

THIS MONTH AT TEMPLE BETH AM

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December 2024

Don Miller, President
Rabbi Danielle Leshaw



President's Message

As we approach Hanukkah, we are reminded of the light that shines through the darkness, both in the world around us and in our hearts. Hanukkah, which begins this year on the evening of December 25th, is a time to celebrate the miracles of the past as we gather with loved ones to kindle the menorah, sing songs, share stories, and enjoy the warmth of family and community.

During these winter months, when days are shorter and the nights longer, we may find ourselves turning inward. The winter's chill offers a perfect opportunity to appreciate the warmth of our synagogue community. Whether through our shared worship services, Torah study, or social events, it is in our togetherness that we find the true light of the season.

I look forward to our working together to continue the renewal of spirit in the months ahead. We have welcomed a new rabbi, Rabbi Danielle Leshaw, and we have begun to have in-person services when we can. Let us continue to support one another as we move into the new year with renewed energy, joy, and commitment to our traditions.

May the lights of Hanukkah bring warmth and peace to your homes, and may the coming months be filled with blessings, health, and happiness. If you have any latkes or sufganiyot you can spare, just give me a call and I'll be happy to take them off your hands.

Sue and I wish you all a joyous Hanukkah, a happy and a healthy new year, and a wonderful winter season! Please keep Israel, her soldiers, and the hostages in your prayers.

Warmly,

Don

Meet Rabbi Danielle Leshaw



November 16, 2024 12:21 PM

Rabbi's Message

I hope you've had a lovely Thanksgiving weekend, filled with warmth, gratitude, and meaningful connections.

This time of year invites us to reflect on the blessings in our lives, to share our abundance with others, and to embrace moments of togetherness with family and friends. It's a season that centers on themes of gratitude, community, and giving back—all of which find beautiful parallels in this week's Torah portion, Vayetzei.

In Vayetzei, Jacob embarks on a transformative journey, fleeing from his brother Esau and encountering God in a dream of a ladder reaching toward heaven. Awed by this divine revelation, Jacob acknowledges God's presence and vows to dedicate himself to serving the Divine. The gratitude Jacob expresses is active; he commits to returning a portion of his blessings to God, much like Thanksgiving weekend encourages us to turn our appreciation into action—whether through sharing with others, supporting those in need, or creating meaningful moments with loved ones. Jacob's dream serves as a reminder that thankfulness has the power to bridge the sacred and the everyday, connecting heaven and earth.

As we move from Thanksgiving into the season of Hanukkah, Jacob's journey also reminds us of the enduring power of hope and light amid darkness. Hanukkah celebrates resilience, miracles, and the rededication of sacred spaces—both physical and spiritual. Just as Jacob found God's presence in an unexpected place and responded with faith and action, so too does Hanukkah invite us to recognize the light within us and share it with others.

This season encourages us to strengthen family bonds, embrace gratitude, and dedicate ourselves to bringing more light into the world. May the lessons of Vayetzei and the spirit of Hanukkah inspire us to climb the ladder of hope, thankfulness, and connection, illuminating our lives and the lives of others.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all again at Beth Am on Shabbat morning, December 14. Until then, see you on zoom and Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Danielle

TEMPLE NEWS

All Temple services are still available as required. Call the Temple Office, if no one is there, leave a message for a call back.

*Join us on Saturday December 14th at 10:30 am
when we celebrate the Sabbath and upcoming
holiday of Hanukkah*

(In Temple)



Come see how beautiful the sanctuary looks after being refurbished

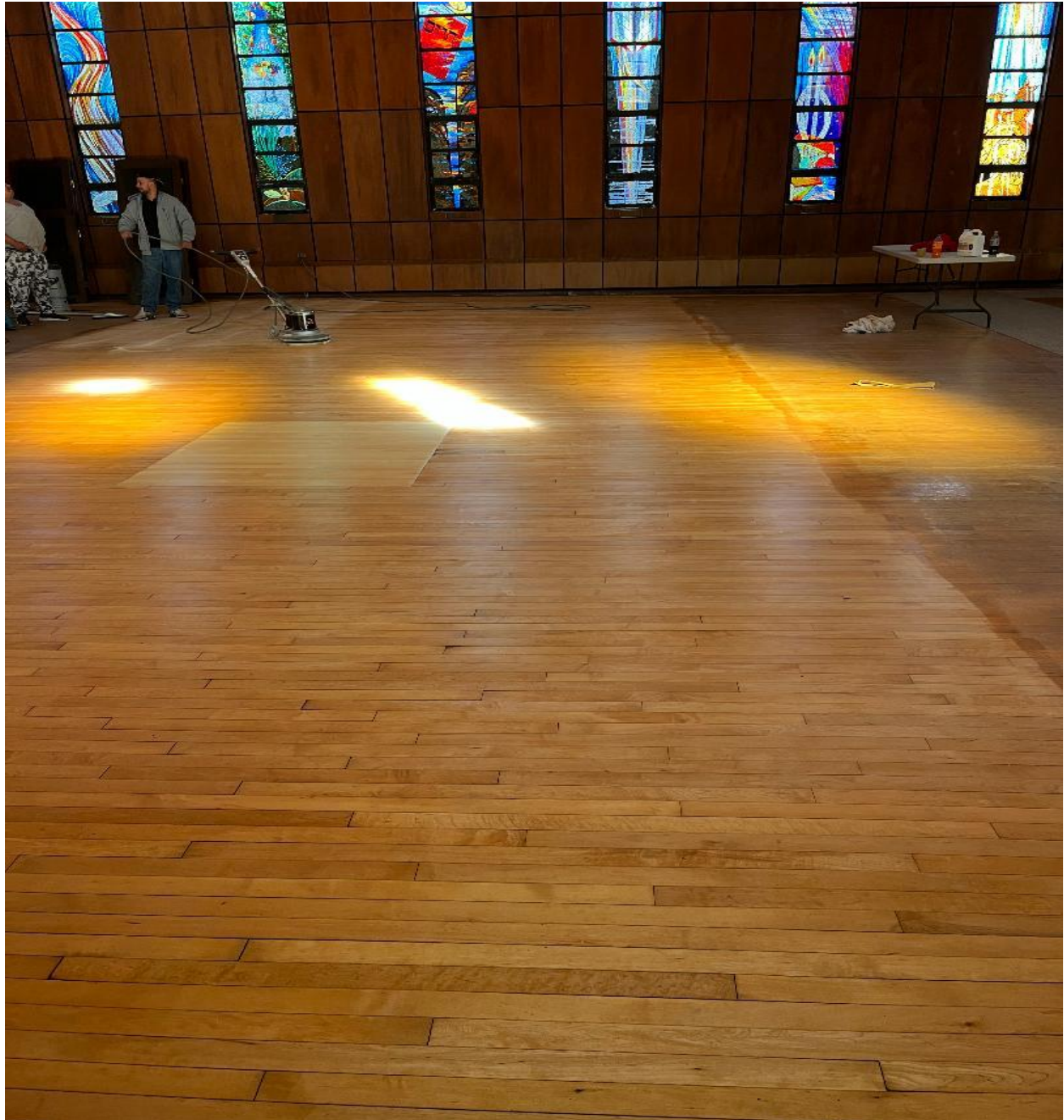
The next Indoor service Saturday December 14th – 10:30 am

followed by our get-together Oneg



Temple sanctuary in process of being spruced up. Looks great!

Damaged sanctuary floor had to be repaired and refinished. One of the recent storms damaged the ceiling and the floor but all is finished and looking great and ready for our next party.





Leonard Rudner

December 9

Judah Moon Kawalek

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December 25

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SEE YOU ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

AT SHABBAT SERVICES 10:30 AM

Yahrzeits - December 2024

The Individual Yahrzeits will be read during the upcoming Shabbat Service

Saturday – December 7, 2024

David Lipkowitz (Kislev 1) – Louis Rosen – Mendel Konigsberg – Blanche Friedberg – Alex Guest

Mildred Cozewith – Robert I. Appel – Minnie Rubin Goldfarb – Leo Leichter

Saturday – December 14, 2024

Meyer Chertoff (Kislev 8) – David Cohen (Kislev 13) – Jacob Simon – Henry B. Rosenberg – Esther Katz

Goldie Fishman – Lena Novik – Sarah Rubin Bank – Edward Shapiro, MD – Lena Rosenberg

Daniel Feinberg – Isadore Allen – Albert Weisman

Saturday – December 21, 2024

Claire Frank (Kislev 19) – Benjamin Schwartzman (Kislev 19) – Sadie Klimpl – Bertha Simon

Ida Doroshinsky – Gladys K. Appel – Herman I. Lauton – Hyman Rosenberg – Dora Tuchman

Felix Vogler – Henrietta Greenberg – Anne Fleishman

Saturday – December 28, 2024

Joseph Weinberger (Kislev 24) – Fay Gish (Kislev 24) – Fred “Hepsy” Hirsch (Kislev 27)

Celia Lieb (Kislev 29) – Sadie Gleich – Gussie Ellis – Joseph I. Kozinn – Anna Birne – David Land

Sarah Schoenfeld – Anna Kur – Eugene Lasky – David Levinson – Norman J. Harris – Oscar Russ

Kate Friedberg

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High Holy Day Prayer Book Dedications (\$25)

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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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