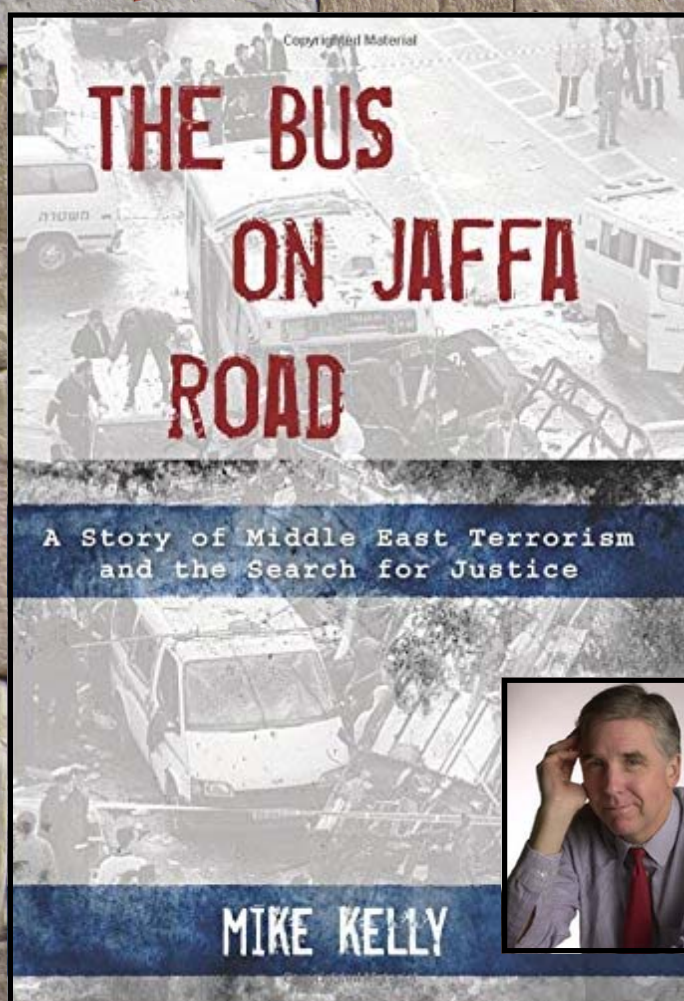


Temple Topics

Welcome to the first
EXPANDED
online edition with color photos!



Mike Kelly, Author *The Bus on Jaffa Road*

Sunday, February 22
7:00 PM

Free and open to the public

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

The evening will begin with a brief *Ma'ariv* (evening) service and memorial for Matt and Sara to commemorate the 19th *Yahrzeit* (anniversary of their deaths).

Co-sponsored with the Mandell Jewish Community Center and the Greater Hartford Jewish Book Festival

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And the Survey Says... ☆ Lois Koteen, PRESIDENT

Over the summer, we began a process of learning what Beth El members are looking for from our synagogue. More than 75 people participated in various focus groups and nearly 400 took the follow-up survey. In the survey world, that's an astounding number.

I want to share with you what we learned. Why is this so important? We are planning to make some changes to services, programs and activities at Beth El based in large part on your interests. We will also adjust the work of our staff to support these efforts.

- ☆ Most of you (96% of respondents) believe that synagogues are important for strong Jewish communities and that engaging young people is essential for strong synagogues (98%);
- ☆ While synagogues are important for strong communities, most of you connect to Judaism through a variety of ways: *Heritage, upbringing, food and family celebrations* were the most popular (96% of respondents) followed by *friendships with other Jews* (83%), *celebrating major Jewish holidays* (81%), *living an ethical life* (81%) and - *participating in some ritual such as lighting Shabbat candles or attending Shabbat services occasionally* (80%). Interestingly, younger members were even more likely to perceive these factors as being important for strong communities than others;
- ☆ People belong to Beth El for the people. They like the rabbis (99%), the cantor (66%), and their Beth El friends (67%). Most of you feel comfortable at Beth El (65% of respondents agree strongly / 28% agree somewhat with that statement);
- ☆ Some 40% participate in some activity at Beth El at least once a month while 30% attend activities occasionally;
- ☆ While 82% believe that services at Beth El are meaningful, most (65%) do not connect to Judaism through frequent attendance at services. When that 65% of people were asked if changes in services (i.e. length, content) could entice them to engage in Shabbat worship, 61% said no. The dynamic is slightly different for both newer and younger members who indicate that new and/or different offerings might bring them to services or engage them in ritual more frequently;
- ☆ The idea of Beth El as *a place for engaging in community with other Jews* clearly stands out from all other attributes (55%); this was followed by Beth El as *a place for strengthening Jewish identity* (32%); *a place for Jewish learning* (31%); *a place for traditional and non-traditional services* (26%).

The major take-aways: most of you are looking to make a connection with our rabbis, cantor and with others in the Beth El community. You are interested in participating in different activities and programs and, at times, services and ritual.

We are here to help you connect with people and activities that speak to you. In the last six months, we added a variety of new offerings and were pleased that many of you participated, quite a few who would not have imagined finding meaning in a synagogue. I hope you will check Temple Topics and read our weekly emails to stay up on all things Beth El. If you have an idea for a program or service, please let us know. Rabbi Rosen, Rabbi Garber, Cantor Ness, Rabbi Sowalsky, Rabbi Rosenbaum and I would love to hear from you. You can reach me at president@bethelwh.org. Our success as a synagogue truly does depend on connecting with you.



2015 Music University Series

A series of lectures, demonstrations & discussions

Wednesday, February 18, 7pm

Mendelssohn & Mahler

Romanticism & Fantasy

in the 19th Century

Cantor Joseph Ness, lecturer

Wednesday, February 25, 7pm

Piano Compositions

Listening and learning

Joseph Smith, guest pianist

Wednesday, March 11, 7pm

'Wagner's Jews'

A brilliant documentary film

Followed by a panel discussion with Cantor Joseph Ness

Special Guests: Film Producer Hilan Warshaw, Leon Botstein

The 3/11 session is \$8; \$5 for Seniors/Students; FREE to 2014-15 BEMA Season Patrons.

Wednesday, March 18, 7pm

Into the 20th Century:

Schoenberg's Music Revolution & Music of the Theater

Cantor Joseph Ness, lecturer

For more information go to bethelwesthartford.org

Series is open to the public.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Please RSVP for Series by Monday, February 16 to: cdeer@bethelwh.org or 860.233.9696.



Doing Mitzvot

Mishloach Manot Baskets

ASSEMBLY WED, FEB. 25
9:00 AM - NOON
DELIVERY SUN, MAR. 1
TIMING VARIES

The Scroll of Esther describes Purim as a day of "feasting and joy, of sending gifts to one another." From this source has come the practice of sending *mishloach manot*, gifts of food to friends and neighbors on Purim. Our congregation-wide *Mishloach Manot* project will enable families to fulfill this mitzvah by making a small donation in honor of their Beth El friends. A few days before Purim, families will receive a basket of wonderful goodies at their home, and a list indicating all the contributors to their basket.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to pack the Baskets and to deliver them

CONTACT: Marci Alter,
mbajba1@gmail.com,
860-676-2248,
or Amy Goldman,
amygoldman@comcast.net,
860-232-0790

SNOW DATE: for Basket Assembly: Thursday, Feb. 26



Volunteer Opportunities – Monthly

Sundays 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Charter Oak Project: Cook Feb 8, Mar 15

Prepare dinner to be served the next day to 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

Sundays 10:00 - 11:00 AM
KNITzvah Group Feb 8, Mar 15

The group knits or crochets, mostly lap-afghans, and delivers them to local charities. Bring a #10 needle.

Mondays 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Charter Oak Project: Serve Feb 9, Mar 16

Serve dinner to Hartford school children and their families.

LOCATION: Charter Oak Cultural Center, Charter Oak Ave, Hartford

CONTACT: see above

Mondays 10:30 AM - 12:45 PM
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen Feb 2, Mar 2

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients. First Monday of every month.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland Street, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com

Recognizing our Volunteers

Chanukah Candle Lighting at River Ridge Senior Living, Avon

A group of volunteers from around the community made Chanukah a little brighter! THANK YOU for making the time to light Chanukah Candles with the residents. They definitely appreciated you being there!

Phyllis & Robert Berman	Alexandra Heller
Alison Demarest	Flo Leibin
Sheila Diamond	Ronit Shoham with Maya
Allan Geetter	

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, December 30

An extra day of volunteering!

Bert Berlin	Ronit Shoham
Rick Kaye	Bonnie Weiner
June Rosenblatt	

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, January 5

The crew of regulars is happy to welcome new volunteers! Ellen Solomon, *coordinator*.

Nancy Gershman	Dr. Joe Springut
Sheila Ment	Ruth Stern
Sara Rosenblatt	Steve Szafran
Ronit Shoham with Ben	
(great to see you!)	



Cuz-We-Care Pillows

The lovely hand stuffed pillows were donated to The Hebrew Home & Hospital and Cut Out Cancer. Unfortunately, the Cuz-We-Care program has ended as the coordinator, Fay Von Deck (pictured, left) is retiring. Pictured above, Allie & Ziva.



Jonah Cohen
Marsha Fisher
Wendy Howard
Allie Hudson with Ziva
Myra Kleinman
Rayna Segelman
Debbie & Mike Stiebel
Sidra Sperling
Gayle & Steve Temkin with Alyssa & Lily
Julia Windsor



KNITzvah Group

There may be only 6-10 people at any of their gatherings, but there are many others knitting from home. These ladies do wonderful work. If you knit or crochet, and would like to contribute your skills, please contact Annette Gavens.

Temple Topics

The team creating this newsletter is looking to expand. If you would like to get involved, please send an email to the address on page 2.

Roberta J. Buland	Abbey Kreinik
	Francine Stier

Making Connections

Game Night

Tuesday, Feb. 17

OPTIONAL DINNER 6:30 - 7:00 PM
GAMES 7:00 - 9:30 PM

A fun evening of chess, checkers, poker, and more. Play our games or bring some of your own. Prizes, too.

GAMES: Open to adults and children; no charge, refreshments provided

COST FOR DINNER: \$10 (\$5 for Men's Club members); RSVP required by 2/15

RSVP: Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

SPONSOR: Men's Club

Muslim and Jewish Birth and Death Customs

Sunday, Mar. 8
9:15 AM

Guest Speakers: Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, President, Board of Trustees, Farmington Valley American Muslim Center and Mort Weinstein, Owner, Weinstein Mortuary.

COST FOR BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

WITH RSVP: \$7, no charge for Men's Club members

WALK-INS: \$10, \$5 for Men's Club members

RSVP: Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

SPONSOR: Men's Club

LifeLong Learning

Hebrew Through Prayer

Thursdays, weekly
10 weeks, begins Feb. 5
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Eliane Freund will be your guide you as you explore the background and choreography of the major prayers of the Shabbat morning service! You'll learn the meanings of key Hebrew words and practice reading and chanting the prayers.

REGISTER: Beth El office, 860-233-9696

**COST: \$50, Beth El Temple members;
\$75, non-members**

NOTE: Ability to read Hebrew is necessary

SPONSOR: LifeLong Learning Committee

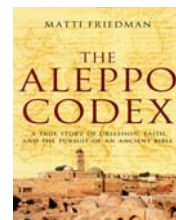


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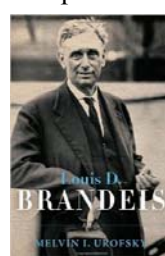
HISTORICAL JEWISH INFLUENCES ☆ Roberta J. Buland

The Aleppo Codex: A True Story of Obsession, Faith, and the Pursuit of an Ancient Bible, by Matti Friedman, is a true-life detective story that traces the journey of the manuscript from being smuggled out of its hiding place in Syria into the state of Israel. Grizzled secret

agents, pious clergymen, shrewd antiquities collectors, and highly placed national figures were prepared to do anything to secure the ancient, decaying book. It is a must read about uncomfortable truths, greed, state cover-ups, and the fascinating role of historical treasures in creating a national Jewish identity.



Louis D. Brandeis: A Life, by Melvin Urofsky, is the first biography in 25 years of this outstanding Supreme Court justice. It is definitive, comprehensive, and highly readable. Brandeis



dedicated his life and career to improving the lives of others and preserving fundamental American values. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called him "Isaiah." Brandeis still matters in American history and world annals, nearly seven decades after his death.

Both books are available from our library.

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.

REGISTER: Beth El office, 860-233-9696

**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 *Torah*. Newcomers welcome!

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.

X-Mas Day Mitzvah Day – 2015

6 Locations ~ 84 Volunteers ~ 1 Beth El Community

X-MAS DAY MITZVAH DAY was a huge success! Activities included: doing arts & crafts, singing, playing BINGO, cooking, serving, packaging, and delivering meals. To our volunteers, THANK YOU! You made this X-Mas Day Mitzvah Day the success that it was. A special thank you to Josh Gottfried, who took pictures at each venue and filled in for us while we were away, and of course to our Venue Leaders (*) – we couldn't have done it without all of you!

~ Marci Alter & Ronit Shoham

South Church, New Britain

Christopher & Deborah Del Coro
with Jack & Noah
Tom Falik* with Noa
Bill & Myra Kleinman
Rebecca Kleinman
Michelle Kunzman & Steve
Szafman
Diana Lafer
Andy & Mindy Maidman with
Hannah & Sam



Rebecca
and Bill



Hebrew Home & Hospital, West Hartford

Sharon & Bob Efron
Rabbi Ilana Garber with
Noam Berkowitz
Avi & Ivy Patt with
Maya, Alex, & Micah
Sherri Pliskin*
Elliott Pollack

Ron and Allan



Peter's Retreat, Hartford

Carin & Ron Buckman*
with Jason
Allan Geetter
Mark Greenstein
Karen & Morris Later
Susan Meisler
Linda Steinmark

(L-R) Mark,
Jason, Ron,
Susan, Allan,
Karen, Carin,
Linda and
Morris





Emily, Sadie,
and Sophie

Noah with residents

Summerwood, West Hartford

Barbara Checknoff
with Hadassah Riemer
Alison Demarest
Justin Kudler with Sophie
Anne Lavoie
Rachel Leventhal-Weiner
with Emily & Sadie
Rayna Segelman
Marvin & Sidra Sperling
Lori Yontef Mathog* &
David Mathog with
Jacob & Noah



(Top, clockwise from left) Noah,
Jacob, a resident, Lori, Rayna,
Alison, Sophie, and David



Diane with
a resident



River Ridge Senior Living, Avon

Robin Lazinsk* with Jordan & Sarah
Diane & Richard Lieberfarb
Barry & Carol Rosenberg with Ariel & Jamie

Hands on Hartford, South Church, Hartford

Barbara Bennett
Leah & Rabbi Steven
Chatinover with Jacob
Ayelet Chozick
Jonah Cohen
Alex Gordon
Debbie & Gary Katz
Rick Kinyon

Lois Koteen*
Don & Jill Levin with
Melissa & Stasie
Deborah Lewis
Bernie & Lea Selig
Douglas & Jennifer Wolf
with Benjamin & David

(L-R) Melissa, Benjamin, David, Jennifer,
Doug, Deborah, Jacob, Leah, Steve,
Alex, Jonah, Ayelet, Lois, Rick, Bernie,
Jill, Barbara, Debbie, Gary, Lea



Worshipping Together – Shabbat

Shabbat – weekly

Fridays 10:00 AM - NOON

bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring

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

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

Friday, Feb 6 5:45 PM

Family Shabbat Service

GRADES 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

Saturday, Feb. 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.

Friday, Feb. 20 5:45 - 6:45 PM

PJ Shabbat UP TO AGE 5

Kids' ClubShabbat 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 with Barbara Checknoff.

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, Feb. 28

Shabbat Yoga 10:30 AM - NOON

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: Free and open to the entire community

Blockbuster Shabbat

Saturdays, Feb. 14 & 28 11:00 AM - NOON

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

NOTE: all free and open to the community

Tumbling with Torah

UP TO AGE 5

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

NOTE: Parent must stay with children

Shabbat Family Experience

GRADES K-2

LEADER: Adrian Durlister, aka Mr. D

Junior Congregation (2/14)

GRADES 3-6

LEADER: Rabbi Rosenbaum

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

The Shabbat Zone (2/28)

GRADES 3-6

LEADERS: Jonah Rothstein & Jake Greenberg

Motion and Emotion in Jewish Prayer: The Basics

Saturday, Feb. 21

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Would you like to learn more about Jewish prayer? Join Rabbi Rosen for this introductory class - for those who are curious about the what, why, or how of Jewish prayer. You needn't have attended the first sessions of this 3-part series.

NOTE: This is in addition to our regular services

Soul Songs Friday Night Service and Hot Hors D'oeuvres

Friday, Feb. 27

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, plus Friday night melodies from around the world.

NOTE: hot hors d'oeuvres follow services

RSVP: none needed

CO-SPONSORS: BEMA and LifeLong Learning

Worshipping Together – More

A Shrek Purim

Wednesday, March 4

5:00 - 9:00 PM

Come in costume!



Pre-Purim for Young Children

5:00 PM

Rabbi Garber will guide us through an interactive telling of the Purim story.

AGES: Geared toward birth to Kindergarten

Carnival

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Plenty of games for all to play! Prizes Galore!

Dine at the *Shushan Café* (cash only): ~ Hot Dogs ~

~ Chicken Nuggets ~ French Fries ~ Knishes ~ Drinks ~

VOLUNTEERS: Teens and Adults are needed

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

The Story ~ a Beth El Musical

7:00 PM

See how *Shrek* saves the Jews in Shushan! Includes partial *Megillah* reading, groggers, and hamantashen.

CONTACT: Carolyn Weiser, cmweiser1@gmail.com, to join the show – no talent required!

Ma'ariv and the Gantza Megillah

8:00 PM

Evening Minyan with full reading of *Megillat Esther*.

Annual World Wide Wrap

Sunday, Feb. 1

LEARN TO WRAP 8:45 AM

MINYAN 9:15 AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM 10:00 AM

Be a part of this annual, nation-wide, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs event.

After *minyan*, stay for the Men's Club breakfast program: Rabbi Rosen will discuss the changing role of ritual in Jewish life.

COST FOR BREAKFAST PROGRAM:

WITH RSVP: \$7, no charge for Men's Club members and minyan attendees

WALK-INS: \$10, \$5 for Men's Club members and minyan attendees

**RSVP: Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,
dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, by 1/29**



Engaging Generations

A Warm Welcome to New Members

Deborah Broadley

Amy Eklund & Daniel Beauvais

Lawrence Hudson & Ziva Stauber with Daniel and Allie

Philip & Jennifer Meer with Dylan, Ruby, and Hope

Harris & Amy Schwartz with Alexa and Julianna

David & Marcia Waitzman

Congratulations

Robert & Sharon Efron on the birth of granddaughter,
Braelyn Charlotte Gilbert

Michele & Dane Kostin on birth of granddaughter

Kayla J. Chernoff

Rachel & Mitchell Marcus and Nancy & Herman

Lefkowitz on the engagement of son/grandson

Zachary Marcus to Cari Amador

Diane & Alan Melton on the engagement of son David
Melton to Rebecca Chandler

Mazal Tov! and appreciation for sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Taste of Shabbat

Deborah Rosenfeld, with Joshua, Benjamin, and Sarah, in honor of Glen's Torah reading for his 50th birthday.

In Blessed Memory

Edward Hotez, father-in-law of Andi Hotes

Sylvia Rubin, aunt of Rebecca Epstein

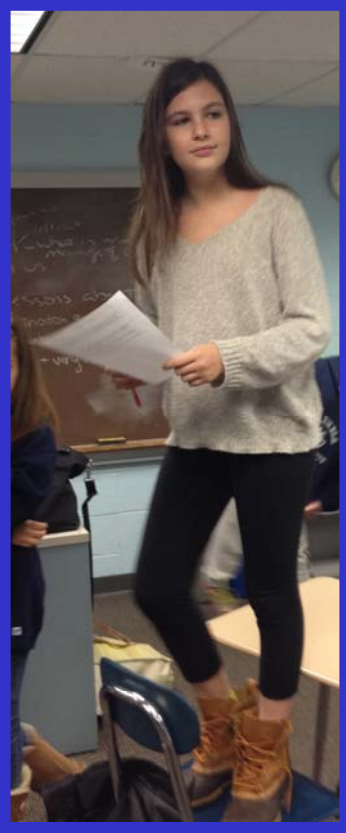
Samuel Rutenberg, brother of Gideon Rutenberg

Rita Stein, founding member, mother-in-law of former member Linda Stein

Gary Stein, son of Rita Stein

We would like to congratulate you for the Births, B'nai Mitzvah, and Weddings in your family, and express our condolences for any passings. Please let us know of the Simchas and Sorrows in your life that you would like to share with your Beth El family.

Religious School



Our classrooms (and hallways) are filled with smiles!





The Daled Class took a field trip to Adamah Farm at Camp Isabella Friedman, on October 5. Students were given an educational tour and harvested vegetables that were then donated to FoodShare.



Looking in at our youngest learners! Teacher Danielle Jaffee is in the background photo!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 <i>12 Shevat</i> 8:45 AM Learn to Wrap <i>Tefillin</i> 9:15 AM Morning Minyan & World Wide Wrap 10:00 AM Men's Club Breakfast Program	2 <i>13 Shevat</i> 10:30 AM Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen	3 <i>14 Shevat</i>	4 <i>15 Shevat</i> Tu B'Shevat 8:00 PM Ritual Comm.
8 <i>19 Shevat</i> 9:00 AM Charter Oak Project, cook 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group	9 <i>20 Shevat</i> 5:30 PM Charter Oak Project, serve	10 <i>21 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Board of Trustees	11 <i>22 Shevat</i>
15 <i>26 Shevat</i> No Religious School	16 <i>27 Shevat</i>	17 <i>28 Shevat</i> No Religious School 5:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:00 PM Game Night	18 <i>29 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Music University ~ Mendelssohn & Mahler
22 <i>3 Adar</i> 7:00 PM <i>The Bus on Jaffa Road</i> with Mike Kelly 7:00 PM Evening Minyan (part of the program)	23 <i>4 Adar</i> 5:45 PM Endowment Comm.	24 <i>5 Adar</i> 7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting	25 <i>6 Adar</i> 9:00 AM <i>Mishloach Manot</i> Assembly 6:30 PM Gurlz Jam 7:00 PM Music University ~ European Jewish Pianists
1 <i>10 Adar</i> ALL DAY <i>Mishloach Manot</i> Delivery	2 <i>11 Adar</i> 10:30 AM Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen	3 <i>12 Adar</i>	4 <i>13 Adar</i> No Religious School Fast of Esther 5:00 PM ECC Pre-Purim 5:30 PM Purim Carnival 7:00 PM Purim <i>Shpiel</i> 8:00 PM Evening Minyan & Full Megillah

Daily 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 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
Thu 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast
Fri 10:00 AM bebe - Beth El Babies Exploring
Sat 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5 <i>16 Shevat</i>	6 <i>17 Shevat</i> 5:45 PM Family Shabbat Service Candle Lighting: 4:52 PM	7 <i>18 Shevat</i> <i>Parsha Yitro</i> Birthday Shabbat 5:05 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 5:53 PM
12 <i>23 Shevat</i>	13 <i>24 Shevat</i> Candle Lighting: 5:01 PM	14 <i>25 Shevat</i> <i>Parsha Mishpatim</i> 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Exper. / Junior Cong. 5:10 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 6:02 PM
19 <i>30 Shevat</i> Rosh Chodesh	20 <i>1 Adar</i> Rosh Chodesh 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat and Kids' ClubShabbat Candle Lighting: 5:10 PM	21 <i>2 Adar</i> <i>Parsha Terumah</i> 10:30 AM Motion & Emotion in Jewish Prayer 5:20 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 6:11 PM
26 <i>7 Adar</i>	27 <i>8 Adar</i> 6:00 PM Soul Songs Shabbat Postponed Candle Lighting: 5:18 PM	28 <i>9 Adar</i> <i>Parsha Tetzaveh</i> 10:30 AM Shabbat Yoga 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Exper. / Shabbat Zone 5:30 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 6:19 PM
5 <i>14 Adar</i> Purim	6 <i>15 Adar</i> 6:00 PM Shir Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:27 PM	7 <i>16 Adar</i> <i>Parsha Ki Tissa</i> 10:00 AM Women's Shabbat Circle 5:40 PM Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah Havdalah: 6:28 PM

Multi-Week Classes, pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon	1:30 PM	Personal and Family History Workshop
Mon	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan, Int./Adv.
Thu	12:00 PM	Hebrew through Prayer
Thu	7:00 PM	Beth El Choir Rehearsal
Fri	10:30 AM	Yiddish Class (ends Feb. 6)

Religious School Special Activities

Sun	8	Nursery <i>Shema Bear</i>
Sun	8	<i>Medura</i> (Indoor Campfire)
Sun	22	Crazy Hat Day
Sun	22	Gimel Class ADL Program <i>Julia's Star</i>

Supporting Beth El

Thoughtful Contributions (received through December 31, 2014)

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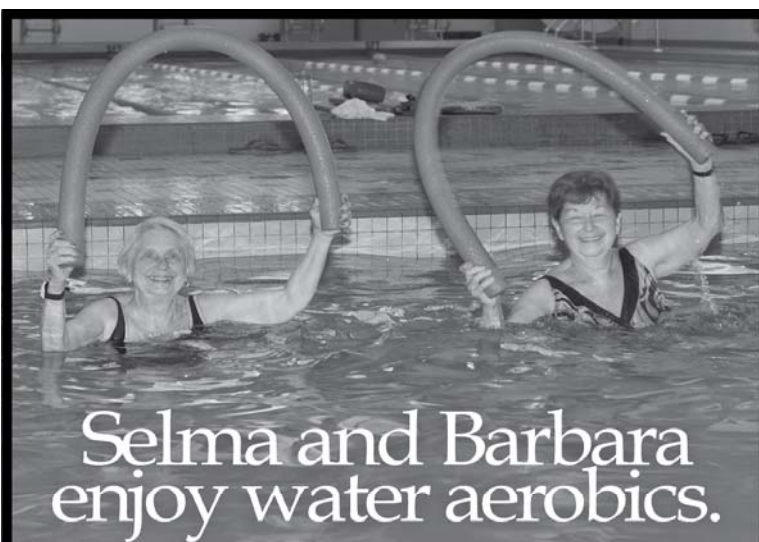
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