

Temple Topics

A close-up portrait of a woman with short, wavy, light brown hair, wearing glasses and smiling. She is wearing a dark top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

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We're In This Together ☆ Rabbi Ilana Garber

In the span of three days this past month, my family experienced the joys and sorrows at each end of the lifecycle. First we welcomed my newest nephew into the covenant of our people at his *bris*, and then three days later we bid farewell to Adam's 97-year-old grandfather at his funeral. It was an exhausting roller coaster of emotions.

At both events I was struck by the power of community. Most of those who gathered at my mother's home for the *bris* had never met my 8-day-old nephew, obviously, and yet they came to support our family and to offer him the blessing of our tradition: may he grow into a life infused with Torah, *chuppah* (the wedding canopy), and good deeds.

Of course, on the opposite end of the lifespan, most of those who gathered at the funeral had known and loved Adam's grandfather for many years. As the rabbi eulogized, he was a devoted community leader, a legend in the community. And so, his community came to support our family and to pay their last respects by participating in the *chesed shel emet*, the ultimate kindness of burying the dead knowing that the deceased cannot thank or repay us.

As I witnessed these two very different events, I was reminded of how lucky we are to be part of a community. Many of us are part of several different communities – school, work, and of course the synagogue – and we are all the more blessed because of those connections. Being entrenched in a community means that the community can support and hold us during *simchas* (joyous occasions) and *tzuris* (sorrows). Being part of a community means that we too are able to support those around us as they experience life's ups and downs. Joining together as a faith community, a religious community, a synagogue community – makes us into a holy community.

Remember the old TV show "Cheers"? What a great example of community: where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came! Beth El is that place for so many of us, and if you don't feel that it is for you (yet), then please let us know and we'll help you make yourself known. We want to get to know you so that we may be with you as you journey through life.

At the *bris* my new nephew received his name, Rafael, for the first time. At the funeral, Grandpa Sidney's name was recited over and over, in love and respect. And throughout both of these moments we were surrounded by community, holding us, honoring them, and making our lives ever more enriched, meaningful, and holy.

Chodesh tov – have a good month! And Chag Pesach Sameach – a happy Passover!

A Shrek Purim

Beth El celebrated Erev Purim with a Shpiel following the Carnival. Script, lyrics, and direction by Carolyn Mostel Weiser; music by Emily Weiser.

The cast, pictured below (L-R):

FRONT: Maya Winkleman, Lily Temkin, Alyssa Temkin, Jane Winkleman, Jonah Winkleman, Baylee Krulewitz

MIDDLE: Carolyn Mostel Weiser, Rabbi Garber, Rabbi Rosen, Rabbi Rosenbaum

BACK: Rayna Segelman, Bonnie Weiner, Seth Winkleman, Lori Yontef Mathog, Sadie Margolis, Nathan Schachter, Josh Krulewitz



**Guess who's
coming to
Beth El?**

*Don't miss this rare
opportunity to meet
our evening*

*Keynote Speaker, a
nationally well-known
Political Director and
Managing Editor
who will discuss today's
political landscape
and the latest issues
facing our country.*

Beth El Temple presents

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 2, 2015



Honoring Patti and Howard Weiner

*Private Reception for Sponsors
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*

Program begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

*Gala Dessert Reception
to follow for all attendees*

Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Ave., West Hartford, CT

**DON'T MISS
THIS EVENT!**

**For more information call Beth El Temple
(860) 233-9696**

Worshipping Together – Shabbat

Shabbat – weekly

Fridays 10:00 AM - NOON

bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring

Bring your little ones to enjoy tumbling equipment while moms enjoy coffee and conversation!

NOTE: Beth El membership not required.

Saturdays 9:30 AM - NOON

Children's Playroom UP TO AGE 5

A great place for our youngest ones to take a break from services. Parents must supervise their children.

Shabbat – monthly

Saturday, Apr. 4 DURING SERVICES

Birthday Shabbat ALL AGES!

If your birthday is this month, enjoy a special group *aliyah* (Torah honor) and blessing from the Rabbi.

Friday, Apr. 10 5:45 PM

Family Shabbat Service GR. 3-6 & FAMILIES

Prayers led by Religious School and SSDS students! If your child plays a musical instrument and wants to accompany one of our Shabbat prayers, contact Rabbi Garber.

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

NOTE: Shabbat hors d'oeuvres follow services

Friday, Apr. 17 5:45 - 6:45 PM

PJ Shabbat UP TO AGE 5

Kids' Club Shabbat AGES 5-8

Children may come in pj's to enjoy stories, songs and a Torah parade led by Rabbi Garber. Older children will have their own age appropriate services.

DINNER: follows for participants of both programs
NO CHARGE, families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children

RSVP: Rabbi Rosenbaum, 860-233-9891,
hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org

Saturday, Apr. 18 10:30 AM - NOON

Shabbat Yoga

Led by Adriana Matozzo, of West Hartford Yoga, and Rabbi Garber; a Shabbat morning yoga experience for all levels. Wear yoga clothes (yes, on Shabbat!) and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Incorporates some basic Shabbat morning prayers.

NOTE: This is in addition to our regular services

NOTE: Free and open to the entire community

Blockbuster Shabbat

Saturdays, Apr. 11 & 25 11:00 AM - NOON

There's something for everyone through grade 6! 7th graders and up are invited to the main service. We conclude together on the *bima* for Kiddush and a treat.

NOTE: all free and open to the community

Tumbling with Torah UP TO AGE 5

NOTE: parent must stay with child(ren)

Shabbat Family Experience GRADES K-2

LEADER: Adrian Durlister, aka Mr. D

Junior Congregation (4/11) GRADES 3-6

LEADER: Rabbi Rosenbaum

CONTACT: if your student would like to read Torah,
860-233-9891, hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org

The Shabbat Zone (4/25) GRADES 3-6

LEADERS: Jonah Rothstein & Jake Greenberg

Soul Songs Friday Night Service

and Hot Hors D'oeuvres

Friday, Apr. 17

6:00 PM

This intergenerational Friday night service with Cantor Ness promotes congregational musical participation. The Beth El Adult and Children's choirs will grace us with occasional harmonies as we explore traditional Friday night melodies, as well as Jewish melodies from around the world.

NOTE: hot hors d'oeuvres follow services

RSVP: none needed

CO-SPONSORS: BEMA and Lifelong Learning

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Show-Off Shabbat!

Year-End Celebration

Friday, May 1

5:45 PM

Come celebrate the academic year as students from all Religious School classes participate and "show-off" some of what they have learned. Invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to join us as every child will shine at this special evening. The entire congregation is invited.

DINNER: will follow the service

COST FOR DINNER: \$8 per person by 4/17, \$9 by 4/24,
\$12 by 4/29 at noon

NOTE: this celebration will replace the ceremony that has previously occurred on the last day of religious school

Worshipping Together – Passover

Passover Calendar, second weekend

Thursday, April 9

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

Friday, April 10

9:30 AM Festival Services

6:00 PM Festival Ma'ariv

Saturday, April 11

9:30 AM Shabbat/Festival Services

7:15 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv,
Havdalah



Jessie's Garden Horseradish

Contact the
Temple
office for
this
delicious
(and
potent!)
horseradish.



\$5 per 5oz bottle



Passover Prep Pages

Refer to the March Temple Topics for guidelines on preparing your home for Passover, including the form to authorize Rabbi Rosen to sell all Chametz still in your home.

Questions? Contact our rabbis.

College Connection

This Purim, the festivities extended beyond the synagogue walls to more than 80 college students who grew up at Beth El. Organized by College Connection Chair, Beth Papermaster, Mishloach Manot packages were sent to college students whose families are members at Beth El Temple.

Beth El Temple Rabbis received two lovely notes from college students. With the students' permission, we share them with you here.

*Hello Rabbi Rosen and Rabbi Garber,
Thank you and the Beth El community
for my mishlo'ach manot.*

*I didn't know what I was picking up
when I went to receive the package,
and I was extremely delighted to have
gotten a personal Purim surprise.*

*I had completely forgotten how close
Purim is, and it felt great to be
reminded in such a festive way and feel
the love of the Beth El community.*

*The hamentaschen were delicious and
obviously the first thing I ate, and I
look forward to the rest of the goodies.*

*Thank you again, and I hope you all
have a happy Purim.*

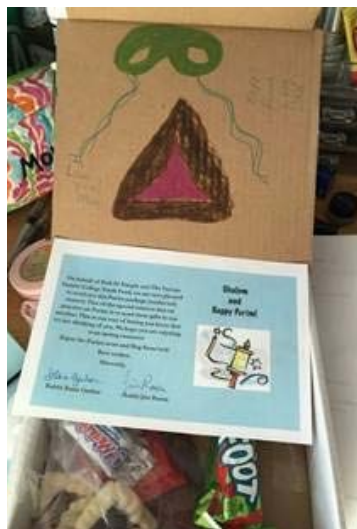
*Best Wishes,
Aaron Gladstein*

*Dear Rabbi Garber, Rabbi Rosen and
Cantor Ness,*

*I just wanted to thank you all for the
mishlo'ach manot I received in the mail
today. It was such a nice surprise, and
the candy will really help me with
getting through midterms (seriously)!
It's so nice to know that Beth El is still
thinking of all of us off at college!*

*I hope you all are doing well, and Hag
Same'ach!*

*Truly,
Ariana Keigan
Brandeis University*



Mishloach Manot packages,
sent to college students

The packages were decorated by
students in the Religious School,
and filled with assorted candy,
hamentashen, and a note from
Rabbi Rosen and Rabbi Garber.

This project was made
possible by a generous
donation from the Gavens
Family College Youth Fund,
an endowment established
to maintain programs &
projects for young Jewish
adults at Beth El.

Religious School

Daled Class Had a WOW! Morning

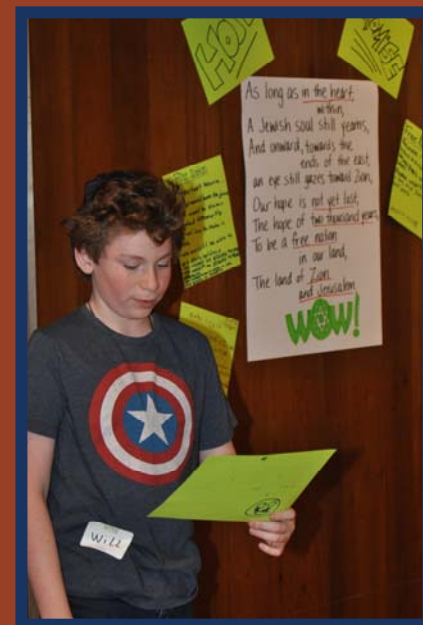
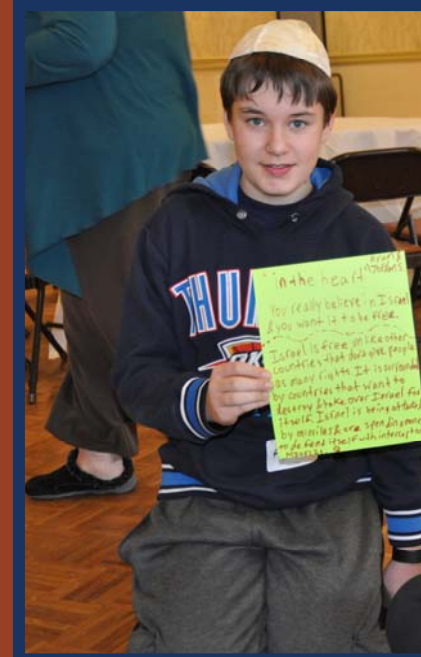
On Sunday, March 15, the Beth El Religious School Daled class participated in a collaborative Beth El-Emanuel-B'nai Tikvah program which was held at B'Nai Tikvah.

The theme of the program was **Israel - the Hope & the Promise**. The goal was for each child to leave the morning with a better understanding of the biblical references to God's *promise* of Israel to Abraham and the Jewish people, including personally relating to the text. The second goal was for students to become familiar with the history and meaning of Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem. What do the words actually mean? How do they interpret the vision of Hatikvah? How does this increased knowledge better connect them to the lyrics of this song?

The group finished their learning with a Michography project in which they created a piece of communal art work using their interpretations of Hatikvah. Of course we concluded the morning with a meaningful and heartfelt singing of Hatikvah - look for a video this Spring!

When asked by the song leader if they had heard of Hatikvah, one of our Beth El students replied, "Of course, it is the song we sing every Wednesday!"

This program was created by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford's WOW! Project, a new community effort to engage greater numbers of children and families in complementary Jewish learning experiences that are fun, flexible and inclusive.





Lifelong Learning

Colossal Devastation: The Beginning and End of the Jews of Rhodes with Rabbi Dr. Richard Freund



**Wednesday, Apr. 15
12:00 PM**

The Chai Society invites you to a fascinating talk with Dr. Freund, Director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford. He will discuss his latest excavation.

COST: \$12, Beth El members; \$14, guests, includes lunch
RSVP: by 4/10, Florence Shakun, 860-233-2395,
or Dr. Morton Goldberg, 860-523-0608

Library Schmooze **Wednesday, Apr. 22 1:00 PM**

During the months of March and April, the Beth El Temple Library is featuring a wonderful display of Elijah and Miriam cups owned by members Bonnie and Abby Weiner.



During this month's Library Schmooze, join us for a cozy talk with Bonnie and Abby Weiner about their wonderful collection.

CONTACT: Carol Johnson,
860-584-2392,
johnson2318@sbcglobal.net
RSVP: none needed

Ongoing – Weekly

Mondays 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Personal & Family History

This workshop helps each participant select the best approach for writing his or her personal and/or family history.

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman, 860-233-4853,
bhoffman3@comcast.net

NOTE: Free; for Beth El Temple members only

Tuesdays NOON – 1:00 PM

Lunch & Learn

Rabbi Rosen explores the Bible. Newcomers welcome!

Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Beginners' Hebrew Class

This 10-week class is being taught by Sidra Sperling.

REGISTRATION: required to get location, Beth El Office, 860-233-9696

NOTE: for Beth El members only; no cost, thanks to an anonymous donation from a member of our congregation

Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Talmud Study

We discuss the themes that were important 2000 years ago and have an impact on our Jewish journeys today. Texts are in English.

Thursdays 7:45 – 8:45 AM

Bible & Breakfast

After *Minyan*, the Rabbis discuss the weekly *Torah* portion.

Thursdays NOON – 1:00 PM

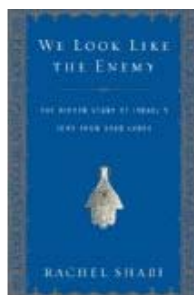
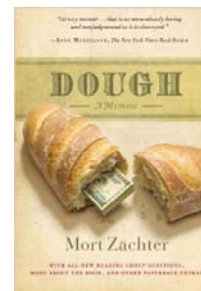
Hebrew Through Prayer

This class on the major prayers of the Shabbat morning service concludes April 9.

LIBRARY CORNER ☆ Roberta J. Buland

PAST NEW YORK TO PRESENT ISRAEL

Dough: A Memoir by Mort Zachter
An unemployed, heavily mortgaged accountant answers the phone in 1994. A banker offers Mort Zachter the opportunity to take control of his Uncle Harry's seven-figure money market. Assuming it is a practical joke – Harry had lived like a pauper in a housing project while running a bread store on New York's Lower East Side for 60 years – it is legit. In *Dough: A Memoir*, Zachter stumbles upon a stockpile of two-dollar bills stashed in Harry's fruitcake boxes. A relative jokes that Harry really is from “old money.” Mort describes life at the bakery from the 1940s through the 1960s. He realizes that his uncle gave him the gift of time to write an honest, but lighthearted, memoir about loyalty and wealth.



We Look Like the Enemy: The Hidden Story of Israel's Jews from Arab Lands by Rachel Shabi, a journalist and first-time author, reports societal struggles of Israel's Arab-Jewish population as an Israel-born daughter of Iraqi Jews. She explores conflicts and inequities among the privileged, educated and cosmopolitan European Ashkenazi Jews, and Mizrahis, whose culture has incorporated traditions often devalued or oppressed: Popular Arabian music is banned from Israel's airwaves. The Mizrahi accent has become shorthand for the lower class. Interviews with Mizrahi citizens blame the Ashkenazi-dominated Jewish Agency for presenting Israel as a haven for *all* displaced Jews, when the reality for Arab Jews is likely less prosperous – and possibly less tolerant. This is a rare overview of the *other* Israeli conflict.

These books are available from our library.

Lifelong Learning, cont.

Education Task Force ☆ Carrie Berman, Chair, Jonathan Alter, Leslie Silvers

A year ago, Beth El's president, Lois Koteen, established an Education Task Force to review the Religious School, making sure our children receive the highest quality Jewish education.

The Task Force began by gathering feedback from as many people as possible. We conducted focus groups, mailed out surveys, and conducted interviews by phone and in person. We reached out to past and present students and parents, teachers and administrators alike. We wanted to hear everything – the good and the not so good.

Based on what we heard, we prepared a thorough analysis setting forth the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing our Religious School. This SWOT analysis allowed us to craft a new vision and mission statement for the Religious School that would guide the development of a Strategic Plan.

Our vision: *Today's children, tomorrow's adults, living engaged Jewish lives.*

Our mission: *Lay a foundation of Jewish learning, inspiring our students to embrace Judaism as a meaningful part of their lives.*

In a comprehensive manner, the Strategic Plan sets forth the following objectives:

- i. to improve our curriculum in order to develop Jewish literacy and cultivate a strong, positive Jewish identity;
- ii. to create a collaborative atmosphere among teachers and staff through better communication;
- iii. to build a strong relationship with families through clear messaging;

iv. to attract and retain high quality, effective teachers;

v. to prioritize financial allocations;

vi. to stay on top of opportunities to improve by working together with other schools, allowing for alternative educational plans, creating a school board, defining the role of the clergy, and maximizing attendance through flexible scheduling.

Noteworthy is that each objective comes with strategies, recommendations, and timelines to guide the implementation process.

Recently, the Strategic Plan was presented to the Temple Board for preliminary review; it met with high praise. We will soon be presenting it to the Religious School community and the broader congregation.

Our school has implemented some of the plan already. A consultant was hired to help us further evaluate our school as well as guide us in reviewing and strengthening our curriculum. We continue to implement innovative and exciting programs for our students.

A Parent Action Group is in place and we intend to modify and revitalize our Education Committee. Thank you all for your input and patience as we implement the Strategic Plan. And, of course, thank you to all the Task Force members who have not only provided advice, but have rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to move this project forward: Lisa Karabelnik-Harris, Tammy Krulewitz, Jordan Grossman, Anita Levy, and Jodi Schwartz.

Doing Mitzvot

Volunteer Opportunities – Monthly

Sundays 10:00 - 11:00 AM

KNITzvah Group Apr. 12

We knit or crochet, mostly lap-afghans, and deliver them to local charities. Bring a #10 needle.

Sundays 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Charter Oak Project: Cook Apr. 26

Prepare dinner for Hartford schoolchildren and their families. Volunteers are also needed to shop and deliver the food to Charter Oak. Donations are welcome to help pay for the cost of the food.

CONTACT: Kerry Rausch, rausch.kerry@gmail.com, 860-232-3591, or Craig Diamond, craigpdiamond@yahoo.com, 860-461-0263

Mondays 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen Apr. 6

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland Street, Hartford
CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com

Mondays 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Charter Oak Project: Serve Apr. 27

Serve dinner (prepared Sunday) to Hartford school children and their families.

LOCATION: Charter Oak Cultural Center, Charter Oak Ave, Hartford
CONTACT: see left

Beth El Music & Arts

Music University Series

February – March, 2015

A commendable team effort from Cantor Joseph Ness, the BEMA, Lifelong Learning and Marketing Committees, and Myra Kleinman, for planning and executing the Music University Lecture Series. All four lectures were successful by any measure – informative, enjoyable, educational, and well-attended.



The guest panel: Hilan Warsaw, Maestro Leon Botstein, Stephen Glassman, Cantor Joseph Ness, and Maestra Carolyn Kuan.

I. Mendelssohn & Mahler **Romanticism & Fantasy in the 19th Century**

II. Piano Compositions

Listening and Learning

♪ Joseph Smith, guest pianist

III. Wagner's Jews

A Brilliant Documentary Film

♪ Hilan Warsaw, filmmaker

♪ Dr. Leon Botstein, President of Bard College

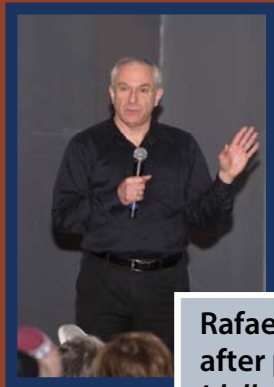
♪ Steven Glassman, Executive Dir. of CT ACLU

♪ Carolyn Kuan, Music Dir. of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra



After the event, Hilan Warsaw, commented that as a result of the offering, the bar has been raised for the high-impact Jewish cultural and Jewish educational programming that a synagogue can bring to life.

IV. Into The 20th Century **Schoenberg's Music Revolution & Music of the Theater**



Rafael Ryger, Violin II, as a son of Holocaust survivors, and after playing in the evening's performance of Wagner's *Idyll*, shared his emotion-filled perspective on the public performance of Wagner's music in Jewish venues.



Over 300 people enjoyed the *Siegfried Idyll* (for 13 players), watched the documentary, and engaged in the panel discussion.

Recognizing Our Volunteers

HOLIDAY FUN – PURIM MISHLOACH MANOT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mishloach Manot project. Through the wonderful support of our Beth El community, over \$14,000 was raised and a donation of \$550 was made to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry!

Packing

Marci Alter
Esther Aronson
Jessica Borden
Meryl Danitz
Allan Geetter
Amy Goldman
Joni Harris
Myra Kleinman
Janet O'Connor
Karen Polinsky
Lori Reiser
Lance Reiser
Debbi Reiss
Jane Rubin
Rayna Segelman
Sharon Serow
Leslie Silvers
Sidra Sperling

Debbie Stiebel
Karen Tuvin
Bonnie Weiner
Ann Wolf

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Jessica Borden
Zachary Borden
Annette Gavens
Susan Gluck
Amy Goldman
Lori Goodman
Howard & Roz
Hahn
Lisa Harris

Aidan Kaminer
Leah Katz
Sharon Kochen
Gina & Dennis
Koppel
Lois Koteen
Shari Kovel
Abbey Kreinik
Dan Kulakofsky
Tamar Margolis
Lori Yontef
Mathog
Eileen McMurrer
Marty Melnick
Melissa Mentzer
Robin Oremland
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Bruce Putterman
Jack Putterman

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Judy Rosenthal
David Rosenthal
Kim Roth
Jane Rubin
Jessica Samuels
David Schilberg
Lonni Schulz
Karyn
Schwartz
Gale Shapiro
Joe Springut
Gary Starr
Alan Tuvin
Karen Tuvin
Howard Weiner
Patricia Weiner

Joni Harris



(clockwise): Janet O'Connor,
Sharon Serow, Esther Aronson,
Sidra Sperling, Debbi Reiss

Meryl Danitz and
Bonnie Weiner



BEMA – MUSIC UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES

Thank you for making the 2015 Music University Series, hosted by Cantor Joseph Ness, so successful with you dedication and hard work.

Dan Cohen
Meryl Danitz
Diane Dolin
Ron Ferraro
Eliane Freund
Robin Gelles
Harold Geetter
Susan Gold
Amy Goldman

Carol Hatch
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Eva Kaplan
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Myra Kleinman
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TEMPLE TOPICS

Creating our monthly newsletter takes the efforts of both staff and volunteers. If you would like to join our team, please call the office.

Robert J. Buland
Amy Goldman
Abbey Kreinik

Deborah Rosenfeld
Francine Stier

Making Connections

Empty Nester Moms

Tuesday, Apr. 14
7:30 PM

If you have recently sent your last child off to college, please join other Beth El moms who are in a similar situation for a cup of coffee and some conversation.

CONTACT: Lonni Schulz, lonnischulz@sbcglobal.net

NextGen BETT

Thursday, Apr. 16

Beth El Thirsty Thursdays

8:00 PM

A night out for those in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s.

LOCATION: McLadden's Irish Pub House, 37 LaSalle Rd, West Hartford

Yom Ha'Shoah Community Commemoration of the Martyred Six Million

Sunday, Apr. 19
7:00 PM

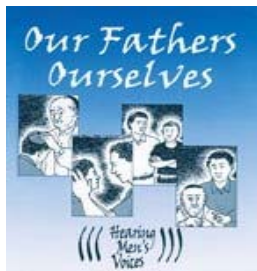
Come together as a community and pay your respects to the Martyred Six Million. May their memories be for a blessing.

NOTE: free and open to the public

Hearing Men's Voices – *The First Kiss*

from the biblical story of Isaac's blessing to Jacob

Sunday, April 26
9:15 AM



What do we want from our fathers? What do our sons and daughters want from us? We will have an open discussion about our own father/son relationships and our relationships with our children.

RSVP: Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, by 4/23

NOTE: no charge; Men's Club membership is not required

NOTE: this program is under the umbrella of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' *Hearing Men's Voices* Series

Tour de Shuls

May 31
Sunday



Save the date!

Proceeds to benefit the Tikvah Program at Camp Ramah for special needs campers. For more info and to register: Tourdeshulsct.org

Body and Soul – *The State of the Jewish Nation*

Film Screening

Tuesday, April 28
7:15 PM



This movie not only shows the undeniable historical connection between the Jewish People and the Land of

Israel, but also succeeds in debunking all of the propaganda, myths, and misinformation that have become accepted as truth by so many. After the film, join us for a post-screening discussion with producer/director Gloria Greenfield and dessert reception.

LOCATION: Mandell JCC, 333 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford

NOTE: free and open to the public

INFORMATION: jarocco@JewishHartford.org, 860-727-6139

CO-SPONSORS: JCRC of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, JFACT, Beth David Synagogue, Beth El Temple Men's Club, Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, B'nai Tikvoh Sholom, The Emanuel Synagogue Men's Club, Temple Sinai, and Young Israel

Beth El Women's Network

Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 27
12:00 PM

We are so excited to be the co-chairs of the new Beth El Women's Network! We are a community within our community, a way for Beth El women to connect with one another, learning from our shared experiences, and engaging with the greater community.

A bit about us: Cara Paiuk joined Beth El two years ago and is excited to get more involved. She is married to Alejandro and has three children: Aiven, 4, and twins Pepper and Elora, 2. Beth Papermaster and her husband Dan have been Beth El members for over 20 years; their 2 college-aged children, Molly and Nathan, became b'nai mitzvah at Beth El.

Thanks to those who have already joined us this year at events which have included Apron Anxiety, Red Tent Movie Night, and Bite of Beth El. We look forward to seeing you at the Anita Diamant event this month. Please join us for lunch on May 27; we would love to have your input as we plan our schedule of events for the next year.

RSVP: bethpapermaster@yahoo.com

Making Connections, cont.

An Evening with Anita Diamant

Monday, April 20
7:30 PM

Anita Diamant, New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Red Tent*, and most recently, *The Boston Girl*, will speak at Beth El Temple.

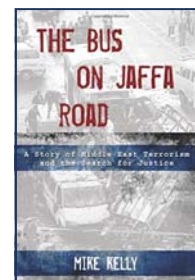


The Bus on Jaffa Road

Mike Kelly, Author

Sunday, April 26
7:00 PM

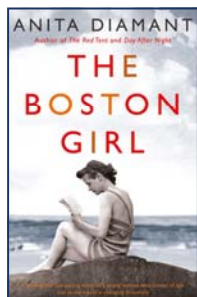
The Bus on Jaffa Road explores the 1996 terrorist attack that took the lives of Beth El Temple member and rabbinical student Matthew Eisenfeld (z"l) and his fiancée Sara Duker (z"l) and the couple's legacy.



LOCATION: Mandell JCC, 333 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford

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Congratulations

Jeanne & Marshall Elman on the birth of grandson Joshua Lewis Ehrlich
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Wendy Sweedler, daughter of Ruth Sweedler

Please let us know of the Simchas and Sorrows in your life that you would like to share with your Beth El family.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
 <p>Beth El Temple מדר לדר Engaging Generations</p>			1 12 Nissan
5 16 Nissan Passover Day 2 No Religious School 9:30 AM Festival Services 7:15 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv	6 17 Nissan 10:30 AM Loaves & Fishes	7 18 Nissan No Religious School	8 19 Nissan No Religious School
12 23 Nissan No Religious School 10:00 AM KNITzvah	13 24 Nissan	14 25 Nissan No Religious School 7:00 PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM Empty-Nester Moms	15 26 Nissan No Religious School 12:00 PM Rabbi Dr. Richard Freund, Chai Society Program
19 30 Nissan Rosh Chodesh No Religious School 10:00 AM B/M Jack Del Coro 6:00 PM Evening Minyan 7:00 PM Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration (at Beth El)	20 1 Iyar Rosh Chodesh 7:30 PM An Evening with Anita Diamant	21 2 Iyar	22 3 Iyar 1:00 PM Library Schmooze
26 7 Iyar 9:00 AM Charter Oak Project, cook 9:15 AM <i>Hearing Men's Voices</i> , Men's Club Program 7:00 PM Mike Kelley – <i>The Bus on Jaffa Road</i> (at the JCC)	27 8 Iyar 5:30 PM Charter Oak Project, serve	28 9 Iyar 7:15 PM <i>Body and Soul – The State of the Jewish Nation</i> (at the JCC)	29 10 Iyar

Daily Minyan Service Schedule

Mornings 7:00 AM Monday through Friday
8:45 AM Sunday

Evenings 7:30 PM Sunday through Thursday

Shabbat שבת

Friday 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday 9:30 AM Shacharit, Torah Service, Musaf
see grid Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Service

Note: When a Saturday evening B/M (Bar/Bat Mitzvah) is listed, there will be a concurrent service in the Chapel.

Ongoing Weekly Programs

no registration required

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn
Wed. 10:30 AM Talmud Study (only 4/1)
Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast
Fri. 10:00 AM bebe - Beth El Babies Exploring (not April 3 or 10)
Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

Thursday

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2 13 Nissan	3 14 Nissan Passover begins 7:00 AM Fast of the First Born Service; breakfast 9:00 AM Deadline to sell <i>Chametz</i> 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat & Festival Ma'ariv First Seder Candle Lighting: 6:58 PM	4 15 Nissan Passover Day 1 Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM Shabbat/Festival Services 12:30 PM Shabbat/Festival Mincha (no evening services) Second Seder Candle Lighting: 7:59 PM
9 20 Nissan 6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv Candle Lighting: 7:05 PM	10 21 Nissan Passover Day 7 9:30 AM Festival Services 5:45 PM Family Service 6:00 PM Festival Ma'ariv Candle Lighting: 7:06 PM	11 22 Nissan Passover Day 8 ~ Yizkor Recited 9:30 AM Shabbat/Festival Services 11:00 AM Tumbling / Family Exper. / Junior Cong. 7:15 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 8:07 PM
16 27 Nissan 8:00 PM NextGen BETT	17 28 Nissan 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' <i>ClubShabbat</i> 6:00 PM Soul Songs Candle Lighting: 7:14 PM	18 29 Nissan <i>Parsha Shemini</i> 10:30 AM Shabbat Yoga 7:25 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 8:15 PM
23 4 Iyar	24 5 Iyar Candle Lighting: 7:21 PM	25 6 Iyar <i>Parsha Tazria-Metzora</i> 11:00 AM Tumbling / Family Exper. / Shabbat Zone 7:30 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 8:22 PM
30 11 Iyar	1 12 Iyar 5:45 PM <i>Show-Off Shabbat!</i> and Dinner Candle Lighting: 7:29 PM	2 13 Iyar <i>Parsha Acharei Mot/Kedoshim</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Seth Maxwell 7:40 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 8:30 PM

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pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon.	1:30 PM	Personal and Family History Workshop
Mon.	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan, Int./Adv.
Tue.	2:00 PM	Beginners' Hebrew Class
Thu.	12:00 PM	Hebrew through Prayer (ends 4/9)
Thu.	7:00 PM	Beth El Choir Rehearsal (not 4/9)

Religious School ~ Special Activities

Sun-Wed	5 - 8	Closed for Passover
Sun-Sun	12 - 19	Closed for public school vacation
Sun.	26	Tzedakah Day #2
Fri	5/1	<i>Show-Off Shabbat</i>

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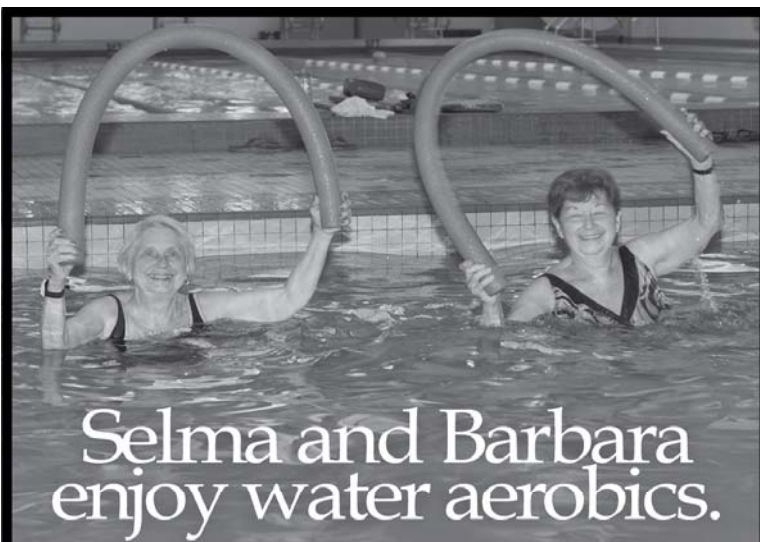
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