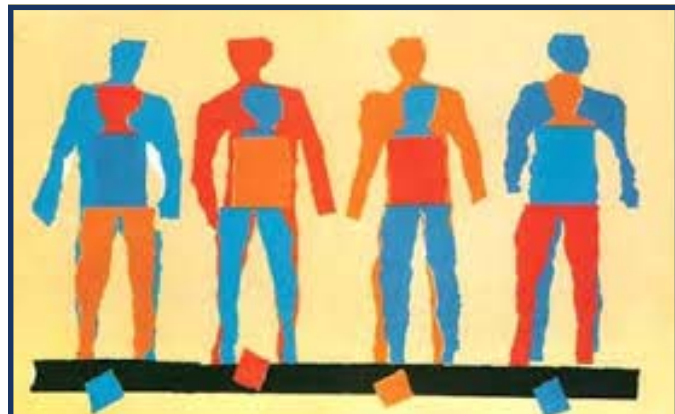


# Temple Topics

## The Four Children

At Passover Sedertables around the world, we will gather to tell the story of the Exodus and discuss the four children. Consider and debate these very different presentations.

BELOW: *Passover Landscapes*, Rabbi Matt Berkowitz, The Lovell Haggadah, 2008, the Four Children appear as personalities from the Bible. A collection of plates from this Haggadah are on display in the Community Room.



# ★ From the Rabbi's Desk

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## One Passover – Two Kinds of Freedom ✧ Rabbi Jim Rosen



What does it mean to be free? Especially after a terrorist attack as recently occurred in Brussels, the answer seems obvious. To be free is to be rid of external threats, liberated from those who would conquer, torture, or enslave others causing misery in the service of a grandiose vision of power. Others rightfully point to internal challenges. The fears, worries, overwhelming depressions that afflict so many in day to day life.

The external and the internal challenges to our freedom are both represented in Torah. Think of the 10 Commandments (literally, the "10 statements"). The first reads, "I am the Lord your God who took you out of Egypt..." The last one reads "you shall not covet" (i.e. do not be obsessively jealous of what your neighbor has and you lack"). The first passage describes the Egypt of this modern world. There remain nations and especially terror groups that would dominate and intimidate others to fuel their own ambitions. Groups such as ISIS employ sexual slavery as a tool of terror. There remain, as well, far too many currents of anti-Semitism, racism, misogyny, and more in so many places.

The second quote from above embodies a different kind of wish. To be liberated from the feelings that darken and consume our days and leave us no respite at night. How many are afflicted by depression, anxiety, and much more? How wonderful if we could be free from both scourges, the outer and inner.

In Hebrew, the word Egypt is "Mitzrayim," which literally means "a narrow place." As such, Pesach urges us to ask: "how might we make a world free of the political, military, and social Egypts that literally squeeze the life out of people?" And how do we help each other escape the narrow confines of feelings that leave so many frozen in a limbo they yearn to escape.

It's Passover time. Time to imagine the world outside and within as it might be. It's time to get out, to be free.

From our home to yours, sweet, healthy, and liberating Pesach.

## Beth El's No-Event Event

We are taking a Spring Event Break! Traditionally, synagogues like ours count on two major fundraising initiatives – the High Holiday Appeal and a Spring Event. This year, in response to many congregant requests, we are having a Non-Event Fundraiser.



Dues alone do not cover all of our operating costs. Fundraising is a critical part of our annual budget and we have targeted \$80,000 this year. A contribution of \$180 or more from each individual member or family would bring us to our goal. We recognize that not all are able to support at that level and hope that you will participate in any way that you can. You should have received an invitation in the mail and they are available in the office.

LOCATION: anywhere you want

DRESS CODE: anything you choose

DEADLINE: June 30, end of our fiscal year

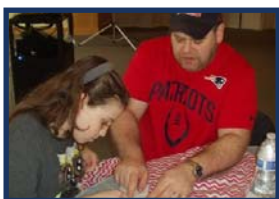
CONTRIBUTION: checks payable to *Beth El Temple*, note *No-Event Event* on the memo line



# ★ Religious School Happenings

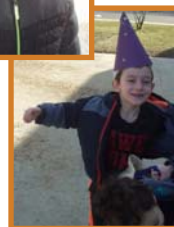
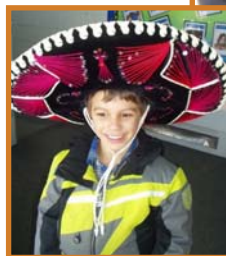
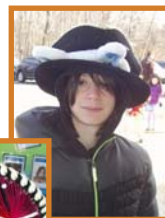
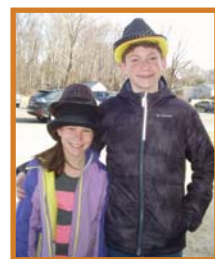
## Tallit Workshop

February 21: Daled class families participated in this annual workshop. After learning about the background and significance of tzitzit with a game of Jewpardy, they learned how to complete their own tallitot by tying the tzitzit on them.



## Crazy Hat Day

On March 6, students found a creative way to usher in the month of Adar II.

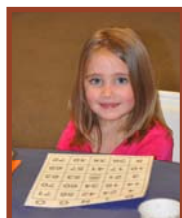


## Havdalah Game Night



On February 27, more than 100 people participated in this PAG event, co-sponsored by Jewish Federation's WOW! Initiative. Following a spirited Havdalah led by Rabbi Garber, participants enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Howard Meyerowitz and crew. Children learned about the stars and the night sky at a planetarium show

conducted by the Children's Museum and played a special interactive game planned by WOW!'s Jennifer Schwartzman and her teen assistants. Adults were treated to drinks provided by Men's Club and all enjoyed Bingo, Telestrations and various card games.



# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Friday Night Forums 2016

**Services** **Fridays**  
**Presentations & Oneg** **7:30 PM**  
**8:30 PM**

**April 8:** *We Cannot Undo the Past, But the Future is Ours to Shape*, with Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, past Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, past-president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

**May 6:** *An Unstable Region, An Uncertain Future: Israel and the Middle East Today*, with Professor Jeremy Pressman, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Middle East Studies at the University of Connecticut.

QUESTIONS: Eliane Freund, [elianefreund@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elianefreund@sbcglobal.net), 860-233-7157

CO-SPONSORS: BEMA, Lifelong Learning Comm, Chai Society, and Library Comm.

COST: no charge

## Shabbat Yoga

**Saturday, May 7**  
**10:30 AM - NOON**

Wear yoga clothes (yes, to synagogue) and bring a mat if you have one. This is an all-levels class that will incorporate yoga poses and Hebrew prayers. Open to all (children too, if they can participate in a quiet yoga class).

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Garber, [igarber@bethelwh.org](mailto:igarber@bethelwh.org)

LEADERS: Adriana Matozzo, West Hartford Yoga, & Rabbi Garber

## Show Off Shabbat

**Friday, May 20**

**Nosh & Performances** **5:30 PM**

**Family Service** **6:00 PM**

**Dinner & Activities** **7:00 PM**

Join us as we celebrate the Religious School year and our students *show-off* some of what they have learned. Please invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to join us as every child will shine on this special evening.

RSVP: Wendy Berg, [wberg@bethelwh.org](mailto:wberg@bethelwh.org), 860-233-9891, or [bethelwesthartford.org/events/eventregistration.html](http://bethelwesthartford.org/events/eventregistration.html)

COST: \$10/person by 4/20, then the price goes up

## Beth El Temple Shares Shabbat

**Fridays, June 10, 17, 24**

Our committee will match guests and hosts for a lovely Shabbat dinner. Register as a guest or host; forms are available in our temple office.

INFORMATION: David Hoff, [dhoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhoff@sbcglobal.net)

## Shabbat Mincha

**Saturdays, 12:30 PM**

Year-round, the Shabbat Mincha (afternoon) service will be held shortly after the Morning Service. There will be Ma'ariv & Havdalah services only when an evening Bar or Bat Mitzvah is scheduled.

## Fridays, weekly

**10:00 AM - NOON**

**bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring** **(not 4/22, 4/29)**

This informal pre-Shabbat group gives moms a chance to enjoy coffee while meeting and networking with other moms and their children.

NOTE: Beth El membership is not required

## Friday, April 15

**5:45 - 6:45 PM**

### PJ Shabbat

**UP TO AGE 5**

### Kids' ClubShabbat

**AGES 5-8**

Younger children may come in PJs to enjoy stories, songs and a *Torah* parade. Older children will have their own age appropriate services with Morah Barbara.

DINNER: follows for all participants, chicken nuggets for kids and Shabbat hors d'oeuvres for parents; no charge

RSVP: [hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org](mailto:hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org), 860-233-9891

## Saturdays, Apr. 2, May 7

**DURING SERVICES**

### Birthday Shabbat

**ALL AGES!**

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

## Saturdays, weekly

**9:30 AM - NOON**

**PLUS 4/24 & 4/29 FOR PASSOVER**

### Children's Playroom

**UP TO AGE 5**

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

## Saturdays, Apr. 9, 23 & 30

**11:00 AM - NOON**

### Tumbling with Torah

**UP TO AGE 5**

A program of stories, songs, activities, a snack, and a chance to tumble on fun equipment. We end together on the *bima* for Kiddush and a treat.

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

NOTE: parent must stay with child(ren); free and open to the community

CONTACT: [hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org](mailto:hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org), 860-233-9891

### Shabbat Experience

**GRADES K-2**

An age-appropriate Shabbat service; families will learn about the weekly *Torah* portion and enjoy special activities.

LEADER: Adrian Durlister, aka Mr. D



# ★ Lifelong Learning

## Intermediate Hebrew    Thursdays, 11:00 AM - NOON

Hebrew reading and basic Judaic Studies.

TEACHER: Sidra Sperling

REGISTER: School office, 860-233-9891

COST: no charge, thanks to a generous sponsor

NOTE: for Beth El members only; no classes 4/28, 5/5

## Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem Film & Sing-Along    Thursday, May 26, 7:00 PM

Details coming in May.

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

CO-SPONSORS: Library, BEMA, Men's Club, and Chai Society

NOTE: to benefit the Beth El Temple Library

## Talmud Study    Thursdays 10:30/10:00 - 11:30 AM

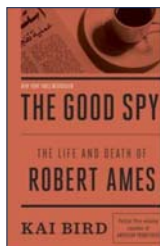
Every year, after Passover through October, the leader and timing of this class change. We study in English using a wonderful English-Hebrew edition that is readily accessible. This is interactive study, meaning that all participants are equal. We will be studying Tractate Megillah, interesting aspects of Esther, Purim, and other related topics.

TEACHER: Eliot Barron, videlbar1@comcast.net

NOTE: 4/13 at 10:30; 4/27 at 0:00; no class 4/6 and 4/20

## LIBRARY CORNER A Spy Story and Practical Advice ☆ Roberta J. Buland

On April 18, 1983, a bomb exploded outside the American Embassy in Beirut, killing 63 people. It was the beginning of the political force, Hezbollah, and it eliminated America's most influential and effective intelligence officer in the Middle East – CIA operative Robert Ames. *The Good Spy; The Life and Death of Robert Ames*, Kai Bird's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, is the compelling portrait of Ames, a man who might have helped heal the rift between Arabs and the West. As a child, Bird lived in the Beirut Embassy where Ames was his neighbor. Bird draws on informational interviews with Ames' widow, scores of current and former American, Israeli, and Palestinian intelligence officers, and other players in the Middle East, and hundreds of his private letters. The masterpiece-level narrative of the making of a CIA officer is a history of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century conflict in the Middle East and the Beirut Embassy bombing. Bird has used his reporter's skills to expose the shocking truth of where the attacker's mastermind resides today.



Why are young people dropping out of religious institutions? Can the trend be reversed? In *Got Religion? How Churches, Mosques, and Synagogues Can Bring Young People Back*, Naomi Schaefer Riley examines reasons for the defections and why we should care. Traditional markers of growing up – marrying, and becoming financially independent – are being delayed by young adults today, often a full decade longer than their parents and grandparents. This “emerging later adulthood” diminishes involvement and saps strength and vitality of young people in religious institutions creating a more barren religious landscape for those who eventually do return. Yet, clearly there are some churches, synagogues, and mosques that are making strides in bringing young people back to religion. Roman Catholic groups have tried to recreate a shared living experience through the Alliance for Catholic Education and Jewish groups through Moishe House. Other faiths have tried other approaches. *Got Religion?* offers in-depth reporting about the most successful of these institutions and how they may be adapted to work for others.



Both books are available in the Beth El Library.

CONTACT: Carol Johnson, johnson2318@sbcglobal.net, or Betty Hoffman, bhoffman3@comcast.net.

## Weekly Classes

New participants welcome, no charge

### **Mondays**    1:30 - 3:00 PM

#### **Personal & Family History Workshop**

Join this fun writer's group as we put our personal/family histories on paper.

CONTACT: Betty, 860-233-4853,

bhoffman3@comcast.net

COST: no charge, Beth El members only

### **Tuesdays**    NOON - 1:00 PM

#### **Lunch & Learn**

Rabbi Rosen explores the Hebrew Bible. He has been going through the entire book, chapter by chapter, and newcomers are welcome at any time. He is currently in the Book of Second Kings.

### **Wednesdays**    (4/13) 10:30 AM

#### **Talmud Study**    (4/27) 10:00 AM

See listing to left.

### **Thursdays**    8:00 - 9:00 AM

#### **Bible & Breakfast**

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

# ★ Worshipping Together - Passover

A mitzvah of Passover is the removal of all *chametz* (leaven), both physically and symbolically, and all that has had contact with *chametz*. Jewish law forbids eating (or even possessing) any food that can contain leaven.

According to Jewish law, pots, dishes, and utensils that are used throughout the year absorb leaven and therefore may not be used on Passover. Today, in traditional households, it is customary to have special dishes that are only used during the Passover festival. However, vessels may be used for Passover if they undergo the process of *kashering*, thus purging and cleansing them of any and all leaven they may have absorbed.

## Bedikat Chametz – Search for Leaven

In anticipation of Pesach, it is traditional to engage in a thorough spring cleaning. Then, there is a formal search that takes place right after sundown on the night before Pesach. A blessing is said, and the search is done by candlelight or flashlight, with a small bag to sweep up the crumbs, usually with a feather. Since the house has already been cleaned thoroughly, it is customary to put crumbs in a few places where they can be easily found. The following morning, the leaven is burned (*biur chametz*). No *chametz* is eaten after this ritual until the end of Passover.

## Passover Calendar

### Friday, April 22

- 7:00 AM Fast of the First Born Service and Study Session, followed by breakfast\*
- 9:00 AM Deadline to Sell *Chametz*
- 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat & Festival Ma'ariv
- evening First Seder

### Saturday, April 23

- 9:30 AM Shabbat & Festival Services
- 12:30 PM Shabbat & Festival Mincha
- evening Second Seder (no evening services)

### Sunday, April 24

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 7:40 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah

### Thursday, April 28

- 6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

### Friday, April 29

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 6:00 PM Festival Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Festival Ma'ariv

### Saturday, April 30

- 9:30 AM Shabbat & Festival Services, Yizkor
- 12:30 PM Shabbat & Festival Mincha

☆ Sponsored by Susan & Robert Gold in memory of Leo Gold z"l

## Mekhirat Chametz Transfer of Ownership

All *chametz* vessels (dishes, utensils, etc., and unopened food cartons or cans stored away during the Festival) should no longer legally be in one's possession.

How do we achieve this in accordance with Jewish law? An agent is empowered to enact a transaction with someone not Jewish. The sale has to take a legal form, using a formal bill of sale. All *chametz* remains in that person's "ownership," for the Passover period. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *chametz*. If ownership of the *chametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *chametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well.

You may indicate your desire to observe this mitzvah by signing the form below and returning it to the Beth El Temple office no later than **Friday, April 22, before 9:00 AM**. You might also consider donating unopened, nonperishable *chametz* to FoodShare.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact one of our Rabbis.



## Jessie's Garden Horseradish

Horseradish is grown and prepared at Beth El and will be kosher for Passover. Place your orders early as we tend to sell out!

COST: \$5/5oz. bottle



## Mekhirat Chametz – Transfer of Ownership

I hereby transfer to an agent, Rabbi James Rosen, all *Chametz* in my possession located at my home as of 9:00 AM on April 22.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

@ \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider a contribution to the Passover Fund for the Needy (*Maot Chitin*). Please send your donation to "Beth El Maot Chitin" or to "Mazon." Send it to the Beth El Office, attn: Laurea Esau.

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## Guidelines for Permitted and Prohibited Items

**PERMITTED FOODS** may require a *Kosher le-Pesach* label, and it may differ if purchased before or during the holiday:

- ◆ NO label if purchased PRIOR to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives; sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see *Kitniyot*); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.
- ◆ NO label if purchased PRIOR or DURING Pesach: **fresh** fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see *Kitniyot*, right), eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.
- ◆ NEED label if purchased PRIOR or DURING Pesach: all baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices; canned tuna; wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, soda.
- ◆ NEED label if purchased DURING Pesach: **processed** foods (canned, bottled, or frozen): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish.

**PROHIBITED FOODS** include the following:

leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

**KITNIYOT:** Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list:

- ◆ rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas); however, string beans are permitted.
- ◆ Peanuts and peanut oil are permissible.
- ◆ We permit the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities also permit the use of all of the above.
- ◆ For an alternative perspective on the use of legumes, see [www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf)

**MEDICINE:** Chametz binders are used in many pills, but if required for life sustaining therapy, and general medical health, it may be used. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

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## Kashering Utensils for Passover

The process of kashering depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah* (Jewish law), leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh polet*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

- ◆ **EARTHENWARE** (china, pottery, etc.) may NOT be kashered. Exception: fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.
- ◆ **METAL** (wholly made of metal)
  - ◇ Utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible.
  - ◇ Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.
  - ◇ Metal baking utensils can NOT be kashered.
- ◆ **OVENS AND RANGES:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it.
  - ◇ Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle.
  - ◇ Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.
- ◆ **SMOOTH GLASS TOP ELECTRIC RANGES** should be cleaned thoroughly, and then turn on the coils to maximum heat until they are red hot. Carefully, pour boiling water on the entire surface area. **Note:** Some will not be able to be kashered.

◆ **MICROWAVE OVENS** which do not cook the food by means of heat should be cleaned, then a cup of water placed inside, and the oven turned on until the water disappears.

◇ **Note:** A microwave oven that has a browning element can NOT be kashered for Pesach.

◆ **GLASSWARE** requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting them through a dishwasher. Some also soak in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours.

◇ **Glass Cookware:** After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim.

◇ **Note:** Glass Bakeware, like metal bakeware, may NOT be kashered.

◆ **DISHWASHER** After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

◆ **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES** If the parts that come into contact with *chametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.

◇ **Note:** If the parts are not removable, the appliance can NOT be kashered.

◆ **TABLES, CLOSETS AND COUNTERS** If used with *chametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

◆ **KITCHEN SINK** A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. Dishes may NOT be soaked in a porcelain sink.

◆ **CHAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS** Non-Passover dishes, pots, and *chametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

# ★ April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>3</b> 24 Adar II 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking 9:15 AM <u>MC</u> Breakfast & Yellow Candles Packaging 10:00 AM Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 25 Adar II 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Dinner	<b>5</b> 26 Adar II	<b>6</b> 27 Adar II 12:00 PM <u>CS</u> Luncheon Program 5:00 PM JCL Pesach Seder
<b>10</b> 2 Nissan 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group 1:00 PM <u>MC</u> CT Valley Keeper of the Flame Luncheon <div>No Religious School</div>	<b>11</b> 3 Nissan	<b>12</b> 4 Nissan <div>No Religious School</div>	<b>13</b> 5 Nissan <div>No Religious School</div>
<b>17</b> 9 Nissan <div>No Religious School</div>	<b>18</b> 10 Nissan	<b>19</b> 11 Nissan 7:30 PM <u>MC</u> Board Mtg.	<b>20</b> 12 Nissan 7:00 PM NextGen Night at Hooker Brewery
<b>24</b> 16 Nissan <b>Passover Day 2</b> 9:30 AM <b>Festival Services</b> 9:30 AM Children's Playroom 7:40 PM <b>Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah</b> <div>No Religious School</div> Havdalah: 8:21 PM	<b>25</b> 17 Nissan <b>Passover Day 3</b> Chol Hamoed	<b>26</b> 18 Nissan <b>Passover Day 4</b> Chol Hamoed 6:00 PM Executive Comm. Mtg. <div>No Religious School</div>	<b>27</b> 19 Nissan <b>Passover Day 5</b> Chol Hamoed 6:30 PM Empty Nester Moms - Walk around the Reservoir <div>No Religious School</div>
<b>May 1</b> 23 Nissan ALL DAY <u>MC</u> Delivers Yom HaShoah Candles 9:15 AM <u>MC</u> Breakfast Program 10:30 AM <u>RS</u> Yom HaShoah Program 12:00 PM Charter Oak Cooking	<b>2</b> 24 Nissan 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Dinner	<b>3</b> 25 Nissan 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Continues	<b>4</b> 26 Nissan 6:00 PM Grandparents Circle

## 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  
 12:30 PM Mincha (Afternoon Service)

NOTE: There are no regular evening services on Saturday nights.

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otherwise  
noted in  
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## Ongoing Weekly Programs

new students welcome; no registration required

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

Wed. 10:30 AM Talmud Study (only 4/13)

Wed. 10:00 AM Talmud Study (note the new start time beginning 4/27)

Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast

Fri. 10:00 AM bebe - Beth El Babies Exploring (not 4/22, 4/29)

Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom (also 4/24, 4/29)



Thursday

<p><b>7</b> 28 Adar II</p>	<p><b>1</b> 22 Adar II</p>	<p><b>2</b> Birthday Shabbat 23 Adar II Parsha Shemini / Shabbat Parah 9:30 AM B/M Zachary Spivak Havdalah: 7:57 PM</p>
<p><b>14</b> 6 Nissan</p>	<p><b>8</b> 29 Adar II 7:30 PM Late Service 8:30 PM Forum: Rabbi Stephen Fuchs Candle Lighting: 7:04 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b> Rosh Chodesh 1 Nissan Parsha Tazria / Shabbat HaChodesh 9:30 AM B/M Benjamin Covici 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Experience Havdalah: 8:05 PM</p>
<p><b>21</b> 13 Nissan</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7 Nissan 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat &amp; Kids' ClubShabbat Candle Lighting: 7:11 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8 Nissan Parsha Metzora / Shabbat HaGadol Havdalah: 8:13 PM</p>
<p><b>28</b> 20 Nissan Passover Day 6 Chol Hamoed 6:00 PM Mincha, Festival Ma'ariv</p>	<p><b>22</b> 14 Nissan 7:00 AM Fast of First Born Service and Study; Breakfast follows 6:00 PM Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Festival Ma'ariv Passover begins, First Seder in evening Candle Lighting: 7:19 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b> Passover Day 1 15 Nissan 9:30 AM Shabbat &amp; Festival Services 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Experience 12:30 PM Shabbat &amp; Festival Mincha Second Seder in evening Candle Lighting: 8:20 PM</p>
<p><b>5</b> 27 Nissan</p>	<p><b>29</b> 21 Nissan Passover Day 7 9:30 AM Festival Services 9:30 AM Children's Playroom 6:00 PM Festival Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Festival Ma'ariv Candle Lighting: 7:27 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b> 22 Nissan Passover Day 8 ~ Yizkor Recited 9:30 AM Shabbat &amp; Festival Services 11:00 AM Shabbat Experience with Rabbi David / Tumbling with Torah 12:30 PM Shabbat &amp; Festival Mincha Passover ends at Havdalah: 8:28 PM</p>
<p><b>6</b> 28 Nissan 7:30 PM Late Service 8:30 PM Forum: Prof. Jeremy Pressman Candle Lighting: 7:35 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b> 29 Nissan Parsha Acharei Mot Birthday Shabbat 10:30 AM Shabbat Yoga Havdalah: 8:36 PM</p>	

Multi-Week Classes

pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon. 1:00 PM Personal and Family History Workshop  
Mon. 7:00 PM Ulpan  
Thu. 11:00 AM Intermediate Hebrew (not 4/28, 5/5)  
Thu. 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (not 4/28)

Religious School ~ Special Activities

Sun. 5/1 10:30 AM Yom HaShoah Program

No School: 4/10-17, 4/24-27

Please note the use of the following abbreviations:

MC Men's Club      BEMA Beth El Music & Arts  
WN Women's Network      PAG Parent Action Group  
CS Chai Society      RS Religious School

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 Engagement of Sara Danitz, daughter of Meryl & Mitchell, to Noah Steinhardt; special birthday of Linda Stanger – **Francine & Steve Stier**

## Chai Society

### IN HONOR OF

3<sup>rd</sup> bar mitzvah of Abe Weinberg – **Jeanne & Marshall Elman**  
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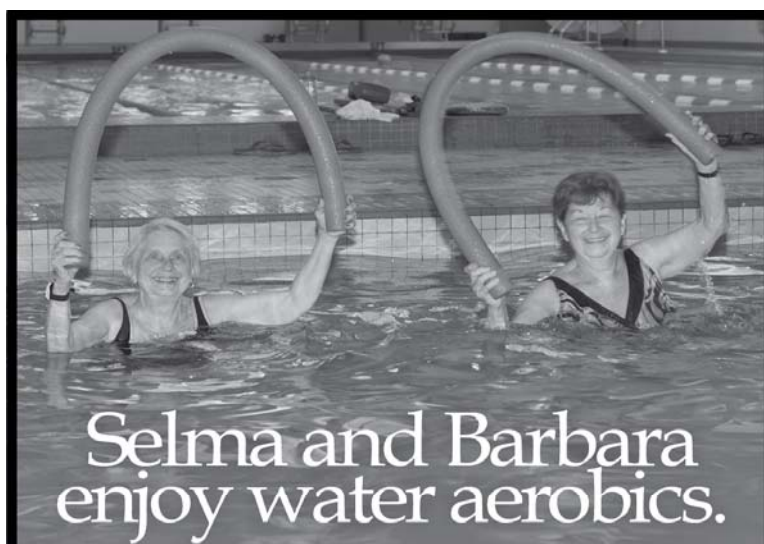
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## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### General Unrestricted Endowment Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Engagement of Sara Danitz, daughter of Meryl & Mitchell, to Noah Steinhardt; birth of Jordyn Sophie Araj, granddaughter of Marsha & Warren Fisher – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

George Beck, father of Sharon Kochen – **Annette & Sy Gavens, Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

Milton Bayer, father of Debbie Cohen – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

Lori Jean Dimon, sister of Lee Ann Benadiva – **Judy & Dan Kulakofsky**

### Alter Family Fund

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Milton Bayer, father of Debbie Cohen – **Marci & Jonathan Alter**

### Friends Fund for Members in Need

### **IN MEMORY OF**

George Beck, father of Sharon Kochen – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

### Gavens Family College Youth Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Annette & Sy Gavens & for their generous sportsmanship – **Naomi & Michael Cohen**

Special birthday of Linda Stanger – **Annette & Sy Gavens**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Sherman Bercowetz, husband of Sharon; Jack Levin, father of Sharon Bercowetz – **Annette Gavens**

### Gottfried Family Endowment Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Birthday of Nancy Gottfried – **Dan, Debby & Josh Gottfried**

### Anna Heineman Memorial Fund

### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Fanny Belous Anshel, grandmother – **Francine Stier**

### Eleanor Weinberg Jainchill Family Fund

in memory of Alvin L. Weinberg

### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Harold Jainchill, husband – **Eleanor Jainchill**

### Koteen Family Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Birth of Jordyn Sophie Araj, granddaughter of Marsha & Warren Fisher – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Milton Bayer, father of Debbie Cohen – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Sherley & Bernard Koteen, parents – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

### Kreinik Family Endowment Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Special birthday of Abbey Kreinik – **Annette & Sy Gavens**

### **WISHING CONTINUED GOOD HEATH TO**

Abbey Kreinik – **Sandra & Marshall Rulnick**

### Mathog Family & Yontef Family Endowment Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Bar mitzvah of Noah Yontef Mathog, son of Lori & David – **Lois & Chuck Koteen, Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

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The Craft Gallery will be having a sale on Seder plates for the month of April. Please come in and browse through our beautiful and unusual selection of Seder plates at 40% off. Whether your table is small or large, the craft gallery may have just what you are looking for. Happy Passover from Shelley and Jill.

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APPOINTMENTS: Jill Jones, 860-236-7895;

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#### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Lois Katz Reiner, wife – **Al Reiner**

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#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Barton Paul Kroungold, father of Sam – **Stacey & Eric Shore**

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#### **IN HONOR OF**

Rami's senior sermon – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

### **Michael & Susan Schenker Endowment Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF**

Marriage of Heidi & Brett Isaacson – **Pamela Friedeberg**

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Mark Solomon, father of Adam Solomon, son-in-law of Susan & Michael Schenker – **Norma Jean & Robert Sternschein**

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## **Congratulations**

Nancy Bernstein, birth of granddaughter, Samantha Katz

## **Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch**

Dr. Robert Oberstein, in honor of his daughter Maya's Bat Mitzvah

Kowalsky & Saxon Family, in honor of Ross Kowalsky's Bar Mitzvah

Taste of Shabbat

## **Of Blessed Memory**

Beth Cohn

Minnie Goldenberg, mother of Sherri Pliskin

Seymore Newman

Frances Reichlin, wife of Saul Reichlin

Leona Rogol

Jack Rubin, father of Mark Rubin

Burton Saltzberg, father of Linda Steinmark

## **Bar Mitzvah Celebration**

Information on Bar and Bat Mitzvah students  
is available from the office.

Please send all Life Cycle announcements to the  
Temple Office: Laurea at [LEsau@bethelwh.org](mailto:LEsau@bethelwh.org).

## **ReJEWenate Membership Campaign - Help Beth El Grow**

Do you know we have a membership referral benefit (to you, the referring member) as well as a new member promotion? If you know someone who might benefit from our incredible community – a Community You Can Believe In – or if you are someone looking for a warm, supportive, engaging, and intellectual Jewish community, please be in touch. This is the perfect time to join Beth El!

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, [igarber@bethelwh.org](mailto:igarber@bethelwh.org),  
860-233-9696

# ★ Making Connections

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## **Yellow Candles Packaging Breakfast Program** **Sunday, April 3 9:15 AM**

We will package the Yellow Candles for delivery to Beth El members. They will be lit on the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day so we will never forget!

RSVP: by 3/31, Joe Springut, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, 860-676-9878

COST: no charge

SPONSOR: Men's Club

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## **The Mystery of Two Arks and Three Colossi in Rhodes** **Wednesday, April 6 NOON - 2:30 PM**

Dr. Rabbi Richard Freund, Director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, will discuss his continuing archaeological work on the Greek island of Rhodes.

COST: \$12/person

RSVP: by 4/1 at 5 PM, Florence Shakun, 860-233-2395;

Bonnie Weiner, 860-216-1221

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## **Keeper of the Flame 5776** **Sunday, April 10 1:00 PM**

Brunch Tribute and Celebration Reception of Conservative Men who make a major contribution to their respective communities. Beth El's honoree is Jacob Kovel, who is in his fifth year as Men's Club President.

LOCATION: Beth El Temple

QUESTIONS: Phil Schulz, philschulz@sbcglobal.net, 860-651-0072

COST: \$25/adult; \$10/child

SPONSOR: Federation of Jewish Men's Club, CT Valley Region

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## **NextGen Night at Hooker Brewery** **Wednesday, April 20 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Come enjoy some pre-Pesach beer! We will have snacks, beer tastings and brewery tours.

LOCATION: Hooker Brewery, 16 Tobey Rd, Bloomfield

COST: \$15/person

RSVP: by 4/15, Sharon Neiberg, sharonneiberg@gmail.com,

860-857-2020

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## **Evening Walk around the Reservoir** **Empty Nester Moms\*** **Wednesday, April 27 6:30 - 7:15 PM**

How do you re-connect with your children when they return home for the summer? Let's enjoy some fresh air as we discuss family rituals and traditions.

LOCATION: MDC Reservoir #6, Albany Ave, West Hartford

INFORMATION/RSVP: Lonni Schulz, LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net, 860-651-0072

\*NOTE: if your youngest child has recently left home, you are invited to join this group

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## **Men's Club Breakfast Program** **Sunday, May 1, 9:15 AM**

Join the discussion of the Men's Club mission, led by a trained facilitator.

RSVP: by 4/28, Joe Springut, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com,

860-676-9878; no charge

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## **Deliver Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah** **Sunday, May 1**

Help us deliver the Yellow Candles to Beth El members for lighting on May 5.

CONTACT: Marty Melnick, marty.melnick@gmail.com,

860-985-0833

SPONSOR: Men's Club

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## **Grandparents Circle** **How Jewish Will My Grandkids Be?** **Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, 8 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

The Grandparents Circle is designed to help Jewish grandparents of intermarried children pass their heritage on to the next generation.

NOTE: series of 5 educational and support sessions

REGISTRATION: cdeer@bethelwh.org

QUESTIONS: Laura Kinyon, LKinyon123@aol.com

COST: \$15 materials fee

FACILITATOR: Laura Kinyon, MSW, LCSW, Mothers Circle and Grandparents Circle Leader

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## **Curating Your Treasured Memorabilia** **Women's Network Torah Fund Luncheon** **Wednesday, May 18, NOON - 1:30 PM**

Please bring a special item, such as a letter or photo (you'll get to keep your item), for discussion with Jill Pollack, Organizational Expert and TV Personality. Proceeds to benefit Torah Fund of Women's League for Conservative Judaism which supports the Jewish Theological Seminary and other education agencies in Conservative Judaism.

COST: \$30/person, \$15/Torah Fund Benefactors and Guardians

RSVP: by 5/8, Beth Papermaster,

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## **The 2015-2016 Music Series at Beth El** **Yom Yerushalayim Celebration** **Sunday, June 5, 7:00 PM**

Israeli singer Gon Halevi; Brahms violin concerto, and more!

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**REGISTER:** [truah.org/get-involved/annual-benefit](http://truah.org/get-involved/annual-benefit) for tickets, sponsorships, and other information

## Join a Havurah – New Groups Being Formed

Joining a Havurah enables small groups of Beth El members, couples and/or singles, of similar ages and interests, to meet on a regular basis. Together they can celebrate, socialize, learn and enrich Jewish lives in a small setting while being part of Beth El Temple.

CONTACT: Korine Ferraro, 860-584-0376, [korinef@att.net](mailto:korinef@att.net)

## Beth El Softball Team

**Sunday mornings**

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GAMES: early June through mid-August

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### Mishloach Manot

Marci Alter, Amy Goldman, *co-chairs*

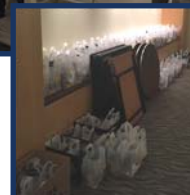
### Delivery

Carrie Apter	Lisa Harris
Nancy Asnes	Peter Katz
Laura Barash	Jeremy Kempner
Sue Bernstein	Neil Kochen
Jessica Borden	Sharon Kochen
Alison Demarest	Dan Kulakofsky
Marlena DeRosa	Jen Ludgin
BJ Diamond	Janel MacDermott
Debbie Dylan	Lori Yontef
Laurea Esau	Mathog
Tom Falik	Marty Melnick
Annette Gavens	Sharon Neiberg
Susan Gluck	Lisa Nollman
Lori Goodman	Len Oremland
	Robin Oremland
	Bruce Putterman

Gail Reiner  
Deborah  
Rosenfeld  
Jane Rubin  
Ila Sabino  
Sue Saidel  
Lonni Schulz  
Gale Shapiro  
Leslie Silvers  
Joe Springut  
Alan Tuvn  
Stacey  
vonRichthofen  
Howard Weiner  
Patti Weiner  
Jay Wolman

### Packaging

Jordan Alter  
Jessia Borden  
Beth Brumberg  
Meryl Danitz  
Alison Demarest  
Caryl Goldberg  
Lori Goodman  
Nina Narins  
Arielle Panthauer  
Jane Rubin  
Ronit Shoham  
Marvin Sperling  
Sidra Sperling  
Melissa Weinstock



## ★ Doing Mitzvot

### Charter Oak Project

<b>Cook</b>	<b>Sun, 4/3</b>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 AM</b>
	<b>Sun, 5/1</b>	<b>12:00 - 2:00 PM</b>
<b>Serve</b>	<b>Mon, 4/4, 5/2</b>	<b>5:30 - 7:00 PM</b>

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

LOCATION: cook at Beth El, serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center, Charter Oak Ave, Hartford

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

### Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

**Mon, Apr. 4, May 2**  
**10:00 AM - 12:45 PM**

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

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

### KNITzvah Group

**Sun, April 10, May 15**  
**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

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

CONTACT: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com, or NJ Sternschein, njsternschein@comcast.net

### Jessie's Garden Horseradish

**Tues & Wed, April 19 & 20**  
**4:00 PM**

Volunteers will grate and bottle the horseradish from Jessie's Garden for our fifth annual sale. Contact the Temple office to purchase this delicious Beth El horseradish. It is a wonderful Beth El addition to your Passover Seder table.

TO VOLUNTEER: Judy and Dan Kulakofsky,  
judykulakofsky@comcast.net  
COST: \$5/5oz. bottle

### Go Fragrance Free: A Beautiful Proposition



As Jews, the best way to beautify ourselves is by performing acts of kindness (*Gemilut Hasadim*). Many people are highly sensitive to fragrances and can suffer adverse health consequences when exposed to them. The next time you're grooming yourself, please add a touch of beauty by avoiding the application of fragrances.

*Let's keep the air we share healthy  
and fragrance-free for all.*