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## ReJEWvenation of All Kinds ☆ Rabbi Ilana Garber

A New Year, A New You: that's what everyone says, right? I'm not sure I believe that we become *new* versions of ourselves when we turn the calendar to a new (secular) year. I do believe we have the potential to become *better* versions of ourselves.

Individually, the New Year presents opportunity for *renewal*, for *redirection*, and for *resolution*. January is typically a very busy month at any gym and health food store! I'd like to suggest that January might also become a very busy month at Beth El. When you decide to care for your body more this year, consider also caring for your soul. What does your soul need right now? We are here to help you engage with your Judaism so that this New Year might be more meaningful and more intentional. So many of you have already taken the next step of Jewish engagement – from our Chai Mitzvah classes to the holy work of KNITzvah, just to name two examples. We celebrate and support all of the ways that you continue to explore and experience Jewish living.

As a synagogue community we *rededicate* ourselves to supporting each other through illness and loss and to celebrating with each other at bar and bat mitzvah services, at birthday Shabbat, and on other joyous occasions. We *renew* our interest in Jewish learning (have you visited our renovated library or considered one of our many classes?). And we *recommit* to our values of *tzedakah* and *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness, in all shapes and forms – from contributing our extra pennies to making lunch in a soup kitchen.

This year, as in the past few years, we are hoping to engage the community at large – and specifically the not-yet-affiliated-with-a-synagogue Jews that you might know, in our **ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign**. Following the concepts above, that *you* are ready for renewal, redirection, resolution, etc., we anticipate that there are members of our extended community who might be looking to join a synagogue now. 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, or if you are someone looking for a warm, supportive, engaging, spiritual, intellectual...(the adjectives could go on and on) Jewish community, please be in touch. This is the perfect time to join Beth El, or if you're already a member, to *reengage*.

Yes, not new, but certainly there's the potential for better, more involved, more impacted and more impactful. So this secular New Year, I hope I'll see you at the gym, at the health food store, and at Beth El. I hope you will join us in *reconnecting* with your body, mind, and spirit. I hope we can all *rejuvenate* – and **ReJEWvenate** – together.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2015!

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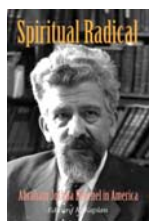
## LIBRARY CORNER BETH EL CONNECTIONS ☆ Roberta J. Buland

*This month inaugurates a column about new books and other library news.*

*The Bus on Jaffa Road: A Story of Middle East Terrorism and the Search for Justice*, by Mike Kelly, is "Investigative journalism at its best, filled with incredible pathos, suspense and tension ... all true," Rabbi Rosen said. Matthew Eisenfeld, West Hartford, and Sara Duker, NJ, (both of blessed memory) met at Yale and went to study in Israel. They perished in a Jerusalem suicide bus bombing, Feb. 25, 1996. "The book is impossible to put down. It is not a personal story alone, but also a statement to the world of what terrorism looks like and what can be done to counter it," Rabbi Rosen explained. Kelly is coming February 22 to speak to our community and honor the memories of Matt and Sara.



*Spiritual Radical: Abraham Joshua Heschel*, by Edward Kaplan, is a sequel to his first biography of Heschel's early years. Included are FBI files, interviews with people who knew him, and analyses of his writings. Kaplan explores Heschel's shy and private side, spiritual radicalism, and vehement defense of absolute integrity and truth in ethical and political life. Heschel (1907-1972) born in Poland, raised in a Hasidic community and later lived in secular Jewish Vilna and Berlin, immigrated to the U.S. in 1940. Heschel was also Rabbi Kessler's teacher and friend, and attended the dedication of the Beth El Sanctuary in 1963.



# Engaging Generations

## Mazal Tov! and appreciation for sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Taste of Shabbat

The Hechter family in honor of Dara's Bat Mitzvah  
Miriam & Ted Hoffberg in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Barbara & David Klau and Naomi & Michael Cohen in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays of David and Michael

The Reiser Family in honor of Lance's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen in honor of Elsie Farber's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and Ariella Rosen's senior sermon

Bonnie Weiner with Steve, Gayle, Alyssa & Lily Temkin, and Dr. Howard & Barbara Weiner with Noah, Hannah & Leo in honor of Abby's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday

## A Warm Welcome to New Members

Jamie & Isaac Cohen with Estelle and Marcel  
Sheryl & Boris Levin with Alex, Charlie, and Sammy

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.

## Condolences

Beth El Temple mourns the loss of Founding member, Sylvia Bromberg

Beth El Temple mourns the loss of member, Morris Wekar  
Beth Brumberg & family on the loss of her father, and Beth El member, David

John Jacobson & family on the loss of his mother, Florence  
Joan Levi & family on the loss of her father, Milton Kaplan  
David Lieberman & Debra Lieberman & families on the loss of their mother, Irma

Carmen Ness on the loss of her father, Luis Lopez

Dr. Eytan Rubinstien & family on the loss of his wife, Marcia

Morty Weinstein & family on the loss of his mother, Evelyn



Daled and Hai class students with teachers Anita Levy and Ruth Cion in front of the ark in the sanctuary of Congregation Shearith Israel (The Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue) in New York, the oldest synagogue in the U.S. The students also participated in a tour and educational program at the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

## LifeLong Learning

### Personal and Family History Workshop (MEMOIR WORKSHOP) Mondays, weekly 1:30 - 3:00 PM

This weekly group will focus on helping each participant select the best approach for writing his or her personal and/or family history. The group will write during each session, share their stories with each other, and determine the best use of family photographs.

REGISTER: Beth El office, 860-233-9696

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

NOTE: Free; for Beth El Temple members only

NOTE: Open to new and returning participants

### Lunch & Learn Tuesdays, weekly NOON

Join Rabbi Rosen as we explore the Torah, chapter by chapter. Newcomers are welcome at any time!

### Talmud Study Wednesdays, weekly 10:30 AM

The conversations of the Rabbis come alive as we discuss the themes that were important 2000 years ago and continue to have impact on our Jewish journeys today. Texts are in English; Hebrew offered as well. Join us!

### Motion and Emotion in Jewish Prayer: The Basics

Saturdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21  
10:30 AM - 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. Attend one or both sessions!

NOTE: This takes place during our regular services

### Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Informational Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 15 1:00 PM

This is an opportunity for Beth El members who have not read from the Torah to learn to do so, as well as learn to read a portion of the Haftarah, lead a part of the service, and deliver a d'var Torah. The service is planned for Thanksgiving weekend, November 28, 2015, and the journey begins in January!

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

COST: \$500, monthly study sessions, weekly private lesson with a member of the clergy

### Library Schmooze

Wednesday, Jan. 21  
TALK 1:00 - 1:30 PM  
SCHMOOZE 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Introducing the first *Library Schmooze* featuring Beth El's own Marvin Sperling as he shares and talks about his personal collection of stamps and letters collected during his family's migration during the Holocaust - from Poland, through Russia, China, South America, and finally the U.S. Visit and schmooze after the talk and explore all that the Beth El Library has to offer!

# Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Birthday Shabbat ALL AGES!

Saturday, Jan. 3  
DURING SERVICES

On the first Shabbat of each month, we celebrate birthdays with a special Torah *aliyah* (group honor) and blessing from the Rabbi. Join us to celebrate your special day!

## Friday Night Family Shabbat Service

GR 3-6 & FAMILIES

Friday, Jan. 9  
5:45 PM

This special Friday night experience highlights your children; all Religious School and SSDS students will be invited to lead prayers. If your child plays a musical instrument and wants to accompany one of our Shabbat prayers, please email. Shabbat hors d'oeuvres follow services.

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

## Shabbat Yoga

Saturday, Jan. 10  
10:30 AM - NOON

Join Adriana Matozzo, a yoga teacher from West Hartford Yoga, and Rabbi Garber for a Shabbat morning yoga experience for all levels. Wear yoga clothes (yes, to synagogue on Shabbat!) and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Will include chanting of some basic Shabbat morning prayers.

NOTE: This is free and open to the entire community

## PJ Shabbat

BIRTH-AGE 5

Friday, Jan. 16  
5:45 - 6:45 PM

## Kids' Club Shabbat

AGES 5-8

For our youngest children, dress them in their PJs and bring them to synagogue for stories, songs and a Torah parade led by Rabbi Garber. The older children join Barbara Checknoff for a parallel program of stories, songs, and prayers.

DINNER: follows for participants of both programs, chicken nuggets for kids and Shabbat hors d'oeuvres for parents  
No CHARGE, but participating families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children

RSVP: Rabbi Rosenbaum, 860-233-9891,  
[hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org](mailto:hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org); requested for planning

## JCL Special Needs Shabbat Service

Saturday, Jan. 17  
10:30 AM

This joyous and exuberant service is open to adults who have special needs as well as "typical" worshippers who enjoy an abbreviated meaningful service filled with *ruach* (spirit and energy). The service typically includes the singing of prayers, story-telling by Sara deBeer, a Torah parade, and Shabbat appropriate activities based on the particular theme of each service.

LEADERS: Nancy Rosen; Judaic Coordinators of JCL: Susan Fried and Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene

NOTE: A light Kiddush lunch follows the service

## Blockbuster Shabbat

Saturdays, Jan. 10 & 24 11:00 AM - NOON

From birth through grade 6, there's something for everyone! 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up are invited to the sanctuary. We conclude together at noon on the *bima* in the sanctuary for Kiddush and a treat.

NOTE: all free and open to the community

## Tumbling with Torah

BIRTH-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 (1/10) GRADES 3-6

LEADER: Rabbi Rosenbaum

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

## The Shabbat Zone (1/24) GRADES 3-6

LEADER: Jonah Rothstein & Jake Greenberg

## bebe (Beth El Babies Exploring) Fridays 10:00 AM - NOON

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

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, [igarber@bethelwh.org](mailto:igarber@bethelwh.org), to be added to the email list

## Shir Shabbat Service

Friday, Jan. 30

COMMUNITY DINNER FOLLOWS

6:00 PM

We welcome Shabbat with joy and harmony, singing spiritual melodies that are easy to learn. Your heart will soar and your soul will feel refreshed as we sing and pray together.

COST FOR DINNER: \$16/adult,  
\$10/children (13 and under)

OPTIONAL: Bring your own Kosher wine to share

NOTE: inform us in advance if you have any special dietary needs

RSVP: Temple Office, 860-233-9696, by noon, 1/28. As this is catered, late reservations cannot be accepted

## Women's Shabbat Circle

Saturday, Jan. 31

10:00 AM - NOON

Join us on Shabbat Shira, the Shabbat of Song for an intimate gathering of Beth El women to sing, socialize, and study together. Please join us by 10:00 AM so we can create a circle.

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

NOTE: This is free and open to the entire community

# Making Connections

## Hearing Men's Voices

JEWISH HEROES AND ROLE MODELS

Sunday, Jan. 11  
9:15 AM

Attention - Beth El Men! We invite you to join us for a program under the umbrella of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). So come to talk and listen, to eat, schmooze, and bond with other men.

**MINYAN:** precedes program at 8:45 AM

**COST:** Free! Includes breakfast

**RSVP:** Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, by 1/8; and to request a ride

**NOTE:** membership in Men's Club is not required

## Living with Intention II

EMBRACING YOUR SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday, Jan. 20  
7:00 PM

The winter event of this 3-part series will be led by Rabbi Ilana Garber and Dr. Maria Sirois, inspirational speaker, who focuses on positive psychology. Presented by Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy, sponsored in part by Team Training New England, and features The Women's Network of Beth El Temple as a community partner.

**LOCATION:** Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford

**COST:** \$36 Patron for the Series; \$15 per individual event

**REGISTER:** [www.jewishhartford.org](http://www.jewishhartford.org)

**CONTACT:** Sarah Mitchell, 860-727-6131, smitchell@jewishhartford.org

## 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, FJMC event. After wrapping *tefillin* for *minyan*, stay for the Men's Club breakfast program.

**TEFILLIN INSTRUCTION:** come early at 8:45 AM for assistance from the clergy

**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; and to reserve *tefillin* or request a ride

# Doing Mitzvot

↓ Off-Site ↓

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan. 11  
8:30 AM - 1:15 PM

Give the gift of life during January, National Blood Donor Month, and receive a \$5 gift card from Dunkin Donuts, corporate sponsor.

**APPOINTMENTS/REGISTRATION:** [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or Temple office

## KNITzvah Group

...THE NAME SAYS IT ALL

Sunday, Jan. 11  
10:00 AM

About once a month the group either knits or crochets, mostly lap-afghans, and delivers them to local charities. If you want to relax, knit and do a nice *mitzvah*, join them. Be sure to bring a #10 needle.

## Cuz-We-Care

Sunday, Jan. 11 NOON

Make comfort pillows for hospice, cancer and dialysis patients. All materials will be provided. This is a great family activity following Religious School; bring a dairy lunch.

**CONTACT:** Marci Alter, mbajba1@gmail.com, 860-655-2935, or Ronit Shoham, 860-558-5313, shokids@hotmail.com

**BRING:** two food items for the JFS Kosher Food Pantry

## Hamantashen Baking

FOR MISHLOACH MANOT

Sunday, Jan. 25  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Calling all Beth El bakers! It's time to bake and package 3000 hamantashen to fill our Temple-wide *Mishloach Manot* baskets.

**RSVP:** Debbi Reiss, 860-490-3544, d.reiss@comcast.net

**NOTE:** Basket assembly information coming in February

## Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen

Monday, Jan. 5  
10:30 AM

On the first Monday of each month, a group of Beth El volunteers meets at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. The group prepares and serves the meal to approximately 70-90 clients.

**LOCATION:** Immanuel Church, Woodland Street, Hartford

**CONTACT:** Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com

## Peter's Retreat

Sunday, Jan. 25  
3:30 - 6:00 PM

Cook and serve dinner and play BINGO with the residents. Peter's Retreat is a supportive housing program for people living with HIV/AIDS. You will be guaranteed to have a rewarding experience!

**LOCATION:** 123 Retreat Avenue, Hartford

**CONTACT:** Marci Alter, 860-655-2935, mbajba1@gmail.com or Ronit Shoham, 860-558-5313, shokids@hotmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>4</b> <i>13 Tevet</i> <b>No Religious School</b>	<b>5</b> <i>14 Tevet</i> 10:45 AM Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen	<b>6</b> <i>15 Tevet</i>	<b>7</b> <i>16 Tevet</i> 8:00 PM Ritual Comm.
<b>11</b> <i>20 Tevet</i> 8:30 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00 AM Hai Class "Confronting Anti-Semitism" Program 9:00 AM Charter Oak Project, cook 9:15 AM Men's Club Breakfast 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group 12:00 PM Cuz We Care Pillowmaking	<b>12</b> <i>21 Tevet</i> 5:30 PM Charter Oak Project, serve	<b>13</b> <i>22 Tevet</i> 6:30 PM Board of Trustees	<b>14</b> <i>23 Tevet</i> 6:30 PM Gurlz Jam
<b>18</b> <i>27 Tevet</i> 10:00 AM Daled Class Family BM Workshop #3 10:30 AM Hai Class JCL Program	<b>19</b> <i>28 Tevet</i>	<b>20</b> <i>29 Tevet</i> 7:00 PM Living with Intention	<b>21</b> <i>1 Shevat</i> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> 1:00 PM Library Schmooze
<b>25</b> <i>5 Shevat</i> 8:00 AM Mishloach Manot, Hamantashen Baking 9:00 AM Religious School Program, Journey through the Bible 3:30 PM Peter's Retreat	<b>26</b> <i>6 Shevat</i>	<b>27</b> <i>7 Shevat</i> 7:00 PM Israel's Safety & Security: A Call to Action, with AIPAC 7:30 PM Men's Club Board Mtg.	<b>28</b> <i>8 Shevat</i>

### 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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<b>Multi-Week Classes</b> , pre-registration and/or payment required		
Mon	1:30 PM	Personal and Family History Workshop
Mon	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan, Int./Adv.
Tue	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan, Beg.
Thu	7:00 PM	Beth El Choir Rehearsal
Fri	10:30 AM	Yiddish Class (resumes Jan. 16)

# Supporting Beth El

## Thoughtful Contributions (received through November 30, 2014)

### Cantor's Music Fund

In memory of Pauline Ness, mother of Cantor Joseph Ness:

**Marci & Jonathan Alter, Shelley & Michael Barker, Melanie & Charlotte Bazer, Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein, Estelle & Abe Bernstein, Karen & Gordon Binkhorst, Linda & Henry Cohn, Meryl & Mitchell Danitz, Donna & Thomas Divine, Sharon & Bob Efron, Jeanne & Marshall Elman, Emmy & Steve Fast, Korine & Ronald Ferraro, Annette & Sy Gavens, Ava & Harold Geetter, Nancy, Dennis & Lucy Gottfried, Lisa Grant & Billy Weitzer, Norman Hanenbaum, Eleanor Jainchill & Abe Weinberg, Leah & Peter Katz, Debbie & Steve Kleinman, Jeanne & Dan Kleinman, Lois & Chuck Koteen, Sheila & Howard Mark, Constance Mindell, Marilyn & Arthur Noll, Jacquelynne & Marvin Pilo, the Pliskin family, Florence & Philip Post, Kerry & Fernando Rausch & family, Debby & Paul Reiss, Joanne & Arthur Rome, the Rosenfeld Family, Judith & David Rosenthal, Marilyn, Alan, Sharyn & Marisa Rothstein, Barbara & Ira Samberg, Susan & Michael Schenker, Susan & Mark Schmidek, Elena & Steven Shichman & family, Hillary & Jean-Michel Sibille, Cantor Pamela Siskin, Marcia & Herb Slotnick, Dena Stein, Lorraine & Farrel Vogelhut, Shirley & Julius Wachtel, Susan & Stuart Wachtel, Elisa Wagner, Julie & Mark Wolman.**

**Charlotte Bazer** in memory of Evelyn Stier, mother of Steve.

**Michelle Bellinger & Jeffrey Katz** in appreciation of Cantor Ness for the bar mitzvah of son, Sam.

**Harriet & Bob Berland** in memory of Phyllis Steckler, mother of Dr. Jeffrey Steckler.

**Meryl & Mitchell Danitz** in memory of Luis Lopez, father of Carmen Ness.

**Lillian Hillman** in appreciation of Sidra & Marvin Sperling.

**Leah & Peter Katz** in memory of Marvin Lewtan, father of Doug.

**Jeanne & Dan Kleinman** in memory of Gerald Kershenbaum, brother of Ellen Roth; in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve; in memory of Evelyn Stier, mother of Steve.

**Karen & Morris Later** in honor of the marriage of Alan Krichavsky, son of Alys & Jack, to Mia Katz; in memory of Linda Hammerman, sister of Annette Levine; in memory of Gerald Kershenbaum, brother of Ellen Roth; in memory of Evelyn Stier, mother of Steve.

**Lori Yontef Mathog & David Mathog** in honor of Cantor Ness and the Children's choir.

**Joel Reiner** in memory of Irma Lieberman.

**Marcia & Herb Slotnick** in honor of Bernie Selig being honored by Men's Club with the Distinguished Service Award.

### Chai Society Fund

**Jeanne & Marshall Elman** in memory of Helen Blum, mother of Dr. Jerold Blum.

**Florence & Philip Post** in memory of Phyllis Steckler, mother of Dr. Jeffrey Steckler.

**Marcia & Herb Slotnick** in honor of Bob Gruskay receiving the Men's Club Keeper of the Flame Award; of Howard Meyerowitz being honored by Men's Club with the Distinguished Service Award; in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

**Barbara & Jeff Steckler** in memory of mother, Phyllis Steckler.

### Education Fund

**Michelle Bellinger & Jeffrey Katz** in appreciation of Rabbi Rosenbaum and the Religious School faculty for the bar mitzvah of son, Sam.

**Constance Mindell** in memory of Evelyn Stier, mother of Steve.

### Friends of Ari Santiago Temple

#### Accessibility Fund

**Sheila & Howard Mark** in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

**Robin & Rafi Santiago** for the yahrzeit of grandfather, Harry Mark.

#### Library Fund

**Faye Cohen & family** in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

### Rabbi Garber's Discretionary

**Paula D. Steinberg** in honor of Abigail, Sydney, Max, Hannah, Arielle & Simone; in honor of Rabbi Garber & Rabbi Rosen; in appreciation of the Religious School staff who make Sunday school such a joyous experience for Abby; in memory of "papa" Lewis A. Steinberg.

### Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary

**Michelle Bellinger & Jeffrey Katz** in appreciation of Rabbi Garber, Rabbi Rosen & Rabbi Sowalsky for the bar mitzvah of son, Sam.

**Pamela Friedeberg** for the yahrzeit of parents, Lee & Leon Birnbaum.

**Sherry Lohr** in appreciation of Rabbi Rosen.

**Annette & Jack Levine, Alison & Owen Minde, Jennifer & Nathaniel Brogadir** in memory of sister & aunt, Linda Katz Hammerman.

**Sherri & Fred Pliskin** in memory of Helen Blum, mother of Dr. Jerold Blum.

**Susan & Jeffrey Renert** in memory of Florence Jacobson, mother of John.

**Rhona & Dr. Joel Roffer** in memory of Michael Rosenzweig, father of Lisa Alpert.

**Janet & Steve Selden** in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

### Taste of Shabbat

**Leah Cohen Chatinover** for the yahrzeit of mother, Barbara Cohen.

### Temple

In memory of Helen Blum, mother of Dr. Jerold Blum:

**Rainey Gavens, Ellen & Stephen Guest, Dottie & Zane Wernick.**

In memory of Florence Jacobson, mother of John:

**Nicholas Harding, Eileen & Elliott Pollack, Reid & Riege, PC.**

In memory of Marvin Lewtan, father of Doug:

**Nancy & Peter Hill, Hoffman Auto Group, Tobye & Ed Karl, Robin & Alan Schwartz.**

In memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve:

**Rochelle & Steven Bartelstone, Elaine & Harry Lane, Andrea & Will Lawson, Barbara & Alan Porter, Iris Salvin.**

In memory of Mickey Rosenzweig, father of Lisa Alpert:

**Iris & Richard Brackett, the Karanian family, Elysa Graber-Lipperman, Barb & Marshall Rabovsky.**

**Elaine & Harry Lane** in honor of the birth of Ari Joshua, grandson of Fran & Paul Weinberger.

**Rachel & Mitchell Marcus** in memory of Gerald Kershenbaum, brother of Ellen Roth.

**Mildred Ross** in appreciation of Diane Lieberfarb.

**Rhonda & Robert Sattin** in memory of Cecil Schatz.

**Linda Sue & Richard Sohn** in memory of Pauline Ness, mother of Cantor Joseph Ness.

### Yahrzeit

**Shelley & Michael Barker** for mother, Edith Barker; for parents, Florence & Lester Wasserman.

**Howard Berke** for mother, Shirley Berkowitz.

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**Total Shabbat** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### BEMA - Concert Series

#### Series Subscription

see page 12 for dates

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**Lois & Allan Hutensky** for mother, Elsie Hutensky.

**Charlotte & Bud Jason** for mother, Celia Finman.

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**Gerri Sack** for father, George Baver; for grandson, Jed Sack.

**Laurie Shakun** for father, Michael Plaut.

**Cyril & Richard Sheldon & family** for father & grandfather, Dr. Edward E. Sheldon; for father & grandfather, Dr. David Krongold; for father & grandfather, Louis A. Cohen.

**Phyllis Siegal** for father, William Portman.

**Barbara Silverstein** for father, Louis Kaplan.

**Ruth Stein** for mother, Henni Adler Levitt.

**Carolyn & Jeff Weiser** for grandfather, Sam Krampf.

**Jennifer & Douglas Wolf** for mother, Sydel Kerner.

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**Sandy Zieky** for husband, Calvin Zieky.

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#### General Unrestricted Endowment Fund

Noelle Gray in memory of Cecil Schatz.

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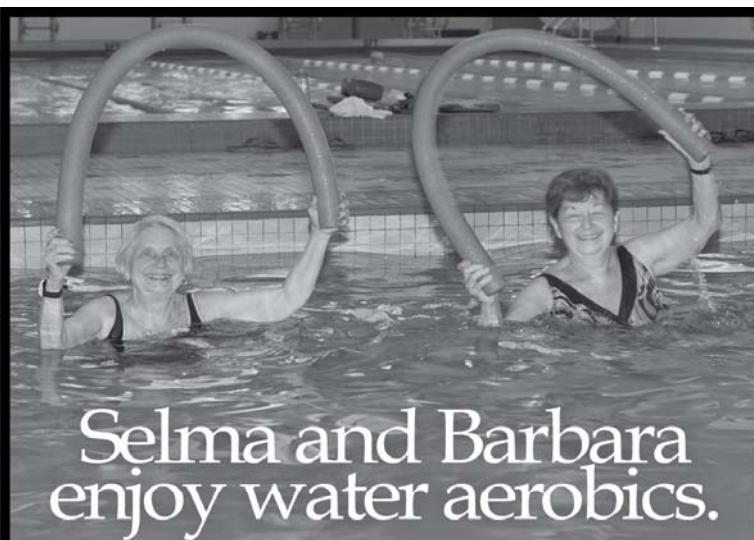
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Gale Shapiro  
Russ Selzer  
Gayle Temkin  
Arnold Weinstein  
Elisa Wagner

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## SOCIAL ACTION

Turkey Collection  
(see photo to right)

## Loaves & Fishes

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(Welcome!)

## TEMPLE TOPICS

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## WOMEN'S NETWORK

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Cara Paiuk  
Judy Rosenthal  
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Ahna Bielik, Alison Demarest, Sheila Diamond and Beth Brumberg (l-r) staffed the annual turkey collection. This year Beth El Temple collected 64 turkeys and \$1,001. The donations benefitted the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry, as well as Foodshare.

# Supporting Beth El (cont.)

## Gavens Family College Youth Fund

Seymour Gavens for the yahrzeit of brother, Morton Gavens; for sister, Etelle Wachs.

## Irving & Shirley Gutcheon

### Congregant Assistance Fund

Paulette & Jim Lotstein in honor of Sidra & Marvin Sperling for their years of service to Beth El; in honor of the birth of Samuel Tilden Barr, grandson of Lois & Chuck Koteen; in honor of Rabbi Garber receiving the Solomon Schechter Alumni Award; in honor of David Brandwein being named a Jewish Federation Volunteer of the Year; in honor of Bernie Selig being honored by Men's Club with the Distinguished Service Award; in honor of the birth of a grandchild to Roz & Howard Hahn; for the yahrzeit of parents, Shirley & Irving Gutcheon; for the yahrzeit of grandfather, Benjamin Gutcheon.

## Eleanor Weinberg Jainchill Fund

Ellie Jainchill & Abe Weinberg in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

## Ruth & Harry Kleinman Fund

Dr. David Weil in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dan Kleinman.

## Koteen Family Fund

Sharon & Bob Efron in memory of Larry Malitz, husband of Marjorie, father of Steve.

Beth & Dan Papermaster in honor of the birth of Ansley Koteen, granddaughter of Lois & Chuck.

## Mathog Family & Yontef Family Fund

Lori, Noah & Jacob Yontef Mathog & David Mathog in memory of Pauline Ness, mother of Cantor Joseph Ness; in memory of Mal Waxler; in memory of Robert Mathog.

## Lois & Alvin Reiner Family Fund

Alvin Reiner in honor of the seven honorees of Beth El Temple for their service: Judy Rosenthal, Howard Meyerowitz, Bernie Selig, Eleanore Reiner, Jacob Kovel, Leah Goldman, Miriam Katz; in recognition of Deborah Greenspan completing the remodeling of her grandfather's building; in memory of Gerald Kershenbaum, brother of Ellen Roth; for the yahrzeit of Marvin Reiner & Florence Reiner Yasler.

## Roland-Berkowitz

### Family Fund

Lenore Weisinger in memory of grandmother, Jennie Berkowitz.

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Susan & Michael Schenker in memory of Helen Blum, mother of Dr. Jerold Blum.

## Bruce Shein &

### Sharon Levine-Shein Fund

Sharon Levine-Shein & Bruce Shein in memory of Helen Blum, mother of Dr. Jerold Blum; in memory of Pauline Ness, mother of Cantor Joseph Ness; in appreciation of Barbara Chapman, Dotti Gladstone, Barbara Glider, Ann Plaut, Jan Pomerantz, Francine Sandler, Francine Stier for her commitment and passion of 14 years being Editor of Temple Topics, Rita Schoolnik, and Nancy Swilling; wishing a speedy recovery to Michael Michaelson.

## Sowalsky Gabbai Rishon Fund

Clara Sowalsky for the yahrzeit of sister-in-law, Minnie Goldfarb; for father, Adolph Greenberg.

## Dr. Manuel M. Stier Memorial Fund

Meryl & Mitchell Danitz in honor of Michael Stier receiving the Hero Award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate.

Sharon & Bob Efron in memory of Evelyn Stier, mother of Steve.

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- February 25 The Influence of European Jewish Composers; Joseph Smith, guest pianist
- March 4 No Class, *Purim*
- March 11 "Wagner's Jews" – Movie screening plus discussion with music expert, Hilan Warshaw
- March 18 Music of the Theater – Korngold, Weill, Eisler, Hermann, Gershwin, Bernstein, Sondheim and more

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