

Temple Topics

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Tuesday & Wednesday

December 8 & 9

5:45 PM

(weather permitting)

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We Light These Lights

“*Mai Chanukah?*” “What is *Chanukah*?” The Talmud disarmingly asks.

Every school child can give the answer. “It’s all about the little jar of oil that had only enough oil to burn for one day, but miraculously burned for eight days.” And adults in the room nod but wonder if it is really quite that simple. After all, if that little legend of the burning oil was true Chanukah ought to be only a seven day festival because after all there was enough oil for one day.

The adult within asserts Chanukah is really about the victory of the small fighting band known as the Maccabees. A group who refused to accept the edicts of the Syrian Greeks denying them free worship. A group appalled by the placing of Greek idols in Temple. And so the few Maccabees beat the vastly larger Greek forces yielding us one of history’s great victories for religious freedom.

Our sages did not like the military implications of the story. They did not want future generations to think that the Maccabean victory was only a product of the force of arms. And so, they provided us with a very spiritual expression of the event – this was a miracle from God. And Chanukah is a time of gratitude, of sharing with family and friends the joy of being free to live by our tradition.

Moreover, to reinforce the religious lesson of the holiday, our sages chose as a Haftarah for the Shabbat of Chanukah a passage from the Book of Zechariah which reads “not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit alone says the Lord of hosts.”

Never has this world been more in need of the kind of Chanukah Jewish tradition developed.

As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks describes in his book *Not in God’s Name* “religious violence is an inevitable result of feeling that you alone possess the singular truth. Those who cannot or will not accept it are heretics worthy of death.”

As this issue of Temple Topics goes to print the horrible events in Paris have just recently occurred. The world is saddened and shocked, but not utterly surprised that yet again terrorists have destroyed countless lives in the name of God in accordance with their particular reading of Islam.

The hour calls for us to live and proclaim a daily Chanukah. A renewed dedication to the realization that God put us on this earth to heal, to comfort, to do the good and to sanctify life. To see the Divine face in the other. To honor our various traditions and our common humanity. In short, to dedicate ourselves not to a call to arms, but a kindling of the lights.

Let’s not be too quick to dismiss the miracle of the small jar of oil. A tiny flame can dispel so much darkness. Our path is to kindle countless flames of the goodness and the Godliness they represent.

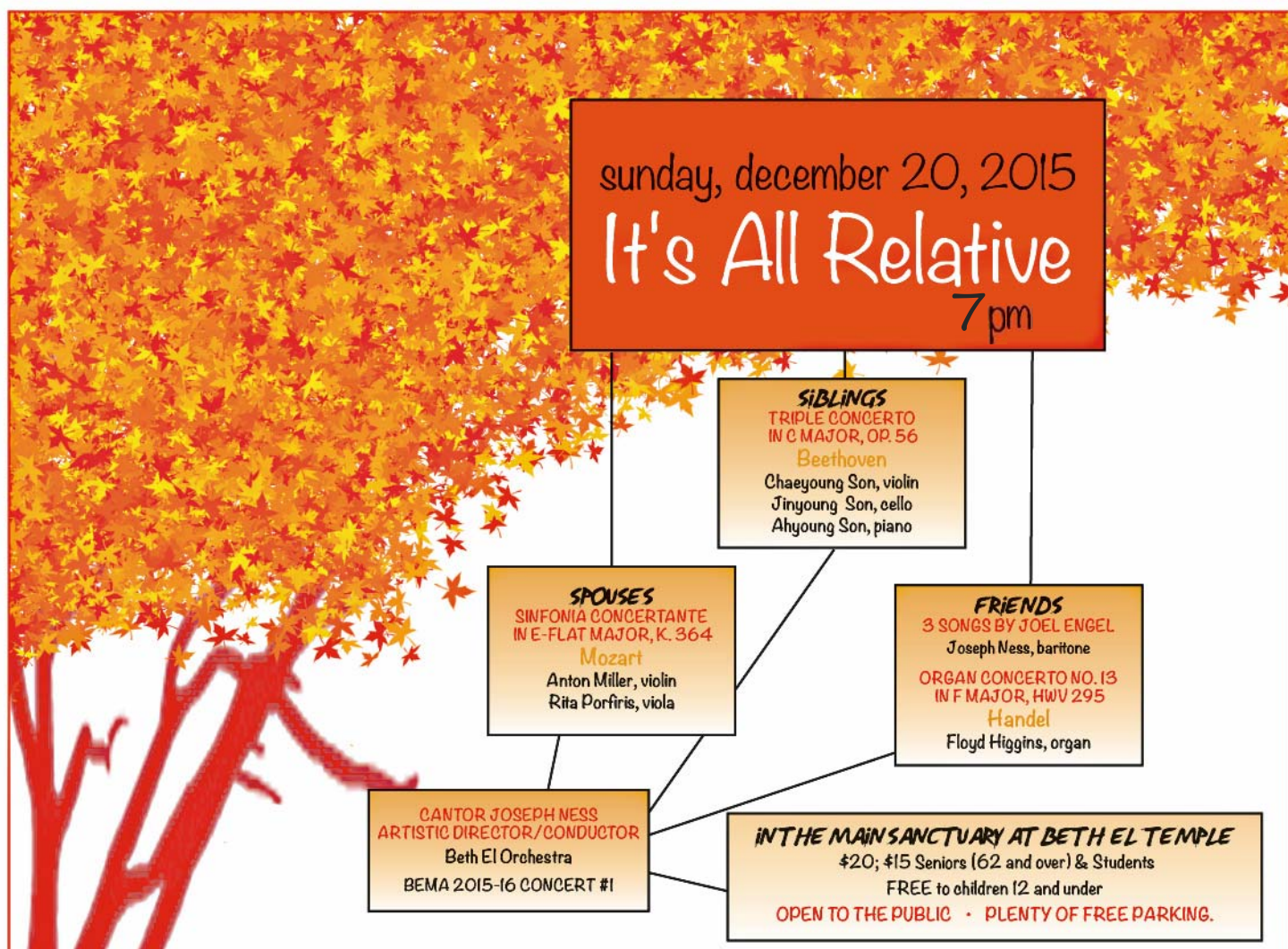
Let God’s good name be associated with decency, compassion, and sensitivity in this sadly blood-soaked world. And let’s never tire of making it so.

~ Rabbi Jim Rosen

ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign Grow Help Beth El

Do you know we have a membership referral benefit (to you, the referring member) as well as a new member promotion in January? 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!

★ Where Else Could Music Be This Heavenly



sunday, december 20, 2015
It's All Relative
7pm

SIBLINGS
TRIPLE CONCERTO
IN C MAJOR, OP. 56
Beethoven
Chaeyoung Son, violin
Jinyoung Son, cello
Ahyoung Son, piano

SPOUSES
SINFONIA CONCERTANTE
IN E-FLAT MAJOR, K. 364
Mozart
Anton Miller, violin
Rita Porfiris, viola

FRIENDS
3 SONGS BY JOEL ENGEL
Joseph Ness, baritone
ORGAN CONCERTO NO. 13
IN F MAJOR, HWV 295
Handel
Floyd Higgins, organ

CANTOR JOSEPH NESS
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR
Beth El Orchestra
BEMA 2015-16 CONCERT #1

IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY AT BETH EL TEMPLE
\$20; \$15 Seniors (62 and over) & Students
FREE to children 12 and under
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • PLENTY OF FREE PARKING.

The 2015-2016 Music Series at Beth El

BEMA – Beth El Music & Arts

Cantor Joseph Ness, DIRECTOR

It's All Relative **December 20, 2015, 7:00 PM**

Details above!

Broadway and Purim **March 20, 2016, 4:00 PM**

Yom Yerushalyim Celebration

June 5, 2016, 7:00 PM

COST: per concert: \$20/person; \$15/senior (62+);
\$15/student; free for children 12 and under

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Visit bethelwesthartford.org for the Subscriber Form with details about pricing and the benefits of being a subscriber. On the main menu, follow "Events & Registration" to "Upcoming Events," and the flyer is "2015-16 BEMA Concert Series."

Hollywood and the Jews

Wednesday Music University Lecture Series

February 24, March 2 & 9, 2016, 7:00 PM

Three-part series with Cantor Ness, other scholars, and augmented by film and audio.

COST: no charge for first two; \$5 at door on 3/9 for the film

SPONSOR: Beth El Music & Arts

Beth El Kids' Choir

Sign up for our renewed choir

- ♪ Open to all members in grades 4-8, by audition with Cantor Ness
- ♪ Weekly rehearsals: Sundays, 11:15 AM - NOON
- ♪ Participation in Shabbat services
- ♪ Performances in BEMA concerts
- ♪ A *Commitment Contract* must be signed by both the student and one parent

CONTACT: Debbie Rosenfeld, deb.rosenfeld6@gmail.com

AUDITION SLOTS: check the weekly Shabbat e-blast for dates

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Fridays, weekly 10:00 AM - NOON

bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring NOT 12/25, 1/1

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

Saturdays, weekly 9:30 AM - NOON

Children's Playroom UP TO AGE 5

A place to take a break from services.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

Friday, Dec. 4 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Family Service GRADES 3-6

All students will be invited to lead prayers with their classes. Children who play a musical instrument and wish to accompany a prayer at a future service should contact Rabbi Garber.

NOTE: Shabbat hors d'oeuvres follow services

Saturdays, Dec. 5, Jan. 2 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, December 5 & 19

Tumbling with Torah

11:00 AM - NOON

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, 860-233-9891

Shabbat Family 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

Shabbat Zone

GRADES 3-6

A fun and interactive way for kids to experience Shabbat; snacks, prizes, games and fun!

Friday, December 18

5:45 - 6:45 PM

PJ Shabbat

UP TO AGE 5

Kids' Club Shabbat

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.

DINNER: follows for all participants, chicken nuggets for kids and

Shabbat hors d'oeuvres for parents; no charge

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

★ Making Connections

It's so quiet - is this really my house!?! Wed, Dec. 2 Empty Nester Moms 7:30 - 9:00 PM

What happens after you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your returning college student(s)? Whether you are thrilled or dismayed at the quiet, let's talk about it. Join moms for coffee and conversation about this new chapter of our lives.

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

LOCATION: Panera Bread, Bishop's Corner, West Hartford

Israeli Robotic Students Visit West Hartford

Host Families Needed March 28 - April 4, 2016

Community Dinner Wednesday, March 30

Competition April 2-3

Host families are needed for approximately 25 students and 5 teachers/chaperones from Israel who will be visiting the Hartford area to participate in Trinity College's Annual Fire Fighting Robot Contest. Responsibilities of host families include (but not limited to) providing lodging, meals, and transportation to/from meeting and practice locations.

CONTACT: Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com, 860-561-4415

HOST FAMILIES: if interested, contact Sharon ASAP up to January

COMMUNITY DINNER: Save the Date! Open to the entire community!

College Connection

Getting Ready for Purim

Every year, Beth El's College Connection sends *Mishloach Manot* to the children of Beth El Temple members away at school. We would love to share some Purim joy and send a gift to your college/boarding student to let them know we are thinking of them!

EMAIL: bethpapermaster@yahoo.com

INCLUDE: student's name, college address, and year of graduation

SPONSOR: College Connection is made possible through the generosity of the Gavens Family College Youth Fund

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

★ Worshipping Together - Chanukah

What are we celebrating?

In 168 BCE, Syria's King Antiochus marched into Jerusalem to end Jewish worship in his kingdom (he was not a Freedom of Religion kind of guy). He destroyed Jewish ritual objects and decreed that Jewish practices were punishable by death. Three years later, Judah, a son of Mattathias the Kohen (priest), led a rebellion and re-took Jerusalem. His search for pure, undefiled olive oil to light the menorah – thus rededicating and returning Jewish practice to the Temple – netted enough for only one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight. Oh yes, Judah *Ha Maccabi* means Judah, *The Hammer*. He must have been one tough guy.

Lighting the Menorah

A *Chanukah Menorah* takes nine candles, eight at the same level and one *shamash*, or guardian, that stands taller and is used to light all the others. We practice according to the teaching of the rabbinic scholar Hillel, putting the candles in the *Menorah* right to left (as Hebrew is written and read), but lighting them left to right so that the new candle is lit first.

We light candles after nightfall, EXCEPT on Shabbat when we light before dark and before we light Shabbat candles.

Each night you say the first two blessings shown below, and on the first night you add the third blessing. After you say the blessings, you light the candles.

The first night of Chanukah this year is **Sunday, December 6.**

Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,

who made us holy through
Your commandments and
commanded us to kindle
the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

who performed
wondrous deeds for
our ancestors in
those ancient days
at this season.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
she-asah nisim la'avoteinu (v'imoteinu)
ba'yamim ha'haim bazman ha'zeh.

for giving us life, sustaining
us, and enabling us to reach
this

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man
hazeh.

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay...

Dreidel is a Yiddish word that means *spinning top*. Its Hebrew name is *sevivon*. The dreidel dates back to Syrian-Greek times when Jewish children had to hide their study or face death. They kept spinning tops handy, bringing them out to play games should the authorities come on the scene.

One Hebrew letter is written on each of the four sides for the saying, *Nes gadol haya sham*, a Great Miracle Happened There.

Today, children use coins, nuts, or candy to play. To begin, each person puts one coin into the pot. On their turn, the person spins the dreidel, and plays according to the letter facing up:

Nun = "*nisht*" or "nothing."
Do nothing.

Hey = "*halb*" or "half." Take
half of the pot (half plus
one if an odd number).

Gimmel = "*gantz*" or
"everything." Take
everything in the pot.

Shin = "*shtet*" or "put in."
Add a piece to the pot
(some add 3 pieces).

How do you Spell (C)Han(n)uk(k)a(h)?

Chanukah, Hanukkah or Hannuka?

Translation is easy – the word means "dedication." But the transliteration (changing letters and words into corresponding characters of another alphabet or language) of a Hebrew word into English can be confusing.

In Hebrew, the first letter is a "chet" which has a guttural "ch" (think J.S. Bach). The English alphabet does not have a matching letter; this accounts for some of the spelling variants.

Although there is no official spelling, Chanukah and Hanukkah are the most widely used and accepted.

★ Lifelong Learning

PAG Chanukah & Mitzvah Party Everyone is invited!

December 6
NOON - 1:00 PM

Kick off the Festival of Lights with your Beth El friends and make a difference for folks in our community. Please bring your favorite cereal to add to our school-wide project to build a GIANT *menorah* (to be donated to the Kosher Food Pantry). Our celebration will also include latkes, Beth El's "First Annual Dreidel Spin Off" with prizes, Chanukah singing with Rabbi Garber, and lots of fun!

COST: no charge, rsvp requested for planning

SPONSOR: Parent Action Group (PAG) of the Religious School

CONTACT: school office, 860-233-9891, hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org

Chai Mitzvah Continues

10:00 - NOON

This class is for Beth El women who have participated in our original Chai Mitzvah groups or for those who want to try learning in the Chai Mitzvah model.

Thursday, January 21 – From Evergreen to Everlasting:
Trees & Torah on Tu Bishvat

Tuesday, February 23 – Purim Katan (not really Purim):
Making Meaning Out of Life's Little Things

Thursday, March 24 – Joining the Harem: A Purim Feast &
Study of Sexuality in Judaism

Tuesday, April 26 – Making Things Count: A Continuation
of Our Exploration of Gratitude

COST: \$7/class or \$25/series of 4

NOTE: Enrollment will be limited to keep discussion flowing.

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, 860-233-9696, igarber@bethelwh.org

Weekly Classes

NO classes Friday, Dec. 25 – Friday, Jan. 1

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, 860-233-4853,
bhoffman3@comcast.net

COST: no charge, Beth El Temple 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

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

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Bible & Breakfast WILL MEET 12/24 & 12/31
After *Minyan*, the Rabbis discuss the weekly Torah portion.

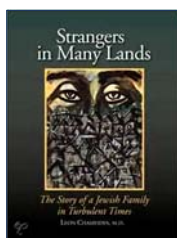
New participants are invited to join all classes.

LIBRARY CORNER Leon Chameides, M.D., Writer-extraordinaire ☆ Roberta J. Buland

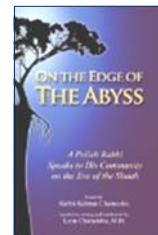
Many of us had the opportunity to hear Dr. Chameides inform us about his books, *Strangers in Many Lands* and *On the Edge of the Abyss*, at a Friday Forum in June. The doctor, now retired from pediatric cardiology, held the audience in the palms of his hands as he described life in Poland before World War II. Between the two books, a reader can learn almost all one needs to know about the author. *On the Edge of the Abyss* is a compilation of his father's translated essays when he was a rabbi on the eve of the Shoah from 1932-1938. Subjects include ethics and Jewish history; relationships about humanity, religion, nations, and community; and

biblical interpretations and Jewish hope for the future.

In *Strangers in Many Lands*, Dr. Chameides tells the story of his family from the 1700s through World War II, including his hiding as a child in a Ukrainian monastery. Having last seen his father at the age of 7, he meticulously documents and translates into English his own memories based on his research of over 20 years. The book is beautifully written and includes family photos, diary entries, hand-written testaments of the times, and documentation of his father's death in the Lvov ghetto in 1943.



Both books indicate that his memories and research were painful to write, yet Dr. Chameides tells his stories with warmth and empathy. It is evident that he has come to terms with not only his early childhood, but also his life as a hidden child afterwards and his journey to America and its aftermath. The Hartford Jewish community has a treasure in Dr. Chameides. William Faulkner wrote, "The past isn't dead. It isn't even past." We now know, through the books, that the past has been indelibly written for us to learn from and to enjoy in easy-to-understand formats.



★ Artist-in-Residence Week



December 7 – 13, 2015
with **Mordechai Rosenstein**

The Hebrew alphabet is the essence of the art of Mordechai Rosenstein. “The flowing forms of the letters have been an inspiration to me since my youth.” Mordechai’s love of these forms is evident in every piece he creates. His vibrant shapes and colors enhance synagogue interiors, tapestries, paintings, murals, and silk screen prints.



Illuminated Art at JTConnect

Monday, Dec. 7
7:00 - 8:40 PM

Teens will do a special “illuminated art” project.

RSVP: JTConnect, Heather Fiedler, 860-727-6110,
heather@jtconnect.org, to reserve your spot.

In Celebration of Women

Wednesday, Dec. 9
7:30 PM

Through his art, see the role that women have played in history and in life. Discussion will be followed by a creative project with attendees.

SPONSOR: Women’s Network

REFRESHMENTS: wine and dessert

COST: free for paid-up WN members, \$5 guests, in advance

RSVP: by 12/4, womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com

The Art within Shabbat and Torah

Saturday, Dec. 12
9:30 AM

A special D’var Torah from Mordechai during services.

Pinot and Painting Beth El Paint Bar

Saturday, Dec. 12
7:00 PM

Create an original work of art while enjoying good food, company, and the sounds of live jazz riffs.

SPONSOR: BEMA (Beth El Music & Arts)

COST: \$8/general; \$5/BEMA Subscribers and Seniors (62+)

RSVP: by 12/10 at noon, Eliane, elianefreund@sbcglobal.net,
860-233-7157

The History of Creating Jewish Art

Sunday, Dec. 13
9:00 - 10:30 AM

Enjoy a breakfast buffet with a powerful slide show and stories about artwork created for families, organizations, synagogues, and even celebrities.

HOST: Men’s Club

SPONSOR: Lois Saffer

RSVP: by 12/10, 860-676-9878, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

COST: no charge; to sponsor a future Breakfast Program to commemorate a special occasion, contact Bruce Shein,
860-677-8300, bruceshein@comcast.net



Art Is for All Ages!

Thursday, Dec. 10
2:30 PM

Seniors are invited to a *Chai Tea* and a special project designed just for them.

SPONSOR: Chai Society

RSVP: by 12/9, 860-233-9696
cdeer@bethelwh.org

Creative Open House

Thursday, Dec. 10 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
& Friday, Dec. 11 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Add a brush stroke as Mordechai creates an original painting for Beth El, making this a truly collaborative community creation.

My Journey As an Artist

Friday, Dec. 11
Services 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

Celebrate Shabbat with services, followed by a talk during a community dinner.

COST: \$16/adult, \$10/child under 13

RSVP: by 12/9 at noon, 860-233-9696, cdeer@bethelwh.org



Students and Art

Sunday, Dec. 13
N - Gr.2 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Gr. 3 - 7 11:15 AM - NOON

Students and parents will create a take-home artwork co-signed by the artist. SSDS families are invited.

SPONSOR: Religious School

NOTE: Nursery - Grade 2 parents are invited to join their children for services following the program

★ December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
November 29 17 Kislev	30 18 Kislev	December 1 19 Kislev 6:00 PM Ritual Comm. Meeting	2 20 Kislev 7:30 PM Empty Nester Moms
6 24 Kislev 9:00 AM Charter Oak Project, cook 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group 12:00 PM <u>RS</u> Chanukah & Mitzvah Party First Night of Chanukah	7 25 Kislev Chanukah – Day 1 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Project, serve 7:00 PM <i>Teen Art Party</i> *	8 26 Kislev Chanukah – Day 2 6:45 PM Board Mtg. <div>* with Mordechai Rosenstein – Artist-in-Residence Program</div>	9 27 Kislev Chanukah – Day 3 7:30 PM <u>WN</u> <i>In Celebration of Women</i> *
13 1 Tevet Rosh Chodesh; Chanukah – Day 7 10:00 AM Morning Minyan (ONLY MORNING SERVICE) B/M Nancy Gottfried 9:15 AM <u>MC</u> Breakfast Program <i>History of Creating Jewish Art</i> * 10:30 AM <u>RS</u> Art Workshops *	14 2 Tevet Chanukah – Day 8	15 3 Tevet 5:45 PM Finance Comm. Meeting	16 4 Tevet
20 8 Tevet 6:30 PM Evening Minyan 7:00 PM <u>BEMA</u> <i>It's All Relative</i> Orchestral Concert	21 9 Tevet	22 10 Tevet 6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM <u>MC</u> Board Mtg.	23 11 Tevet
27 15 Tevet <div>No Religious School</div>	28 16 Tevet	29 17 Tevet <div>No Religious School</div>	30 18 Tevet <div>No Religious School</div>
NO Weekday Classes, except Thursday's Bible & Breakfast			

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

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

unless
otherwise
noted in
bold in
the grid

Ongoing Weekly Programs

new students welcome; no registration required

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

Wed. 10:30 AM Talmud Study

Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast

(will meet 12/24, 12/31)

Fri. 10:00 AM bebe - Beth El Babies Exploring

Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3 21 Kislev	4 22 Kislev 5:45 PM Family Service Candle Lighting: 4:00 PM	5 23 Kislev Parsha Vayeishev Birthday Shabbat 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Experience / Shabbat Zone 4:10 PM B/M Will Schoen Havdalah: 5:00 PM
10 28 Kislev Chanukah – Day 4 10:00 AM Creative Open House* 2:30 PM <u>CS</u> Chai Tea*	11 29 Kislev Chanukah – Day 5 10:00 AM Creative Open House* 7:00 PM Community Shabbat Dinner* Candle Lighting: 4:00 PM	12 30 Kislev Rosh Chodesh; Chanukah – Day 6 Parsha Mikeitz 9:30 AM <u>D'VAR TORAH</u> The Art within Shabbat and Torah* 4:10 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah 11:00 AM <u>BEMA</u> Pinot and Painting* Havdalah: 5:00 PM
Monday through Sunday, December 7-13; see page 7 for details		
17 5 Tevet	18 6 Tevet 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' ClubShabbat Candle Lighting: 4:01 PM	19 7 Tevet Parsha Vayigash 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Experience / Shabbat Zone 4:10 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah Havdalah: 5:02 PM
24 12 Tevet	25 13 Tevet 9:00 AM Morning Minyan Xmas Day Mitzvah Day see back page for details NO b.e.b.e. Candle Lighting: 4:05 PM	26 14 Tevet Parsha Vayechi 4:15 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah Havdalah: 5:05 PM
31 19 Tevet	January 1 20 Tevet 9:00 AM Morning Minyan	2 21 Tevet Parsha Shemot Birthday Shabbat 4:20 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah Havdalah: 5:11 PM
Friday, 12/25 – Friday, 1/1		
	Candle Lighting: 4:10 PM	

Multi-Week Classes

pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon. 1:00 PM Personal and Family History Workshop
Mon. 7:00 PM Ulpan
Thu. 12:00 PM Intermediate Hebrew
Thu. 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Religious School ~ Special Activities

Sun. 6th 10:00 AM Daled Class BM Workshop
Sun. 6th 10:30 AM Hai Class JCL Program
Sun. 6th NOON Chanukah & Mitzvah Party

No School: 12/27, 12/29, 12/30, 1/3

Please note the use of the following abbreviations:

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

★ Supporting Beth El

Why Endowment?

Your Gift Will Keep on Giving

The voices of our little ones, exuberant at PJ Shabbat. Of our religious school students learning together what it means to be a Jewish community. Of our teens, taking the first steps on their own Jewish journeys. Of our college students, living away from home, remembering what Judaism is all about (sometimes unknowingly!).

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Endowment giving is about keeping Judaism alive for

generations of Beth El families to come. Many families (see list below) have already established Endowment Funds. Many more have included a gift to Beth El in their estate plan. To you, we say *Todah Rabah* (Thank You). You understand the importance of passing on to the next generations all that you received from those who came before you.

As the year draws to a close and you are making your final charitable contributions for 2015, we invite you to join them. There are many vehicles for making gifts to Beth El's Endowment, including the community's Aim Chai campaign. Whether through a named fund, a legacy gift or a donation to our general Endowment Fund or one of the existing funds, growing our endowment ensures a strong future for the next generation of Beth El. For more information, please contact Beth El's Endowment President, Abbey Kreinik, endowment@bethelwh.org

Restricted Endowment Funds

Alter Family Fund supports youth activities and youth education at Beth El.

Bert and Ruth Berlin Fund in Loving Memory of Our Daughter Ellen supports early childhood education.

Dolin-Etscovitz Family Endowment Fund provides its income for the Beth El Music & Arts scheduled concerts and related programming.

Sharon and Bob Efron Family Fund supports all things Israel at Beth El including but not limited to education and programs.

Leonard and Vicki Eisenfeld Endowment Fund supports adult education at Beth El and Beth El sponsored programs and activities directed towards Tikkun Olam.

Jane and Nathan Field Memorial Fund supports direct, hands-on projects by Beth El that assist the needy in the Greater Hartford area without respect to religious affiliation.

Betsy Heilpern Firger Healing Spring Music Fund furthers artistic, secular and religious music at Beth El.

Friends Fund for Members in Need assists members who find themselves in financial difficulty. This might include but is not limited to difficulty paying utility bills, buying food, or maintaining Beth El Temple membership.

Gavens Family College Youth Fund maintains programs and projects for young Jewish adults at Beth El, ages 18-25.

Mildred Glasband Memorial Fund provides scholarship support for teenagers'/young adults' participation in educational programs in Israel.

Molly Gold Fund for Jewish Education helps students enhance Jewish awareness through field trips, kinnusim, conferences or other consciousness-raising experiences.

Gloria Goldenberg Music and Lecture Series Endowment Fund underwrites a program of music or an educational or lecture program at Beth El for the benefit of its members and the Greater Hartford community.

Harry E. Goldfarb Endowment Fund for Teacher Training used for specific teacher training including adult education.

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Kesten Education Fund furthers education at Beth El, especially for Midrasha and Special Ed.

Ruth and Harry Kleinman Endowment Fund supports the Kleinman Weekend Scholar-in-Residence program and similar programs.

Koppleman Fund supports Men's Club speakers and education for debating.

Koteen Family Fund supports Synagogue-wide programming to enhance Jewish life and rituals.

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Arthur and Stella Mostel Fund for Adult Education provides support for adult education at Beth El.

David Pearl Memorial Fund for Children with Special Needs supports enrichment programs for Beth El children with special needs.

Charles and Paula Polivy Endowment Fund supports the Chai Society Picnic-on-the-Patio and other Chai Society programs.

Dr. Leo P. Reiner Endowment Fund to sponsor Family Education programs for Beth El parents and children.

Resnick Family Fund supports programming for interfaith couples.

Roland-Berkowitz Family Fund provides awareness and sensitization about people with special needs which may include programs, activities or materials to better help congregants understand the needs of members with special needs. The fund may also be used to enhance inclusion in our congregation and community. Additionally, the fund can be used to provide assistance for members in financial need.

Carol and Mark Rosen Israel Teen Trip Fund supports Beth El teens going to Israel.

Lester P. Roth and Rita Roth Memorial Endowment Fund supports the Membership Committee and the Ritual Committee.

Sara and Morris Rulnick Memorial Fund provides Camp Ramah tuition for those who cannot afford it.

Muriel G. and Morton L. Schenker Fund for the Arts underwrites educational programs and events including school projects, shows, and performances in the arts focused on drawing, painting, crafts, writing, drama, and dance for the benefit of the Beth El community and Greater Hartford Jewish community, with a preference for benefiting children, teenagers, and young adults.

Bertha and Sidney Schulman Endowment Fund supports the activities of Beth El's educational IT programs; the Beth El library including, but not limited to purchase of books, other reading materials, computers and other library aids; support the choir, including, but not limited to, purchase of sheet music, rental of equipment and payment of guest singers and support the choir's High Holiday efforts.

Mort Shechtman Men's Club Fund supports programs sponsored by the Beth El Temple Men's Club.

Bruce Shein and Sharon Levine-Shein Endowment Fund provides transportation to Beth El for its members, especially during the High Holidays and other times as well.

Anita and Paul Sigel Temple Organ Endowment Fund maintains, repairs, refurbishes and reconditions the Sanctuary's organ and ancillary equipment.

Sylvia Clark Solomon Memorial Library Endowment Fund purchases books for the library.

Sowalsky Gabbai Rishon Endowment Fund provides appropriate book on Jewish mourning laws, practices and customs to families sitting Shiva.

Arnold E Squires Memorial Endowment Fund maintains, repairs and replaces the Temple's Judaica including, but not limited to, Torahs, tallit and kippot.

Louis and Rita Stein Fund provides flowers for the holidays or other events during the year and for the synagogue's general and charitable purposes.

Sussman Families Endowment Fund provides funding for capital repairs, replacement and maintenance.

Ruth Sweedler Family Endowment Fund provides Beth El children of all ages, a religious education.

Amy E. Toyen Endowment Fund supports community activities directed towards Tikun Olam, sponsored or supported by Beth El Temple.

Henry and Sylvia / Josh Weiner Fund provides 12th grade graduation book awards; and high school-age children's programs.

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The lists of Beth El Temple Special Funds and Unrestricted Endowment Funds follow on the next two pages.

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Cemetery Fund to help support the upkeep of the Beth El Cemetery.

Chai Society Fund to support programs for Beth El Temple congregants, 55 years and older.

Education Fund to enhance the innovative educational experiences of our school children.

Early Childhood Fund to support and enhance the Early Childhood community.

Friends of Ari Santiago Temple Accessibility Fund to develop handicapped accessible Temple projects.

Max Goldfield Fund to help needy members of our community at times of personal difficulty.

Hagshamah Fund a special fund to help infertile couples.

Jewish Continuity Fund to support programs and resources for innovative, educational, cultural or religious endeavors to promote Jewish identity.

Judaica Museum Fund to purchase items of Judaica for permanent display.

Library Fund to purchase books and periodicals for Temple library.

Prayerbook Fund to purchase siddurim and chumashim for Shabbat and holidays.

Rabbi Garber's Discretionary Fund for philanthropic purposes to be dispensed at the personal discretion of Rabbi Garber.

Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund for philanthropic purposes to be dispensed at the personal discretion of Rabbi Rosen.

Student Israel Assistance Fund to subsidize travel to Israel for students.

Taste of Shabbat Fund

Temple Fund to defray costs of maintenance and refurbishing of our facilities in addition to mortgage amortization.

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IN MEMORY OF

Terry Marcus, mother of Mitchell – **Jackie & Dan Cohen & family**

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Birth of Emerson Lila Santiago, daughter of Erika & Ari, granddaughter of Robin & Rafi, great-granddaughter of Sheila & Howard Mark – **Paulette & Jim Lotstein**
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IN HONOR OF

50th anniversary of bat mitzvah of Leah Katz – **Nancy Kursman, Renee Neikrie**
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Amy Goldman "Kallat Torah" on Simchat Torah – **Felice Goldman**
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95th birthday of Lewis Harris – **Deena Harris & Andy Leifer, Jessie & Allie Leifer**

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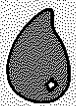
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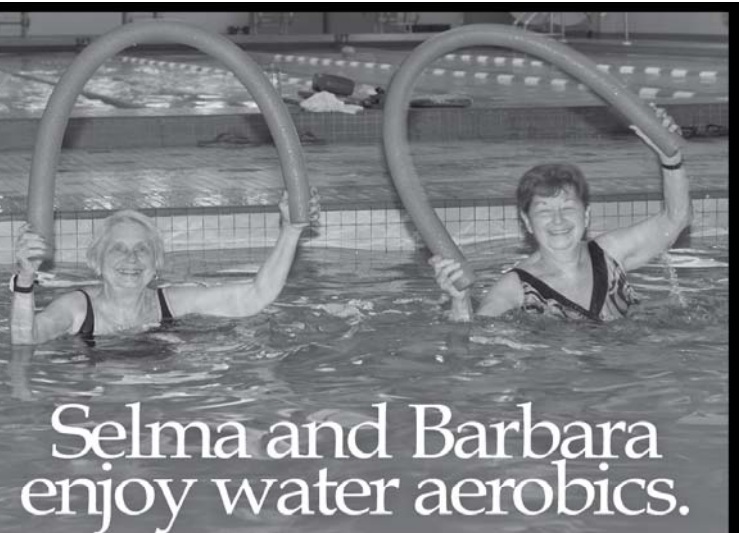
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50th anniversary of bat mitzvah of Leah
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Elsie Kaplan, mother – **Linda & Edward Miller**

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Garber's 10 year anniversary at Beth El –

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IN HONOR OF

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South Congregational Church **20 volunteers**
90 Main Street 6:00 AM - 3:30 PM
New Britain

Prep, cook, serve, clean up. Additional volunteers needed for deliveries to neighboring homes.

Peter's Retreat **5-6 volunteers**
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Cook, set tables, and serve dinner for 20-25 people.

Hebrew Home and Hospital **15 volunteers**
1 Abrahms Boulevard 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
West Hartford

All ages wanted to socialize with residents, play games, do arts and crafts, etc.

Hands On Hartford **20 volunteers**
Christ Church Cathedral 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM
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Serve dinner at 11:30 AM, and then help clean up.

RSVP: by 12/17, xmasmitzvah2015@gmail.com,

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NOTE: volunteer spots are limited and tend to fill up early.

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Sun, Dec. 6, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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Charter Oak Project

Cook **Sun, 12/6** **9:00 - 11:00 AM**
Serve **Mon, 12/7** **5:30 - 7:00 PM**

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

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Mon, Dec. 7, 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

Some of Our Members Have Allergies



It's a Mitzvah – please avoid wearing fragrances and using scented products when coming to Beth El.

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