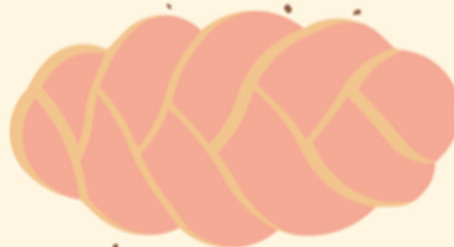




hello SUMMER



We're loving Shabbat... outside!

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*Community You
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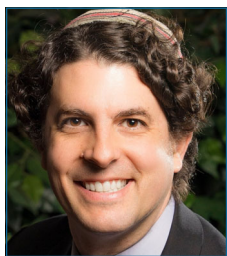
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July - August 2023 Tammuz - Av - Elul 5783

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★ SULAM Beth El - Seek. Understand. Learn. Act. Marvel.

"And there I will thank You, for You have answered me,
and You have been salvation to me." Psalms 118:21



Thank you so much, *Todah Rabah*, to the BET community for the very warm welcome I've experienced since starting last month as your new Director of Education and Family Engagement. From Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Rosen and family to Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Zerin and family, the warm hospitality my family and I have received has made this transition smooth and genuine. Meeting the community and the BET families who were able to attend Celebrate! West Hartford was so inspiring. Our community truly does show up for each other!

My family is filled with gratitude as we begin this new chapter of our lives. This summer my wife Shanti and I will be celebrating our 23rd wedding anniversary. Our son Isaiah works in Seattle for a law firm after having graduated from Gonzaga University with a BA in Political Science and a double minor in Entrepreneurship and Marketing. Our daughter Kaela will be a freshman this fall at UMass Amherst. We are all so excited for our future with the BET family.

The quote above from Psalm 118 is a reminder to show *Hakarat Hatov*, gratitude, with action and deed. *Hakarat Hatov* symbolizes our ability to recognize the good. The way we actively express our gratitude helps

highlight what we're truly grateful for.

At SULAM, we strive to ensure all of us demonstrate *Hakarat Hatov* on a continuous basis. Thank you to Michelle Konigsburg and the SULAM educators for graciously and thoughtfully giving so much to the SULAM experience. Our learners demonstrate gratitude by collecting *Tzedakah* (sacred giving), showing appreciation to our incredible educators and teaching assistants, and greeting everyone we encounter with a caring smile. One of our goals at SULAM is to ensure all our learners are heard and deeply listened to with gratitude and appreciation in a heartfelt way.

Whether a baby, a bubbe, or somewhere in between, I'm here to help you on your Jewish educational journey. My door is always open. If I can assist you on your journey of exploration, please let me know. May each one of us be blessed with the ability to go within by remaining connected to our passions and by consistently showing appreciation and gratitude.

~ Dr. Eliyahu Krigel
ekrigel@bethelwh.org

SULAM Resumes

Sunday, September 10

Registration is open:
bethelwesthartford.org/member

★ Making Connections - Teens

United Synagogue Youth

WHUSY, the local chapter of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's youth movement, serves teens from Beth El Temple and The Emanuel Synagogue. USY offers local and regional programs and conventions, local social and social justice activities, and more!



Mazel Tov to our member Lily Temkin on being elected to the 2023-2024 Region Board as Vice President for Social Action/Tikkun Olam HaNer USY (New England Region).

CONTACT: Marisa and Max Beede, Advisors,
whusyadvisor@gmail.com
AGES: grades 6-12

JTConnect



JTConnect's classes, programs, and events are enriching touch points along a young person's Jewish journey and offer valuable opportunities for growth and leadership development.

Members of Beth El and our professional staff teach classes. Dr. Eliyahu Krigel will be teaching a class this fall on Monday nights!

CONTACT: Caroline Poland, Executive Director, office@jtconnect.org
AGES: grades 8-12

★ Enjoying Beth El

Summer Picnic

Tuesday, July 25
11:30 AM



Walter Mamlok on the clarinet and Michael Schiano on the accordion will entertain us as we enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, along with all the trimmings.



COST: 10/person
RSVP: by 7/18, Judy Satlof,
860-523-8883,
judsatlof@aol.com
NOTE: rain or shine!
SPONSOR: Chai Society

Piano Recital

Sunday, August 20
5:00 PM

New York pianist Michael Cherry shares his love of Classical and Israeli music, along with soloists from our community.



QUESTIONS: Cantor Ness, 860-233-9696,
jness@bethelwh.org

Beth El Softball Team

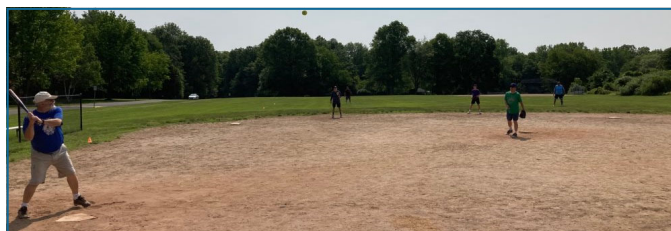
Sunday Mornings through Early Fall
9:30 – 11:30 AM



The 2023 edition of the Beth El Softball team is now in mid-season action, and it isn't too late to join in on the fun. There is always room for veterans as well as rookie players to get in on the action. We play slow-pitch softball game.



LOCATION: CIGNA (in Bloomfield off Simsbury Rd.)
CAPTAINS: Alan Cetel, 860-232-9515, acjctc@aol.com,
Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com



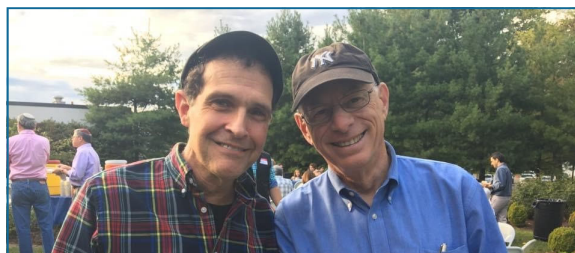
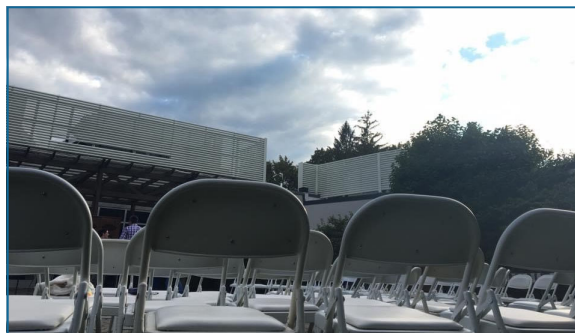
Shabbat Under the Stars

Friday, August 25

5:00 PM	Yard Games
5:30 PM	Service
6:30 PM	Dinner

Join us for a summer-themed Israeli dinner and an outdoor, family-friendly service.

COST: \$10/person;
free kids 0-4
RSVP: by 8/18,
tinyurl.com/BETStars2023



★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Shabbat in the Park

FRIDAYS, JULY 14, AUGUST 4
5:30 – 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Eisenhower Park,
Sheep Hill Drive,
West Hartford

TARGET AGE: children 8 and younger
(and siblings, parents, and grandparents)

COST: no charge

REGISTRATION: encouraged for planning purposes,
tinyurl.com/ParkShabbat714
tinyurl.com/ParkShabbat804

QUESTIONS: Dr. Eliyahu Krigel, ekrigel@bethelwh.org

We'll bring the grape juice and challah, and each family is invited to bring their own picnic dinner to enjoy after some outdoor singing in a beautiful setting. Please RSVP to let us know how much to bring and whom to contact in case the weather is iffy. Meet at the Playground.



Birthday Aliyah

SATURDAYS,
JULY 1, AUG 5, SEPT 2

all ages!!
in person only

On the first Shabbat of every month we celebrate birthdays with a group *aliyah* (Torah honor) and a blessing from the Rabbi.

Monthly

Shabbat Playgroup in the Park

SATURDAYS, JULY 22, AUGUST 19
3:00 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Eisenhower Park,
Sheep Hill Drive, West Hartford

TARGET AGE: children 0-5 years old and their grown-ups

COST: no charge

REGISTRATION: encouraged for planning purposes,
tinyurl.com/ParkPlayJuly22
tinyurl.com/ParkPlayAug19

QUESTIONS: Dr. Eliyahu Krigel, ekrigel@bethelwh.org

Join Rabbi Zerlin and Dr. Eliyahu for a relaxed Shabbat afternoon. We will provide cold drinks and summer treats.

All services and classes can be accessed directly from the weekly e-blast to members (no login necessary); or by the links on our website (login required).

Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAYS Zoom and
6:00 – 7:00 PM in person

Every week, we welcome Shabbat with joyous song and prayer led by Cantor Ness, *d'var Torah* from one of our rabbis, and special guest soloists.

Shabbat Morning & Torah Service

SATURDAYS Livestream
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM and in person

A traditional service, may include b'nei mitzvah or special programming.

Children's Playroom

SATURDAYS up to age 5
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

NOTE: children must be supervised by a grownup

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

Youth Shabbat Services

SATURDAYS no Virtual Options
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org

★ Mazel Tots

Featuring songs and stories geared for children 6 and under with their families.



★ Shabbat Club

Prayers, games, and activities for students in grades 1-5.



Weekly

Shabbat Mincha Service

SATURDAYS Livestream and in person
12:15 – 12:45 PM

The brief afternoon service, complete with Torah readings, is in the Levine-Shein Chapel. Mourner's *Kaddish* will be recited for Saturday and Sunday *yahrzeits*.

Havdallah

SATURDAYS Zoom only

LOCATION: home

NOTE: see chart for timing; it follows sunset

We transition from Shabbat to the new week with this brief service using the traditional symbols of a burning candle, a spice box, and wine. This will not include an evening service; Mourner's *Kaddish* will not be recited.

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat & Daily

Candle & Havdallah Times; plus Havdallah Service Time

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday	
	Candle	Havdallah	Service
Jun 30 - Jul 1	8:12 PM	9:10 PM	9:30 PM
Jul 7-8	8:10 PM	9:08 PM	9:30 PM
Jul 14-15	8:07 PM	9:04 PM	9:25 PM
Jul 21-22	8:02 PM	8:59 PM	9:20 PM
Jul 28-29	7:56 PM	8:53 PM	9:15 PM
Aug 4-5	7:48 PM	8:45 PM	9:05 PM
Aug 11-12	7:39 PM	8:36 PM	8:55 PM
Aug 18-19	7:29 PM	8:26 PM	8:45 PM
Aug 25-26	7:18 PM	8:15 PM	8:35 PM

Mincha & Ma'ariv

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS

Zoom and in person

5:30 PM

Our daily *minyan* (prayer service with at least 10 Jewish adults) includes *Kaddish* for those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of a person's passing).

Shacharit

SUNDAYS

Zoom and in person

8:45 AM

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 AM

NOTE: Tues, July 4

9:00 AM

The morning *minyan* also includes reading Torah on Mondays, Thursdays, and *Rosh Chodesh*.

★ Observing Together - Summer

THE JEWISH CALENDAR, CHAPTER 6:

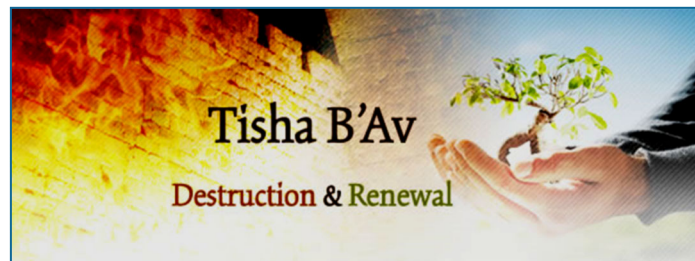
The Three Weeks – Communal Mourning Solution ☆ Jason Kay

In addition to all the Jewish holy days, there are periods of time during the Jewish Calendar that are special. The *Omer*, the seven week period from the second day of Passover until Shavuot, is a well known example. The summer months also feature a three-week period known creatively as *The Three Weeks*. This is traditionally a dark time on the calendar and is considered a communal period of mourning.

The period of *The Three Weeks* begins on the 17th of Tammuz and ends on the 9th of Av. This year, that corresponds to the period from July 6 through July 27. These two dates are not random.

17th of Tammuz

It was on this date in 70 CE that the Romans breached the walls of Jerusalem and began the destruction of the city. The Jews held them off for a long time, but the siege proved to be too much. According to tradition, a number of other negative events happened on this date including Moses breaking the tablets at Sinai and the Priests having to stop all sacrifices during the period of the First Temple.



Shiva Asar B'Tammuz

a minor fast day (sunrise to sundown)

THURSDAY, JULY 6 Regular daily service times

Tisha B'Av

a major fast day (sundown Wed. to sundown Thu.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:30 PM Community Service, with reading of *Eichah*, Book of Lamentations

AT B'NAI TIKVOH-SHOLOM

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:00 AM *Shacharit* Service
(neither *tallit* nor *tefillin* worn at this service)

1:30 PM Community *Mincha* Service (please bring your *tefillin*)

AT BETH EL TEMPLE

5:30 PM Evening *Minyan*

Watch your emails for LiveStream information.

9th of Av

It is believed that on this date in 70 CE, three weeks after the breaching of the city walls in Jerusalem, the Romans completed their destruction of the Second Temple, making it one of the saddest days in Jewish history. In addition, on the 9th of Av in 586 BCE, the First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians. Various other horrible things also happened on this date, including the 12 Spies returned from Canaan with their grim report, various Jewish expulsions (England and Spain), and Germany's declaration of war on Russia sparking World War I (August 14, 1914), a period in world history that ultimately led to World War II and the *Shoah* (Holocaust).

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★ Recognizing Volunteers

Children's Reading Partners Program

Coordinated by the Women's Network, many of our members donated generously to the Annual Book Drive in December. In May, with Ronni Breiter at Federation, we sorted, packaged, and delivered books to participating schools. Each child in the program takes a book home to read over the summer.

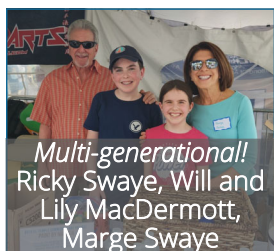
Michelle Kunzman Judy Satlof Lonni Schulz Steve Szafran

Shavuot Decorations in the Sanctuary and Chapel

Alison Demarest
Robin Santiago

Celebrate! West Hartford

Members of our clergy, staff, and lay leaders enjoyed a beautiful Sunday at this community event.



Multi-generational!
Ricky Swaye, Will and
Lily MacDermott,
Marge Swaye



Jason Kay, Gary Starr,
Rabbi Zerín, Dr. Eliyahu



An original *Paint-by-Number*
of our Sanctuary!



Advance labeling of give-away
water bottles (l-r): Dan Kovel,
Bruce Shein, Stu Bernstein, Art
Freedman, Phil Schulz, Dave
Diamond. Not pictured: David
Brandwein, Jacob Kovel

Sam Borden
Jessica Borden
Sydney Feinstein
Caryl Goldberg
Jill Jones

Leah Katz
Michelle Kunzman
Rachel Leventhal-
Weiner
Will MacDermott

Lily MacDermott
Mina Nemirow
Ella Nemirow
Leigh Newman
Ellen Nirenstein

Steve Rabb
Gary Starr
Marge Swaye
Ricky Swaye
David Weiner

Sadie Weiner
Emily Weiner
Staff
Rabbi Rosen

Rabbi Zerín
Cantor Ness
Rabbi Sowalsky
Dr. Eliyahu
Jason Kay

★ Engaging Generations

Congratulations

Elana & Thomas DiFazio, on birth of child,
Lena Ruth DiFazio
Lindsay & Samuel Reiss, on birth of child,
Lily Tova Reiss
Lori Newman and Dale Schwartz, on their wedding
Susan & Alan Solinsky, on wedding of daughter
Lara and Dr. Daniel Shaw
Michelle Kunzman & Steve Szafran, on wedding of
daughter Julia and Noemí Melul

Mazel Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush

Barash family, in honor of Logan's Bar Mitzvah
Stein family, in honor of Emily's & Sarah's B'not Mitzvah
MacDermott family, in honor of Will's Bar Mitzvah
Diane & Jerry Borodkin and Chuck & Gail Wayne,
grandparents of Andrew Wayne, in honor of his Bar
Mitzvah
Carillo family, in honor of Avi's Bar Mitzvah
Bourke family, in honor of Maya's Bat Mitzvah
Brett family, in honor of Jace's Bar Mitzvah

If you would like to share your Simchas and Sorrows
with the Beth El Community, please send your Life
Cycle announcements to: info@bethelwh.org.

Welcome to New Members

Diane & Robert Cohen
Michelle Gavens

Of Blessed Memory

Mary Epstein
Ronald Farber, brother of Beth Farber
Dr. Pedro Jose González García,
brother-in-law of Rafael Santiago
Andrew Goodman, brother of Jerrold Goodman
Marlene Passman
Edith Sherman
Alan Treitman, father of Yosef Treitman

B'nei Mitzvah Celebration

Information on B'nei Mitzvah
celebrations is available from the
Temple Office.

★ Lifelong Learning

Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

New participants welcome! Come occasionally or come weekly.
No registration, no charge.
Classes are both on Zoom and in person, unless otherwise noted.

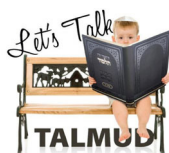
All services and classes can be accessed directly from the weekly e-blast to members (no login necessary) or by following the links on our website (login required).

Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Zoom
only



We are a self-guided group of learners currently studying the tractate *Sanhedrin*. The only prerequisite is a desire to learn Torah as explored by our great sages.

Bible & Breakfast

THURSDAYS

8:00 – 9:00 AM

NOTE: will not meet 7/6, 7/27

Lay-led during summer, participants share their viewpoints and insights about the weekly parsha. People with all backgrounds are welcome; an ability to read Hebrew or knowledge of Hebrew text is not needed.



★ Doing Mitzvot

3-Season Opportunities

Jessie's Community Garden – UPDATE

CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky, 860-214-0881, dpk18@hotmail.com

2023 will be the first fallow year for Beth El's Jessie's Garden. As the Torah teaches, this is good for both the land and the people that tend the fields.

We will take this time to rebuild the deteriorated beds. The installation of automatic sprinklers will allow the garden volunteers to work together as a community on Sundays. In the past, we worked individually throughout the growing season, so the plants could be watered daily.

This plan has been approved and funded by the Kostin family (founders of Jessie's Community Garden Foundation), after consultation with the professional gardener retained by them.

We are blessed to have a dedicated core group of volunteers and are hopeful that the new approach to gardening at Beth El will keep our garden viable for years to come.

Garden Club News

CONTACT: Alison Demarest, 860-810-2084,
alisonsupermom@comcast.net;
Robin Santiago, 860-490-7661,
robin@rsantiagodmd.com

DONATIONS: gently used garden tools, hoses, or the funds to purchase them are gratefully accepted



Our team keeps the plantings and flowers all around our building healthy and exploding with color. No experience necessary to help with watering or pulling weeds. Just remember your gloves, water bottle, and sunscreen. *No experience necessary.*

Both of these outdoor activities make great b'nei mitzvah projects. Volunteers are invited to come with friends, as a family, or solo.

KNITzvah Group

MONTHLY SUNDAYS, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

CONTACT: BJ, 860-523-4918, and
Fran, knitzvahgrp@gmail.com

NOTE: gatherings resume in
September

Our knitters and crocheters continue to work from home to create beautiful lap afghans, baby blankets, and hats for people who need a little extra warmth and TLC. We welcome knitters and crocheters of all levels to join us. If you have any questions, please email us.

*We make strings into
things one stitch at a
time, to give comfort
and warmth to others!*



Chesed (Kindness) Committee

Supporting Our Members

COORDINATOR: Leah Katz,
mitzvahbethel@gmail.com

If you are in need of some assistance or would like to be part of our volunteer corps, please contact us. Your Beth El community is prepared to be of help with any life challenges (illness, loss of a loved one).

★ Making Connections

Chai Society

We continue to present entertaining and stimulating programs for the senior population of Beth El Temple and are open to the greater Hartford community.

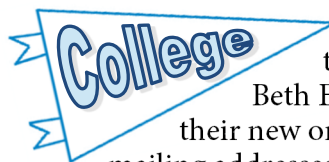
We are planning a picnic this summer and during the coming year, we will again honor our veterans, present musical programs, lectures, and luncheons, and show entertaining movies.

All senior members of Beth El are automatically members with no fee! As needed, we charge for some of our programs.

Allan Geetter
Korine Ferraro
Co-Chairs

College Connection

We had a busy year keeping in touch with our college-aged students! We sent High Holiday e-greetings, Chanukah gelt and Mishloach Manot for Purim! And we will be doing it all over again this coming school year.



We want your students to remain connected to their Beth El community! Please send us their new or updated student email and mailing addresses to keep our list current.

Stephanie Kudler, Chair
betcollegeconnections@gmail.com

The generosity of the *Gavens Family College Youth Fund* makes this project possible.

Men's Club



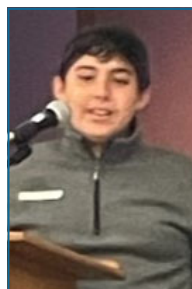
We offer wonderful activities for men of all ages and interests, and opportunities to make a few new friends. You'll find a variety of sports outings, religious and holiday participation, and help with Temple projects and programs. We also co-sponsor social evenings for men and women throughout the year.

Some of our strongest emphasis has been on fun family activities and working with SULAM, and through this, many young men have become members and serve on our board.

We are famous for our Sunday breakfast buffets featuring well-known speakers. Other popular activities include our softball league, a year-long parent/child fantasy football league, regular walks around the reservoir, and much more. Visit the Men's Club section at Beth El's website to see our full calendar of exciting events, including a link to start your membership easily.

Annual dues are just \$40 and help support our many activities, as well as our generous donations to the Temple and the community.

Arthur Freedman, President
860-716-8384, DrArtF@aol.com



Jace Brett was the recipient of the Men's Club Award for his Bar Mitzvah project: tutoring weekly with *Our Kids Read*, a nationally-recognized nonprofit that nurtures under-served K-5th grade students across the US.

Distinguished Service Award Banquet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
5:30 – 8:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Honorees this year are Judy and David Rosenthal; invitations will be mailed to all Beth El members.

Walk Around the Reservoir

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:15 AM

LOCATION: Reservoir on Route 44, Albany Ave; meet in parking lot

CONTACT: Stu Bernstein, 860-232-2012, scbernste@aol.com



Women's Network

Our events are open to the entire congregation and sometimes include our sisters at other local synagogues. Whether our speaker was an award-winning author, a professor of Jewish women's history, an Emmy Award winning set designer, a movie screenwriter, or a peace and justice educator, we have greatly enjoyed each other's company, made new friends, and connected to our Jewishness on new levels.

We also provide access to beautiful Judaica in our Craft Gallery, decorate the bimah for holidays, and co-sponsor social evenings for men and women throughout the year. Continuing from last year, we will be sponsoring Rabbi Zerlin's class studying contemporary women's midrash. Our ongoing service project is to sort and deliver donated books for the Children's Reading Partners Program.

One of the perks of membership is access to rich educational and engaging programming of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), usually free. WLCJ is the umbrella organization for Sisterhoods and other women's organizations at

Conservative synagogues across the world and is a network of women who seek to enhance Jewish knowledge, nurture Jewish life, and support Israel. Raising funds for their Torah Fund is part of our mission.

Annual dues are \$30 and can be paid by checking the Women's Network box on your dues statement. We would love to hear any new program ideas you may have and welcome anyone interested in getting more involved.

Michelle Kunzman, Chair
860-729-4201, michellekunzman1@gmail.com

Book in the Sukkah with Jennifer Anne Moses: *The Man Who Loved His Wife*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:45 – 7:30 PM

COST: \$0 for WN members, \$10 for other BET members,
\$18 for non-BET attendees

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BookintheSukkah2023

CONTACT: by Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com

(continued from page 5) These two dates, separated by three weeks, saw lots of death and destruction in Jewish history, and specifically, these three weeks mark the period of time between the Romans breaching the city walls and destroying the Holy Temple. Though not easy for many of us to relate personally to this tragic event, as a people, we mark this time on the calendar bookmarked by these two dates with a period of communal mourning.

Customs during *The Three Weeks* vary, but common practices include not having weddings, not getting haircuts or shaving, not listening to music, and not eating meat during *The Nine Days* (the first nine days of the month of Av). The period culminates in the major fast day of the *Tisha B'Av* (9th of Av) on which there is no eating or drinking, and other prohibitions.

Following the 9th of Av, the end of the communal mourning, we begin a seven-week period during which our lives are filled more and more with joy as we build towards Rosh Hashanah. This period, named by the same department responsible for naming *The Three Weeks*, is called *The Seven Weeks of Consolation*.

Beth El and Torah Values



In Leviticus 19:14, the Torah states: "You shall not curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind..." This command (mitzvah) is very relevant when it comes

to the issue of fragrance sensitivity. Very many people are affected by fragrance sensitivity. Exposure to fragrances can have serious health effects on affected individuals, and make it impossible for them to attend services, classes, and other functions. So, next time, *before* you apply fragranced materials, please think of Torah and its implications for Jewish values and behavior.

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

★ Supporting Beth El

We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

- ★ This list reflects contributions received and processed through May 18, 2023.
- ★ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be **received** in the office by July 18, 2023.

Camp Ramah Fund

IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Jerry Margolis – Judy & Joel Weisman

IN MEMORY OF

Ronald Farber, brother of Beth – Meryl & Mitchell Danitz

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Herbert Charlip, father – Judy & Dan Kulakofsky

Anne Samberg, mother – Ira Samberg

Cantor's Music Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Connie Mindell – Melanie Bazer

Cantor Ness – Barbara & Robert Green

IN HONOR OF

Birth of Henry Isaac Eager, grandson of Diane & Scott Dolin – Sharon & Bob Efron, Jeanne & Dan Kleinman

Birth of Estelle Billie Steinhardt, granddaughter of Meryl & Mitchell Danitz – Francine & Steve Stier

Special birthday of Stu Bernstein – Judy & Joel Weisman

IN MEMORY OF

Edith Sherman, mother – Robin Beden

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Toby Hoffman, mother – Herb Hoffman

Raymond B. Poriss, father – Karen & Michael Rosen

Chai Society

IN MEMORY OF

Eugene Kagan, father of Tammy Kagan Levine – Sandy & Marc Friedman, Roz Rachlin & family

Dr. Peter Philips, brother of Ellen Donshik – Judith Satlof & family

Taste Of Shabbat

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Richard Freund; Martin Schulz, father of Phil – Philip Post

Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – Liza Niss & Garrett Worsey

IN HONOR OF

The Stein b'nai mitzvah – Donna & Howard Weiss

IN MEMORY OF

Steve Buchman, brother of Fredda Goldstein – Lorraine & Tom Barber, Cathy Barnhorst, Anne Ghory Goodman, Henry Goodman, Robin Goodman, Phyllis Lehman, Faith & Bruce Parker

Edith Sherman, mother – Robin Beden
Mary Epstein – Lisa & Mark Lubka

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Fishel Liberman – Pat Cronin

Alise & Bernard Elman, in-laws – Jeanne Elman

Toby Hoffman, mother – Herb Hoffman

Joseph Robbins, father – Karen Katz

Minnie Goldenberg, mother – Sherri Pliskin

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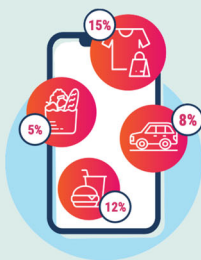


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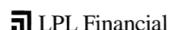
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