

## HANUKKAH EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW Sunday, December 5



featuring  
**Rabbi Capptauber  
and Stuart Malina**



5:00 p.m. - Latkes and refreshments TBD

5:30 p.m. - Hanukkah Show

6:30 p.m. - Dessert and games with dreidel contest  
and member menorah lighting TBD

Please bring your menorahs and candles

Celebration is free



RSVP to Patty Brown, or for any questions  
717 232-0556 [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org)

### Calendar Highlights

#### Friday, October 29

Family Kabbalat Shabbat-Beth El Temple 6 p.m.

#### Saturdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, Feb. 26

Pajama Havdalah, 7 p.m.

#### Mondays, November 1 & 8

Learn Hebrew/Trope with Mandy Cheskis,  
continued, 7-8:45 p.m.

#### Tuesdays, November 2, 16, 23, 30

Shmita: The Great Wisdom of Rest,  
continued, 7:30-9 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 6

Rockin' Havdalah Under the Stars, 6-8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 9

Zoom with Authors: Lisa Scottoline, *Eternal*,  
7-9 p.m.

#### Sunday, November 14

Beth El Gift Shop Hanukkah SALE  
10:00 a.m.-12 Noon

#### Sundays, November 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

Soul Spa Sundays, 11 a.m.

#### Friday, November 19

Gesher Gratitude Shabbat at Chisuk Emuna  
6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 24

30th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Service,  
Livestream, 7 p.m.

#### Sunday evening, November 28 -

#### Monday, December 6

Hanukkah

#### Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 & January 5, 12, 19, 26

Talmudic Personalities Adult Ed Class,  
Zoom, 11 a.m.

#### Tuesday, December 7

Zoom with Authors: Mark Sullivan,  
*The Last Green Valley*, 7-9 p.m.

#### Friday, December 17

Family Kabbalat Shabbat-Beth El Temple 6 p.m.

### Candle Lighting Times

Nov 5	5:41 p.m.	Dec 3	4:23 p.m.
Nov 12	4:34 p.m.	Dec 10	4:23 p.m.
Nov 19	4:29 p.m.	Dec 17	4:24 p.m.
Nov 26	4:25 p.m.	Dec 24	4:28 p.m.
		Dec 31	4:33 p.m.

### Daily Service Times

Weekday evenings	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Friday mornings	7:00 a.m.
Friday nights	6:00 p.m.
Sundays	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.

## ■ Rabbi's Message



Dear Beth El,

We are now in the second month of the Jewish year called Heshvan. This is a special month for Jewish clergy and professionals, as it is a time when we get to relax a bit after the busyness of the first month of the year, Tishrei, filled with holiday and Shabbat services every few days.

Resting in Heshvan is not only for clergy, but for all of us. So many things keep us busy, whether we are busy with Jewish holiday celebrations, starting a new school year, transitioning to fall, caring for loved ones, or anything else. So many of us live busy lives and we need and deserve to rest. In fact, the entire Jewish year of 5782 is designated as a year of rest and rejuvenation, a year of *Shmita*, the Sabbatical year.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, I spoke about our need to take the time to connect with our inner light, so that it can serve as a guide for us in life. Particularly in such a difficult time, in which we endured a pandemic and continue to experience its effects, illness and loss and fear, isolation and stress and constant change; all of this can obscure our view of the inner light, our inner Knowing. This *Shmita*, or sabbatical year, is a time to step back from the chaos of the world and the chaos within ourselves and find some spaciousness and calm in which we can reconnect with ourselves and the divine. Then, when we reach the month of Kislev, in which we light the Hanukkah candles, we will be ready to connect that exterior light to the interior light growing within us. I look forward to celebrating a joyous Hanukkah together.

One opportunity to reconnect with our inner light will be through the adult education course I'm teaching

in October and November on *Shmita*. We'll learn about what *Shmita* has historically meant to our people, and we will also take time to think about what this year could mean in our own lives. What practices will we incorporate in honor of this sabbatical year? What behaviors will we change? All are welcome to join us for this clarifying work. I also plan to hold "Soul Spa" sessions, including practices from Yoga for the Soul to writing, singing, hiking, and art making. These practices help calm the noise of the outside world in our minds so we can reconnect with that which lies deep within us.

I will also incorporate moments for meditation and introspection into our services. On Fridays and Saturdays, we will reconnect with our breath and practice using meditation to connect more deeply in prayer. I encourage you to join us in person for services when you can; though I know there are still some health concerns, I can assure you that our spacious sanctuary has tons of space to socially distance while inside, and we all wear masks and have reason to believe that almost everyone there is vaccinated. I hope you will feel safe to join us so that we can care for our souls as well as our bodies. If you are not ready yet, however, I am pleased that Beth El continues to offer livestream and Zoom options for accessibility and hope you will take advantage of those avenues to engage with us.

Please stay in touch and let me know how you are doing and how you are finding light these days. I can't wait to celebrate the return of our inner light and the return of sunlight with you on Hanukkah, the festival of lights.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Capptauber

## ■ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 17, 2021—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021—6:00 p.m.

## ■ BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 17, 2021—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021—7:00 p.m.

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## ■ PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Shanah Tovah! Welcome to a new year at Beth El Temple! A new year and a new beginning for our congregation, one that I am very excited about. And I can tell you, the energy is contagious.

I'm sensing new energy in our Gesher school, headed by our Director of Lifelong Learning, Mandy Cheskis. A very energized and enthusiastic Rabbi, who continues to lead us in prayer, teaches us as we study together (please attend the many classes she leads), and with her positive attitude, Rabbi Capptauber always gives us something to think about. In addition, we have a very invigorated lay leadership that is working hard to ensure the continued success of our shul.

During my remarks at Rosh Hashanah, I articulated that I have some dreams I hope will come to fruition this year. With others, I'm currently working on some projects. While I am still not ready to divulge what is up our sleeves, I will say that things are coming along nicely and hopefully next month I can reveal what we are planning.

I want everyone to know that my overall goal as we move into the future is to get you involved. I invite you to make Beth El Temple a part of your journey by actively participating and availing yourselves to everything that our synagogue has to offer. I remind you that this is YOUR synagogue! This is YOUR community! YOU control the synagogue's destiny. So, please get involved!

Finally, if you have not donated to our High Holiday Appeal, please find it in your heart to give. Your thoughtful contribution will help us to continue our meaningful work. With your generosity, we can continue to offer the warm embrace of our Jewish community to everyone who seeks it.

Our sages wrote that the world rests on three pillars: Torah, Service, and Acts of loving-kindness. At Beth El Temple, we take those words to heart.

See you at shul,  
*Rick Leiner*  
President

## ■ MINYAN MOMENTS

### At Beth El Temple, we all count!

What's your day to count and be counted upon?

To become a minyannaire, contact our minyan captains:

Morning minyan captain

Bob Lieberman (717-979-1634)

Evening minyan captain

Ron Lench (717-877-1892)

Saturday night minyan captain

Dale Kaplan (717-979-7787)

Sunday morning minyan captain

Ron Lench (717-877-1892)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Beth El Temple minyan family.

Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Zoom

Sunday evening - no service

Monday morning - no service

Monday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Tuesday morning 7:00 a.m. Zoom

Tuesday evening 5:30 p.m. IN PERSON

Wednesday morning - no service

Wednesday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Thursday morning - no service

Thursday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Friday morning - 7:00 a.m. IN PERSON

Saturday evening - no service



Beth El Temple Family,  
Albert Einstein stated, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein's words remind us that we encounter great things daily. During Hanukkah, we recount the miracle of the great Maccabean revolt against the mighty Syrian-Greek army. One of the miracles that I am lucky to witness is the hard work of our volunteers and staff.

Over the past few months, we have been reminded of the dedication of so many of our Temple family. To prepare for the High Holidays takes enormous effort on the part of our staff and volunteers. The planning starts in early spring and continues until the last Torah scroll is placed back into the ark on Simchat Torah. Your collective support has been invaluable, and we hope you know your efforts have not gone unnoticed. We appreciate you.

Thank you to:

- Congregants whose participation in our services enriched our worship
- Volunteers who helped run the children and teen services
- Volunteers who blew the Shofar
- Volunteer who ordered the Bimah flowers
- Volunteers who built our Sukkah
- Secretarial Team who organize, prepare, and facilitate this huge endeavor
- Maintenance staff who go above and beyond to get the synagogue ready
- Our leadership team who organized and coordinated our volunteers
- Our rabbi who created a meaningful spiritual experience for all

As we transition from a season of prayer and renewal to a season of peace and light, I hope we take the time to recognize and appreciate the daily miracles around us. Let us remember to thank our staff and volunteers who make this shul light up every day. Let us take time to share special memories with family and friends.

*Bill Walter, Executive Director*



### The InterReligious Forum of Greater Harrisburg will hold its **30th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Service** **Wednesday, November 24, 2021** **7:00 p.m.**

The service will be livestreamed from the  
**Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day  
Saints on Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg**

**Theme: Thankfulness for Resistance  
in the Time of COVID**

**Representatives of twelve different religions  
in the Harrisburg area will read prayers from  
their holy books on the service theme.**

**The Jewish prayer will be given by  
Jennifer Ross, CEO of the  
Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg.**

**More information will be coming with the  
livestream link.**

### **MARCH of the LIVING** **To Be Offered in Spring 2022**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg will once again be offering the March of the Living to local Jewish high school seniors. Over a two-week period, many thousands of students from all corners of the earth gather together in Poland to commemorate Yom Ha'shoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, and then proceed to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. **The approximate dates for March of the Living '22 are April 24-May 8.**

Jenna Rappaport, who has had a lifelong connection to this community, will facilitate the March of the Living program. A graduate of Hebrew High and a former March participant, Jenna has had extensive experience with Holocaust education. She wrote her master's thesis on the topic.

The March not only provides an extraordinary opportunity for Jewish youth to gain a greater understanding of twentieth century Jewish history, but it also serves as a catalyst to reaffirm Jewish commitment and identity. The impact of the March lasts a lifetime. One March alumnus stated, "Before I went on the March, I was a Jew in my head. Now I'm a Jew in my heart." From another student: "I have NEVER, ever in my life, been more proud to be a Jew."

The March of the Living preparatory course will begin on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the JCC and will meet weekly after that. It is our hope that every Jewish teen in our community participates in the March of the Living during their senior year in high school.



# Beth El Temple Sisterhood

Dear Sisterhood,

One of our taglines for many years was "At Beth El, we all count." Beyond minyan, I interpret that in many ways. Beth El Temple is our Temple and the Sisterhood is our Sisterhood.

Recently, Debra Kaunitz, Helene Loux, and I have worked through our schedules to try to read Torah together every two months or so. Of course, it is a bit of learning and practicing, but the reward is great. We are able to contribute to a meaningful service and enjoy the sisterhood of doing this together. If you have skills in Hebrew-reading, either Torah, Haftorah, or a part of the service, I encourage you to give it a try. If you're rusty or need practice, you should consider signing up for the Hebrew and Trope class being led by Mandy Cheskis throughout the year.

For those that might be traveling or going south for the winter, I wish you safe travels. Please join us virtually, and we hope to see you in the spring when you return.

*In friendship,  
Rachel Zilbering*

## HUGE BETH EL GIFT SHOP HANUKKAH SALE!!!



**Sunday, November 14**

**10% OFF**



**ALL HANUKKAH MERCHANDISE FOR  
ONE DAY ONLY!!!**

GESHER students will be visiting the Gift Shop that day—please send money with your child so they can shop for family gifts

[NOTE: Minimum \$10 purchase for discount. Normal Sisterhood discount will be applied only to non-Hanukkah merchandise over \$25 purchase.]

Regular Gift Shop Hours: Sundays when Gesher is in Session, 10:00 a.m. (after minyan) – 12:00 p.m.

**DON'T FORGET... Hanukkah starts the evening of  
Sunday, November 28**

Buy your gifts now before Gift Shop supplies run out!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP**

## THE SNOW IS COMING, THE SNOW IS COMING

**And the Snowbirds are getting ready for flight!**



In the hustle and bustle of packing and closing up your local home, *you often forget to notify the synagogue of your new address* for the following several months. That means that not only do you miss important synagogue mailings that enable you to keep up with the community while you are gone, but you also miss Yahrzeit notices and the opportunity to send and receive Leagram greetings. Each piece of mail sent after your departure and before notification by you (or the post office) is returned to the synagogue with postage due, and this includes "temporarily away" mail. The only one that benefits is the US Post Office as the synagogue pays up to three times to mail you the same item.

Please take the time to make a notation on your **Beth El Sisterhood Calendar** to contact the synagogue office with your Snowbird address and phone information before you depart. Or, clip and save the form below to mail to the office when you know your approximate departure and return dates.

### SNOWBIRD ALERT!

Please redirect my mail to the following address while I/we bask in the warmer temperatures.

**Snowbird Address:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Beth El Temple Office  
2637 North Front Street • Harrisburg PA 17110

Please respond with this information to help us avoid additional mailing costs when undeliverable mail is returned to the Temple Office.

# GESHER NEWS

by Mandy Cheskis



Gesher has been off to a wonderful start this year. Our school meets on Sunday mornings at Beth El Temple and Wednesday after school at Chisuk Emuna Congregation. After a long year of Zooming, it is a delight to be back for in-person learning this year!

Our talented Gesher teachers have been working on ways to make this year in person interactive, engaging, and transformative, while complying with necessary Covid restrictions.

Our classrooms and class instruction have been modified for social distancing and safety with students at least three feet apart from each other. We are lucky to have support and guidance from our Joint Gesher Covid Committee members to help us navigate through this challenging transition back to in-person learning during a pandemic.

Here are a few highlights of our Gesher year so far. We enjoyed outdoor yoga with Rabbi Capptauber, decorated the sukkah, and danced while holding scarves (for safe social distancing) with Rabbi Muroff and Rabbi Capptauber around the Torah on Simchat Torah!

We recently had our first Joint Gesher Family Friday Night Service. These family-friendly joint services are designed to be infused with family fun, community building, and interactive learning as we celebrate Shabbat together. Learning the prayers of the Friday Night Shabbat service is part of our Gesher Hebrew curriculum this year. At our first service, each student or family stood proudly on the bima and led prayers in Hebrew or English. Faculty members led prayers as well. The Rabbis read stories about Noah and the flood, and the students donated stuffed animals in honor of parsha Noach to help comfort other children and adults.

There was a shared feeling of joy in the sanctuary as we sang, prayed, and welcomed Shabbat together.

I would like to thank our faculty members, Lynne Harlacher, Jodie Raffensperger, Alex Loux, Jason Cohen, Jenna Rappaport, and Devorah Cheskis, for all of their hard work in planning and their flexibility and creativity. Our students have the benefit of learning from all of these talented teachers at Gesher – learning about Torah, Hebrew, Israel, holidays, and about Judaism and the land. I would also like to thank our Gesher co-chairs Rachel Smithers and Sharon Flategraff and Rabbis Muroff and Capptauber for their support for our Gesher program. We are off to a fantastic start!

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that for the very first time, Gesher 7th-grade students from Beth El Temple, Chisuk Emuna Congregation, Ohev Sholom, and the Silver Academy will participate in a joint learning initiative called Shamor V' Zakhor, which translates

into “remember and observe.” The goals of the program include providing 7th-grade students in our community an opportunity to socialize and learn together. We hope that the experience will be transformative in fostering teen friendships across the community through the b'nai mitzvah years which will flow into the youth group and Hebrew High years and beyond.

Each of the eight classes will be broken up into two components. The first hour being a sensitive and comprehensive unit on the Holocaust, and in the second hour the study will be focused on the traditions and the meaning of Shabbat. The Shamor V' Zakhor program will include classes held at both Gesher and Ohev Sholom and will be taught by experienced educators from both schools, Lillian Rappaport and Jason Cohen. The unit will culminate with a joint festive Shabbat program and a trip to the United States Holocaust Museum.

Gesher Adult Education classes for both of our congregations in Hebrew reading and Torah Trope have begun. The participation in these classes has been outstanding. I feel so privileged to be part of this very special community of learners. I am personally inspired by the enthusiasm and genuine love of learning that is happening.

I am grateful to be learning with you this year!

Please contact me at any time at  
mandy.gesherdirector@gmail.com or (717) 649-4220.



Each year the Beth El Temple Camp and Israel Scholarship Committee awards needs-based program scholarships for our teens.

***Programs eligible for funding include Conservative Movement camps and summer programs, the March of the Living and Beth El Temple's Troop sponsored Boy Scout summer camping experiences.***

***If you are applying for a 2022 March of the Living Scholarship - DEADLINE for submission - Dec. 4, 2021***

***If you are applying for a 2022 Summer Camp-Israel Scholarship - DEADLINE for submission - Feb. 8, 2022***

***Please complete this form and return it to the Temple office to the attention of Rabbi Ariana Capptauber by the above deadlines. Please do NOT email scholarship forms.***

## **2022 Scholarship Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Scholarship Conditions:**

**Students awarded scholarships will be required to:**

- ✧ Write a letter thanking the congregation for providing the scholarship funds.
- ✧ Talk about their experience when requested at religious services or other opportunities.
- ✧ Continue active participation as a Jewish citizen through synagogue attendance, Jewish study, etc.

### **Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Hebrew

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. City State Zip

### **Educational Information:**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Hebrew School Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Youth Group Information:**

Jewish Youth Groups: \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Program Information**

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you a scholarship recipient last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your participation in this program contingent upon this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a brief essay describing the benefits you will receive from participating in this program.**

- Please list all other scholarships applied for to cover this program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Signature**

**\*Priority will be given to families evidencing financial need. Information to support this need should be attached to this application. Information will be kept in the strictest confidence.**

**\*Applicant families must be current in synagogue financial obligations to be considered.**

# ילדים היום Today's Kids

## Hanukkah is coming!

Besides presents, how is Hanukkah special for young Jews?

Hanukkah teaches several core Jewish values that are especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The shamash candle shows us **LEADERSHIP**, guiding each of us to light. Be a leader, do something first, have courage.

During Hanukkah, we remember when Jews were forced to give up their religious **FREEDOM** because the king wanted everyone to practice one religion. Remember that the Maccabees fought for their religious freedom. We honor their fight by being proud Jews and placing our menorahs in the window where everyone can see them.

The Maccabees had great **HOPE**. Despite being outnumbered, they had spirit and enthusiasm, never lost hope, and ultimately defeated their oppressors.

Hanukkah commemorates a historic battle for religious freedom, but it has come to be known as a time for **GIVING**. The best way to give us by giving our time and energy. Show your support by giving when and where you can.

These are not all the values Hanukkah teaches us, just some. Can you think of others?

Many Thanks to Patsy Dunn for our puzzles.

If you or your child has something to contribute to this new kid's section of *Hashaliach*, please contact Ember Jandebeur at [ejandebeur@yahoo.com](mailto:ejandebeur@yahoo.com).

## Fall

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FALL  
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ACORN  
OCTOBER  
CHILLY  
SQUASH  
FOOTBALL  
ROSH HASHANAH  
CORN HUSKING  
CRANBERRIES  
YAMS  
HIKING  
SUUKAH  
TURKEY  
CIDER



## What have our Beth El kids been up to?



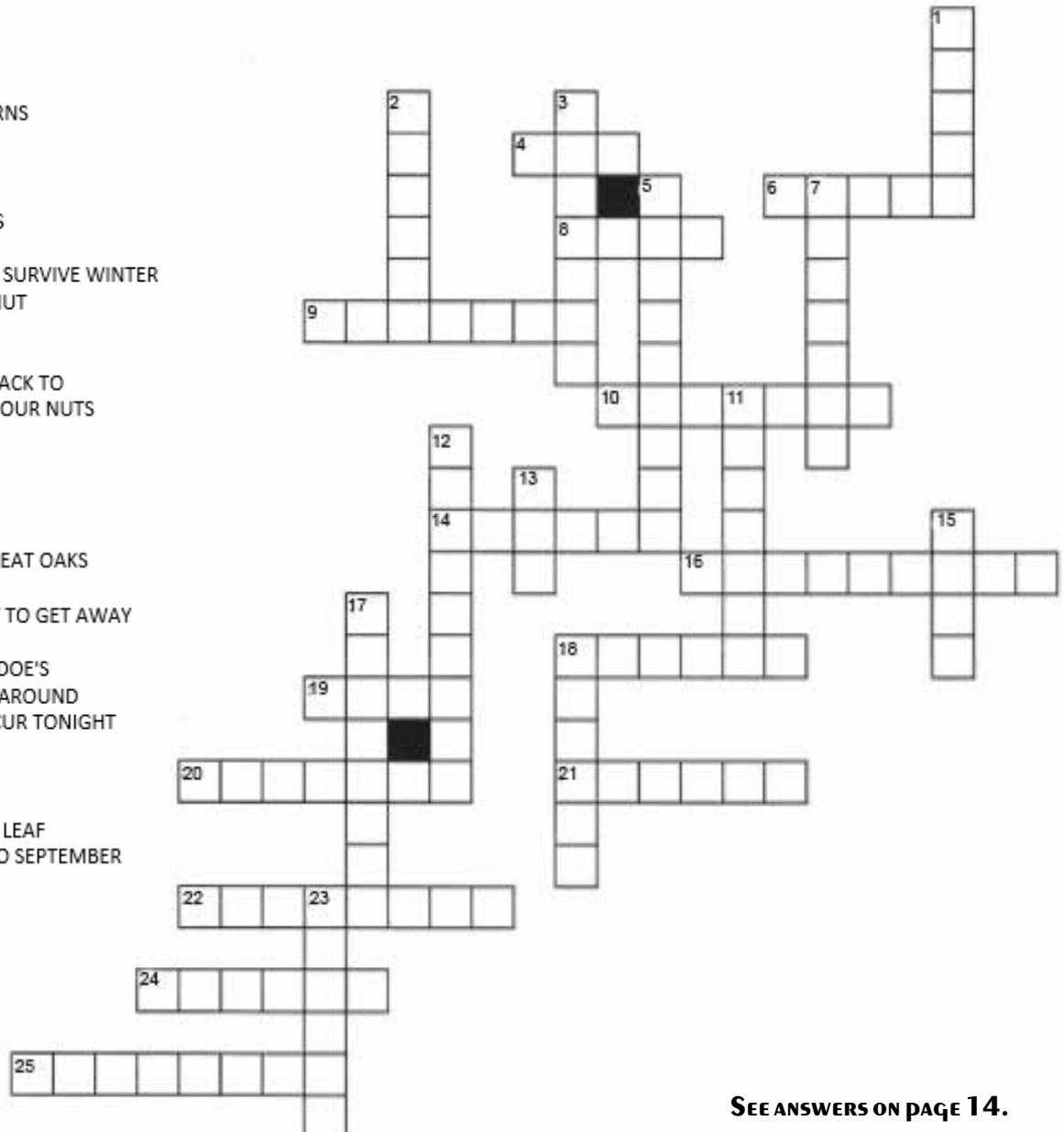
### AUTUMN

#### Across

4. THIS PORCINE EATS THE ACORNS
6. LEAF COLOURING
8. LOTS FALL FROM THE SKY
9. BRINGING IN THE WHEAT
10. WHAT YOU DO WITH APPLES
14. THEY FALL FROM TREES
16. MANY ANIMALS DO THIS TO SURVIVE WINTER
18. SEED OF THE HORSE CHESTNUT
19. IT'S BLOWING A HOOLIE
20. OFTEN FOUND IN PATCHES
21. WHERE THE CHILDREN GO BACK TO
22. THIS FURY CRITTER STEALS YOUR NUTS
24. NO SUN TODAY IT'S TOO...
25. MAY GO INSIDE OUT

#### Down

1. FROM LITTLE SEEDS GROW GREAT OAKS
2. EXTRA LAYER
3. SOME BIRDS JUST CAN'T WAIT TO GET AWAY
5. GOES OFF WITH A BANG
7. WHAT STAGS DO TO GET THE DOE'S
11. SOMETHING TOASTIE TO SIT AROUND
12. GHOSTLY HAPPENINGS OCCUR TONIGHT
13. KEEPING YOUR HEAD WARM
15. IT'S NOT LIGHT ANYMORE
17. HOT, SHINY AND BRIGHT
18. LIKE A ROAST POTATO BUT A LEAF
23. THIS SUMMER CAN LAST INTO SEPTEMBER



SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 14.

## DO WE KNOW WHERE YOUR COLLEGE KIDS ARE?

Beth El Temple wishes to maintain contact with all of our college-age students and to help keep their strong connections to Jewish life. This year, we are sending Hanukkah packages to all our Beth El college kids. The students are also the recipients of various important publications throughout the year concerning subjects of Jewish interest. We hope in this manner to keep an open line of communication with members of our college community.

In order to facilitate these programs, we need your help with accurate addresses for all students. To ensure that your college student is included in these programs, please complete the form below and return it to the Temple Office by November 10, 2021 (or you can email the info below to Patty at [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org)). A new list is compiled each year, so even though you may have filled out a form in the past, please do so again.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of study: \_\_\_\_\_

College address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Beth El Temple Office  
2637 North Front Street  
Harrisburg PA 17110

## Adult Education for Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation

### Do you want to

לִבְדוּקָה *Learn to read Hebrew?*

חֲטִיבֵי דָבָר *Improve your Hebrew Reading?*

סִנְתָן סִפֵּר *Learn to chant from the Torah?*

Mandy Cheskis, our Gesher Director of Lifelong Learning will be teaching three trimesters of classes for adults.



#### Trimester 1

Location: Chisuk Emuna

Dates: Monday nights

October 4, 18, 25

November 1, 8

7-7:45 p.m. Hebrew

8-8:45 p.m. Torah Trope

#### Trimester 3

Location: Beth El Temple

Dates: Monday nights

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4

7-7:45 p.m. Hebrew

8-8:45 p.m. Torah Trope

#### Trimester 2

Location: Zoom

Dates: Monday nights

January 3, 10, 24, 31

February 7, 14

7-7:45 p.m. Hebrew

8-8:45 p.m. Torah Trope

To register for a class,  
please email:  
[patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org)

For more information, please contact Mandy Cheskis  
[mandy.gesherdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.gesherdirector@gmail.com)  
(717) 649-4220

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Beth El Temple warmly welcomes

**Mr. Jeffrey Rothenberg &  
Mr. Daniel Goldstein**

On behalf of the congregation, we want to thank our new members for finding a spiritual home at Beth El. We value their membership and look forward to joining them in prayer and at social and educational programs at Beth El.

# Rocking Havdalah under the Stars

**Nov 6, 2021 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10.00 per adult  
16 and under are free**

**Where:**

**Beth El Temple Parking lot  
2637 North Front Street  
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**Havdalah Service with Rabbi Capptauber**

**Live Music by Kevin Koa**  
Small-batch home-brewed guitar-driven soul and blues organically grown in Pennsylvania. Kevin Koa combines instrumental focus and rhythmic articulation with conscious lyrics.

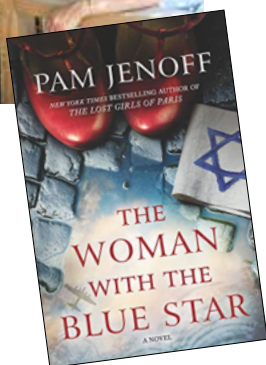
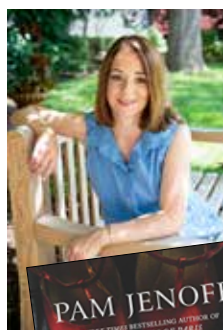
**Craft beer and  
Great food by Paul Schmanske**



**RSVP by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 to the Temple office at 717 232-0556  
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**This event is open to the community so please share with your friends!**





**Tues., Oct. 5**

**7 p.m.**

Pam Jenoff

*The Woman with the  
Blue Star*

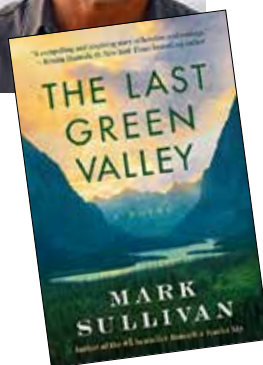
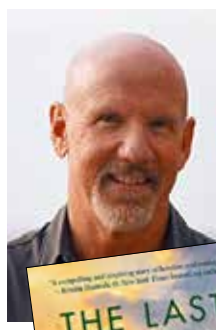


**Tues., Nov. 9**

**7 p.m.**

Lisa Scottoline

*Eternal*

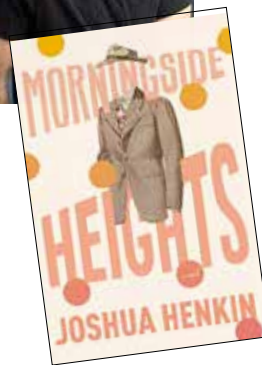


**Tues., Dec. 7**

**7 p.m.**

Mark Sullivan

*The Last Green Valley*



**Tues., Jan. 4**

**7 p.m.**

Joshua Henkin

*Morningside Heights*

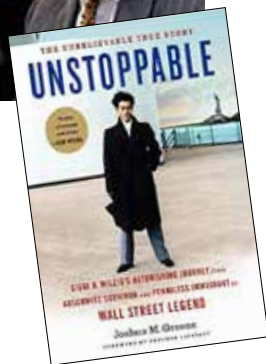
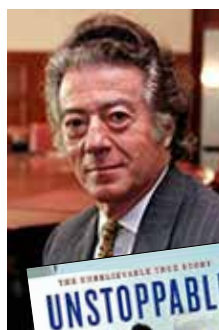


**Tues., Feb. 1**

**7 p.m.**

Jane Healey

*The Secret Stealers*



**Tues., Mar. 1**

**7 p.m.**

Joshua Greene

*Unstoppable*

**\*\*IN PERSON\*\***



**Tues., Apr. 5**

**7 p.m.**

Elyssa Friedland

*Last Summer at the  
Golden Hotel*

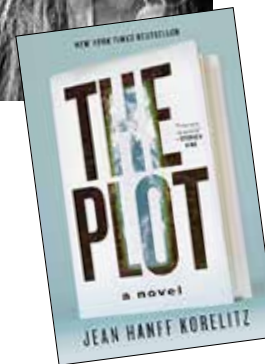


**Tues., May 3**

**7 p.m.**

Alexis Landau

*Those Who Are Saved*



**Tues., June 7**

**7 p.m.**

Jean Hanff Korelitz

*The Plot*



# Shmita: The Great Wisdom of Rest

*Continues*  
*November 2, 16, 23, 30*  
*at 7:30 p.m.*  
*On Zoom*

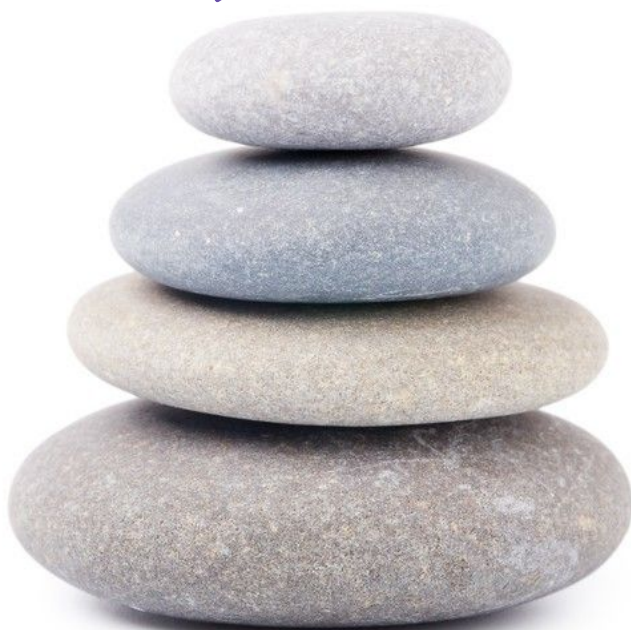
Every seven years the earth must rest, according to the Torah. This practice is called “Shmita” or the Sabbatical year. This coming Hebrew calendar year, 5782, is a Shmita year in which we are supposed to allow the land to lie fallow, not planting anything new. While this practice is mainly directed at the land of Israel, there are ways that we can all honor this need to allow the earth to rest, wherever we live: how we do so is something we will discuss.

Shmita year also includes forgiveness of debts, a kind of “leveling the economic playing field.” This raises moral, religious, and practical questions and makes ethical demands on us as Jews, and we will discuss the implications of those demands. We will study material from the “Shmita Sourcebook” of Hazon, a Jewish Climate Justice organization. Join Rabbi Captauber to talk about the fascinating, complicated, and provocative tradition of Shmita in a seven-class series starting after the high holiday season.

For further information call 717-232-0556 or [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org)

## Soul Spa Sundays

Join the Beth El Temple community and Rabbi Captauber to relax, reconnect, and rejuvenate through movement, art, and music. All are welcome, no prior experience required. For COVID safety, we will wear masks and remain socially distant.



*Dates:*

Sunday, November 14

*Yoga for the Soul*

Sunday, December 12

*Art for the Soul*

Sunday, January 9

*Music for the Soul*

All programs at Beth El Temple at 11 a.m. Please RSVP to Patty by the Friday before at [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org) or 717-232-0556

# Personal Support for Beth El Temple

by Neil Weber

Relationships are an important and vital part of our lives. They can be positive, rewarding, and invigorating, and they enhance the purpose and connection of our lives with Beth El Temple. For example, Robyn Chotiner, Beth El Temple's past chair of our Hebrew School, has a personal connection with Luke at Orrstown Bank, which has offices throughout South Central Pennsylvania. Orrstown Bank was aware of the EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) program operated through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, which helps fund educational institutions and entities such as our Gesher Religious School.

The EITC program allows a business or corporation to make contributions to approved educational programs and receive a tax credit for the year in which the contribution is given. Beth El Temple is an approved Educational Improvement Organization. Through Robyn's relationship with Luke at Orrstown Bank, they provided Beth El with a \$5000 check under the EITC program this year. In past years, Steve Nudel, who helped to establish the program for Beth El, was able to encourage businesses to participate. Bill Walter, our Executive Director, would be happy to explain this program and assist any congregant who might have a personal connection with a business to encourage them to participate in the EITC program and insure the financial vitality of our Gesher Religious School.

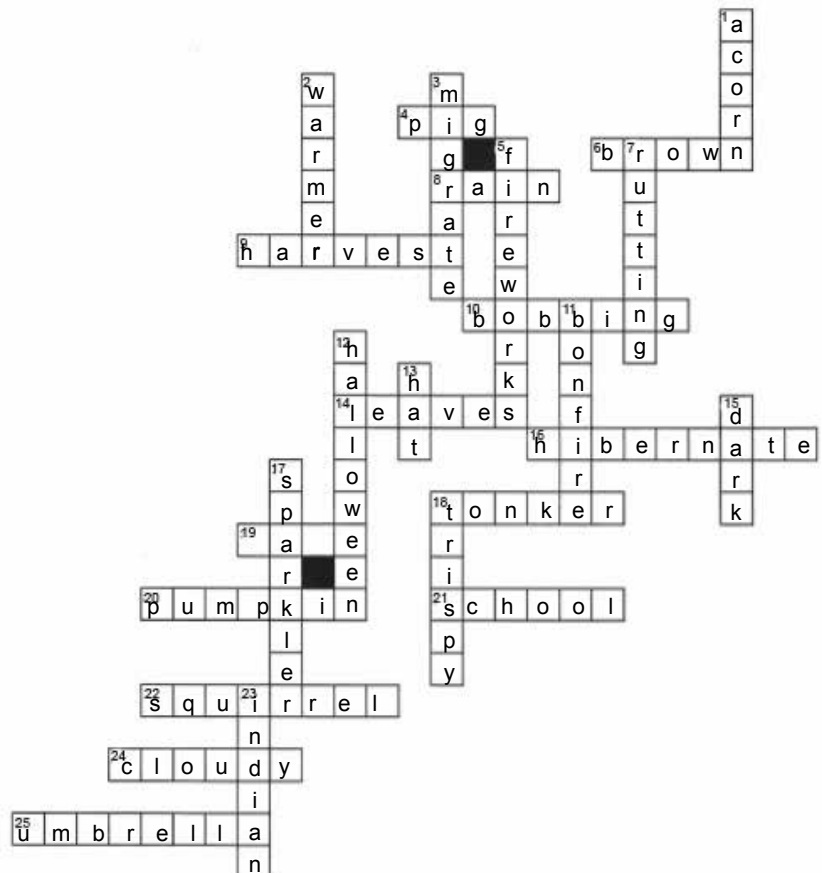
Personal relationships have encouraged and resulted in congregants participating in establishing Beth El Temple Endowments, joining the **Life and Legacy** after-lifetime commitment program, funding special events, and supporting the ongoing religious and social life of Beth El. We must continue to reach out to each other and encourage community interaction and the mutual engagement in all aspects of Jewish life.



## ANSWERS FROM Today's Kids puzzles on PAGE 9.



## AUTUMN







## Talmudic Personalities: Get To Know The Rabbis

### *A New Wednesday Morning Adult Education Class*

When we say "the rabbis" of the Talmud, who are we talking about? What stories do we tell about them and what can we learn from them? How does a religious leader's personality drive or hinder their impact in the world?

Get to know some of the most important of our early rabbis and how they, according to our legends, rebuilt Judaism after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. Some of the rabbis we'll learn about include Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai, who escaped Jerusalem and made a deal with Vespasian to continue Jewish learning; Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrkanus, whose prolific memory and stubborn personality led to his eventual excommunication; R. Akiva, an innovator of unique and stunning insights, martyred by the Romans; and R. Elazar ben Arakh, the lone genius.

Join us to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of their approaches. How did their personalities affect their project and their relationship with their colleagues? What kind of rabbi would you want to be?

**When:** Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. on December 1, 8, 15, and January 5, 12, 19, 26

**Where:** On Zoom, link provided upon RSVP to Patty Brown, [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org) or call 717-232-0556 for more information

**Who:** Study together with your Beth El and Chisuk Emuna community, led by Rabbi Ron Muroff and Rabbi Ariana Capptauber. This course was designed by Rabbi Tali Adler, a graduate of Yeshivat Maharat and a faculty member at Hadar.



# Family Kabbalat Shabbat – 6 p.m.

Join us in person Friday night for some special Kabbalat Shabbat singing and storytelling geared for your little ones!

Some of our Family Shabbat services will be held with our Gesher Religious School, a joint school between Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation. See dates below for more information.

**October 29th**

**November 19th—Gesher Gratitude Shabbat at Chisuk Emuna**

**December 17th**

**January 7th**

**February 4th—Gesher Family Shabbat at Beth El**

**March 25th—Tot Shabbat!**

**April 8th—Gesher Family Shabbat at Chisuk Emuna**

**May 13th—Gesher Family Shabbat at Beth El**



All are welcome, kids and the young at heart!

Contact Patty Brown for any questions 717 232-0556 [patty@bethelhbg.org](mailto:patty@bethelhbg.org)

## Pajama Havdalah



Join Rabbi Capptauber and your Beth El friends for havdalah in pajamas! We'll sing songs, read stories, laugh, dance, and of course, make havdalah to bring in a new week. Bring a havdalah candle, grape juice, spices, and a smile, and we'll see you on Zoom!

All are welcome, near and far, children and kids-at-heart!

Follow this link to register and get the Zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/2YIGkcb>

**Dates:**

**October 30th ☆ November 13th ☆**

**December 18th ☆ January 8th ☆**

**February 26th**

**7 p.m.**





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**Thank you to those who donated to the Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry. We received about 50 bags of items. Your donations are much appreciated for those in need living in our area!**

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- the Blecker family; daughter Jodi Blecker Lowit; son-in-law Philip Lowit; three grandchildren Sydney, Sasha, and Ruby Lowit; and partner Doris Zerbey on the passing of mother and grandmother Rose Blecker.
- the Lift family; wife Ruth; daughter-in-law Varsha Lift; sons Carl (Lisa), Alan, and Marc; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren on the passing of Morris Lift on September 18, 2021.
- the Peisner and Levy families; daughter Bonnie (David) Peisner; daughters Sherry Krupka and Sondra (David) Rube; son Benjamin (Cheri) Levy; 26 grandchildren and 26 great-children on the passing of Eli Saul Levy.
- the Isaacman family; son Michael Isaacman; daughters Wendy (Robert) Banner and Amy Breslin; sister Mimi (Martin) Lowy; seven grandchildren Grace, Lucas, Julia, Bernadette, Dani, Jasper, and Will and many other beloved family friends on the passing of Barbara C. Isaacman.
- Geri Henshell and her family on the passing of her mother Beatrice (Fleischman) Kessler on October 1, 2021.

## ENGRAVE A LEAF TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL EVENTS

THE DEFINITION OF THE WORD "SIMCHA" IS A JOYFUL OCCASION OR FESTIVITY. AT SOME TIME DURING OUR LIVES WE ALL EXPERIENCE SOME TYPE OF "SIMCHA," WHETHER IT IS THE BIRTH OF A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD, A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY, A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH, A WEDDING, A NEW HOME OR JOB. ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SPECIAL "SIMCHA" BY ENGRAVING A LEAF ON THE TREE OF LIFE.

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