

ABOUT US

This is a place

For open arms and conscientious hearts
For the spiritually curious and intellectually minded
For folks who live and thrive as part of a community

For embracing Jewish rituals and engaging with new ideas

For smile-givers and colorful celebrators
For singers and seekers and Shabbat candle-lighters
For old souls and the young at heart

For doers and dream-builders
For those who love Israel (particularly hummus!)
For celebrating when life is good,
and supporting each other when life gets hard

There is a place for you here.



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OUR EDUCATION TEAM

Rabbi Alan Turetz, Spiritual Leader

Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey

Dr. Davin Wolok, Chazzan Sheni

Samara Katz, Director of Congregational Learning

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The Holy One said, "Let us make humanity in Our image and in Our likeness..."
-Genesis 1:26

ALL OF US IN THE DIVINE IMAGE

All of us welcome



ELEVATOR ACCESS

Located at the Puddingstone Road side of our building.
(near our playground entrance)



LARGE PRINT PRAYERBOOKS



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Located at the back of the Sanctuary



PREFERRED SEATING

Ask our ushers about preferred seating for people with
wheelchairs, walkers, visual or hearing impairment,
or other special needs.



FIDGET TOYS

Feel free to borrow a fidget toy at any time during the
service. Located in the box at the back of the Sanctuary.



NURSING MOTHERS

For privacy and comfort, nursing mothers can use the
Life Cycle Suite located near the Sanctuary.



GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS

Accessible, gender neutral restrooms are located
near the Sanctuary.



**PLEASE TELL OUR USHERS IF THERE IS ANY OTHER
WAY WE CAN HELP TO MEET YOUR NEEDS.**

WE WANT YOU TO FEEL WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES!



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Service & Ritual Events

Shabbat K'ley-Zemer

Join Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey, Rabbi Turetz & friends for a participatory and uplifting accompanied service, followed by a delicious communal dinner.

Oct 20, Dec 8, Jan 19, Mar 15
6:15 pm

Binah B'emet Shabbat Dinner

Feb 9 at 6:15 pm

Welcome the Shabbat with a relaxing and social dinner for Binah B'emet families and friends.

For the latest information on:
Daily Minyan Schedule,
Rosh Chodesh Service Schedule,
Shabbat and Holiday Services & Events,
please consult our Website or *What's Nu?*

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Bible and Beyond with Dr. Davin Wolok

**You Are a Whole World:
The Uniqueness and Significance of Each
Individual in Jewish Thought**

Every other Tuesday at 7:30 pm on Zoom
beginning Aug 22, 2023

Why did God create only one human being at the beginning? The reason, so the rabbis proclaim, is to teach us that every single person is equal to a whole world. True, our tradition teaches us to love our neighbor as our self. But they, like us, are unbounded in their significance and worth.

In our course we will examine the lives of major Biblical figures, like Noah, Abraham, Moses, Miriam and others, to see how each was a unique configuration of human qualities, how each impacted others in a way which was special and flowed from their innermost core. Idiosyncrasies will abound.

Join us as we learn more about Biblical figures and hopefully, in the process, learn more about ourselves as well!

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L'chi Lach/Go Forth: Walking with the Shakers and Destiny-Makers We Call the Matriarchs

Wednesday, Oct 25 at 8 pm &
Thursday, Oct 26 at 8 pm
on Zoom

Join Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey as we walk alongside these six remarkable ancestors, inculcating deep and penetrating lessons about confidence, sacrifice, and verve that are especially relevant in contemporary society. Prophets, spiritual seekers, and iconoclasts, these women boldly subverted the patriarchy (with a co-conspiring God), bringing their spiritual visions and the destiny of a people to fruition. We'll rely on the game-changing scholarship of Tykva Freymer-Kensky, our medieval plain contextual commentators, midrash, both classical and contemporary, poetry, and other media, to awaken our sensitivity, empathy, and insight into these moving biblical texts.

Session One: "Sarah and Hagar: Parallel Priestesses-Parallel Princesses" and "The Grace and Grit of the Prophet Rebecca"

Session Two: "Rachel and Leah: Thanksgiving and Righteous Indignation" and "Six Matriarchs: Why We Need Bilhah and Zilpah"

Cantor-Plex Film Festival

presents

Coming-of-age Tales

Saturday January 27 at 6:15 pm

Indignation (2016) directed by James Schmaus based on the novel of the same name by Philip Roth

Saturday February 10 at 6:15 pm

Shiva Baby (2020) directed by Emma Seligman

Sunday Screening:

iMordecai

Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 pm

When Mordecai, a Holocaust survivor, portrayed by Academy Award Nominee Judd Hirsch is given a new iPhone, an unexpected series of events upends his world. A heartwarming Miami-set comedy based on a true story.

Co-starring Sean Astin and Carol Kane

Director: Marvin Samel

(suitable for ages 16+)

Emeth Reads

The Only Woman in the Room: Golda Meir and Her Path to Power

Pnina Lahav

Sunday, November 5, 2023
at 10:00 am



Light breakfast, author presentation
and book signing with Pnina Lahav

In this authoritative and empathetic biography, Pnina Lahav re-examines the life of Golda Meir (1898–1978) through a feminist lens, focusing on her recurring role as a woman standing alone among men. *The Only Woman in the Room* is the first book to contend with Meir's full identity as a woman, Jew, Zionist leader, and one of the founders of Israel, providing a richer portrait of her persona and legacy.

Pnina Lahav is emerita professor of law and a member of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University. She is the author of the award-winning *Judgment in Jerusalem: Chief Justice Simon Agranat and the Zionist Century*. She lives in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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Through Hebrew College's Circle Jewish Learning

"Do Golems Dream of Electric Shuls?" Moral Responsibility of Technology with Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey

October 17, 24; November 7, 14, 21, 2023
8:00-9:30 pm

In Jewish folklore, characters often create a Golem or clay humanoid imbued with protective power. Israeli professor of mysticism and folklorist Joseph Dan called the Golem “the most important twentieth-century contribution of Hebrew literature to world literature.” By examining the role of the Golem in Hebrew literature, we will explore questions these texts raise about the moral responsibility of modern creators of technology, particularly of A.I. and robots, and whether such beings have agency. Additionally, what does each successive iteration of the motif reveal about human nature and the specific challenges of the era? Together, we will investigate the intertextuality of this marvelous Golem humanoid through the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, among the Medieval Pietists, in 16th century Prague, through retellings by Elie Wiesel, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Cynthia Ozick, Michael Chabon and Pete Hamill, through film, comics, and even Hebrew slang.

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**"The Crownless Again Shall be King":
A Course in Mindfulness
Through the Palm Tree of Deborah**

**Tuesday Mornings Dec 12, 19 and Jan 9 at 8:30 am
on Zoom**

Join Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey as we explore this ethical masterpiece, composed by Safed Kabbalist, Moshe Cordovero, and its very practical applications with regard to strengthening our patience, growing our compassion, and placing anger and frustration in a proper perspective. The primary text will be supplemented with contemporary commentaries, other rabbinic texts, literature and media, including J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.

Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

**Selected Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
on Zoom**

**The topic for the year is
Torah Study from Women's Perspectives**

Utilizing Torah commentary written by women, we will explore the parshiot from women's perspectives.

All women are encouraged to join; there is no fee and the Zoom link will be available in *What's Nu?*

Musical Program

**Bob Dylan: Our Defiant Prophet
- a Musical Program with Songleader and
Jewish Educator David Wesson and musical
guests**

June 8 (evening)

The mythic Bob Dylan is unquestionably the MOST important songwriter of the second half of the 20th Century. As a great synthesist, Dylan absorbed the wellspring of world history, art and western religious traditions, pulling from the past and building something new. In addition, he spouts deep wisdom, and a castigation of immorality - both of which stem from his Jewish roots. Truly despite himself, he performs the role of Navi, prophet, who is a truth teller, or a "proclaimer".

In this live music "edutainment," program, we will explore how Dylan, though very resistant to the title, is very much in line with the Jewish prophetic tradition. And we will find out how many ears we must have in order to hear his cry.

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Water in the Cracks:

Miriam as a Model for Transformational Leadership

Tuesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 18 at 8 pm on Zoom ([link to follow](#))

Miriam, the prophet, the douser, the song-leader, the choreographer, the young protector, and the crone. Raised in a community of subversive, strong, and wily women, Miriam learns at a young age to be the water that erodes the edifice of instrumentalization and enslavement of others. Moreover, she becomes the deep wellspring that waters the emotional, psychological, and spiritual vitality of a former rabble of slaves, a rising tide that becomes a holy nation.

Join Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey as we explore and celebrate Miriam's collaborative, inspirational, and visionary leadership by the Nile Waters, at the Reed Sea, and in the Wilderness. Utilizing the Torah text, classical and contemporary commentators, and various media, we'll meditate on how she can be a model for transforming and actualizing our 21st-century kehillot (communities).

Session One: Light in the Cracks: It Takes A Village to Raise a Hero

Session Two: "Surf and Swagger at the Reed Sea" and "Drawing from the Well"

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Salon:

A Forum on Great Jewish Ideas and Today's Greatest Challenges

Saturday/Sunday afternoons TBD

Rabbinical Student and Psychologist Rachel Posner - Rabbis Against Gun Violence

Civil Rights Attorney, Rabbinical student, and Author, Steven Goldstein - a Jewish Case for Reparations

Rabbi-Cantor Michael McCloskey - Esther's Contraception: Jewish Perspectives on Women's Reproductive Freedom

Cantor Vera Broekhysen, Spiritual Leader, Local Leader in T'ruah and the Sanctuary movement - A Jewish perspective on immigration and the refugee crises

Dr. Matthew Kim, Educator -How rhetoric can teach kids/teens to make sense of truth and falsity in our world.

Babysitting available, must RSVP, hosted in homes, craft beer or cocktails.

5784 Jewish Holidays

2023

Sept 16 & 17	Rosh Hashanah 5784
Sept 24	Kol Nidrei
Sept 25	Yom Kippur
Sept 30	Sukkot Day 1
Oct 1	Sukkot Day 2
Oct 7	Shemini Atzeret
Oct 8	Simchat Torah
Dec 8-15	Chanukah

2024

Jan 25	Tu B'Shevat
Mar 24	Purim
Apr 22	First Seder
Apr 23-30	Passover
May 6	Yom Hashoah
May 13	Yom Hazikaron
May 14	Yom Ha'atzma'ut
May 26	Lag B'Omer
June 5	Yom Yerushalayim
June 12 & 13	Shavuot
July 23	Fast of 17 Tammuz
Aug 13	Fast of Tisha B'Av
Aug 19	Tu B'Av

Celebrations & Family Programs

Sept 10	The Book of Jonah: A Whale of a Tale
Sept 25	First Bite: Neilah and Break Fast
Oct 7	Simchat Torah Service & Celebration
Oct 22	Parashat Noah Trip to the Zoo
Dec 8	Shabbat K'ley-Zemer & Chanukah Party
Jan 28	Tu B'Shevat Family Program
Mar 24	Purim Megillah Reading & Celebration
Apr 7	Passover Family Program

Binah B'emet Education Calendar

Program is in session Sundays*

Sept	10
Oct	15, 22, 29
Nov	5, 19
Dec	3, 10, 17
Jan	7, 21, 28
Feb	4, 11
Mar	3, 10, 17, 24
Apr	7
May	5, 12, 19
June	2, 9



* Midweek sessions TBD