, BTTY President



Beth Torah members supporting one another through life's health care challenges

To make a referral or to volunteer, contact Beth Torah at 913-498-2212 or email [caringconnectionteam@beth-torah.org](mailto:caringconnectionteam@beth-torah.org)

**Shabbat Huddle**  
annual songwriter edition  
Friday, February 23rd  
5:45pm-6:15pm



One night of the year only! Come early to CBT Shabbat services. Let your ears be the first to hear hot-off-the-press songs by Carmen, Tim, Emily, & Lezlie.



## Stories from Our Graduates

Taylor Poslosky

Growing up, Beth Torah was my second home. I spent more time there and at the dance studio than I did in my own home. The Weiner Religious School program was a key element to the time I spent at Beth Torah. It started when I was a toddler with my mom teaching Religious and Hebrew School and me tagging along. Eventually, it was my turn to be a student, and I loved it. This was the foundation of my Jewish education. I learned about the Jewish holidays, our Biblical characters, the brave men and women who went through or helped others make it through the Holocaust, the Prophets, how to read Hebrew, how to lead services, and, most importantly, the Jewish values I continue to hold dear. I spent a lot of time in the classroom learning from many incredible teachers, some of whom I am lucky to call my mentors and friends, today. During high school, I participated in our madri-

chim program which was another opportunity to learn. I worked with teachers who showed me what good Jewish role models and good Jewish education look like. I remember the read-ins for Hebrew School with popcorn and checking off prayers, the 4th grade bake sale to raise money for reStart, and a project on Hannah Szenes, the extraordinary Jewish paratrooper who attempted to save Jews during World War II. While the content of the education I received at Beth Torah was fundamental to my Jewish knowledge, it was the Jewish values and community that I built here that inspired me to continue my Jewish education and apply to rabbinical school. Beth Torah's Weiner Religious School gave me the core knowledge, Jewish values, and belief in myself I need to be successful in rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.





## Cellist Larry Figg at Contemplation Night

Kansas City Symphony Cellist Larry Figg will serve as guest musician at this month's Contemplation Night:

**Sunday, February 11th, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Many of us know Larry from his offering each High Holy Days of Bruch's arrangement of "Kol Nidre." He delivers this melody each year with gut-wrenching emotion. The opening bars send shivers up the spine.

Larry is excited to get to partner with Carmen and me to bring a similar passion, excellence, and sincerity to our next Contemplation Night. Here are songs that the three of us have been rehearsing, that we plan to share with the crowd that gathers on February 11th:

- Hinei Mah Tov, music by Dan Nichols
- If It Be Your Will, music by Leonard Cohen
- Dumiyah, music by Basya Schechter
- I Find You, music by Carmen Dieker
- Shehecheyanu, music by Emily Tummons
- Come Healing, music by Leonard Cohen
- El Na R'fa Na La, music by Carmen Dieker
- Eili, Eili, music by David Zahavi
- Oseh Shalom, music by Cheryl Metzger
- Hashkiveinu, music by Carmen Dieker
- B'yado, music by Craig Taubman

Contemplation Nights at Beth Torah offer a gleaming oasis for the soul. This is a chance to immerse yourself in the depths of prayer, silence, lush harmonies, the sound of strings, solitude, and the comfort of knowing your community surrounds you.

We always weave in a moment when we focus on praying for the people in our lives who are in need of healing. Followed by a moment when we allow ourselves to grieve the death of a loved one.

Through this program, Beth Torah hands us all a unique opportunity to steal away from life's madness, and instead take a step toward joy, toward repairing, toward what Lea Goldberg describes as "the quiet widening within."

Join Carmen, Larry, me, and your whole community on February 11th at 6:30 p.m. Walk into this sacred space, with sacred people, and go deep.



## Get to know Larry Figg:

Born in Dallas in 1963, Lawrence Figg began the cello in fourth grade strings class and later was accepted into the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia at age 18. After graduating in 1985, he moved to France where he lived for five years in Paris. He was a member of the Orchestre de Chambre d'Alexandre Stajic, performed a season with Pierre Boulez's Ensemble Intercontemporain, and he was a regular recording artist for French radio and television. In 1986, he was a semi-finalist at the Tchaikovsky in

Moscow and performed as soloist with several French orchestras during his stay in Paris. In 1991, he won a position as section cellist in the Orchestre National Bordeaux Aquitaine under the direction of Alain Lombard and was later appointed to the position of assistant principal and then principal cello until 1994. Figg has been a member of the Kansas City Symphony since 1999, and he has been described as a distinguished cellist with beautiful tone and passionate, singing musicianship by the *Kansas City Star*.

# Purim Change-Up: Let the Farce Fill Us

February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

After over a decade of wonderful, entertaining, and enchanting musical parodies, we are changing things up for Purim 5778 at CBT. This year we are trading in our music stands for don't-let-the-light-go-out sabers. Join your CBT family as we turn off our computers, let go of our outside worries, and let the farce fill us all.

Episode XXI: A Farce Awakens in Shushan... Long ago (Around 473 B.C.E., actually)... in a galaxy far, far away (Far, far away? Come on. We're talking about Persia. Far away, maybe)... a HANdsome Solo King Achashverosh decided to find a new queen. His advisors—Reb Yoda, a Jewdi Knight, and... well, a Wookie (A Wookie? What's a Wookie?... Never mind.)—advised the king to hold a contest so he could find the best of the best. Esther Organa—Leia to

her friends... we don't know why—won the day and became queen.

Darth Haman, who desired to command his own Evil Empire, decided it was time to wipe out the rebel scum that called themselves Jews. But in an unforeseen turn of events, Mordechai Kenobi turned to Esther, telling her 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. Afterwards, visit the Shushan Cantina for food, drink, and friends! And may the farce be with you.

## CBT Gift Shop News and Information

As the weather is changeable, so is the Gift Shop. Did you know if you don't want to brave the cold weather, shopping from home can still benefit our community? Starting on the Beth Torah website, you'll find the "Gift Shop at Beth Torah" link under the "Our Community" menu. Once there, click the "World of Judaica" banner to visit our online shop, or you can go directly there at: <https://goo.gl/ovRzGy>. The Gift Shop and Congregation Beth Torah get credit for all your purchases.

It's the time of year when The Gift Shop is taking preorder sales for Passover Candy from Miss Chocolate Candies.

The Gift Shop not only offers a large variety of Passover Candies, but a large variety of household items. If you want to receive a full packet of all items for sale,

call or email the Gift Shop and we will send you a copy. Last year, several popular items included colorful plastic cups with straws attached and large plastic mixing bowls with mixing splash guards. Both of these items, and many more, are great gifts ideas, especially for grandparents.

The Gift Shop has extended our "The Plant a Tree in Israel" sale through the end of February. For \$18 a tree will be planted in Israel and a certificate will be sent to the person.

Three things to know about the Gift Shop: First, the Gift Shop has many different ideas for all occasions. Second, the Gift Shop invites you to set up a registry for any occasion. Third, the Gift Shop is

always interested in feedback from our customers. Our email address is: [cbtgiftshop@gmail.com](mailto:cbtgiftshop@gmail.com).

### The Gift Shop hours are:

#### Sunday:

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
(during religious school)

#### Monday:

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday and Friday:

10:00 a.m. to noon

#### Or by appointment:

Call Kelly Kaplan at 913-498-1474.

Our Motto:

"Where Shopping Turns into a Mitzvah"

Shalom, Kelly Kaplan



### What Celebrations Do You Have Coming Up at Beth Torah? Spread Your Joy!

*Sponsor a breakfast or some fancy, shmancy creamers for our Sunday morning breakfasts.*

*Purchase a leaf on our Tree of Life in the ulam.*

*Sponsor a nosh for an Erev Shabbat Friday night worship.*

## reStart in January

Preparing and serving meals to families throughout Kansas City occupied the Social Action Committee's agenda for the Holidays. We had the pleasure of partnering with Kansas City Community Kitchen on Thanksgiving and Christmas to serve meals to homeless and low-income individuals. Administered by NourishKC, the mission of the Kitchen is to provide "restaurant style" meals to its guests. As part of the "dining with dignity" theme, patrons are welcomed by a hostess and food orders are taken by volunteer staff. Servers bring food to the tables while a beverage of choice is brought to the guests.

The Kitchen is opened on weekdays and holidays for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and serves up to 350 people on normal days. Regretfully, Thanksgiving and Christmas are generally not busy since a variety of religious and non-profit institutions provide meals on these Holidays. We will be meeting with Nourish KC later in the month to check on availability for national holidays that occur during the week in 2018.

As we go to "press," reStart in January is well underway. All slots were filled this year by December 20th, as we begin our 29th year at this facility. Volunteers continue to be veterans of this project and we still need to find ways to get newer members involved.

Scott Franklin



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## Beth Torah General Fund

Jane & Jonny Girson  
Mark & Kacy Levin  
Valery & Susan Tokar  
Andrea & Jay Zwibelman

### *In Memory Of:*

Edward Ginsberg  
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### *In Honor Of:*

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### *In Memory Of:*

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Jose Adler  
Hilda Adler  
Edward Ginsberg  
Michele Goldman  
Norma Kelne  
Abe Kelne

Margarita Adler  
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Stuart Lewis  
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Harriet & Ron Jacobson  
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## CBT Fund For Families In Need

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Jose Adler  
Hilda Adler  
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June Miller  
Michele Goldman  
Sol Eiler  
Ruth Eiler

Estelle Edelbaum  
Robin O'Bryan  
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Irene & Martin Goldstein  
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## Camp Scholarship Fund

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### *In Memory Of:*

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Corky Schroeder  
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Russ Swift  
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## New Assistance Line Available to Meet Emergency Needs

The JFS Food and Shelter program helps people who are in greatest financial need, whether because of a job loss, medical issues or some other financial problem. The goal is to get people the assistance they need to overcome an immediate crisis and improve their financial lives in the long-term. To more directly access support, JFS has established a new Assistance Helpline at 913-730-1747.

Social workers will work with callers to help address urgent or basic needs, whether it's meeting the rent or mortgage, utilities, food, or transportation. As the crisis is addressed, longer-term goals such as stable employment, improving family income, or building net worth are integrated into the coaching process.

If you or a Jewish family member or friend are experiencing a financial crisis or are in need of immediate assistance, please call the new Assistance Helpline at 913-730-1747.

## Skate To Battle Hunger This Winter

With the arrival of the colder weather comes the fun of ice skating. Now you can skate AND help others who face food insecurity. The Ice at Park Place has teamed up with Jewish Family Services Food Pantry; from Nov. 17th until Feb. 19th, skaters can receive \$1 off admission if they bring a non-perishable or canned item to donate to the pantry. Look for the Food Pantry barrel at The Ice where donations can be dropped off.

## Jewish Spiritual Content Available Online

A wealth of Jewish spiritual content is available literally at your fingertips, with the help of your computer, tablet, television or smartphone. Things such as Hebrew lessons, lectures from 92nd Street Y, news from Israel, Jewish music, and Sabbath and Daily Minyan services.

A list of internet resources for viewing and listening to Judaic content can be found on the Jewish Family Services website at [www.jfskc.org/judaic-content](http://www.jfskc.org/judaic-content). These resources are particularly convenient for older adults or those who may be homebound. You also will find tips for accessing content via hi-definition internet television.

For more information on Judaic content online, contact JFS' Chaplaincy program. If you need technical assistance accessing these resources, JFS offers assistance through its Help@Home membership-based program. Both can be reached at 913-327-8250.

## JFS Offers Variety of Older Adults Programs

As we age, sometimes we need a little assistance maneuvering life's daily tasks. Jewish Family Services offers a variety of ser-

vices, counseling and more to help older adults. Those resources include Help@Home—providing access to a community handyman to assist with tasks, JET Express—a volunteer driving program, Comprehensive and care management services as well as counseling. Details on these resources may be easily found on [this site](#), or call JFS at 913-327-8250. We're here to help make life easier for you!

## JFS, Harvesters and KC Chiefs Team Up for Super Bowl Food Drive

Join Harvesters, Jewish Family Services and the Kansas City Chiefs as they team up to "tackle" hunger during the Super Bowl Week of Caring, Jan. 30th – Feb. 5th. The Super Bowl game is Sunday, Feb. 4th.

Across our community, many families, including many working families, do not know where their next meal is coming from. Many others are making the difficult choice whether to "heat or eat", deciding whether to pay for utilities or buy food. Harvesters and the Kansas City Chiefs are calling on everyone in the community to help score a touchdown for the hungry by donating during this year's Super Bowl week.

Here's how you can help. Using any grocery bags, collect canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Protein items such as canned tuna and peanut butter are always in high demand. You can even host your own "souper" bowl party and have friends bring donations to the gathering!

Once the sacks are filled, please return them to donation barrels at area synagogues, the Jewish Community Campus or JFS's Brookside location by Monday, Feb. 5th—the day after the Super Bowl. JFS will collect the items and tally the results the week of Feb. 5th. Harvesters and JFS are happy to provide collection bags upon request; please contact JFS Food Pantry Director Jo Hickey at 913-327-8257.

So let's be a winner and take down hunger!

**THANK YOU...**

...for bringing  
a bag of food and/  
or paper products  
to donate  
EVERY time you  
enter the building.

