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## Sweet, Sweet Boredom! ☆ Rabbi Jim Rosen

This past Father's Day I found myself thinking of my father, and the lessons of his life. I often chuckle whenever I find myself saying a version of "when I was your age" to our kids. But on that day I find myself remembering one of his "when I was your age" moments that forever shaped my life.

My father was a hard working provider who truly valued hard physical work. For two summers he had me join him for 8 to 12 hours a day packing, shipping and unpacking large containers of fabric in a warehouse with no air conditioning. He thought it would be good for me to have the experience. I wasn't so sure.

As matter of fact I hated it. I finished each day feeling like a wet dishrag. But in retrospect I realized why he wanted me to do this job.

He was right when he said I would learn the value of a dollar. He was right when he said I will come into contact with many different kinds of people most of whom just make it from paycheck to paycheck.

What he didn't say explicitly, but what I learned as well, was the value of being able to survive being bored. It was mindless labor and the hours were long with no opportunity to see the outcome of the work.

I'm fortunate in that I rarely find myself bored, and never really see boredom as an enemy. It's something I consider to be a gift.

It's an elusive gift for many of us today. The old Chinese curse "May you live in interesting times" is just that, a curse. Who would not give up a bit of "interesting" if it would mean fewer disasters like Orlando, and Tel Aviv from this spring.

These days, who can bear to be without technology and connection for even a moment? And yet, is not one of life's greatest challenges to be thrown onto our own resources, to be still, to ponder, to see what lies within us in a silence we willingly embrace.

That is of course the glory of every Shabbat. It is a framework in which we are free to have moments of just being and not always doing.

For many individuals and families, we exchange one season's busyness for another. Summer may be vacation time, but it too is often filled with activity upon activity. Many of our kids in particular have full plates of camp, sports, and travel. These are marvelous opportunities, but I hope they have moments of unstructured playtime where they look within to spontaneously create something special of the long summer hours. A time when their imagination can flow.

I wish for all of us a time that is not planned, that is not stimulating. I wish for all of us the stillness and the desire just to be. To be bored does not mean to be dull. It's simply an invitation to allow serenity and depth into our minds and lives. A time to think, to be, to feel without an agenda.

In that regard, I wish you a boring summer. May all of us have many times of blessing that flows best from an openly welcomed stillness.

**Editor's Note** Temple Topics will now come to you six times during the year and each issue will cover two months. The calendar on our website, along with Beth El's email communication from [news@bethelwh.org](mailto:news@bethelwh.org), will give you up-to-date information on programs, events and services.

# ★ Reflections from the President

## Israel is Real! ☆ Diane Lieberfarb

Intelligence, innovation, insight, integrity, industriousness, inventiveness, and invincibility!

Truly infused with palpable pride, there exists an essence of joy and deep responsibility among the people of Israel that I seldom find in the United States. It is this energy and spirit that presents itself from the Kotel to Yad Vashem, from Sderot to Sfat, and from Eilat to the streets of Tel Aviv.

Imagine for a moment if we could ‘borrow’ this attribute and make it a part of our daily lives. As Americans we would substitute greed for gratitude and distorted definitions of success to sincerity and social action. We would cherish what we have rather than bemoan what we desire and cannot have.

We would be looking at life through a lens of possibilities and would perhaps dispense with self-serving fantasies and mindless activities that further separate us from real world face-to-face associations.



Beth El Israel Trip, 2016, on Mt. Scopus: Rabbi Rosen, Richard & Deborah Gutcheon, Michael & Susan Schenker, Bill & Myra Kleinman, Marshall & Laurie Shakun, Richard & Diane Lieberfarb, Gail & Barry Deutsch

At the end of the day, life is all about meaning and a sense of purpose. How are we spending our time and who is in possession of the hour glass? What does it mean to live Jewishly and does it matter? How will you make a difference in the lives of others in our Beth El community? Israel has much to teach us especially when it comes to living with courage and character.

**Am Yisrael Chai!**

## ★ Beth El's Community You Can Believe In

### Meet José Batista, Beth El's Head Custodian

His quiet demeanor and ever-present smile combined with a dedication to doing things to perfection have endeared José Batista to staff and congregants alike. Asked what he likes best about Beth El and his answer is not surprising: “The people, the way everyone trusts me. It feels like family.”

José's standards are high, which makes him the perfect head of our custodial staff. “I have high standards because I want the people here to be happy.”

The “love affair” is mutual. “He is kind and gentlemanly and treats everyone with respect and concern for their thoughts and feelings,” Rabbi Sowalsky says. Adds Rabbi Garber, “He always goes the extra mile to make sure every detail is taken care of. But more than details, he is a friendly face at Beth El. He really cares about our community.”

Arriving in the U.S. from Dominican Republic in 1999,



José immediately joined our custodial staff at the suggestion of a friend who worked at Beth El. He became our chief custodian when Luis retired two years ago.

He is not bothered by the age of our building, which seems always to be in need of one repair or another. “If it's broken, we fix it.” As Rabbi Rosen notes, “José makes it possible for us to have *everything* we need when and where we need it.”

José is father to five children. He and his wife Marcelle live in the small home adjacent to Beth El with their youngest two, Jahnia, 4-1/2 and Jacoby, almost 2. Ask about his family and he smiles broadly. It's clear he also loves his role as dad-in-chief.

José is a precious part of the fabric of Beth El. He is a great *Mentsch* who does not simply care for our building so faithfully. He cares equally for all who enter here.

We are so fortunate to have someone who makes it possible for us to have our services, classes and programs with dedication, dignity, and respect.



# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Summer Shabbat Morning Speaker Series

**Services** 9:30 AM  
**Speaker** 11:00 AM

Our rabbis taught: Who is wise? One who learns from all people, as it is said: "From all those who taught me I gained understanding" (Psalms 119:99).

This summer we will learn Torah from our Beth El members as part of our Shabbat morning services. Torah comes in all shapes and sizes, with varying disciplines and perspectives. We will experience Torah from story-telling to rabbinic commentaries, with the perspectives of lawyers, teachers, and more!

July 2	Diane Lieberfarb
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July 16	Michael Schenker
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July 30	Dr. Avi Patt
August 6	Jonathan Alter
August 13	Dr. Richard Freund
August 20	Jason Kay

## Prayer Services at Beth El – an Introduction

We are an egalitarian congregation and invite broad participation. Congregants (adults and teens, men and women) read *Torah* each week, chant the *Haftarah*, and lead our services. Many women choose to wear a *tallit*, and head coverings for women vary between *kippot*, hats, headbands, doilies, and no covering.

## Friday Evening Shabbat Services

Friday evening Shabbat services begin at 6:00 PM and are held in the Chapel. Periodically there is a second service at 7:30 PM with special programming or music, such as Veteran's Shabbat, guest speakers, or forums. In addition, there are bi-monthly kid-friendly services at 5:45 PM.

## Shabbat Day Services

Our Shabbat morning service, *Shacharit*, is generally from 9:30 AM until noon and is held either in our Sanctuary or Chapel. The 25-minute Shabbat afternoon service, *Mincha*, is at 12:30 PM. The Saturday evening service, *Ma'ariv* with *Havdalah*, is not regularly scheduled.

## Daily Morning and Evening Minyan

Weekday morning and evening *minyan* (prayer service with at least 10 Jewish adults) are held in the Chapel. *Minyan* incorporates some English readings and includes *Kaddish* for those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of a person's passing). We read *Torah* on Mon. and Thur. mornings, as well as on *Rosh Chodesh* and Fast Days. At each service we read a list of names of those loved ones for whom *yahrzeit* is being observed.

Morning minyan, Monday-Friday, is held at 7:00 AM.  
Morning minyan on Sundays is at 8:45 AM.  
Evening minyan, Sunday-Thursday is held at 7:30 PM.

## Bar and Bat Mitzvah Ceremonies

We celebrate our young teens marking this milestone at any of our services where the Torah is read. Most families choose the Shabbat morning service; other options include Saturday evening, Monday or Thursday morning, and specific Sunday mornings.

## Friday Summer Nights

6:00 PM

Come casual all summer to Kabbalat Shabbat service – sometimes we'll go outside!

## Student & Family Programs

**Saturdays, weekly** 9:30 AM - NOON

**Children's Playroom** UP TO AGE 5

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

**Saturdays, July 2, Aug 6, Sep 3**

**Birthday Shabbat** DURING SERVICE  
ALL AGES!

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

**Saturdays, July 9, 23, Aug 13, 27**

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

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

**Fridays, July 15, Aug 19** 5:45 - 6:45 PM

**PJ Shabbat** UP TO AGE 5

**Kids' Club Shabbat** AGES 5-8

Stories, songs, and a *Torah* parade. Weather permitting, we end these summer evenings running through the sprinklers – bring bathing suits and towels!

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

RSVP: for planning purposes,  
rosenbaum@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9891

# ★ Worshipping Together - Summer

## What are the *Three Weeks*?

The short answer: an annual mourning period during the summer.

- ✧ It begins with *Shiva Asar B'Tammuz*, the Fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz. It is a "minor" fast (sunrise to sunset), this year on July 24.
- ✧ It ends with *Tisha B'Av*, the Fast of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. It is a "major" fast, this year on August 14.

The long answer: keep reading....



### **Saturday, August 13**

8:45 PM Community *Tisha B'Av* Services, with *Eicha*, reading the Book of Lamentations; at BET

### **Sunday, August 14**

8:45 AM *Shacharit*

1:30 PM Community *Tisha B'Av Mincha* Service; at Emanuel Synagogue (those who wear *tefillin*, please bring to *Mincha*)

## The *Three Weeks*

Summertime. Days of memory, commemoration, and hope.

Each summer, the Jewish world pauses to ponder the impact of the events that have shaped our history and the past 2000 years. Two fast days, *Shiva Asar B'Tammuz* and *Tisha B'Av*, are dedicated to recalling the breach of Jerusalem's walls and the ultimate destruction of the Temple and Jewish independence.

The 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz is a daytime-only fast (sunrise to sunset), where as *Tisha B'Av* is a full-day fast. On both days, special prayers of sorrow are recited. In addition, on *Tisha B'Av* the mournful book of *Eicha*, Lamentations, is read.

*Tisha B'Av* is often called the "Dark Fast" to differentiate it from *Yom Kippur* known as the "White Fast." On the Day of Atonement (*Yom*

*Kippur*), we are confident of forgiveness and so it has an element of "lightness." However, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av has been linked with many different tragedies over time, including the failed Jewish rebellion against the Romans known as the Bar Kochba revolt, the expulsion of Jews from Spain, and key events in the Holocaust. As such, it is a day in which dark loss looms large in our collective hearts.

Still, tradition did not allow us to succumb to despair. During this period known as the *Three Weeks*, on *Shabbat*, we read three *Haftarot* of warning. Following *Tisha B'Av* are seven *Haftarot* of comfort. Even on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av itself we turn to passages of hope, or even plant a tree in the afternoon, in asserting our hope for redemption.

Many wonder what role these days might have in steadfastly mourning

our exile when we have a modern State of Israel. It's a fair question. But these days of remembrance allow us to consider the losses and pain that have marked the Jewish past. They help us to remember and feel the hunger and discomfort of those who struggled to persevere as Jews.

Moreover, the ultimate redemption of the Jewish world, and the world at large, remains incomplete. There is still much pain to address.

Join us for these days of memory and meaning. They can help us all to know and feel the rhythms of Jewish hurt and hope.

**Note....** We do not observe fast days on *Shabbat*, except for *Yom Kippur*. This year, both 17 Tammuz and 9 Av fall on *Shabbat*, so they will be observed on Sundays. Although, *Tisha B'Av* begins on Saturday eve.



Destruction  
& Renewal

*Tisha B'Av & The Three Weeks*



# ★ Religious School Happenings



## Students Build Jerusalem with Legos

On May 15, in honor of *Yom Ha-Atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day, students in grades Aleph

through Hai built a model of the old city of Jerusalem. Under the direction of educator Stephen Sutton, and using more than 60,000 small Lego pieces, groups of students built buildings, gates, and sections of the city walls. More than 2 hours of engaged participation later, everything was finally put together and it was truly a beautiful creation. Students sat around the completed model as Stephen used it to teach them about the history of the city.



## Show Off Shabbat

This annual year-end program was a spectacular culmination of the 2015-2016 school year with more than 200 individuals in attendance! Students of every grade participated in the Friday Night Family Service led by Rabbi Garber. Class projects decorated Kessler Hall, where Shabbat dinner took place. New this year, talented students played their musical instruments during the pre-service hors d'oeuvres. During the dinner, we were entertained by our Kids' Choir, under the direction of Cantor Ness. Our dedicated teachers were recognized for their hard work throughout the year and, once they finished eating, children enjoyed activities led by teachers Steven Levine and Adrian Durlister.



## Shema Bear Program

In March, Diane Salm's Nursery class had a family program teaching about the Shema – *Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One*. The highlight of the program was each student making their own "Shema Bear."



## PAG Mitzvah Day

On the last day of Religious School, students of all grades participated in a special Mitzvah Day program under the direction of our Parent Action Group (PAG). They were assisted by students of the Hai class, who set up the projects, introduced them, and guided the younger students as they worked. There were five special projects and each grade participated in two or three of them, making

- ✧ stuffed animals and cards for patients at CCMC.
- ✧ tissue paper flowers for residents of the Hebrew Home.
- ✧ fleece blankets for clients of the South Park Inn.
- ✧ toiletry bags for clients of the South Park Inn.
- ✧ a banner thanking our veterans for their service.

It was a wonderful way to cap off a year of learning, with the good feelings that come with helping other people.

We especially thank Drs. Eric Gladstein, Howard Levinbook, Fred Landy, and Tami Stein and Joel Goodman for their donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for the toiletry bags as well as Lisa Harris and Tammy Krulewitz, our PAG co-chairs, and their committee for making the program possible.



## Religious School Yom Hashoah Commemoration

As a culmination of their year-long study of the Holocaust with teacher Anita Levy, the students of the Hai class planned and conducted a Yom Hashoah experience and commemoration. Students in grades Aleph through Hai participated in activities teaching about Holocaust experiences in the Ghettoes, the sewers, and the concentration camps. The program ended with a candlelighting ceremony in memory of the Six Million. All were moved by the creativity and sensitivity of our Hai students.

### Mark your calendars for the start of the 2016-2017 School Year!

Thur, Sept. 8 Back-to-Beth El Carnival & Community Celebration (p. 18), plus Meet the Teachers

Sun, Sept. 11 First day of School & Family Apple Picking

# ★ Lifelong Learning

## Weekly Classes

New participants welcome, no charge

### **Wednesdays** 10:00 - 11:30 AM **Talmud Study**

We study in English using a wonderful English-Hebrew edition that is readily accessible. This is interactive study, all participants are invited to contribute. We will be studying Tractate Megillah, interesting aspects of Esther, Purim, and other related topics.

TEACHER: Eliot Barron, videlibar1@comcast.net

### **Thursdays** 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Bible & Breakfast**

After *Minyan*, we discuss the weekly *Torah* portion. Led by the Rabbis during the school year; during the Summer, members of our community facilitate.

## **Resuming in the Fall**

### **Mondays** 1:30 - 3:00 PM

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

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

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

COST: no charge, Beth El members only

### **Tuesdays** NOON - 1:00 PM **Lunch & Learn**

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

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

Hebrew reading and basic Judaic Studies.

TEACHER: Sidra Sperling

REGISTER: School office, 860-233-9891

COST: no charge, thanks to a generous sponsor

NOTE: for Beth El members only

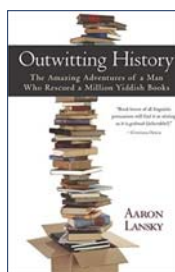
## **LIBRARY CORNER** New and Old; Learning from Experts ★ Roberta J. Buland

*Library Corner provides information about non-fiction books housed in our library. New and old books are reviewed rather than critiqued. Books may be borrowed for your enjoyment and education. To request that a book be reviewed, please contact me at rjbuland@comcast.net.*



Beth El was privileged to hear Rabbi Fuchs discuss his book, *What's in It for Me? Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives*, at a recent Friday Night Forum. It is the culmination of an effort, says Stephen Fuchs, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Israel, to develop a personal philosophy of life, using the tools provided by the Bible. Organized around chapters and subject matter that are far-ranging, well-visited biblical tales and lesser known sagas, he provides unorthodox and stirring insight into Adam and Eve's expulsion from Eden, an alternative reading of the Cain and Abel story that provides a glimpse into the nature of God, a view of Joseph as a change agent, a reexamination of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac, an exploration of the incident of the spies, a metaphorical understanding of the Exodus from Egypt, the meaning of standing at Sinai, and much more. Rabbi Fuchs speaks to Jew and Gentile alike, including those who do not believe in God. The book has gone international with critics' reviews from abroad and a German translation.

Aaron Lansky's *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Works* is his personal story as a one-man rescuer of Yiddish books – and along the way provides an accessible, informative, and deeply engaging account of the fate of Yiddish in America. As a graduate student of Yiddish in Montreal in the late 1970's, Lansky turned



rescuing Yiddish books, usually about to be trashed, into a mission of historic proportions. The adventure story involves capers with a nearly unreliable truck and dedicated friends who responded to late-night telephone calls about abandoned Yiddish books in basements or on the verge of being jettisoned into dumpsters. As word went out about Lansky's interest in Yiddish books, his rescue trips took him to apartments in decaying neighborhoods, where elderly Yiddish speakers waited to entrust him with their legacy. Before he could load books, he had to load up on kugel and tea, and listen to the old folks' stories. This memoir provides a sense of the panorama of Jewish cultural history, and Lansky's founding of the National Yiddish Book Center, in 1980, in Amherst, MA.

# ★ Making Connections

## Family Blueberry Picking

**Sunday, July 10, 10:00 AM**

Join us! Please let us know you'll be there so we can all pick together; and provide the best cell number to find you if needed.

LOCATION: Rose's Berry Farm, Glastonbury  
RSVP: Katie Schaeffer, [ksowalsky@gmail.com](mailto:ksowalsky@gmail.com),  
Sarah Willen, [sarah.willen@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.willen@gmail.com),  
Sharon Neiberg, [sharonneiberg@gmail.com](mailto:sharonneiberg@gmail.com),  
Sebastian Wogenstein,  
[sebastian.wogenstein@uconn.edu](mailto:sebastian.wogenstein@uconn.edu)  
COST: free to pick, you pay for what you pick  
CO-SPONSORS: Early Childhood Comm, NextGen

## Back to Beth El Carnival & Community Celebration

**Thur, September 8  
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

An old tradition with a new twist – not just for families and prospective members – an event to celebrate all our committees, volunteers, and groups. With entertainment and bouncy houses!

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, [igarber@bethelwh.org](mailto:igarber@bethelwh.org), and  
Rabbi Rosenbaum, [hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org](mailto:hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org)  
REFRESHMENTS: pizza dinner, desserts  
COST: no charge

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Network Lunch and Book Discussion in the Sukkah

**Wednesday, October 19, NOON**

Join us for lunch in Beth El's Sukkah and a discussion of Lynda Cohen Loigman's *The Two-Family House*.

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Melissa Weinstock, EJ Greenspan



On May 9, Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Kessler was honored with a lifetime achievement award from T'ruah, the organization of rabbis for social justice. The four honorees were asked to talk about their "Moses moment" – the moment when each of them realized what direction their lives must take.

Rabbi Kessler spoke movingly about marching with Dr. Martin Luther King in Birmingham, AL, in 1963, about meeting with Dr. King and hearing that the two books that had most influenced his life were the Bible and Martin Buber's book, *I and Thou*.

~ Bobby Klau

## Men's Club Fall Programs - preview

- ☆ Sun, Sept. 18 Kick-off breakfast (Wiesen Family sponsors)
- ☆ Thu, Sept. 22 DSA Banquet honoring Ann & David Brandwein
- ☆ Sun, Oct. 9 Breakfast and Political Forum (with Chai Society, Emanuel Brotherhood)
- ☆ Sun, Oct. 16 Minyan on the Mountain & Breakfast (with Emanuel Brotherhood)
- ☆ Thu, Oct. 20 Sukkahfest in the Sukkah

## Women's Israel Trip with Rabbi Garber

**Sunday, November 6 - Friday, November 18**

Rabbi Garber leads an exploration through Israel's past, present, and future, with a focus on meeting incredible women who are shaping Israel today.

DETAILS: Rabbi Sowalsky, [hsowalsky@bethelwh.org](mailto:hsowalsky@bethelwh.org), 860-233-9696

# ★ Making Connections - Ongoing

## Beth El Softball

**Sunday mornings**

We play in the Greater Hartford Synagogue League, a 6 team co-ed slow pitch league – year 23! We are always on the look out for new players, especially women.

LOCATIONS: Hall and King Philip School fields, West Hartford  
CAPTAINS: Alan Cetel, [acjctc@AOL.com](mailto:acjctc@AOL.com), 860-232-9515, and  
Duane Schwartz, [duane.schwartz@gmail.com](mailto:duane.schwartz@gmail.com), 860-997-2776

## Men's Club Walk Around the Reservoir

**every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:45 AM**

Schmooze and exercise at the West Hartford Reservoir.

LOCATION: Meet in parking lot closest to Route 44  
COST: no charge  
CONTACT: Dave Klau, 860-651-8962, [daklau747@gmail.com](mailto:daklau747@gmail.com)

## Join a Havurah – New Groups Being Formed

A *Havurah* is a small group of Beth El members, of similar ages and interests, gathering to celebrate, socialize, learn and enrich Jewish lives in a small setting while being part of Beth El Temple.

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

## Empty Nester Moms

If your youngest child has recently left home, you are invited to join this group. We meet every other month to discuss this new stage in our lives.

CONTACT: Lonni Schulz, [LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net),  
860-651-0072



# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## Charter Oak Project

**Cook Sundays**  
**Serve Mondays**

**9:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**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, Hartford

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

NOTE: monthly, resuming in the fall

## Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

**Mondays, 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

NOTE: monthly, resuming in the fall

## KNITzvah Group

***The Book of Numbers.....well, not exactly***

**Sundays, 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

In the Fall of 2002, at BET's first Mitzvah Day, a group of six people got together to knit. WOW! Who would have predicted the success of this group? First, they adopted a cute name. They grew in number to almost thirty people. Locally, about ten charities receive items made lovingly by these folks, including Hebrew Health Care, Charter Oak Cultural Center, the Wheeler Clinic, Newington Veteran's Hospital, and other worthy recipients. In 2014, the ladies "hit a home run." The KNITzvah Group received the impressive Centennial Schechter Award for the meaningful work they perform.



A fabulous example of this occurred this past May. Rabbi Rosen led a group of adults to Israel. Each traveler was given a lap-afghan to bring with them. After a little "adventure" of getting

past the El Al security, once in Israel, the blankets were delivered to a nursing home and to a Holocaust survivor. A couple of travelers were quite moved, "it was so meaningful making a difference in people's

lives" and "the blanket donation was an important part of the spirit of our trip .... connecting the **knitters**, through **us**, to our **Israeli brethren**."

And now, OUR version of the book of numbers:

We have delivered 538 lap-afghans, of which 77 have made their way to Israel, 262 hats of all sizes, 29 pair of mittens, 8 wristlets, 24 scarves, 5 infant sweaters, 5 adult sweaters, 3 shrugs, 2 booties, 4 shawls/cape, and 3 children's purses.



FRONT: NJ Sternschein, Bilka Kaplan;  
BACK: Marilyn Goldberg, BJ Diamond,  
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If you knit or crochet, come join us. We will next meet on Sunday, Sept. 18. Bring a #10 needle.

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

## Refugee Resettlement

Beth El Temple is partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church and Solomon Schechter Day School to help resettle a refugee family. We will need donations to set up an apartment, and possibly clothe the children and adults. We will not know exactly who the family is or their specific needs until 10 days before they arrive. The plan is to get everything organized so that we are ready to fulfill the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim*, welcoming guests.

In addition, volunteers with skills and time are needed for many aspects of settling the family, including:

- ✧ coordinate donations and deliveries
- ✧ find an interpreter

- ✧ find an apartment and connect utilities
- ✧ help the adults find jobs
- ✧ find doctors, arrange health assessments and drive them to the appointments
- ✧ teach them to ride the bus
- ✧ enroll the children in school and the adults into English language classes
- ✧ teach them to use a bank, cash checks, set up a budget, manage money, and pay bills
- ✧ Connect the family to the Department of Social Services

CONTACT: Robin Landau, rjlandau@comcast.net, or Rabbi Garber igarber@bethelwh.org

## Sunday

## Week Days

## Friday

## Saturday

<b>July 3</b> 10:00 AM Softball	27 Sivan	<b>Mon, July 4</b> 9:00 AM Morning Minyan <b>Tu 5</b> <b>W 6</b> Rosh Chodesh <b>Th 7</b> Rosh Chodesh	<b>July 1</b> 25 Sivan Candle Lighting: 8:10 PM	<b>July 2</b> Parsha Sh'lakh Lekha Birthday Shabbat 26 Sivan Havdalah: 9:10 PM
<b>July 10</b> 10:00 AM Softball 10:00 AM Family Blueberry Picking (EARLY CHILDHOOD COMM. and NEXTGEN)	4 Tammuz	<b>M 11</b> <b>Tu 12</b> 8:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting <b>W 13</b> <b>Th 14</b>	<b>July 8</b> 2 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 8:08 PM	<b>July 9</b> Parsha Korach 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah Havdalah: 9:08 PM
<b>July 17</b> 10:00 AM Softball	11 Tammuz	<b>M 18</b> <b>Tu 19</b> <b>W 20</b> <b>Th 21</b>	<b>July 15</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' Club Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:05 PM	<b>July 16</b> Parsha Chukat 10 Tammuz Havdalah: 9:04 PM
<b>July 24</b> Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (no Softball)	18 Tammuz	<b>M 25</b> <b>Tu 26</b> <b>W 27</b> <b>Th 28</b>	<b>July 22</b> 16 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 7:59 PM	<b>July 23</b> Parsha Balak 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah Havdalah: 8:58 PM
<b>July 31</b> 10:00 AM Softball	25 Tammuz	<b>Mon, August 1</b> <b>Tu 2</b> <b>W 3</b> <b>Th 4</b>	<b>July 29</b> 23 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 7:53 PM	<b>July 30</b> Parsha Pinchas 24 Tammuz Havdalah: 8:52 PM
<b>August 7</b> 10:00 AM Softball (last game)	3 Av	<b>M 8</b> <b>Tu 9</b> <b>W 10</b> <b>Th 11</b>	<b>August 5</b> Rosh Chodesh Candle Lighting: 7:45 PM	<b>August 6</b> Parsha Matot-Massei Birthday Shabbat 2 Av Havdalah: 8:43 PM
			<b>August 12</b> 8 Av Candle Lighting: 7:36 PM	<b>August 13</b> Parsha Devarim 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah 8:45 PM Community Tisha B'Av Ma'ariv Service and Reading of Eichah at BET 9 Av

Sunday		Week Days		Friday	Saturday
<b>August 14</b> Tisha B'Av 1:30 PM Community Tisha B'Av Mincha Service at Emanuel	10 Av	M 15 Tu 16 W 17 Th 18		<b>August 19</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' Club Shabbat	<b>August 20</b> Parsha Va'etchanan 16 Av
	Havdalah: 8:33 PM			Candle Lighting: 7:25 PM	Havdalah: 8:24 PM
<b>August 21</b>	17 Av	M 22 Tu 23 W 24 Th 25		<b>August 26</b>	<b>August 27</b> Parsha Eikev 9:30 AM B/M Duncan Hollander 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah 23 Av
				Candle Lighting: 7:15 PM	Havdalah: 8:13 PM
<b>August 28</b>	24 Av	M 29 Tu 30 W 31 Thur, September 1		<b>September 2</b>	<b>September 3</b> Rosh Chodesh Parsha Re'eh Birthday Shabbat 30 Av
				Candle Lighting: 7:03 PM	Havdalah: 8:01 PM
<b>September 4</b> Rosh Chodesh 10:00 AM B/M Sadie Margolis	1 Elul	<b>Mon, September 5 Labor Day</b> 9:00 AM Morning Minyan			

## Daily Minyan Service Schedule

**Mornings** 7:00 AM Monday through Friday  
8:45 AM Sunday

**Evenings** 7:30 PM Sunday through Thursday

### Shabbat שבת

**Friday** 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
**Saturday** 9:30 AM Shacharit, Torah Service, Musaf  
12:30 PM Mincha (Afternoon Service)

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

## Ongoing Weekly Programs

new participants welcome; no registration required

Tu/Th 9:45 AM MC Walk around the Reservoir  
Wed. 10:00 AM Talmud Study  
Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast  
Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

### Resumes in September

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

## Multi-Week Classes

pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon. 7:00 PM Ulpan (not 7/4)  
Thu. 11:00 AM Adult Hebrew Class (ends 7/7)

### Resumes in September

Mon. 1:00 PM Personal and Family History Workshop  
Thu. 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Outdoor Davening Friday Nights

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outside!

## Religious School ~ Special Activities

Thu. 9/8 5:00 AM Back-to-School Carnival & Curriculum Night

Sun. 9/11 9:00 AM **First Day of Classes**



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The overwhelmingly positive response we received from our members to the No-Event Event represents the devotion, spiritual enrichment, and Jewish values we all share within our membership, while embracing innovation. Thank you for all the people being helped, along with the many programs that serve our multi-generational congregation, and for the good things being done at Beth El Temple as a result of your gift.

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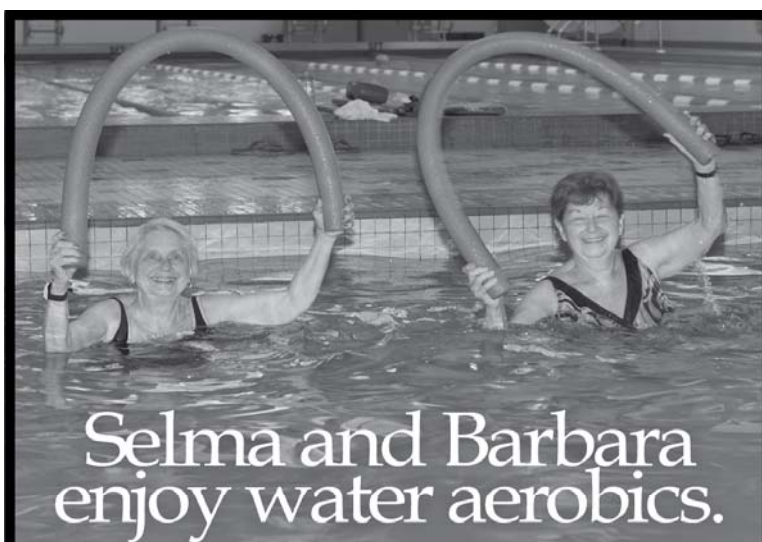
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CORRECTION: Augusta Drapel, mother – **Edith Shapiro**  
 (we regret the error in the previous issue)

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**Jane & Nathan Field Memorial Fund**  
**IN MEMORY OF**  
 Seymore Newman – **Emmy & Steve Fast**

## General Unrestricted Endowment Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Bat mitzvah of Ellie Reyna Sternschein, granddaughter of Norma Jean & Robert; Rabbi Stanley Kessler being named a Human Rights Hero by T'ruah; birth of Gunnar Fucci, grandson of Bette Jane & Leonard Diamond; special birthday of Sarah Friedman – **Annette & Sy Gavens**  
 Naming of Sarah Margo Bernstein, granddaughter of Carolyn & Stu; Rabbi Stanley Kessler being named a Human Rights Hero by T'ruah – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Seymour Rotter, father of Chet – **Wendy & Howard Levinbook**

## Rosen Family Kehillah Kedosha Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Rami Schwartz, son of Karyn Schwartz & Melissa Mentzer, son-in-law of Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen, being ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary—**Lois & Chuck Koteen**

## Ann & David Brandwein Family Fund

### **IN HONOR OF**

Special birthday of Ann Brandwein – **Annette & Sy Gavens**

## Naomi & Michael Cohen Endowment Fund


### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Paula S. Steinberg – **Naomi & Michael Cohen**

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### Alter Family Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Shoshana Eve Rosson, great-granddaughter of Sidra & Marvin Sperlberg; son Jordan graduating from Franklin & Marshall – **Marci & Jonathan Alter**  
College graduation of Jordan Alter, son of Marci & Jonathan – **Lois & Chuck Koteen, Judy & David Rosenthal**

### Sharon & Bob Efron Family Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Julia Sloane Dwork, granddaughter of Joan & Paul Shapiro – **Sharon & Bob Efron**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Meyer Malkin, father of Dr. Robert Malkin – **Sharon & Bob Efron**

### Friends Fund for Members in Need

#### IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Richard Leibert – **Donna & Marty Galin, Annette & Jack Levine**

Birth of Julia Sloane Dwork, granddaughter of Joan & Paul Shapiro – **Andrea Hotes, Fran & Fred Landy**

35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Judy & David Rosenthal – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ellen & Jeffrey Nestler – **Joyce & Richard Leibert**

Rabbi Stanley Kessler being named a Human Rights Hero by T'ruah; Rami Schwartz, son of Karyn Schwartz & Melissa Mentzer, son-in-law of Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen, being ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary; Patti Weiner's birthday – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

Birth of granddaughter, Julia Sloane Dwork; birthday of Judy Rosenthal; 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Judy & David Rosenthal; special birthday of Richard Leibert; birthday of Patti Weiner – **Joan & Paul Shapiro**

Birthday of Judy Rosenthal; birthday of Patti Weiner – **Lois Siegal Howard Weiner – Jeff Weiser**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert – **Book Group, Sandy & Arnold Chase, Donna & Marty Galin, Diane & Larry Greenfield, Andrea Hotes, Dorrie & Kim Hunt, Claudia Jacobson, Lois & Chuck Koteen, Fran & Fred Landy, Miriam Lappen, Annette & Jack Levine, Judy & David Rosenthal, Joan & Paul Shapiro, Mary & Andrew Sharp, Joanne & Larry Shulman**

Marc Nerenstone, father of Dr. Stacey Nerenstone; Paul Weinstein, father of Morton Weinstein; Zane Wernick, uncle of Howard Weiner – **Joyce & Richard Leibert**

Rosalind Mishkin, mother – **Joan & Paul Shapiro**

### Gavens Family College Youth Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Brandeis University graduation of daughter, Rebecca – **Lonni & Philip Schulz**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Jacob Rosker, father; Harold Rosker, brother – **Annette Gavens**

### Molly Gold Fund for Jewish Education

#### IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Jane Rubin – **Sue & Scott Goldman**

### Gottfried Family Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Bat Mitzvah of Nancy Gottfried – **Ron Buckman**

### Rabbi Stanley Kessler Tribute Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Stanley Kessler being named a Human Rights Hero by T'ruah – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Harry Volvovitz, husband – **Roslyn Volvovitz**



# ★ Supporting Beth El, cont.

## Anna Heineman Memorial Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sheldon Fertig, brother-in-law – **Francine Stier**

## Herman Family Fund

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Dr. Ron Buckman for the Brit Milah of son, Neil Jennings Tucker – **Ian Tucker**

## Koteen Family Fund

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Jessica & Jake Koteen – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

## Kreinik Family Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Arthur A. Miller, father – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

## Cipie & Daniel Miller Family Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Daniel Miller, father – **Marsha Miller Rickless**

## Arthur & Stella Mostel Fund for Adult Education

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mollie Mollov, great aunt – **Carolyn & Jeff Weiser**

## Roland-Berkowitz Family Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Rachel Weisinger, mother; Mary Lange, aunt – **Lenore & Philip Weisinger**

## Lois & Alvin Reiner Family Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Birthday of grandson, Reid Arnstein – **Al Reiner**

### IN MEMORY OF

Bea Greenberg; Francis Reichlin, wife of Saul; Paul Weinstein, father of Morton – **Al Reiner**

## Michael & Susan Schenker Endowment Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Bat mitzvah of Ellie Reyna Sternschein, granddaughter of Norma Jean & Robert – **Susan & Michael Schenker**

### IN MEMORY OF

Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert – **Susan & Michael Schenker**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sylvia Novarr, mother – **Susan & Michael Schenker**

## Mort Shechtman Men's Club Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Marriage of Sydnie Henkin, granddaughter of Gilda Liebowitz, to Alex Fogelson – **Susan Shechtman**

## Leigh A. Newman & Gary S. Starr Family Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Birthday of mother, Selma Starr – **Leigh Newman & Gary Starr**

## Anita & Paul Sigel Temple Organ Endowment Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Benjamin Horowitz, husband & father; Ida & Louis Levinson, parents & grandparents; Gerald Levinson, brother & uncle; Sylvia Sissman, sister & aunt – **Anita Sigel & family**

## Sowalsky Gabbai Rishon Endowment Fund

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Howard Sowalsky – **Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein, Jackie & Danny Cohen & family, Bob Gruskay Howard Sowalsky, travel agent – Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld & family, Naomi Schatz**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Jean Trigg, sister; Hilda Climan, cousin – **Clara G. Sowalsky**

## Dr. Manuel & Evelyn Stier Memorial Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Albert Weinstein, uncle – **Steven Stier**

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### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sol Simon, uncle – **Marilyn Rothstein**

## I. Milton Widem Adult Education Fund

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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## Welcome to New Members

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## Congratulations

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Gary & Jane Rubin, birth of grandson, Simon Micah  
Sidra & Marvin Sperling, birth of great-granddaughter, Shoshana Eve

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

Jay & Rebecca Wolman, in honor of daughter Liviana Drew's baby naming  
The Tulchinsky Family, in honor of daughter Sophie's Bat Mitzvah  
Karen Katz, in honor of the upcoming marriage of daughter Stephanie, to Brian Goldman  
The Herz Family, in honor of daughter Bella's Bat Mitzvah  
The Goldstein Family, in honor of daughter Sascha's Bat Mitzvah

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

## Bar Mitzvah Celebration

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## Of Blessed Memory

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Milly Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert  
Dr. Robert Flescher, father of Dr. Ellen Foxman  
Joseph Gallina, father of Crystal Begleiter  
Saul Greenstein  
Edward Kedes, uncle of Melissa Goldschmidt  
Dr. Meyer Malkin, father of Dr. Robert Malkin  
Frank Maslan, husband of Roslyn Rosenfield  
Lori Rabb, wife of Steve Rabb  
Melvin Roder, father of Melissa Goldschmidt  
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Maryellen Shafer, mother of Glenn Shafer  
Abraham Weintraub, brother of David Weintraub

# ★ Recognizing Our Volunteers

## Jessie's Garden

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## Loaves and Fishes

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## Taste of Shabbat

**Cooking, baking, etc.**

Howard Meyerowitz, *head chef*

Harley Graime	Jane Rubin
Amy Oved	Dr. Joe Springut
Gary Rubin	
Beth Brumberg & daughter Ahna Bielik	
Tom Falik & daughter Noa	
Susan Gold & daughters Rebecca & Stephanie	

**Special Congregational Meeting –  
Election of Officers and  
Nominating Committee**

Coming in September, a short meeting to support the hard-working volunteer leadership. We need a quorum of 75 members in “good standing” to officially conduct the meeting.

## ★ Membership News

### **ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign – Help Beth El Grow**

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