

# The Kibbitzer

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## Shabbat Service

Friday evenings  
7:00 PM

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## Onegs

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## Education

Classes with the Rabbi  
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Every Thursday at 6:30 PM



## Board Meetings

Tuesday, February 1st  
6:00 Executive Board  
7:00 Entire Board



Dinner with the Tribe

## PF Chang's

Saturday, February 26th  
5:30 PM

## Page Turners

Monday, February 21st  
7:00 PM  
"And the Dead Shall Rise"

## Food Bank

Sunday, February 20  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



## FROM THE PULPIT

### Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz



As we begin this New Year of 2022, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to our beautiful community for helping make Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon a resounding success in so many ways. Despite the many challenges which have made life difficult and at a time when more people were affected in so many ways, our Congregants still inspire and touch others.

None of this would have happened without your support, partnership, and encouragement. You are all truly our partners in making all this happen. Thank you for all the volunteers who have and who are currently giving of their time and energy to advise and help with the needs of our community.

Thank you for those who have participated in the programs, holiday events, classes, on virtual, in house Shabbat Services and celebrations that ensured that Jewish Life has continued to grow.

Let us hope and pray that the challenges that we have experienced in recent times will soon be behind us and we will be able to put all of our energy into continuing to build a strong community and making a difference in more people's lives.

Looking forward to good and even better times ahead together as a community in 2022 and wishing each and every one of you good health, happiness, and continued success.

B'ahava, (in love)

Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz



## Special Olympics Issue



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# The President's Corner



**Steve Billor**

Shalom Everybody,

I want to start off by thanking you all for being members of Congregation Beth Shalom. We are not a functioning and healthy congregation without our members.

I look back to when I took over as President this past June of 2021. We have truly transformed into a more homogeneous, caring and giving synagogue. As my personal hardships are somewhat behind me, I have much work to do as your President and vow to become more involved with the inner workings of Congregation Beth Shalom. I assumed this role with humble intentions, to do my part to better our congregation. I'm asking our members to "jump in the pool" the water is warm and inviting. As a small Synagogue, it takes effort from each of us to get Beth Shalom to reach its full potential. There is an old expression fits perfectly with our temple; "We are only as strong as our weakest link."

As I have said previously, we are definitely moving in the right direction. We have Sandy Schwartz at the helm as our new Treasurer. He has much experience in this area and brings a fresh set of eyes on the financial issues our temple faces. With Sandy working through our financial issues and Gabe Lifschitz running Building and Grounds, these two superheroes will make our place of worship an improved and more beautiful house of worship.

In this public forum, I want to thank ALL of the board members for their untiring efforts to Beth Shalom and myself. They are definitely not doing it for the paychecks, so I thank them for their valuable time and effort. I also want to call special attention to two members who have been volunteering tirelessly. Julie Shienbaum and Meral Ginsberg have been spending so much time at our temple that we are jokingly considering setting up sleeping cots for them!

I challenge you to keep the effort alive to bring a prospective member to our services and/or various temple activities. Our members are our greatest assets and networking resources. Thank you all for your time reading this.

Steve Billor  
President  
Congregation Beth Shalom

## February Oneg Schedule

*There can be no joy without food and drink.*

Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

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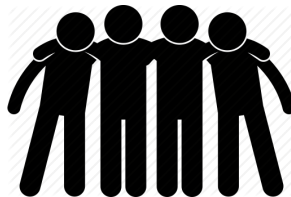
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# Candle Lighting Times

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Friday, February 4 | 5:54 PM |
| Friday February 11 | 5:59 PM |
| Friday February 18 | 6:04 PM |
| Friday February 25 | 6:09 PM |



## Men's Club @ Ace Golf Range



The previous Men's Club event saw members enjoying some carpet golf.



# Donations

## In Loving Memory

|                      |         |                           |                            |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Louis Verlin         | Unknown | Unknown                   | Gail & Michael Verlin      |
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## In Honor

|                                  |                |                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Morris Brandwein                 | Father         | Of Anita Clifford      |
| Aline Brandwein                  | Mother         | Of Anita Clifford      |
| Laura Kaler's Birthday           | Daughter       | Of Lynn & Larry Kaler  |
| Meral Ginsberg                   | Food Bank      | Anna & Stephen Feldman |
| Meral Ginsberg                   | Social Action  | Anna & Stephen Feldman |
| Meral Ginsberg                   | Rabbi's Dinner | Anna & Stephen Feldman |
| Julie Shienbaum                  | Chanuka Dinner | Anna & Stephen Feldman |
| Lynn & Larry Kaler's Anniversary |                | Lynn & Larry Kaler     |

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Petie Maguire  
Anita Clifford



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## Committees/Chairpersons

### Building/Capital Fund

Gerry Pliner

### Finance

Gerald Pliner

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### Life Long Learning

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### Strategic Planning

Steve Feldman

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Toby Koch

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### Social Action

Meral Ginsberg

### Religious School

Rabbi Robert Lefkowitz

### Eblast:

Toby Koch and Carol Anne  
Friedman

### Other Programs

### CBS Singles Over 50

Anita Clifford

### Chavurah

Open

### Dinner With the Tribe

Anita Clifford

### Kibbitzer Editor

Lynn Kaler

### Library

Sandy Saviet

### Men's Club

Myron Feldman

### Page Turners

Anita Clifford

### Web Administrator

Toby Koch

## Donations

Stephen Feldman's Birthday    Anna Feldman  
Stephen Feldman's Birthday    Meral Ginsberg

## High Holiday Pledge

Anna & Stephen Feldman  
Anita Clifford  
Stephen Feldman

## Book of Remembrance

Meral Ginsberg



We encourage you to review our birthday, anniversary and yahrzeit anniversaries each month, and notify the office of any errors.

# Kibbitzer Kudos

## Anna Feldman and Julie Shienbaum

*Thank you so much for your tireless efforts in keeping our Temple clean!*

## Sandy Schwartz

*Thank you for taking on the job of Treasurer. You are off to a great start!*

## Dave Friedman

*Thank you for renting a chainsaw and working so hard to remove the trunk and stump of the tree. We also appreciate you taking the time to stack the wood. Kudos!!*

## Anna & Stephen Feldman

*Thank you for everything you do for the Food Bank!*

## Linda Guincho

*Thank you for taking on the job of co-chair for the Food Bank!*



# Our Congregation

## Yahrzeits

|      |                |             |             |    |           |                   |
|------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----|-----------|-------------------|
| 2/1  | Daniel         | Workman     | Nephew      | Of | Anna      | Feldman           |
| 2/3  | Joan M. (Yita) | Ratner      | Sister      | Of | Ira       | Ratner            |
| 2/4  | Dr. Dorothy    | Strauss     | Mother      | Of | J.E.      | MacNaughton       |
| 2/5  | Rose           | Sandberg    | Mother      | Of | Sandy     | Santucci          |
| 2/8  | Joe            | Scheiner    | Father      | Of | Susan     | Ruiz              |
| 2/11 | Charles "Russ" | Yokley      | Step-Father | Of | Sheryl    | Finke             |
| 2/12 | Herbert        | Sapolsky    | Father      | Of | Susan     | Burkett           |
| 2/12 | Deborah        | Brill       | Mother      | Of | Scott     | Savitt            |
| 2/13 | Robert         | Goren       | Husband     | Of | Doris     | Goren             |
| 2/16 | Leo            | Bond        | Grandfather | Of | Joanne    | Ronay             |
| 2/17 | Terry          | Magdovitz   | Husband     | Of | Caren     | Magdovitz         |
| 2/17 | Lena           | Kaplan      | Mother      | Of | Janice    | Perelman          |
| 2/21 | Donald         | Ballou      | Father      | Of | Christine | Stockelman        |
| 2/22 | Florence       | Cohen       | Mother      | Of | Blossom   | Grimm Silverstein |
| 2/23 | JoAnn          | VanDeventer | Mother      | Of | Christina | Frye              |
| 2/24 | Gertrude       | Silverstein | Friend      | Of | Blossom   | Grimm Silverstein |
| 2/26 | Mary           | Freedman    | Grandmother | Of | David     | Friedman          |
| 2/26 | Wendy          | Weiss       | Sister      | Of | Alan      | Weiss             |
| 2/28 | Benny          | Skop        | Grandfather | Of | Nancy     | Landfish          |
| 2/28 | Cheryl         | Feinstein   | Daughter    | Of | Ethel     | Feinstein         |

## The Congregation Expresses Our Sympathy to its Members:

Steve and Jennifer Billor on their loss of mothers,  
**Florence Hirshenson**  
**Patricia Morris**

Lynn Kaler on the loss of her father,  
**Eugene Baruch Becker**  
May their memory be a blessing.

It is at this time, we come together to comfort those who mourn. We perform Gemilut Hasadim, acts of love and kindness. It is up to us, to deal kindly, with those who have lost a loved one. We the Jewish people, are characterized by our mercy and benevolence.

The highest degree of righteousness is tzedakah (Contribution). This is an expression of goodwill. May we all continue to love peace and be pursuers of peace.



## Birthdays

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 02/02 | Larry Kaler      |
| 02/16 | Carol Roberts    |
| 02/23 | Bruce Sperry     |
| 02/26 | Helene Rosenbaum |

## Shabbat Services

Our Shabbat services will take place Friday Nights at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary as well as online. Our livestream feed is available on Zoom and Facebook. For outdoor services, the Zoom link will not work, so please sign in to Facebook. Join us in the celebration of Shabbat and you are welcome to like, comment, and share.

We established a new Zoom link. You will be able to login from our weekly eNews. The process has not changed, just the link. For your information here is the new link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9794793696?pwd=N3JhSzI4YURTbnhUL0hDVkVzODJtUT09>

Meeting ID: 979 479 3696  
Password: 259255

We are glad that you enjoy our shabbat services and hope to see you on the Zoom screen this Friday.

**Facebook** Information for Shabbat Service:  
<https://www.facebook.com/BethShalomBrandon/>

## CBS Office Hours

The administrative office is currently open by appointment only. Someone can be reached at [cbs-brandon@outlook.com] and 813-681-6547 or you may contact Rabbi Lefkowitz directly at 407-222-6393 or [rlefkowi@bellsouth.net](mailto:rlefkowi@bellsouth.net). Rabbi Lefkowitz will be available for in person meetings on Fridays. Call him at 407-222-6393 to schedule an appointment.



Although our hours are limited, we are always here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out with any needs, concerns or questions.



### SHARE A MAZEL TOV!

Do you have a family member, friend, spouse or congregant you would like to wish Mazel Tov to in our Kibbitzer? You can send an email to [thekibbitzer@hotmail.com](mailto:thekibbitzer@hotmail.com) with their name and accomplishment, engagement or birth. It's important to us during these times to see the good in our community.



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# Building and Grounds



Gabe Lifschitz



## Key Highlights

Discussions with the Boy Scout Troop for community service and camping are on standby pending the local council review of the agreement.

Spectrum is up and running. We have a new Zoom address for Shabbat Services.

Building expenses have been significantly decreased due to canceling cleaning, garbage disposal services, and pest control. This means we are depending on volunteers. Please consider being one of our angels so we can continue to keep costs down and have our Temple looking good.



**Free fire wood available next to the woodshed. Just pick your log and bring an axe.**

## Interior wish list:

- Large print copies of Mishkan HaNefesh
- Two 4-foot tall bookcases for classrooms
- 60 wine glasses and water glasses (plain not decorative)
- 8 white large round table cloths
- 3 large round tables (to replace the broken ones)
- 10 deadbolt door locks
- School supplies and crafts

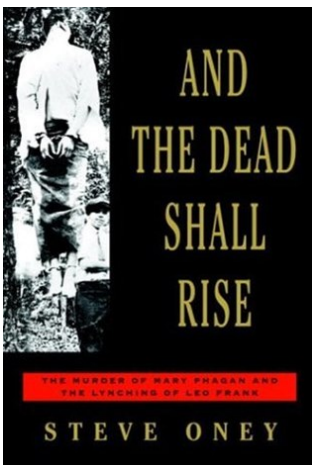
## Exterior wish list:

- Exterior wall paint for the temple
- Pressure treated privacy fence sections 6 X 8 (non-overlapping slats) and 4X4 by 8 feet long Fence posts. Available at Home Depot or Lowes

The temple has a Mitzvah list for items of work. When you visit the temple, the mitzvah board is in the hallway. You can select an item from the list by adding your name and contact information.

If you can help with our wish or mitzvah list, please contact: Gabe Lifschitz at (571) 277-1416

# Page Turners



Our first choice for the new year will be, “And the Dead Shall Rise”. We will meet for discussion on **Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

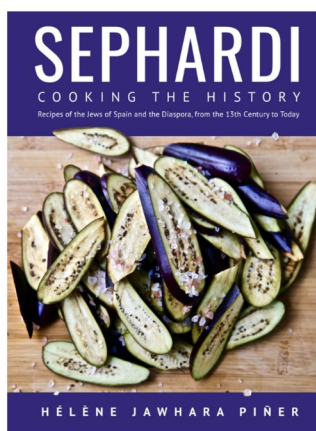
Mary Phagan, a 13 year old factory worker in Atlanta, Georgia, was raped and murdered in 1913. Leo Frank, the factory superintendent where Mary worked, was arrested, tried, and convicted of her murder. His death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. The case gained national attention and while many thought he was wrongly convicted; he was kidnapped from prison and lynched. His story became the focus of social, regional, political and racial concerns, and in particular, antisemitism. This book is the full account of the event, including the identities of the people who conducted and covered up the crime. The aftermath of the lynching saw the revival of the Ku Klux Klan and the evolution of the Anti-Defamation League.

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“The recipes in *Sephardi* reflect the lush and multifaceted culinary traditions of the Iberian Peninsula, influenced by Celtic, Iberian, Roman-Mediterranean, Germanic and North African flavors and techniques. Many of the recipes are the first recorded versions of dishes that are still made today — peot (challah), adefina (Sabbath stew), puchero (chicken soup) and even matzo — albeit with some modernized techniques.”

— Julie Giuffrida, *Los Angeles Times*

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# Social Action



Meral Ginsberg



Our second effort at food distribution, held Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, was a success. Eighteen families are a little happier this month due to our contribution to their food and personal item needs. We were lucky to have nine helpers including our three students from last month.

One man, who was severely food deficient, was so gratified, he was in tears when Linda Guincho and Anna Feldman presented him with his food. He told them he was driving a new route down Bryan Road when he noticed the teenagers holding signs out front publicizing our food bank. He felt G-d had brought him to the right place on this day.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and brought in items and gift cards. Our food bank is a continuing outreach contribution held on the third Sunday of every month. Our next event is Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, so please continue to bring non-perishable food, personal care and cleaning items to the Temple and drop them in the purple bin in the hallway. We are also happy to accept gift cards. If you need us to come pick up your donations, we will make arrangements for the pick-ups.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Meral at 813-690-5713 or email [Meralgins@gmail.com](mailto:Meralgins@gmail.com).

I want to personally give a big shout out to Steve and Anna Feldman for their generosity and Linda Guincho for being my co-chair.



Our CBS volunteers and students prepare bags of food to distribute to the community.

# Time for a Nosh



I have a subscription to The Nosh, a twice weekly newsletter. It is a Jewish food newsletter and has everything in it from recipes, history of Jewish food, restaurants to visit in Israel and new Jewish foods available at Trader Joes. I was going through today's issue and what caught my eye was, "We Should All Be Eating More Babka This Year". Who can resist an article like that? Actually, I did put that one on hold, preferring to check out [Michael Solomonov's Hummus Recipe](#).

I fell in love with hummus when I first visited Israel when I was twenty years old. My eldest sister has lived in Jerusalem for almost fifty years, and she delighted in showing me around. After being dragged to the Wailing Wall within a few hours after having landed in Tel Aviv, I protested I couldn't walk another step due to the jet lag. She finally let me sleep a few hours and then bounced on me and dragged me out of bed. We were going to have hummus for breakfast. I had never heard of hummus, I was still tired and I didn't like eating breakfast. She pushed on in great humor, none the less, and we ended up in this tiny restaurant with only five tables in east Jerusalem. The walls were painted a shade of green that I thought was ghastly, and there were Elvis posters everywhere. It seemed like such a clash of culture, and I felt awkward and out of place.

Then, we were served hummus and many other things that I still don't like to eat. She showed me how to tear off a piece of pita and dip into the creamy hummus. I was hooked. It was amazing. Best hummus I've ever eaten. Well, at that time, it was the only hummus I had eaten, but still, it was fabulous. When I returned to the States, I'd go to the "hippy" restaurants in Ann Arbor, because they were the only ones who served hummus. This was back in the late 70's when Saturday Night Live was still funny. It was frustrating. Everywhere I went, the hummus was awful, and I despaired of not getting decent hummus until I went back to Israel.

Eventually, I found a recipe and I'm sorry I can't cite where I found it, but it's been my favorite ever since. I'm going to share this recipe with you, since Michael Solomonov's recipe makes you use real garbanzo beans which you need to soak overnight and make your own tahini. This was way too much for me back in college, since I was always tired from early days at the hospital and not doing so well in biochemistry. I wanted delicious, but easy. So, enjoy.

- 1 - 15 ounce can garbanzo beans, drained**
- 1/4 cup tahini or 2 tablespoons of creamy peanut butter mixed with 1 tablespoon of hot water and 2 teaspoons of sesame oil**
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or salad oil**
- 3 cloves of garlic**
- 1/4 teaspoon salt**

Place all of the above ingredients in a food processor and mix until everything is nice and creamy. Since everyone has their own idea of what hummus should taste like, try it and see if you'd like to add a little more salt, tahini, or lemon juice. Some recipes even call for cumin. My daughter would probably triple the garlic. But this is your hummus, and you get to decide. For serving, place on a large plate, drizzle more olive oil on top and sprinkle some paprika and chopped fresh parsley. Surround the hummus with cut up pieces of pita bread, and chopped onions, chopped tomatoes and cucumbers, olives, assorted vegetables and chick peas.



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# Our Congregation

## GERRY NEEDS OUR HELP

Gerry Pliner has been a member of CBS since 2007. During the 15 years he has served on the Board of Directors as First Vice President; acting President, twice and acting Treasurer. He unselfishly gives his time and energy to our congregation. Now he needs help from us.

Below is a copy of heart wrenching Face Book post written by Gerry's niece.

“My name is Andria Armato and I am writing this message with hope that social media can work its magic this holiday season! My Uncle Gerald, my mom's brother, is suffering from severe kidney disease and needs a new kidney as soon as possible. He is on the national donor's list and has been for some time, but as we all know that's not an easy or quick process, especially for a 77 year old man. Our family would do ANYTHING we could to help him, unfortunately none of us are a match for both blood type and other medical reasons. My uncle's blood type is O+ and he has been giving of himself his whole life, so I am hoping an angel somewhere can return the favor and give him the gift of a healthy kidney! Uncle Gerald has given decades of service as a volunteer and also has served as a Board Trustee member for numerous organizations. He was the patriarch of his immediate and extended families as my grandfather passed away long before I was born. In addition, he owned a business in his community where he served other people in need. Uncle Gerald has always taken care of us and others, and now we want to take care of him. If you are reading this and may be interested or know anyone who could be a match and would be willing to save a life, please message me at ..... Thank you all so much and if you are unable to help personally, please share this message and story with all you know....my family and I would be ever so grateful!

Holiday blessings,

Andria Armato”

# Caring Committee

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The Caring Community of Congregation Beth Shalom reaches out in times of need and special challenges. Members of the committee extend support through calls, visits, meals or transportation. Unique challenges, such as during hurricane season and the COVID-19 pandemic are always addressed as needed. We strive to honor our mission statement to **offer a warm and welcoming presence and a nurturing environment**. This not only helps foster the wonderful feelings of connection and support, but those who assist another experiences the opportunity of fulfilling *mitzvot* by helping another person.

**If each of us contributes just a little, we can do a great deal, do a great deed, and truly be a caring congregation.**

Our Caring Community helps in many ways, such as:

- ♦ Providing support to families who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- ♦ Supply and deliver cooked meals to members who are ill
- ♦ Assist members with various transportation issues
- ♦ Visiting the elderly and ailing
- ♦ Responds to the needs of our members

Please inform Rabbi Lefkowitz at 407-222-6393 or Judith Pliner at 856-816-2174 if you know of an individual who is in the hospital or in need of some type of assistance.

We need your support and help. The Caring Community needs to be comprised of every member of our wonderful Congregation Beth Shalom family who unite through volunteering their time and support. Join the Caring Committee to support the bereaved, to visit the sick, to lend a hand to those in need in our community. We have no committee meetings. If we all pitch in and work together to support one another, we surely will live up to our mission statement to be a warm, welcoming presence and engage in the mitzvot of helping our community.



“Kindness I’ve discovered, is everything in life.” Isaac Bashevis Singer

The 2022 Winter Olympic Games begin Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. They are being held in Beijing, China.

## All the Jewish Athletes at the 2022 Beijing Olympics and How to Watch Them

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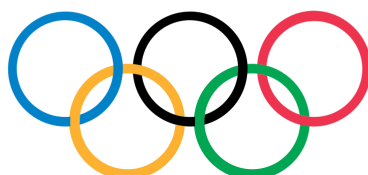
Despite ongoing COVID chaos and mounting protests about China's human rights record, the 2022 Beijing Olympics are proceeding on schedule, just six months after the delayed Tokyo games — and we have your guide to the Jewish athletes who are on their way.

In Tokyo, dozens of Jewish athletes competed, and many clinched medals. The Winter Olympics are typically a smaller affair, with fewer sports and fewer countries participating. Nevertheless, we're excited to cheer on these Jewish athletes from the United States, Israel and Canada.

The Beijing Olympics begin Feb. 3 and run through Feb. 20, and the Paralympics will be held March 4 through March 13. The Games will be broadcast on NBC, USA, and CNBC, and the streaming service Peacock will broadcast all events live and on replay. Here's each Jewish athlete competing, and when they'll be on.



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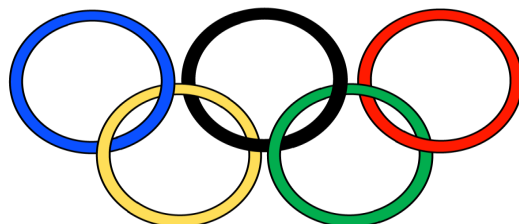




# Jewish Athletes to Watch in the 2022 Winter Olympics

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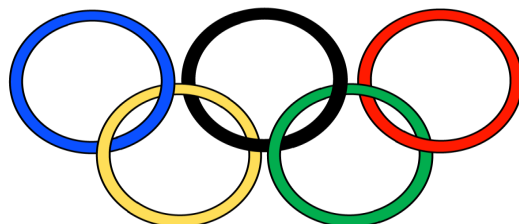
| Athlete                            | Team   | Sport          | Watch Times                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Jason Brown                        | USA    | Figure Skating | <p>Short Program (solo event): Feb. 7, 8:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on NBC (live), 8:15-10:45 p.m. on CNBC (replay)</p> <p>Rhythm Dance (solo event): Feb. 9, 6:00-9:40 a.m. on USA (live), 8:00-11:00 p.m. on NBC (replay)</p>                                                                                                                                                          |
| Hailey Kops<br>Evgeni Krasnopolski | Israel | Pairs Skating  | <p>Pairs' Short Program: Feb. 18, 5:30-8:45 a.m. on USA (live), 8:00-11:00 p.m. on NBC (replay)</p> <p>Pairs' Free Skate: Feb. 19, 6:00-10:00 a.m. on USA (live), 8:00-11:00 p.m. on NBC (replay)</p>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Emery Lehman                       | USA    | Speed Skating  | <p>Men's Speed Skating, 5000m: Feb 6, 2:00 a.m.-6:30 a.m. on USA (live), 2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on NBC (replay)</p> <p>Men's Speed Skating, 10,000m: Feb. 11, 2:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on NBC (live)</p> <p>Team Pursuit qualifying: Feb. 12, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on NBC (live)</p> <p>Team Pursuit finals: Feb. 15, 1:30 a.m.-3:55 a.m. on USA (live), 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. on NBC (replay)</p> |
| Taylor Gold                        | USA    | Snowboarding   | <p>Halfpipe Qualifying (live): Feb. 8, 11:35 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. on NBC</p> <p>Halfpipe Final (live): Feb. 10, 8:00-11:00 p.m. on NBC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| Josh Ho-Sang                   | Canada | Hockey             | Preliminary Rounds<br>Canada vs. Germany - Feb.<br>Canada vs. USA - Feb. 11,<br>Canada vs. China - Feb. 13,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Alexei Bychenko                | Israel | Figure Skating     | Short Program (solo event): Feb. 7, 8:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on NBC (live), 8:15-10:45 p.m. on CNBC<br>Rhythm Dance (solo event): Feb. 9, 6:00-9:40 a.m. on USA (live), 8:00-11:00 p.m. on NBC (replay)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Devon Levi                     | Canada | Hockey             | See Josh Ho-Sang                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Noa Szollos (Barnabas' sister) | Israel | Skiing             | <i>Women's Alpine Skiing Schedule:</i><br>Giant Slalom First Run: Feb. 6, 7:00-11:30 p.m. on NBC<br>Giant Slalom Final Run: Feb. 7, 12:00 a.m.-2:00<br>Slalom First Run: Feb. 8, 8-11 p.m. on NBC<br>Slalom Final Run: Feb. 8, 11:35 p.m.-2 a.m. on NBC<br>Super G: Feb. 10, 8-11 p.m. on NBC<br>Downhill Run: Feb. 14, 8-11:30 p.m. on NBC<br>Combined, Downhill Run: Feb. 16, 8-10:30 p.m. on NBC<br>Combined, Slalom Run: Feb. 16, 10:30 p.m.-1:55                             |
| Barnabas Szollos               |        |                    | <i>Men's Alpine Skiing Schedule:</i><br>Downhill Run: Feb. 5, 8:00-11:30 p.m. on NBC<br>Super G: Feb. 7, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on NBC<br>Combined, Downhill Run: Feb. 9, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on NBC<br>Combined, Slalom Run: Feb. 10, 1:05 a.m.-2 a.m. on NBC<br>Giant Slalom, First Run: Feb. 11, 8-11 p.m. on NBC<br>Giant Slalom, Final Run: Feb. 12, 11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.<br>Slalom, First Run: Feb. 15, 8-11:30 p.m. on NBC<br>Slalom, Final Run: Feb. 16, 12:05 a.m.-2 a.m. on NBC |
| Jason Demers                   | Canada | Hockey             | See Josh Ho-Sang                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Mollie Jepsen                  | Canada | Para Alpine Skiing | Para Alpine Skiing: March                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| David Warsofsky   | USA    | Hockey        | U.S.A. vs China: Feb. 10, 8-10:30 a.m. on USA<br><br>U.S.A. vs. Canada: Feb. 11, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. on USA<br><br>U.S.A. vs. Germany: Feb. 13, 8-10:30 a.m. on USA                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Strauss Mann      | USA    | Hockey        | See David Warsofsky                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Vladislav Bykanov | Israel | Speed Skating | 500m Qualifiers: Feb. 12, 9:45 AM - 9:00 PM on USA (live), 11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. on NBC (replay)<br><br>500m Final: Feb. 13, 6-8 a.m. on NBC<br><br>1000m Quarterfinal & Semifinal & Final: Feb. 7, 2:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on USA (live), Feb. 8, 1-2 a.m. on NBC<br><br>1500m: Feb. 8, 9:20 a.m. - 3:00 pm on USA, 7:30 p.m. - 2:55 a.m. on USA, 8-11 p.m. on NBC |





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|                                             |                                                                        |    | 1<br>6:00pm Executive Committee meeting<br>7:00pm Board meeting | 2<br>Groundhog Day | 3                            | 4<br>7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service   | 5                                                 |
| 6<br>10:00 am Religious School              | 7                                                                      | 8  |                                                                 | 9                  | 10<br>Adult Education 7:00pm | 11<br>7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service | 12<br>Lincoln's Birthday                          |
| 13<br>10:00am Religious School              | 14<br>Valentine's Day                                                  | 15 |                                                                 | 16                 | 17<br>Adult Education 7:00pm | 18<br>7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service | 19                                                |
| 20<br>10:00am Religious School<br>Food Bank | 21<br>7:00pm Page Turner's<br>President's Day<br>Washington's Birthday | 22 |                                                                 | 23                 | 24<br>Adult Education 7:00pm | 25<br>7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service  | 26<br>Dinner with the Tribe<br>PF Chang's 5:30 PM |
| 27<br>10:00am Religious School              | 28                                                                     |    |                                                                 | 26                 |                              |                                    |                                                   |