



**BETH DAVID**  
REFORM CONGREGATION

*Seek. Learn. Do.*



**EMOR**

**TORAH**

Leviticus 21:1–24:23

**HAFTARAH**

Ezekiel 44:15-31

May 1-2, 2026 / 15 Iyar 5786

**Shalom Shabbat Honoring Rabbi Elisa Koppel  
Friday, May 1, 5:45pm**

Please join us for dinner at 5:45pm, followed by a special service at 6:30pm during which we will thank Rabbi Koppel for her four years of dedicated service to this community.

**Counting the Omer on Shabbat**

**ספירת העומר**

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר:**

Praised are You, Adonai our God, who makes us holy with mitzvot, commanding us to count the Omer.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al s'firat ha'omer.*

**Shabbat, May 1-2 || 30th day of the Omer**

Hayom sh'loshim yom,

הַיּוֹם שְׁלוֹשִׁים יוֹם,

shehem arba'ah shavu'ot ush'nei yamim la'omer. שְׁהֵם אַרְבָּעָה שָׁבוּעוֹת וּשְׁנֵי יָמִים לְעֹמֶר:

Today is the thirtieth day, making four weeks and two days of the Omer.

**Torah Study  
Saturday, May 2, 9:15am**

Please join us on Saturday morning for Torah Study in the library.

Rabbi Beth Kalisch  
Cantor Lauren Goodlev  
Executive Director: Daniel M. Ricken, PhD  
Director of Education: Rabbi Elisa F. Koppel, RJE  
Director of Early Childhood Programs:  
Sarah Gladwin Camp

Board President: Jane Horwitz  
Rabbi Emeritus: Henry Cohen, z"l  
Cantor Emerita: Lilia Kazansky, z"l  
Educator Emerita: Susan Levey

## SHELOSHIM

Hazel Kagel, Sister of Lynne Pastor & Aunt of Miriam Buchanan (Adam)  
Richard Natow, son-in-law of Jack & Marcia Schultz, brother-in-law of Debra Weinstein  
Berta Bolotin, mother of Zoya Zarukin & mother-in-law of Pavel Zarukin

## Yahrzeits

Joy Aloisi  
Marilynn Berger  
Leon Carp  
Deborah Cooper  
Herbert Cooper  
H. Mark Daroff  
Irving Debrovner

Marcia Gellert Debrovner  
Paul S. Friedman  
Rita Greenberg  
Norma Wilentz Hess  
Leon Hess  
Sidney T. Kauffman  
Rosamond Glazer Libby  
Marilyn Pekter

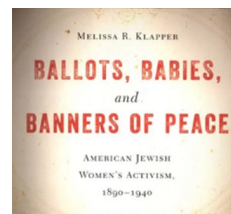
Simon Richman  
Victor Silibovsky  
Laurence Somers  
Meyer Sonis  
Eileen M. Troxel  
Robert Velinsky  
Irvin B. Winkleman

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### Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women's Pre-World War II Activism Sunday, May 3, 10:00am



American Jewish women have always been involved in a variety of social and political causes. Come learn more about their long history of involvement in making change in the world around them.



Dr. Melissa R. Klapper is a professor at Rowan University.

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### Blood Drive at Beth David Sunday, May 3, 9:00am-2:00pm



Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: BethDavidReform to schedule an appointment.



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### Shabbat Honoring our Graduates Friday, May 8, 6:30pm

Come to Shabbat to send our graduates off with style as they prepare for their next adventures!



**Shavuot Picnic  
Thursday, May 21 & Friday, May 22**

Featuring our annual Torah Table, bouncy house, ice cream truck, and tons of sweet things (including blintzes)! Make your favorite recipe for our inaugural Cheesecake Bake Off!



**Thursday, May 21**  
**5:00pm: Community Picnic**  
**7:15pm: Shavuot Torah Study with Rabbi Kalisch**

**Friday, May 22**  
**10:00am: Shavuot and Yizkor Service with Cantor Goodlev**

**Pride at Beth David!**



June is Pride Month! Please join us as we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. Programs will include rainbow challah baking with Cantor Goodlev on June 4, Pride Shabbat on June 5 (see below), and a special Family Education program on June 9. Plus a local Pride Picnic with other Main Line congregations and kids' activities run by our very own Harmony School! Stay tuned for more information!

**Shabbat Under the Stars/Pride Shabbat  
Friday, June 5**



**5:45pm: Tot Shabbat / BBQ Dinner**  
**6:30pm: Shabbat Under the Stars/  
Pride Shabbat Service**

Kick off the summer with the Beth David community under the stars. Bring some blankets or a lawn chair and join for this very special service.



**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, June 7, 7:00pm**



Make your voice heard! Vote for next year's board. The Annual Meeting will be taking place over ZOOM at 7:00pm on June 7. All members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you online! More information and agenda coming soon!



**Go for the Green Award Ceremony  
Saturday, May 9, 12:00pm**



Beth David Reform Congregation has been selected as a 2026 Go for the Green Institutional Award recipient, sponsored by the Lower Merion Environmental Advisory Council and the Lower Merion Shade Tree Commission.



The awards ceremony will be held at Ludington Library on Saturday, May 9, at 12:00pm. The event is open to the public and is part of the first annual Sustainability Fair hosted by the Lower Merion EAC. Scan this QR code for more information.

**Beth David Goes to the Shore!  
Friday, June 26, 5:30pm**



Together with Shirat Hayam, Cantor Goodlev will be holding services at the beach behind the Ventnor library on Friday, June 26. Devotion by the Ocean includes music, prayer, inspiration and joy on the sand during Kabbalat Shabbat services starting at 5:30pm. Stay late for dinner at the Grinspans!



Please contact Daniel at [dricken@bdavid.org](mailto:dricken@bdavid.org) if you would like to participate in a carshare (either needing a ride or having a seat in your car)

**URJ Biennial: In Philadelphia!  
December 10-13**

**2026 URJ BIENNIAL**

December 10, 2026 – December 13, 2026



Join the Union for Reform Judaism as the entire community gathers as a Movement for an unforgettable four-day immersive experience. Reform Jews, camp alumni, clergy, and congregational lay and professional leaders from across North America will come together for a joyful, inspiring gathering filled with bold conversations, transformative learning, spiritual renewal, and powerful insights from today's leading Jewish voices.

