



BETH DAVID
REFORM CONGREGATION

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YITRO

TORAH
Exodus 18:1-20:23

HAFTARAH
Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

February 6-7, 2026 / 20 Shvat 5786

GREETER: THERESA JAFFE

**Portraits of Jewish Africa: Reflections on Diasporic Identity, Practice, and Belonging with Penn Professor Dr. Peter Decherney
February 8 / 10:00 am**

While antisemitism rises globally, Jewish communities across Africa are expanding. Where did these communities come from? What do they find in Judaism? What is their relationship to Israel? How can their stories help us understand Jewish identity and combat antisemitism?



Dr. Decherney is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, fine art photographer, and author. He holds the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Endowed Chair in the Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is Professor of Cinema and Media Studies and Director of the Penn Global Documentary Institute.

DROP OFF THESE ITEMS IN THE BIN LOCATED IN THE OFFICE LOBBY



- Computers, printers, mice, keyboards, monitors
(all hard drives will be destroyed)
- Laptops, iPads, Tablets
- All phones and chargers
- Wires/Cables
- Cable Boxes/Routers
- DVR's, CD Players, radios, speakers
- Remote Controls
- Video Game Consoles



A nonprofit electronics recycler that provides transitional employment to people returning from prison.

SHIVA

Estelle Barsky, Mother of Jeanne Hollander & Mother-in-Law of Judd Hollander

SHELOSHIM

Alvin Knoll, Father of Michael Knoll & Father-in-Law of Lauren Steinfeld
Ronnie Patascher, Father of Adrian Myers & Father-in-Law of Josh Myers

Yahrzeits

Carol Amster
Peter Castello
Dolores G. Daroff
Sylvia Engel
Toby Kahn
Esther Kahn
Sarah Kane
Anne B. Kozart Karmatz
Jean Kleinberg
Jerome H. Komisarof
Dorothy Stein Mandel Lester

Lillian Nitzberg
Lillian Ominsky
Lionel A. Prince
Donald Prowler
Ann Rubinoff
Marie Shaw
Ira Andrew Sheres
George Steinman
Gert Volpp
Frederick Woolary

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Photography Exhibit: Open Through February!

Welcoming the Stranger: Images of Immigration

Beth David hosted local artist, Rodney Atienza, on January 23 who spoke to our community and guided us through his photography exhibit in the gallery. The exhibit will be up through February.

Please contact Daniel (dricken@bdavid.org) if you would like to check it out!



Pre-School Open House, Tot Shabbat, and Shalom Shabbat February 20 / 5:45 pm

SHALOM SHABBAT



Join us for a Shabbat for the whole family! Our Pre-School Open House with Sarah Gladwin Camp, a Tot Shabbat, Shalom Shabbat dinner and family friendly services!

More Information to Follow.

Challenges to Public Health and the Assault on Vaccines February 22 / 11:00 am (Rescheduled from December)

The past few years have taught us the critical importance of strong public health policies. Vaccines have proven a strong weapon to ensure public health. Our panel of Beth David members will explore the state of public health today and the challenges to vaccine research, acceptance, and availability.



Moderated by Paula Greenberg and featuring Dr. Emily Blumberg, Dr. Amy Leader, and Dr. Swati Gupta.

K*Pop Haman Fighters: The Golden Purim Shpiel March 2 / 5:00 pm

Are you feeling **Golden**? Are you **ready for the Takedown**? **Sing out in Harmony** and Help us tell the story of Purim! We need YOU to be part of our **K*Pop Haman Fighters Purim Shpiel Cast!!!**



We are looking for performers of all ages to join in on the fun. **Rehearsals will be early evening on either Mondays or Thursdays, depending on cast schedules.** If you want to participate and can't make either of those times, we can figure out alternative arrangements.

Please contact Rabbi Koppel (ekoppel@bdavid.org) if you are interested!

CANTOR LILIA KAZANSKY, ZT"l, MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND:

Honoring
CANTOR GOODLEV'S
10-Year
BETH DAVID
ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY
EVENING **4.17**

Family friendly Shalom
Shabbat catered dinner with
services and oneg, featuring
congregant baking.



SATURDAY
EVENING **4.18**

Havdalah, Schmooze with
French Fry Bar, Concert,
Auction, & Dinner
— *With kid friendly option and
babysitting available*

FEATURING MUSICIAN
Elana Arian

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