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Learning in the Secular New Year

The secular new year is a time to make resolutions, and so what is on your list? Part of my resolutions as they pertain to the congregation is to do some more teaching on a variety of subjects. Here are some of the highlights, and details can be found inside.

Beginning this month, I along with Sam Kates-Goldman will be leading a “prayer lab” called **Kavannah**, which is an opportunity to explore Jewish liturgy and prayer in general more deeply. This is for those of any background who want to explore their own connection to prayer or develop their skills for eventually leading a service (or part of one!).

Now we will have two levels of Hebrew study meeting regularly. Registration is open for **Beginning Hebrew**, with classes starting in February. This is for those who have no background in Hebrew and want to learn how to read.



TBH passes Sanctuary
Resolution - page two.

The class will focus on decoding Hebrew to allow for facility with the prayer book and other texts, and will delve into grammar, vocabulary and other aspects. Still meeting monthly is **Advancing in Hebrew**, for those who want to deepen their skills. The only prerequisite for this seminar type class is a reading ability in Hebrew.

This goes along with our regular monthly schedule of **Shabbat morning study groups**, which are less “classes” than engaging in “study as a spiritual practice.”

And coming in March, I hope to develop more offerings including **Jewish mysticism** and **Jewish history**.

Stay tuned and Happy 2018!

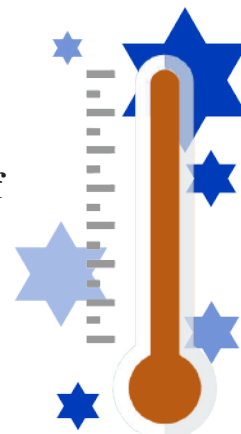
Rabbi Seth Goldstein

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for the huge response to our Annual Hanukkah Appeal! **We surpassed our goal of \$7,000 by \$1,974 as of December 29th, 2017!!**

We are thankful to all our members and non-members who generously gave to support TBH.

See a list of donors on page seven.

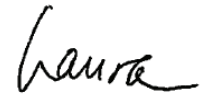


From the President

As a Jewish community we are concerned by our government's stance toward immigrants and refugees. The TBH Board, at its meeting on December 20th, unanimously approved the submitted resolution from the Immigration and Refugee Task Force. [Here is a link to the approved resolution.](#)

The resolution supports advocating on behalf of immigrant and refugee rights and helping immigrants and refugees in our community. The Task Force also plans to explore the possibility of TBH providing short or long-term sanctuary. Many issues need to be addressed before the Task Force makes any recommendation (pro or con) to the Board and the TBH community. If you have concerns that you want to make sure that the Task Force and the Board consider, please send a note to the office at tbh@bethhatfiloh.org.

All the best for a wonderful 2018!



"Death Happens, Let's Talk" Survey



In collaboration with members of the local Temple Beth Hatfiloh and Chevra Kadisha, a new Jewish community engagement campaign is beginning, building on the informative sessions held last spring.

The goal is to ensure that everyone's wishes for end of life care are expressed and respected. Mentored by an expert team from The Conversation Project, we will design and implement advance care planning and end of life discussion topics to benefit individuals in our community.

We want to hear your ideas. What are you most interested in learning about or sharing with others? [Please take our survey to help us best plan for future activities.](#)

For questions, contact [Hilarie Hauptman](#).

Learning Opportunities

Kavannah: A Monthly Prayer Lab

Beginning in January, TBH will be hosting a monthly lab on prayer and prayer services. Using both study and participatory experimentation, we will explore the meaning of prayer, the structure of the service, giving a d'var Torah, Torah leynung, and more, with an eye towards deepening prayer participation and developing prayer leadership. Specific subjects will be based on the interest of the group and participants. All levels of knowledge and background welcome. Facilitated by Sam Kates-Goldman and Rabbi Seth Goldstein. Wednesday, January 10, 7-9 pm. If you are interested and can't make this time, or have questions, please [e-mail Rabbi Seth](#).

Beginning Hebrew

Want to learn your aleph-bet? Sign up for our 10-session Beginning Hebrew class taught by Rabbi Seth Goldstein. Learn how to read the Hebrew alphabet including basic grammar and vocabulary, focused on prayerbook Hebrew, with some extras thrown in! Class meets Monday evenings beginning February 5th from 7:00-8:30 pm. Fee is \$50 for members and \$100 for non-members and includes books and materials. [Visit the class registration page to sign up!](#)

Advancing In Hebrew

This seminar-type group works on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots. It is held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month we will be looking at a section of text from the weekly Torah portion in Hebrew to deepen our connection to the text through an examination of vocabulary and grammar.

JANUARY EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

January 5	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service <i>Oneg following hosted by Julie Kinn in honor of Mort Shecter's birthday</i>
January 12	6:00 pm	Shabbat Salon <i>Catered meal and speaker after the service; Please RSVP for the dinner</i>
January 19	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat Service <i>Potluck dinner following</i>
January 26	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service <i>No oneg following</i>

Please note that we have recently tweaked our Erev Shabbat schedule. To accommodate different programs and congregant desires, we have shifted to twice a month early services and twice a month later services.

JANUARY SHABBAT DAY ACTIVITIES

JEWISH WITH MEANING

1st Saturday, January 6, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

We gather for food, ritual, experience, and discussion as we connect with our tradition on a deep level. *See details about this month's meeting below.* All are welcome!

TORAH STUDY

2nd Saturday, January 13, 10:00 am

Prayer and study are equally holy activities; and we will do both. We'll share a snack and study the Torah together. All are invited. No experience is necessary!

MUSSAR

3rd Saturday, January 20, 9:30 am

Mussar is the Jewish school of thought which seeks to root personal character development and right behavior in Jewish tradition and text. We meet monthly to share food and learn more about this tradition and how it may benefit our lives.

TALMUD STUDY

4th Saturday, January 27, 9:30 am

The Talmud is a compendium of law and lore that is the basis on which biblical interpretation and contemporary Jewish practice rest. Rabbi Seth will lead us as we dive deep into this complex and fascinating text.

January Shabbat Salon

Friday, January 12th at 6:00 pm

Join us for Shabbat Salon! *Due to scheduling conflicts we are still confirming speakers.*

We are confident it'll be a great event - please sign up for our mystery presentation! We promise you won't be disappointed! **We begin with a full**

Shabbat service at 6:00 pm

followed by a catered dinner and speaker in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm.

Register for the dinner

by e-mailing us at

tbh@bethhatfiloh.org or [sign up and pay for dinner on our event page!](#)



Jewish with Meaning: Utilizing the Kabbalistic Tree of Life for Personal Transformation Led by Tammy Lianu

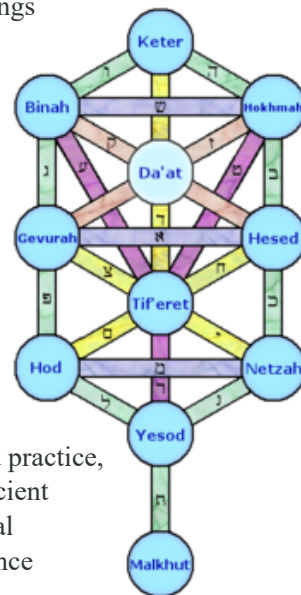
Saturday, January 6, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us to explore classical Jewish teachings on the Tree of Life and a contemporary application for personal practice.

The *Kabbalistic Tree of Life* can be seen as a brilliant blueprint of Creation.

It is a map of the step-by-step journey from *Ein Sof* to *Malchut*, from the Nothingness-Without-Limits to the Manifested Divine Presence of our physical reality. During our session together, we will use traditional sources to study an overview of the ten *Sefirot*, the ten holographic steps on this path.

And, we will learn a simple but profound practice, developed using sources from several ancient wisdom traditions, to support our personal transformation to wholeness. No experience needed. Handouts provided. Join us!



JANUARY EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENT CANCELLED Make Your Voice Heard

As of January the Make Your Voice Heard advocacy group will no longer be meeting regularly. Issue updates with potential action steps will still be sent to the e-mail list, but in-person meetings will be put on hold. If you are interested in receiving updates you can [e-mail David Hanig](mailto:David.Hanig).

Senior Schmooze Tuesday, January 2, 12:00 pm

Don't miss out! Bring your brown bag lunch and jokes! Bernie Friedman and Pamela Gentile-Friedman are dessert hosts. Our speaker will be Jennifer Thompson from the Reading Buddies program who will share information about volunteer opportunities.

Olympia Sisterhood Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 1:30 pm

Olympia Sisterhood is meeting on January 2nd 2018 at TBH in the Teen Room at 1:30 pm. The topic of discussion is movies and books with Jewish themes. For more information, please call Myra Paull at 253-666-3242. *Please note the time change from our last meeting from 2:00 pm to 1:30 pm.*

Tot Shabbat Saturday, January 6, 9:00 am



All kids ages 0-6 and their grown ups and families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together with song, story, movement, prayer and craft! Join us the first Saturday of every month.

FORKids Food Packing Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 pm Thurston County Food Bank 2260 Mottman Road SW, Tumwater

Join us on the second Tuesday of the month as we again fill bags at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County Food Bank. The FORKids program provides a weekend bag of food to over 2,000 children. Questions? Please contact Elie Halpern at (360) 357-8160 or ehalpern7379@gmail.com.

Immigration and Refugee Task Force Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 pm

Learn and participate in TBH efforts to make a positive impact around the ongoing issue of providing sanctuary in the greater Olympia community. Attendees are also welcome to join us for the Sanctuary Interfaith Group that meets at 6:00 pm beforehand.

Kavannah: Prayer Lab Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm

This group will explore the meaning of prayer and structure of the service. Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. *Read the full details on page two.*

Shabbat Salon Friday, January 12, 6:00 pm

Join us for our monthly Shabbat Salon! Our January speakers are still being confirmed but please sign up - we promise it'll be a great evening! We will begin with a full Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a catered dinner and presentation in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm.

You must register for the dinner by [e-mail](#) or [sign up and pay for dinner on our event page!](#)



Book Group: Kingdom of Olives and Ash Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm



This collection of essays is from an international roster of writers who toured towns and villages in the Israeli-occupied territories and met with community organizers, workers, artists, activists, farmers and families, as well as Israeli settlers and soldiers.

We will be focusing our discussion on the following selections: Introduction, Geraldine Brooks, Rachel Kushner, Raja Shehadeh, Dave Eggers (117-130), Mario Vargas Llosa, Eimera McBride, and Afterward. To obtain a circulating copy of the book, please contact Karen Green at ekgisrael@gmail.com or the office. [Download the full book club schedule here \(PDF\)](#).

Advancing in Hebrew Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm

This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots. Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Shabbat Shirah Kumsitz & Tu B'Shvat Seder Saturday, January 27, 4:00 pm

The TBH Choir, Kol Nishama, invites you to a Shabbat Shirah kumsitz. Bring your guitars, percussion instruments and voices! All are welcome. Please bring a potluck item to share. [Read the PDF flyer for details.](#)



FEBRUARY EVENTS PREVIEW



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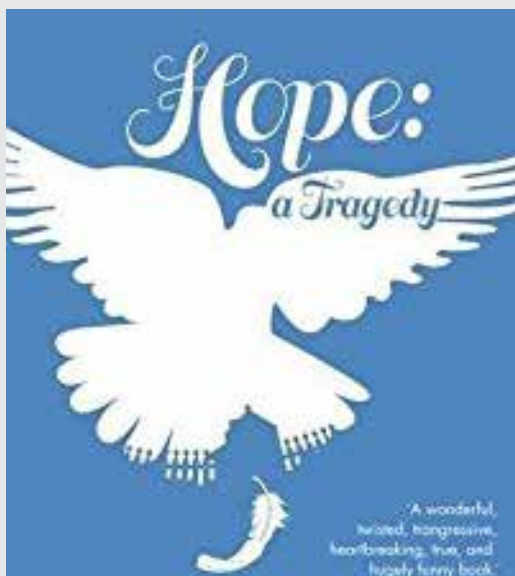
Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm

Join us for the Shabbat Salon with guest speaker Beth Doglio, Representative of the 22nd District. Watch the weekly for details!

Book Group

Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm

Hope: a Tragedy by Shalom Auslander



Solomon Kugel flees his past and history to relocate with his wife and young son to a haunted farmhouse in upstate New York. The book is a hilarious and haunting examination of the burdens and abuse of history, and a compelling story of the hopeless longing to be free of those pasts that haunt our every present.

From TBH Committees

BLINTZAPALOOZA COMMITTEE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 18th! This year TBH is celebrating the 30th Annual Blintzapalooza! To commemorate this milestone we'll be holding a bagel bake-off contest. Start practicing your bagel making now!

COOKBOOK COMMITTEE

Cookbooks are a popular form of fundraising for charities, especially when they include contributions from local celebrities or well-known chefs in the community. In the TBH community, our “celebrities” are, without a doubt, our stalwart volunteers and our Chaver membership. Last summer, several chaver members formed the TBH Cookbook Project Committee and planned to release a new cookbook by Rosh Hashanah, but as John Lennon once crooned: “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans” and we missed our deadline.

Then the committee had an idea: Why not re-print Temple Tastings Cookbook in celebration of its 20th anniversary? This way it serves as both a placeholder for our upcoming new collection of recipes AND an opportunity to fundraise for the center of Jewish life here in Olympia: our beloved Temple Beth Hatfiloh!

We have a lofty goal of raising at least a \$1,000 by selling re-prints of the original Temple Tastings for \$20 each by Pesach. We are then going to follow up this cookbook fundraiser with another cookbook fundraiser, Temple Tastings II, with all new recipes from our local TBH “celebrities” by next Rosh Hashanah—but more on that, later. There is a sign-up sheet in the TBH office foyer where all orders are to be pre-paid. Buy one for yourself and more to give away as gifts! *Thank you for your support!*

Thank You, Volunteers!

Annual Campaign: **Phyllis Neff, Jim Kaydus, Ellen Grant, Laura Schrager, Jill Dole, Lisa Hoffman and Leslie Goldstein**

Hanukkah Party: **Charlotte Anderson; Matt, Lindsey and Iila Kennelly; Julie Kinn; Lisa Hoffman; Brett, Yael and Zachary Lewis; Michael Marchand; Amy and Sarah Newman; Spencer Orman; Sara Eve and Ella Sarliker; Erin, Gaute and Leif Syversen; Michael and Magdalena Toman and many others who jumped in - especially to help clean up!**

Mussar and Service Leaders: **Richard and Michele Jackman**

Torah Study Brunch: **Rick Hahn and Kay McKenzie**

Shabbat Salon: **Michael Blum, Susan Rosen, Harriet Strasberg, Steve Hodes and Katherine Davis-Delaney**

Laundry: **Beth Dubey**

Oneg Hosts: **Yael and Brett Lewis, Gail Pollock and Debra Shapiro**

FROM CATHERINE CARMEL: FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING DIRECTOR



January begins another opportunity to start something anew. Yes, we can start new things any day, but seeing titles relating to a ‘new year’ spurs us on to make changes. I typically dislike making changes in the middle of the school year, but sometimes

things I am working on get sidetracked. This was one of those projects. I am however, ready to roll out a new program that ties Jewish values education to things our kids enjoy doing at home.

For years, PJ Library has been an important part of what we offer to families here at TBH. We began years ago by making book subscriptions available to kids between the ages of six months and eight years of age. We expanded with a program called PJ Goes to School, where we brought in lessons on Jewish values to the kids in the Shorashim and Geza'im classes tied to the books the kids already had at home. Now we've brought in a new program called PJ Our Way. This program allows kids between the ages of nine and eleven to participate in a unique way. Every month, kids visit the PJ Our Way website to choose a book from a selection of four high-quality titles that have been reviewed by a panel of PJ educators, parents, and kids. To make the choice easier, every title offered comes with a synopsis, author biography, ratings and reviews, and video trailers. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, and comment on blog posts. This brings a new level of engagement with literacy in their Jewish life.

Kids in this age range can sign up for books now, but what is also exciting is what comes next.



Over the next few months, these kids will get an opportunity to become part of a book club or local design team, where they will help shape the future of the program at this level. Members of PJ Our Way Design Team have early access to PJ Our Way books and create videos and reviews for the website. Look for news about the opportunities for the PJ Our Way kids to get together, have fun and play in the intersection of Jewish books and technology. It will be so much fun!

L'shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine'.

Here's what Alim is doing from Elisheva Miller, our Alim (5 & 6 grade) teacher.

Here's a little bit about what the Alim class has been up to this school year! In addition to developing our Hebrew reading skills, we have studied several books from the Hebrew Bible, including Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs. The kids have engaged in discussions about how they see God, what they find meaningful in the texts, and how we can explore the themes of these books in our lives today. We talked about tzedakah and the importance of giving charity. We've also been playing games that integrate concepts of Jewish learning and reinforce vocabulary, like Hebrew Bible bingo and Jewish holiday charades. Last but not least, we've been exploring the concept of hiddur mitzvah (beautification of a mitzvah) through crafts and art projects that enhance Jewish rituals and learning.

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