



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020 BYOM MONTH



Theme for this weekend: **G-D CALLS  
WHOM HE  
WILL, HIS PRESENCE  
PRESERVED ME**

**President Chaya Plummer**

**An update on Chaya since her original 2018 interview with Rabbinit  
Taleah Grimmage**

I was asked to be President and I felt the need to really take this role because I think it's imperative that our YOUTH see our other youth in ministerial ordained positions. Too often we come to a narrow census of what a ministerial position is, truth is the waters of those positions run deep, any person anointed and appointed to carry a village on their back has reached a point of ministerial-ship, from being a worship leader, to sitting on the pulpit, to ushering someone to their seat, it all takes a special ordination, I want our young people to not feel discouraged and nervous when told they might sit on the rostrum one day, or be the president of the Rabbi's aid committee, the youth are the future of CTB and if as a congregation we don't start allowing our youth to be in certain positions, they won't see a need for what they've been ordained to do. I want the spirit of passion to have influence on the young people, because when you're comfortable within your ministry it rubs off on others, I want our young people to feel comfortable in their ordinations, no title is too big or too small if G-D has assigned you to it, it was meant for you. If our confessions and actions don't align with our principles and propositions we preach how can we teach them?

### **Why are the Youth of the Temple so important?**

This is not just something said but something truthful "that the youth are the future". We need to write our vision and make it plain, we must amalgamate the young and the old, so that one can learn from the other & bridge the gap of time & space stolen by differences.

The youth have to make themselves more available to participate and be genuinely active in service and the old must remain humble and apprehensive. We have to realize that without the youth our congregation will not flourish.

### **3 things I wish people understood about young people are:**

- Within our community the hardest thing is Juggling our spiritual lives, our school/ work/ careers & our social lives, while our faith may be unwavering, worldly distractions come to defeat our minds & belittle our faith, our school/ work/ careers are things we live through & often need breaks from, when mental health isn't taken seriously for so long in any community, it fuels generational curses & causes one to slowly lose their soul, and our social lives play one of the biggest roles as that reveals our interactants, these all go into a category of self identity which most try to polish & mold at a young age, as young people in a agnostic and anti black Babylonian generation it's often hard to express your most authentic self, there are pieces of us that we want revealed but are often challenged by society.
- We live in a pro mental preservation generation, we fight for our soul & mind in this generation, most of us are fighting a battle to break generational curses placed on our bloodline and community as a whole. We are fighting to live and not just to survive.
- We are a technologically enhanced generation.. so YES we are always on our phone.

### **What are your favorite aspects of the BYOM?**

The fact that we are engaged and eager to unite every Shabbat, and also the fact that even though not all blood we are family and we can act as one, we have a community that is like no other community, from the way we joke, play, and love one another. It is one of a kind!

### **What do you believe are some of the most important issues young people face and what can our community do to support?**

Depression, anxiety, self identification and loneliness. As a community, we come together and love one another but I think we should invest into sitting down with the young people and talking

to them and encouraging them. It's fine to tell someone to pray, but what if they don't know how? What if that's not enough? I think we should invest time into actually having genuine conversations that heal people.

**Three things you always have with you are:**

First is My Phone, I am always willing to talk or listen or even just to stop what I'm doing and pray for you. I am very open-minded and ready to help anyone at any time! And I'm probably scrolling through the Facebook timeline.

Second is a smile on my face. You never know who's down and your smile, even in your own sadness can be the very thing to brighten someone's day vice versa.

And lastly a pen, I love to write, from the smallest to the most drastic things in my day they all deserve to go on paper, writing is a powerful outlet to express how you feel, and expression opens different portals of healing.

December 4 Officiator Pres, Chaya Plummer

Theme: **ELOHIM calls whom HE will, HIS presence preserves me**

Attire: Afro centric



Erev Shabbat Speakers Classes 1 & 2 parents please have your children ready for the presentations

December 5

Sedra Vayishlach Gen 32:4-36:43

Deresha Rabbi Debra Bowen

Evening Speakers: Members of the BYOM Advocacy Committee  
Kaleb young, Kameron Young, Elijah LaPrince, Jr. Aniya Gladden

Hanukkah 2020

- begins Thursday, December 10
  - at sunset (in 7 days)
- ends Friday, December 18
  - at nightfall



1st Night the Rabbi's will be in charge  
The lighting of the Hanukkah candles will be done by the **Glover Family**





2nd Night of Hanukkah the lighting of the candles will be carried out by the **Gleaton Family**



On the 3rd night of Hanukkah, the lighting of the candles will be handled by the **Witherspoon Family**



On the fourth Day/ Night BYOM will be hosting a Hanukkah virtual event that will include activities, one being a BYOM cook off, a hosting and introduction of a raffle that will run to the last weekend of December and a CTB movie night, candle lighting will be led by the **Scott Family**



On the fifth night the Elders and ladies of dignity are in charge candle lighting will be lead by **TBA**



On the sixth night the BMA & the BWA will be in charge candle lighting will be lead by the **Stanley Family**



On the seventh night the ushers, nurses, and security will be in charge and candle lighting will be handled by the **Best Family**



On the Final night of Hanukkah, the Sabbath school committee will be in charge and the BYOM will light our final candle as a community

December 11

Attire: Paisley



Speakers for Erev Shabbat will be: Classes 3 & 4

December 12

Sedra – Vayeshev Gen 37:1-40:23

Derasha Rabbi Debra Bowen

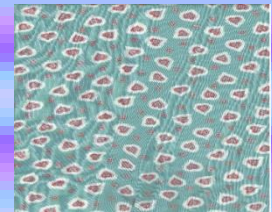
Saturday Evening Speakers: Members of the BYOM Advocacy Committee:  
Raphael Grimmage, Rachel Austin, Mikaela Pleasant, Jordan Register, Adriel Gonzalez

Theme: **I'm alive because there's more**

December 16 *Rosh Chodesh*

December 18

Attire: Vintage



Erev Shabbat Speakers: College Students

December 19

Sedra – Miketz Gen 41:1-44:17

Derasha Rabbi Debra Bowen

Saturday Evening Speakers: President Chaya Plummer, VP Asriel Grimmage,  
Secretary Zechariah Witherspoon, Secretary Naphtali Harris, Titus Lowry

Theme: **G-D is restoring the years the locust has eaten**

December 25

Attire: Olive green accompanied by black or earth tones

Speaker for Erev Shabbat is Kohen Azriel Cooper from Beth Emet Tefilah

-We will be having our annual BYOM discussion via zoom (9:30-12pm)  
link will be provided at the appointed time, ALL CTB youth welcome,  
breakout rooms available for each age group

-BYOM 6 o'clock prayer via zoom



December 26

Sedra Vayigash Gen 44:18-47:27

Speaker Shabbat Morning will be Rabbi Baruch Yahudah from B'Nai Adath Kol Beit Yisrael

Theme: **Y-H is requiring more of me**

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## *December birthday*



Amir Allen  
D'Angelo Oslin  
Isaac Goldberg  
24 Lady Marge Sunners

3 Elder Hezekiah Grimmage, Sr.  
Rabbinit Yohanatan, z"l  
Lady Chaya Reid, z"l  
13 Lady Leah Register  
Jordan Register  
16 David McClam  
Uriel Gleaton  
Solomon Goldberg  
Megan Scott  
Shakeya Watt  
Markees Williams  
Elder Gabriel Kendall  
Lady Gloria Seymour  
Ezra Register,  
Adayah Jackson  
Stephen Scott, Jr  
Heshvan Gladden  
Tyree Miller  
Billy Trice  
Rabbinit Blanca Domenech Rivera  
Autumn LaPrince  
Kameron Allen  
31 Rabbi Marvin Mathews, z"l



## *Hospitality Corner - "Give a little bit of your love today"*

-Elder Chaim & Rebecca Ross 2960 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street Apt#19s Brooklyn, NY 11224  
929-413-5727

-Rabbi Sholomo & Rabbinit Taleah Grimmage 5641 N 10<sup>th</sup> St Philadelphia PA  
215-526-1924

-Christine Reid' Family home number 267-265-0013



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**PRAY**

WHEN LIFE IS GREAT  
**PRAY**

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Rabbi Shemuel McClam  
Rabbi General Lee & Queen Mother Burno  
Rabbi Mordecai & Rabbinit Purnell  
Rabbi Daveed & Rabbinit Tovah Best  
Rabbi Baruch Yehudah and Ema Yehudah  
Lady Aviva Elliott  
Elder Chaim & Lady Rebecca Ross  
Moreh Yoel Howzes  
Elder Gary & Yemima Samuels  
Kameron Young  
Robert & Ishmael Powell  
Esther & Russell Thurman  
Jesiah Register (Elder Obediah' son)  
Semcah & Jeremyah Twiggs  
Jayonna Grimmage-LaPrince  
Emah Mary Lee McClam  
Viola Branch (Rabbinit Register' mom)  
Emah Fannie Butler  
Lady Chaya Reid Family  
Lady Frances Miller Family  
Emah People  
Emah Amzah Miller  
Emah Grace Stanley  
Rabbinit Leviah Daniels  
Sholomo & Taleah Grimmage Family  
Elder & Lady Tovah T'shuraw Burton

*Rabbi Debra Bowen  
Virtual 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Celebration*



*January 2, 2021 @ Sundown*



All praises to The Most High Yah. We will soon be approaching a very important day. If Yah say so, that will be the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of our leader who we love. We are planning to celebrate her, Saturday evening, 1/2/2021, on zoom. Let's praise the Most High for blessing us with a great and priceless jewel.

Bless His High and Holy name; send her cards, which she loves to read; flowers which she admires; while she can see and smell them. We are asking for \$1 a year or more. Nothing is too small, she is appreciative. Being

7 weeks away for this great event. Please contact Rabbinit Plummer with your donations as soon as possible. More information to come.

Thank You,

*Praying and working together in unity brings positive results.*

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**Rabbi's Aide President Lady Rakel Miller and Committee**

**(more information to follow)**



CONGREGATION TEMPLE BETHEL

# *Founder's Day Weekend*

*January 15-17, 2021*

*Theme: L'dor V'dor*

*From Generation to Generation*

*Generations representing from 1950 to  
the present generation*

*A \$50 contribution from each family in  
appreciation for 50 years of dedicated  
service to our community  
rendered by*



*Rabbi Louise E. Dailey, z"l*

*Save the date more information to come*

*Dr. Buna Bowen*

