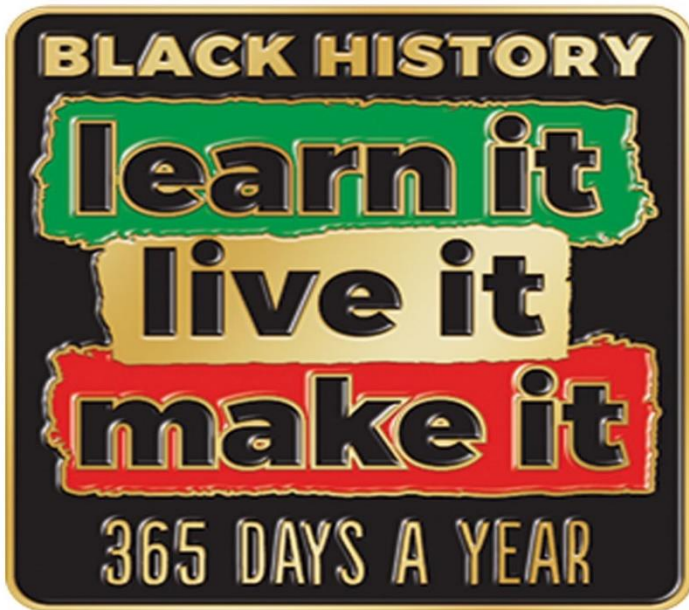




# FEBRUARY CTB NEWS



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. This contest is open to all youth between the ages of 13-17 years old living in Philadelphia.
2. All essays must be received by **11:59PM on February 18, 2025**.
3. Essays must be at least 500 words and double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman font, pdf format preferred.
4. Essays must be sent to [cpoc@phila.gov](mailto:cpoc@phila.gov) with the subject line: Black History Month Essay Contest and contain the contestant's name, age, name of school and address.
5. Essays must be original work of the contestant. Any plagiarized or Artificial Intelligence (AI) assisted submissions will be rejected.
6. Essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges. The winners will be selected based on a majority decision.
7. Essays will be judged based on creativity, personal connection to subject matter, spelling, and grammar.
8. Essays should be written in a well-organized manner, begin and end effectively, and showcase the writer's creativity and point of view.
9. The Essay awards are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$75
10. Winners will be notified via **email by Friday, February 21, 2025**.
11. Winners will receive awards at a community in-person event taking place on February 25, 2025. The location will be announced closer to the date.
12. Contestants should only submit 1 Essay for consideration.

**SUBMISSIONS THAT DO NOT MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REJECTED.**

SUBMIT ESSAYS TO [CPQC@PHILA.GOV](mailto:CPQC@PHILA.GOV) BY 11:59PM ON 2/18/25



Today's Black History "Spot Light" 📍: The late Rabbi (Mother) Louise Elizabeth Dailey, z"l founder and 1st Rabbi of Congregation Temple Beth'El of Philadelphia Pennsylvania. She indeed was a Powerful Black Jewess. "Mother Dailey" as she was affectionately called was without a doubt a bona fide trailblazer for her community, Kol Yisrael, Jews of Color and especially Sanctified Jews! May her memory continue to be a blessing and source of strength and inspiration for us all.



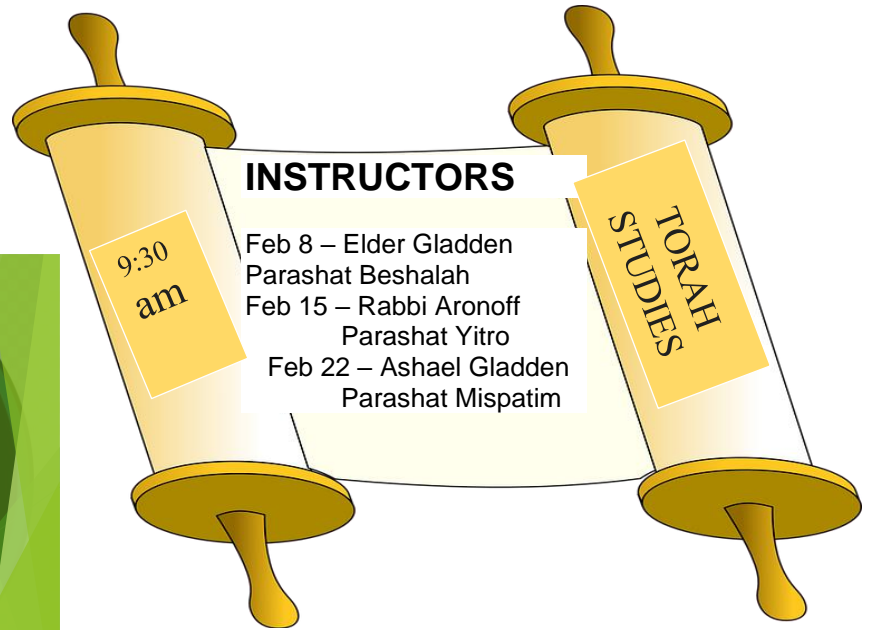
# Erev Shabbat Speakers and Upcoming Events

-Feb 7 Rabbi Rivera Speaker



**Howze' Super Bowl Party**

- ▶ All are invited
- ▶ Sunday, February 9, 2025
- ▶ Bring something to share (food)
- ▶ Wear your Eagles' attire
- ▶ Children are welcomed
- ▶ 153 Sagewood Drive Malvern, PA 19333
- ▶ 5:30pm



**INSTRUCTORS**

Feb 8 – Elder Gladden  
Parashat Beshalah

Feb 15 – Rabbi Aronoff  
Parashat Yitro

Feb 22 – Ashael Gladden  
Parashat Mispatim

9:30 am

TORAH STUDIES

Tu B'shvat/Tu B'Shevat 2025

## • Thursday, February 13

○ (in 7 days)

It is also called *Rosh HaShanah La'llanot* (ראש השנה לאילנות), literally "New Year of the Trees". In contemporary [Israel](#), the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration.

**Bethel Men' Association**  
Feb 14-15, 2025  
Theme: "Help May Come from the Valley, Even as You Look to the Hills"



Officiator: Elder Oladden



Shabbat Speaker: Rabbi Glover



Erev Shabbat Speaker: Elder Ortiz

Attire: Cultural/African

The Laurie Wagman Initiative in Jewish Studies in collaboration with Drexel's Africana Studies Program and the Pennoni Honors College cordially invite you to a very special one-time live event:

## CELEBRATING BLACK JEWISH VOICES

FEBRUARY 20 | 4-7 P.M.



**FEATURING**

WESTSIDE GRAY, rapper  
REBECCA S'MANGA FRANK, actress/writer  
FABULOUS FLORES, Holocaust awareness educator  
DEBRA BOWEN, rabbi  
RACHEL MOON, fashion blogger  
BRANDY SHUFUTINSKY, journalist/activist  
DMITRI SHUFUTINSKY, journalist/author  
GULIENNE ROLLINS-RISHON, advocate/dialogue facilitator

View schedule and learn more: 

Free and open to the public. RSVP here: 





Feb 21-27 **Team Week** Rabbi McClam, Elder Goldberg, Elder Sereiah Yisrael

Feb 28 Zaken Pinchas Witherspoon Speaker

Feb. 27-March 2, 2025 **PIW Conference**, Chicago, Ill



March 7 Erev Shabbat Speaker: Rabbinit Plummer

March 14 -15 BWA Weekend

March 21-27 **Team Week** Rabbi Nasi and Elders Week

March 28 Erev Shabbat Speaker TBA

March 29 **BIYOM** Shabbat

**PCA**  
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Clergy Interfaith Coalition Meeting  
**“Helping Older Adults Stay Socially Engaged”**

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging  
642 N. Broad Street - 2nd floor auditorium

*Lunch Provided*

Join us for a Keynote presentation from:  
National Association of Long-Term Care Volunteers (NALTCV)  
&  
Panel Discussions with:  
ARTZ Philadelphia  
Foster Grandparents Program  
Ombudsman Program  
Senior Companion Program  
Testimonials from program recipients



You must register and request free parking by March 13th via [Community.RelationsRSVP@pcacares.org](mailto:Community.RelationsRSVP@pcacares.org) or call 215-765-9000 x4470

Free Parking - Entrance on 15th Street between North & Wallace Streets

*\*You are encouraged to submit questions for the panelists at time of registration\**

**Just sharing**

Fwd:  
Hey Family! From my friend Nadine who works for the White House  
FYI: Sharing information that was just shared with me.

**DO NOT BUY CHICKEN!!!** Please tell your family and friends!

The president has paused all announcements and communications from the CDC, FDA, etc., until 2/15 and there is a hugggggheeeeeee recall on chicken and eggland eggs that is NOT being properly announced to the public. (Sound familiar... remember the COVID delayed Announcement?) Please, please, please, **DO NOT BUY CHICKEN**, or please do your own research before you do.

A friend works for CDC, and she confirmed this.  
Pass it on! Please 🙏  
My contact said:  
The bird flu is happening and there are some confirmed cases in the US



*My Latter will be Greater*

**RABBI' AIDE PRESENTS**

ISA. 43:18 REMEMBER YE NOT THE FORMER THINGS, NEITHER CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD. 19 BEHOLD I WILL DO A NEW THING; NOW SHALL IT SPRING FORTH; SHALL YE NOT KNOW IT

Written by Lady Sarah Howze  
Saturday Night, 6pm



March 15, 2025  
Beth'El Annex

**Beth'El Singers**  
Chaya, Janiah,  
Chava, Balynda



Seder: Saturday Night, April 12



Sunday, April 13  
Saturday, April 19



Sunday night  
Monday June 2



Rosh Hashanah, Monday Night  
Tuesday, Sep 23



Wed. Night Thursday Oct 2

# 5785\5786 Feast Dates



Monday Night Tuesday, Oct 7  
Monday Night Tuesday Oct 14

Emah Carrie Kitchen  
Lauren Scott  
Rabbi Ernesto Rivera  
David Best III  
Elder Pinchas Witherspoon  
Jehezkel Goldberg  
Lady Yemima Samuels  
Sherri Haring  
Michelle Williams  
David Best  
Hosea McClam, Jr.



Emah Susana Kirkland, z"l  
Elder Shagree Evans, z"l  
Brother Albert Smith  
Jadah Edwards  
Kaleb Young  
Jaelyn Curry  
Zipporah Witherspoon  
Anthony Butler  
Michael Layton  
Joshua McClam  
Dominque Hinsin



<https://www.today.com/health/diet-fitness/oprah-winfrey-weight-loss-drug-rcna128714>

# Mother-Son Dance Recaps





**Birkat HaGome**

**Prayer upon Recovery from Serious Illness, or Escape from Danger.**

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם. הגומל לחיבים טובות. שגמלני כל-טוב.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech ho-olam, ha-gomeyl l'cha-yavim tovot, she-g'malani, kol tov.*

**Praised are you, Eternal our El, Ruler of the universe, Who bestows good beyond our deserving, and Who has dealt graciously with me.**

**The congregation responds:**

מי שגמלך (שגמלך) כל-טוב. תמיד יגמלך (יגמלך) כל-טוב סלה.

*Mi Sheg-mel-cha (she-g-melech) kol tov. Tamid yig-melecha (yig-melech) kol tov selah.*

**May HaShem, Who has bestowed kindness upon you in the past, bestow kindness upon you in the future. Selah**

**Please Choose Wisely**

Marry the wrong person every day is like Halloween

Marry a lazy person every day is Labor Day  
Marry a rich person every day is New Year's Day

Marry a loving person every day is a Gift Given

Marry a generous person every day is Thanksgiving Day

Marry an immature person everyday will seem like Children's Day

Marry a cheater or a liar everyday would be April Fool's Day

If you marry the right person every day is Valentine Day

If you don't get marry every day is Independence Day

On good days or bad days, you get what you choose

**So please choose wisely**

Anonvomous



**Please Help keep our Temple free of clutter!**

**Next Closet scheduled cleanout will be Sunday, Feb 22, 2025**

Have something you would like to share kindly submit to "ctbnewsletter@gmail.com" no later than Tuesday of each