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Building our Future Together

November - December 2026

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TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

We've survived the political ads, packed away the Halloween decorations and turned back the clocks. And just like that, the holiday season is upon us!

It's a time of celebration, reflection and tradition. For many Jewish families, Chanukah brings the warmth of candlelight and the joy of gathering together. Christians celebrate Christmas, while Kwanzaa honors African American and Pan-African culture, family and community. And in February, our Muslim friends and neighbors will begin observing Ramadan, a sacred month of fasting, prayer and reflection.

Different holidays. Different traditions. Different ways of celebrating what matters most.

Yet beneath these differences are values that unite us: faith, family, community, compassion and the universal desire for peace. Our traditions may be different, but the hopes we hold for ourselves, our families and our world are remarkably similar.

As we enter this season of celebration and reflection, may we embrace what brings us together, respect what makes us unique and look toward the future with renewed hope for peace, understanding and light.

Schedule of Services

November

Friday, November 6
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 7
Torah Study, 9:15 am

Friday, November 13
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 14
Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Gabby Carleo

Friday, November 20
Gobblers Shabbat with Religious School Participation, 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 21
Torah Study, 9:15 am

Friday, November 27
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

December

Friday, December 4
Family Chanukah Shabbat Service with Consecration of our Religious School students, 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 5
Torah Study, 9:15 am

Friday, December 11
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 12
Torah Study, 9:15 am

Friday, December 18
Kabbolat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 19
Torah Study, 9:15 am

Friday, December 25
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 5:30 pm

Please join the greater Absecon Island community for a festive opportunity of prayer, gratitude, and fellowship. **Monday, November 23, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm.**

To attend, please RSVP to **rabbi.kremer@shirathayamnj.org**
Clergy who wish to participate are invited to contact Rabbi Kremer as soon as possible. Many thanks!

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From the Rabbi



I am still amazed that we read from the Torah, from beginning to the end, the way our ancestors did for centuries. We find meaning in this ancient text even when, at first glance, it doesn't always seem to speak to us. The rabbinic tradition teaches us that if we,search through the Torah we will find everything in it. The rabbis used every form of mental gymnastics to make that a reality.

At this time of the year, when we are reading Genesis, it is easy to connect with the family drama of our ancestors. Later on we can feel the moral force to take seriously those commandments that improve our relationships with other human beings and help make our world a decent place. We are instructed to see what is wrong .We are inspired to be committed to work toward improvement.

What do we do when it is hard to relate to the week's reading? What do we do with commandments that are neither relevant or operative? I read. I study those sections as a chapter in our history. This is what our ancestors did and believed..

We want our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students to relate to their readings. Some of the passages are stuck in the past. But I remind the students that Bar and Bat Mitzvah are not mentioned in the Torah. We are talking about a later development. We aren't stuck in the past. Now, in the twenty first century we are still developing new ideas and new customs.

- Rabbi Stephen Sniderman

President's Message



It is wonderful to be able to enjoy this beautiful fall weather. The air is crisp, the summer humidity is gone,and we can appreciate the array of colors as the leaves on the trees take on the hues of autumn.

Inside Beth Israel, we are busy! There issomething for everyone to participate in. Our monthly book group is enjoyed by at least 20 members each month on a Wednesday. Consider attending the next book to be discussed. The date will be in the Friday weekly News and updates.

Rabbi Sniderman has begun an afternoon discussion group which is well attended and they are asking for more days! Watch for announcements on this.

The Thrift & Bake sale has taken on a life of its own! Many of our members have worked diligently for the past few weeks to organize the room and make this another fabulous fundraiser. Thank you to those members for your time and efforts!

Cantor Portnoy has been working with a choir. They are a small but melodic group. Would you like to join them? All voices are welcome! Please let the office know that you are interested.

We will soon be selling our Pot-of-Gold raffle tickets for the drawing which will be held in December. We will have 6 winners, one $5,000 and five $1,000. The money raised is used to help meet our budget for the year, so please participate if you are able.

Our Friday Shabbat services are a wonderful way to end your busy week and to spend time with your fellow congregants. Join us each Shabbat for community connection, spiritual reflection, and a structured break from the fast-paced routine of the week. I look forward to greeting you on Shabbat.

We also welcome any suggestions for programs or events you would like to see at Beth Israel. Just give us your thoughts!

I wish the best for each of you.

- Linda

From the Administrator



I have often heard the saying that as we grow older the days fly by faster.There are different ways to mark the passing of time. We celebrate our Jewish New Year, the secular New Year and our synagogue's fiscal year. That time, my friends is fast approaching.

Beth Israel's fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st. InDecember you will be billed for your financial commitment for 2027.You will see that your invoice reflects no increase. We understand the financial obligations each family has. But please consider increasing your financial commitment to the best of your ability. From our founding families to our current leadership, Beth Israel will never turn anyone away for financial restrictions. That is why we are so grateful to our Covenant Society. Your fellow congregants reach deep into their pockets so that we can continue to provide a home for anyJew who wishes to participate in synagogue life.

Life is a journey and as my mother would say money is round. Sometimes we are fortunate to have plenty and sometimes not. Beth Israel has always been a synagogue for all. Let us continue to honor the model set over 136 years ago. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

- Susan

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Pot of *Gold* Raffle

Get your Pot of *Gold* Raffle Ticket!



Donation $100.00
Only 200 tickets will be sold.

1st Prize – Up to $5,000 CASH
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3rd Prize – Up to $1,000 CASH
4th Prize – Up to $1,000 CASH
5th Prize – Up to $1,000 CASH
6th Prize – Up to $1,000 CASH

Drawing: December 8th 6pm at Latke Tasting

Winners need not be present to win

Please purchase your ticket(s) by mailing a check to the Temple office or Paypal or Venmo. That can be accessed through the Temple website bethisraelnorthfield.org

KRISTALLNACHT

A VIOLIN CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10,

10:30 AM

AT BETH ISRAEL IN NORTHFIELD

Join us for an afternoon of Yiddish music, spoken word, and poetry commemorating Kristallnacht

Acclaimed international concert violinist Dr. David Podles, a native of Riga, Latvia, has performed throughout the world as a soloist and with symphony, chamber, opera, and ballet orchestras, including appearances at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and Rockefeller Center.

Dr. Podles will bring his extraordinary talents to our community for this moving remembrance of Kristallnacht and the destruction of Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues in November 1938.



A brunch will be served. There is no cost to attend this program

Advance registration is required
RSVP by Tuesday, November 3,
Email info@jewishbytheshore.org or call 609-822-4404

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FEATURING



Join the JCC for a performance of HIDDEN, a musical based on the true story of Ruth Kapp Hartz, a hidde

Enjoy a one hour show followed
This performance is recommended for a

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ARTS BOOKS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

November 1 - 30

SUNDAY, November 15 1:00 pm

Learn more and register at **jccatlantic.org**

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Join us for a special Shabbat

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A Thanksgiving Family Shabbat

An Evening of Gratitude, Giving & Togetherness

Friday, November 20, 5:30 pm
2501 Shore Rd., Northfield, NJ

Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Religious School participation followed by a make-your-own Gobbler dinner (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy on a roll)

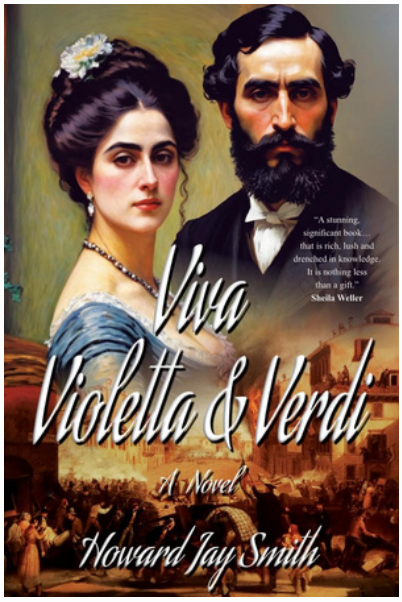


$36 per family or
$15 per person
Your payment is your reservation.

Venmo:
@BINorthfield
PayPal QR Code

Please bring nonperishable food donations for the JFS Pantry.

Questions? bethisrael@cbinorthfield.org



Join Us for Book Group!

Wed., Dec. 2, at 1 pm at Beth Israel

Viva Violetta & Verdi
By Howard Jay Smith

All are welcome!

Adult Education with Rabbi Sniderman
Wednesday, November 11 & 18 at 1 pm

Thank You for Another Fabulous Thrift & Bake Sale!

For over 70 years our Sisterhood has held their semi-annual Thrift Sale. Congregants donate, helpers sort and fold and hang, volunteers act as cashiers and we get ready! The Weis lobby is loaded with baked goods that our congregants bake. (We were sold out in 1 ½ hours.) The doors open and over 260 shoppers wait in line to peruse our Sale. We see the same faces each sale and greet each other as old friends.

It is a fabulous opportunity to welcome our community members into Beth Israel. Internally, it strengthens our Beth Israel community.

Sisterhood has been the backbone of this congregation since our inception. Whatever is needed that is not budgeted they provide. Stop in and see our new freezer, just purchased. We are grateful to these men and women who always say yes we can!

Looking forward to our Spring Sale.

We Mourn the Loss Of...

Dr. Lloyd Pritz
Husband of Robin Pritz
Father of Nicole and Randy Pritz

Jack Dinnerman
Father of Sue Fischer

Sylvia Barag
Mother of Steve and David Barasch
Sister of Jean Kripitz

May their memory be for a blessing.

Mazel Tov!

The Carleo Family
on Gabby becoming a Bat Mitzvah

The Fahringer Family
on the engagement of their daughter Nicole

The Lambert Gjertson Family
on Claire becoming a Bat Mitvah

The Rovins Family
on the engagement of their daughter Jocelyn

Gracious Gifts

In Memory Of:

Martha Kirschbaum - Dr. Paul & Ingrid Ljubich
Adele Mintz – Sylvia Barag
Benjamin Cohn – Jerry Cohn
Adele Mintz – Jean Kripitz
Milton Klempfner – Jeanne Gursky
Ken Chotiner – Marcia Chotiner
Rudolph Gutman – Bill & Cookie Gutman
Clara Goldmann – Ruth Kelman
Rose Robinson – Barbara Scarpa
Marvin Pincus – Barry & Debbie Pincus
Hilda Falk – Jonathan & Judy Rahn
Ann Brown – Michael & Joy Lewkowski
Esther Kripitz – Jean Kripitz
Esther Pinsky – Jean Kripitz
Esther Lena – Sharon Altman
Lloyd Pritz – Debbie & Gary Rosman, Waldman, Posner & Rubinson Family, Jamie Goldberg-Cross, Bruce & Susan Gamberg, Ted & Janet Rich, Rich & Lisa Belkin, Susan & Bob Mayer
Ed Cohen – Bob & Susan Mayer
Robert Robinson – Barbara Scarpa
Helen Rhodes – Lloyd & Ellen Eisen
Morton Eisen – Lloyd & Ellen Eisen
Estelle Kanaeki – Ava Rsenick
Philip Blumstein – Ellen Rosenfield
Hannah Nissman – Ellen Rosenfield
Sylvia Berkowitz – Toby Goldstein
Emanuel Zibulsky – Michelle Zibulsky
Marian Reich – Ilene & Larry Reich
William Rosen – Eva Rosen Cain
Theresa Morini – Dr. Paul & Ingrid Ljubich
Alaina Shoshana Baker – Karl & Sindy Baker
Marion Gwirtz – Harry & Carol Marder
Nathaniel Wiesenfeld – Phyllis Perkins
Sgt. Rubin Rabinowitz – Shelley & Peter D'Orazio

Gracious Gifts (cont'd)

Yetta Israel – Ellen Rosenfeld
Frances Trivus – Ellen Rosenfeld
Jeffrey Nissman – Ellen Rosenfeld
Matthew Rosenfield – Ellen Rosenfeld
Ken Rappoport – Felicia & James Niven
Marvin Goldstein – Toby Goldstein
Maurice Cohen – Alan Cohen
Harold Garfield – Alan Cohen
Isabelle Robinson – Barbara Scarpa
Eugene Tihansky – Kim & Robert Sabo
Helen Gutman – Bill & Cookie Gutman
Charles Stern – Rose Ann Stern
Selma Nisenfeld – Harry & Carol Marder
Elaine Friedman – Barbara Rosenblatt
Sydney Rosenblatt – Barbar Rosenblatt
Audrey Fischer – Shelly & Brian Meyers
Irving Fischer – Shelly & Brian Meyers
Rivian Hoffman – Shelly & Brian Meyers
Joan Rovins – Marla & Byron Rovins
Micky Bronstein – Marla & Byron Rovins
Rose Feldman – Michelle Zibulsky
Samuel Romm – Harriet Young
Sylvia Barag – Golda Wood, Martha Moskowitz, Jeff & Marta Kripitz

In Honor of:
Thanks to Dawn Gadon's kindness & concern
Bennett & Jeannette Flax

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In Memory Of:
Marc Rosenberg – Patti Rosenberg

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In Memory Of:
Harold Moskowitz – Martha Moskowitz

Join us for the 1st Night of Chanukah!



Chanukah Blessings



Candles are added to the *Chanukiah* from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Chanukah, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *Shamash* - the helper candle- set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles, first using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only we add:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance God performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for God's wondrous acts of deliverance.

RULES FOR PLAYING DREIDEL



The four letters are:

These letters mean *"A Great Miracle Happened There."* The first letter of each Hebrew word in this phrase is found on the sides of the dreidel. Depending on how the dreidel falls determines what happens.

1. Everyone puts one into the pot.
2. Take turns spinning the dreidel and take out or put in according to the spin.

נ NUN – "Nichts" nothing happens - next player spins the dreidel

ג GIMEL – "Gants" take all

ה HEY – "Halb" take half

ש SHIN – "Shtell" put in 2

3. When pot is empty, everyone puts in one again.

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