

# Temple Topics



## A Very Classical FOLK FESTIVAL

BEMA Series Concert #3

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 7PM**

Bartok, Brahms, Khatchaturian, Grieg, Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, Cohen & more.

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## Beth El: Community You Can Believe In ✧ Rabbi Ilana C. Garber



This summer I mark the completion of my tenth year at Beth El Temple. And as I move into my eleventh year, and more after that, God willing, I find it is an appropriate time to pause and reflect on my first ten years in the rabbinate and this past decade with you.

First, the obvious must be stated: as I write this I am undergoing chemotherapy treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Given that we are a close-knit community, I assume you know this, but just in case, I wanted to share. You have probably heard that we created a meal train to cover our family's needs for meals from May through August and it was filled in about 15 hours. In addition, you may see people other than myself or Adam transporting our children to play dates, synagogue events, and after-school activities, because volunteers stepped up to help. I could go on and on with examples of how our lives have changed FOR THE BETTER despite my diagnosis.

It's all about you, and us, and what we have built together. For me it's just been these ten years; for some of you it's been over 60 years of building Beth El Temple's community. For those who have joined us in more recent years, your young families – like mine – will benefit from this community for years to come.

This past year, we worked to develop a "tag line" for the synagogue based on your input. There was one that always stuck out for me as being "the one" even when some had other preferences. Ultimately, it's what we chose: community you can believe in. I know this is the case and it is the best description of Beth El. I am living proof and my family is a direct beneficiary of the community that we have built and that we continue to build. I believe in many things: God, science (especially right now!), the power of prayer, and the incredible force that comes when people help each other, sometimes simply by being present, sending a card, giving a hug (because we know there are more of you than jobs to do for our family, and we hope you'll "pay it forward" to other families in need).

So many of you have reached out to me, especially those who have undergone similar scary situations in past years. You have said things like, "Rabbi, you got me through my situation, so now I'm going to help you get through this." That means the world to me, to feel part of the very community that we have been working to build. And the children of our Religious School created the most beautiful get-well cards for me, complete with blessings and wishes and artwork. I was so touched by their sentiments, and proud that this is how we are raising the next generation of our Beth El community.

I want to thank you for your support, your commitment to Beth El, and your *chizuk*, your strength. I wish you a summer of hope and healing (and I know you wish the same for me!). And I look forward to entering my eleventh year at Beth El ready to serve this holy and sacred community. If you want to follow updates on my healing journey, please visit [www.ilanagarber.com](http://www.ilanagarber.com).

*L'shalom, Rabbi Ilana C. Garber*





## Presidential Farewell ☆ Lois Koteen, PRESIDENT

Two years ago, when I stood before you as Beth El's newest president, I did not realize how quickly time would pass. I felt the weight of the responsibility, of the need to make sure Beth El continued as a vibrant, vital Jewish institution. I was nervous. How would I ever fill the shoes of all those who preceded me?

It has been an amazing time. What has made this experience both memorable and meaningful: never once did I walk the path alone. So many of you helped me along the way.

We are fortunate to have a professional staff that cares more about Beth El than their own personal time. They spend hours doing ALL that is necessary to make Beth El not just a synagogue, but creating **Community You Can Believe In**. The phone calls, the meetings, the programs and services they lead, the children they teach. They touch so many lives, in ways big and small, every single day.

We are fortunate to have an Executive Committee and Board of Trustees that work tirelessly to make sure that, operationally, financially and strategically, Beth El is not just a synagogue, but a **Community You Can Believe In**. I have so appreciated their wise counsel.

We are fortunate to have many, many volunteers who give so willingly of their time. Every month, Temple Topics publishes a list of those who work on behalf of Beth El. But many more work, unrecognized, to create **Community You Can Believe In** at Beth El. You truly know the meaning of mitzvah.

We are fortunate to have a community of generous donors who, every time we ask, say "yes" to Beth El,

to our children, our values, and our vision. It is thanks to you that we can be all that **Community You Can Believe In** stands for. Thank you for always stepping up.

And we are fortunate to have tremendous administrative and maintenance staffs – the women and men who do the daily jobs that enable Beth El to hum like a well-oiled machine. They work hard, every day, so that Beth El can be for one and all, **Community You Can Believe In**. Your dedication has touched me in so many ways.

When I took office, I knew that the first step in making sure Beth El would thrive well into the future required us to look at our mission and vision and then align our programs and staff in a way that all would work together to achieve a single goal. We heard from many of you via surveys and focus groups what you wanted from Beth El. Your response: a vibrant, informed, and engaged Beth El community – today and tomorrow. You wanted to build community and deepen personal engagement through Jewish learning, caring and spirit. In short, you wanted **Community You Can Believe In**.

Over the next weeks and months, the professional staff and the board, under the direction of President-elect Diane Lieberfarb, will work to bring our vision, mission and new statement of purpose to life. If you have any ideas, the email remains the same: [president@bethelwh.org](mailto:president@bethelwh.org). I know Diane would love to hear from you.

Thank you, one and all, for making these two years fly by. It has been my pleasure to have been your president.

## Enjoying the Music

### A Classical Folk Festival Sunday, June 7 BEMA Concert Series #3 7:00 PM

This is the final concert of the 2014-2015 musical season. Selections will include works by Béla Bartók, Edvard Grieg, Paul Simon, Leonard Cohen and others. An exciting performance of the *Kachaturian Cello Concerto* will be featured! Cantor Ness directs the Beth El Orchestra and Choirs.

COST: \$20 - general admission; \$15 - seniors and students; FREE - kids 12 and under!

NOTE: tickets available at the door, in advance at the Temple Office, online at [www.bethelwestthatford.org](http://www.bethelwestthatford.org)

### The 2015-2016 Music Series at Beth El BEMA – Beth El Music & Arts Save These Dates!

#### Organ Concert

CO-SPONSOR: Chai Society

Sun, October 25, 2015

4:00 PM

#### Orchestral Concert

Sun, November 22, 2015

7:00 PM

#### Chamber Concert

CO-SPONSOR: Men's Club

Sun, March 20, 2016

7:00 PM

#### Orchestral Concert

CO-SPONSOR: Israel Engagement Committee

Sun, June 5, 2016

7:00 PM





# Worshipping Together – Shabbat

## **Jewish Roots** Friday, June 19

### **A Friday Night Forum 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Following Friday Night Services, our guest speaker, Dr. Leon Chameides, pediatric cardiologist, was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1949. Dr. Chameides has been active in the Jewish community and has served as Chair of the Commission on Jewish Education, Chair of the Jewish Historical Society, President of Congregation Agudas Achim, and as a member of many local boards and task forces. In his retirement, Dr. Chameides has published three books. The two he will discuss are *Strangers in Many Lands: The Story of a Jewish Family in Turbulent Times*, and *On the Edge of the Abyss: A Polish Rabbi Speaks to his Community on the Eve of the Shoah*.

REFRESHMENTS: a festive *oneg* follows

NOTE: free and open to the public; RSVP not needed

CO-SPONSORS: Chai Society, and Lifelong Learning and Library committees



## **Show-Off Shabbat!**

### **A Celebration of our Religious School Students**

On Friday May 1, 320 people, representing 66

Religious School families and our Religious School faculty, participated in our first *Show-Off Shabbat!* Students from PreK through 7<sup>th</sup> proudly stood on the bimah in the main sanctuary to show off! The students led prayers during Family Services and there were incredible displays of their work all around Kessler Hall. The dinner tables were adorned with challah covers made by the students.



Everyone who participated had a great time and there was a wonderful feeling of community and good will. *Todah rabah* to the teachers for all their hard work in preparing the children to participate in the Friday night service and to all who worked to make this event so special.

## **Weekly**

### **Fridays 10:00 AM - NOON** **bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring**

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

NOTE: Beth El membership not required.

### **Saturdays 9:30 AM - NOON** **Children's Playroom UP TO AGE 5**

A great place for our youngest ones to take a break from services.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

## **Biweekly**

### **Sat, Jun 13, 27, Jul 11, 25 11:00 AM - NOON** **Tumbling with Torah UP TO AGE 5**

Come for a program of stories, songs, special activities, and a snack, followed by a chance to tumble on our fun equipment. We conclude together on the *bima* for Kiddush and a treat.

NOTE: parent must stay with child(ren)

NOTE: free and open to the community

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

## **Monthly**

### **Saturdays, Jun 6, Jul 4, Aug 1 DURING SERVICES** **Birthday Shabbat ALL AGES!**

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

### **Fridays, June 19, July 17 5:45 - 6:45 PM** **PJ Shabbat UP TO AGE 5** **Kids' Club Shabbat AGES 5-8**

Younger children may come in PJs to enjoy stories, songs and a *Torah* parade. Older children will have their own age appropriate services.

DINNER: follows for all participants, chicken nuggets for kids and Shabbat hors d'oeuvres for parents

NO CHARGE, families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children

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

# Worshipping Together – Summer

## What are the *Three Weeks*?

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

- ✧ It begins with *Shva'Assar B'Tammuz*, the Fast of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz. It is a "minor" fast, this year on July 5.
- ✧ It ends with *Tisha B'Av*, the Fast of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. It is a "major" fast, this year on July 26.

The long answer: keep reading.....



## Service Calendar

Saturday, July 25

9:15 PM Community *Tisha B'Av* Services at Emanuel Synagogue; includes *Eicha*, reading the Book of Lamentations

Sunday, July 26

8:45 AM *Shacharit*

1:30 PM Community *Tisha B'Av* Mincha Services at Beth El Temple

## 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 for the past 2000 years. Two fast days, *Shva'Assar B'Tammuz* and *Tisha B'Av*, are dedicated to recalling the breach of Jerusalem's walls and the ultimate destruction of the Temple and of Jewish independence.

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

*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 the 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.

## Observance Note....

With the exception of *Yom Kippur*, we do not observe a fast on *Shabbat*. This year, both 17 Tammuz and 9 Av will be on *Shabbat*, so each holidays will be observed a day later on Sunday.



Destruction  
& Renewal

*Tisha B'Av & The Three Weeks*



# Making Connections

## An Evening of Celebration

**Tues, June 2  
7:00 PM**



We honor two of our community's finest, Patti and Howard Weiner, for their leadership, support, and friendship to Beth El Temple.

The keynote speaker is Chuck Todd,

NBC's Moderator of *Meet the Press*.

NOTE: the entire community is invited  
TICKETS: \$54 for adults, \$18 for students, includes a Gala Dessert Reception  
INFORMATION: Beth El Temple, 860-233-9696  
CONTACT: Judith Rosenthal, [JudithRRosenthal@gmail.com](mailto:JudithRRosenthal@gmail.com)



## Celebrate! West Hartford

**Sunday, June 7  
12:00 - 5:00 PM**

Share your love of Beth El! Volunteer at our booth for an hour or so at this annual event.

LOCATION: West Hartford Center

CONTACT: Sheila Diamond, [stdiamond@comcast.net](mailto:stdiamond@comcast.net)

## Beth El Temple Annual Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, June 9  
7:00 PM**

Let your voice be heard and cast your vote as we elect the officers and Trustees for 2015-2017, including Diane Lieberfarb, President-elect.

See the May edition of Temple topics for the Nominating Committee's recommendation of congregants to serve as Officers and Trustees.

## NextGen BETT

**Thursday, June 11**

### Beth El Thirsty Thursdays

**8:00 - 9:30 PM**

A night out for those in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s.

LOCATION: TBD

CONTACT: Sharon Neiberg, [sharonneiberg@gmail.com](mailto:sharonneiberg@gmail.com)

RSVP: not required, just show up and look for our sign

## So Much Fun, So Little Time

### Men's Club Retreat

**June 11-14**

Speakers include Professor Jonathan Klawans and Rabbi Dan Liben.

LOCATION: Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA

CONTACT: Martin Melnick, 860-985-0833, [marty.melnick@gmail.com](mailto:marty.melnick@gmail.com)

## 9th Annual Hands Across the River Golf Tournament

**Tuesday, June 23**

Beth El Temple, Emanuel Synagogue, and Congregation Kol Haverim (Glastonbury), invite you to a day of golf, friendship, and fun! Celebrity host will be Joe D'Ambrosio, the voice of the UConn Huskies. There will be a 12:00 Noon Shotgun, Brown Bag Lunch, Cocktail Hour and Barbecue Dinner. Win great raffle prizes including a large screen TV, participate in a silent auction, Gross and Net prizes, and Hole-in-One contest to win a new Lexus from the Hoffman Group.

LOCATION: Wampanoag Golf Course, 60 Wampanoag Dr., West Hartford

CONTACT: Leah Katz, [lkatz@comcast.net](mailto:lkatz@comcast.net), Jeremy Kempner, [Jeremy.kempner@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeremy.kempner@yahoo.com)

REGISTRATION: \$180 per golfer

SPONSORSHIP: packages are available

FORMS: available at Beth El for registration and sponsorships

## Season in Full Swing Beth El Softball Team

**Sundays  
10:00 AM**

Your Beth El Softball Team has now started its 22<sup>nd</sup> season in the Greater Hartford Synagogue League. We are always looking for players who can help us compete in the league, so if you wish to renew your athletic career, contact the captains. Since this is a Co-ed league, finding women players has been difficult and we encourage our female members to come out and join the team.

LOCATIONS: Hall High and King Philip Middle School fields, West Hartford

GAMES: began May 31, continue through mid-August, (no games July 5, 26)

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), 860-297-1738

## Men's Club Kick-Off Breakfast Program

**Sunday, September 27**

Save the date! Stay tuned for details.



## Beth El is Warm and Welcoming

The sign at our front entrance states "All are welcome." Torah instructs "You shall not wrong nor oppress a stranger..." (Exodus 22:21). If we're required to be

kind to strangers, how much more so is the mandate to be considerate of fellow Beth El members and staff? About 30% of the U.S. population is sensitive to scented products on other people; some even have allergic reactions. Please avoid wearing fragrances at Beth El.

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

# Recognizing our Volunteers

## Soul Songs – 4/17

Meryl Danitz  
Eliane Freund  
Betty Hoffman  
Connie Mindell

## Women's Network Torah

### Fund Event – 4/20

Sandy Friedman  
Jill Jones  
Lois Koteen  
Alys Krichavsky  
Fran Landy  
Diane Lieberfarb  
Cara Paiuk  
Beth Papermaster  
Ellen Sanders-Nirenstein  
Joan Shapiro  
Stacey vonRichthofen  
Patti Weiner

## Show Off Shabbat – 5/1

### Committee

Jessica Esterson  
Lisa Harris  
Laurie Kaufman  
Janel MacDermott  
Lori Yontef Mathog  
Mina Nemirow  
Elizabeth Plotkin  
Stacey Wayne

### Additional Volunteers

Ahna Bielik  
Beth Brumberg  
Josh Gottfried  
Harley Graime  
Tammy Krulewitz  
Stephanie Kudler  
Lisa Levy  
Lori Lubetkin

Howard Meyerowitz  
Lisa Nollman  
Sarah Segovia  
Deena Samberg Shefsky

## Friday Night Forum – 5/8

Eliane Freund  
Roz Rachlin

## Religious School

– 2014-15 school year

### Parent Action Group

#### Coordinators

Lisa Harris  
Tammy Krulewitz

#### Room Parents

Lisa Janiak Bourke, coord.  
Jamie Cohen  
Michele Gottfried

Jordan Grossman  
Tammy Krulewitz  
Sheryl Levin  
Tamar Margolis  
Lori Yontef Mathog  
Tara Rothstein  
Jodi Schwartz

### Welcome Comm.

Tammy Krulewitz  
Sheryl Levin

### Bulletin Board Comm.

Lisa Janiak Bourke  
Janel MacDermott

### Photographer

Lori Yontef Mathog  
Cara Paiuk

# Engaging Generations

## A Warm Welcome to New Members

Martin & Marcia Cohen  
Marlena Derosa  
Lois Saffer  
Ian Seidner & Sari Weinstein  
Howard & Ruth Sovronsky

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

Bolles Family, in honor of Leah Bolles' Bat Mitzvah  
Maxwell Family, in honor of Seth Maxwell's Bar Mitzvah  
Schwartz Family, in honor of Jacob Schwartz's Bar Mitzvah  
Wachtel & Chessari Families, in honor of Yuddie Wachtel's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Congratulations

correction: Margorie & Bruce Abel on the engagement of son Adam and Elizabeth Schrott  
Karyn Schwartz & Melissa Mentzer on the birth of granddaughter Leora Simone Schwartz  
Dr. Mark & Gloria Rubin on the birth of granddaughter Miya Hannah Rubin  
Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen on the "graduations" of daughters, Adina with an MSW degree and Ariella's Rabbinical ordination

## Of Blessed Memory

Janet Fierberg, founding member  
Rosalyn Spigel Palmbaum, mother of Nancy Bernstein  
Rosalind Richman, sister of Benson Monastersky  
Robert Rosson, member  
Shirley Rozinsky, sister of Minna Pearl

Please contact the office for information about Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

Please let us know of the Simchas and Sorrows in your life that you would like to share with your Beth El family.

# Sunday

# June

# Saturday

<b>31</b> 13 Sivan 7:30 AM Tour de Shuls 10:00 AM Softball at Hall	<b>Mon 1</b> 14 Sivan 10:00 AM Loaves & Fishes <b>Tue 2</b> 15 Sivan <b>6:00 PM Evening Minyan</b> 7:00 PM An Evening of Celebration: Honoring Patti & Howard Weiner <b>Wed 3</b> 16 Sivan <b>Thu 4</b> 17 Sivan <b>Fri 5</b> 18 Sivan Candle Lighting: 8:02PM	<b>6</b> 19 Sivan Parsha Beha'a'lotkha Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Sylvie Weinstock Havdalah: 9:03 PM
<b>7</b> 20 Sivan 10:00 AM Softball at Hall 12:00 PM Celebrate West Hartford <b>6:30 PM Evening Minyan</b> 7:00 PM BEMA Concert #3 A Classical Folk Festival	<b>Mon 8</b> 21 Sivan <b>Tue 9</b> 22 Sivan <b>6:30 PM Evening Minyan</b> <b>7:00 PM Annual Meeting</b> <b>Wed 10</b> 23 Sivan <b>Thu 11</b> 24 Sivan 8:00 PM NextGen B.E.T.T. <b>Fri 12</b> 25 Sivan Candle Lighting: 8:06 PM	<b>13</b> 26 Sivan Parsha Shlach L'cha 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah Havdalah: 9:07 PM
<b>14</b> 27 Sivan 10:00 AM Softball at KP 10:00 AM Knitzvah	<b>Mon 15</b> 28 Sivan <b>Tue 16</b> 29 Sivan <b>Wed 17</b> 30 Sivan <b>Rosh Chod</b> , Library Schmooze <b>Thu 18</b> 1 Tammuz <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Fri 19</b> 2 Tammuz 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' ClubShabbat Candle Lighting: 8:09 PM 7:30 PM Late Service & Forum	<b>20</b> 3 Tammuz Parsha Korach 9:30 AM B/M Max Kershen Havdalah: 9:09 PM
<b>21</b> 4 Tammuz 10:00 AM Softball at KP	<b>Mon 22</b> 5 Tammuz 5:45 PM Endowment Board <b>Tue 23</b> 6 Tammuz 8:00 AM Hands Across the River Golf Tourn. 8:00 PM Men's Club Board <b>Wed 24</b> 7 Tammuz <b>Thu 25</b> 8 Tammuz <b>Fri 26</b> 9 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 8:10 PM	<b>27</b> 10 Tammuz Parsha Chukkat 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah Havdalah: 9:10 PM
<b>28</b> 11 Tammuz 10:00 AM Softball at Hall	<b>Mon 29</b> 12 Tammuz <b>Tue 30</b> 13 Tammuz <b>July</b> <b>Wed 1</b> 14 Tammuz <b>Thu 2</b> 15 Tammuz <b>Fri 3</b> 16 Tammuz Candle Lighting: 8:10 PM	<b>July 4</b> 17 Tammuz Parsha Balak Birthday Shabbat Havdalah: 9:09 PM

## 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

Note: There are no regular Saturday evening Ma'ariv & Havdalah services during the summer.

## Ongoing Weekly Programs

no registration required

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn (ends 6/16)

Wed. 10:00 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



Sunday

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Saturday

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<p><b>5</b> 18 Tammuz Shivah Asar B'Tammuz (minor fast day)</p>	<p><b>Mon 6</b> 19 Tammuz 10:00 AM Loaves &amp; Fishes <b>Tue 7</b> 20 Tammuz <b>Wed 8</b> 21 Tammuz <b>Thu 9</b> 22 Tammuz <b>Fri 10</b> 23 Tammuz</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 8:07 PM</p>	<p><b>11</b> 24 Tammuz Parsha Pinchas 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah</p> <p>Havdalah: 9:07 PM</p>
<p><b>12</b> 25 Tammuz 10:00 AM Softball at Hall</p>	<p><b>Mon 13</b> 26 Tammuz <b>Tue 14</b> 27 Tammuz <b>Wed 15</b> 28 Tammuz <b>Thu 16</b> 29 Tammuz <b>Fri 17</b> 1 Av <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat &amp; Kids' Club Shabbat</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 8:03 PM</p>	<p><b>18</b> 2 Av Parsha Matot-Masei</p> <p>Havdalah: 9:02 PM</p>
<p><b>19</b> 3 Av 10:00 AM Knitzvah 10:00 AM Softball at Hall</p>	<p><b>Mon 20</b> 4 Av <b>Tue 21</b> 5 Av <b>Wed 22</b> 6 Av <b>Thu 23</b> 7 Av <b>Fri 24</b> 8 Av</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:58 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9 Av Parsha Devarim Shabbat Chazon 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah 9:15 PM Community Service at Emanuel Syn</p> <p>Havdalah: 8:57 PM</p>
<p><b>26</b> 10 Av <b>Tisha B'Av</b> (major fast day) 1:30 PM Comm Mincha Service at Beth El</p>	<p><b>Mon 27</b> 11 Av <b>Tue 28</b> 12 Av <b>Wed 29</b> 13 Av <b>Thu 30</b> 14 Av <b>Fri 31</b> 15 Av</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:51 PM</p>	<p><b>August 1</b> 16 Av Parsha Va'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu Birthday Shabbat</p> <p>Havdalah: 8:49 PM</p>
<p><b>2</b> 17 Av 10:00 AM Softball at KP</p>	<p><b>Mon 3</b> 18 Av <b>Tue 4</b> 19 Av <b>Wed 5</b> 20 Av <b>Thu 6</b> 21 Av <b>Fri 7</b> 22 Av</p> <p>Candle Lighting: 7:42 PM</p>	<p><b>8</b> 23 Av Parsha Eikev 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah</p> <p>Havdalah: 8:41 PM</p>

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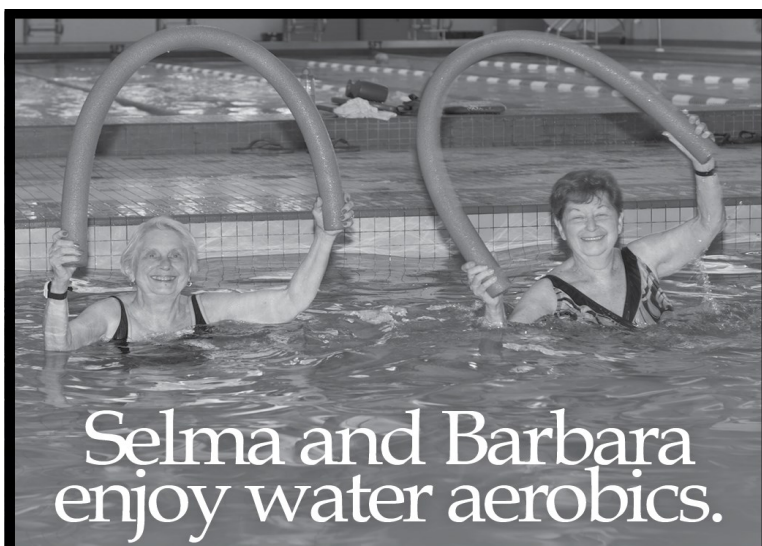
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## Library Schmooze Wednesday, June 17 Quilted Challah Covers 1:00 - 3:00 PM



Join us for a cozy afternoon in the Beth El Library to listen and engage in conversation with Diane Cohen, expert quilter. Diane's quilted items reflect Jewish life,

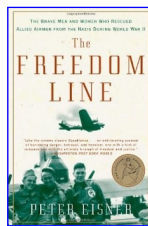
Biblical references and Jewish holidays.

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## LIBRARY CORNER ☆ Roberta J. Buland Words and War

*Jews and Words* by Amos Oz and Fania Oz-Salzberger examines how words and language have bound Jewish people to their heritage. They argue that Judaism has survived because it is more about texts than faith, with "controversy built into them from the start." They ask, "What about the important part questions have played in the writings, starting with *Genesis*?" The text explores how a woman may have authored *Song of Songs*. Judaism might never have survived without parents impressing the importance and sweetness of learning on their children. Read, think about, and discuss the book because, as the ending notes, "Every time we read a text, we author it in our own image."



*The Freedom Line* by Peter Eisner is a page-turning story of resistance workers who secreted downed Allied fighter pilots through France into safety in Spain during World War II. As war raged against Germany, many Allied fliers were shot down on missions against Nazi targets. Some parachuted safely behind enemy lines only to be stranded and hunted down by the Gestapo. The book traces the true story of Robert Grimes, 20, an American B-17 pilot whose plane was shot down over Belgium in 1943. Wounded, disoriented, and scared, he was rescued by operatives of the Comet Line, a group of tenacious young women and men from Belgium, France, and Spain. Later some Americans faced unexpected danger and tragedy on the border between France and Spain. Their treacherous journey stretched hundreds of miles by train, bicycle, and on foot across occupied France to the Pyrenees. With interviews with survivors and in-depth research, *The Freedom Line* shows the courage that took on a fearfully powerful foe with few defenses.

## Ongoing – Weekly

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

#### **Personal & Family History** (not 6/1)

This workshop helps each participant select the best approach for writing his or her personal and/or family history.

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bhoffman3@comcast.net

NOTE: free; for Beth El Temple members only

### **Tuesdays** NOON - 1:00 PM

#### **Lunch & Learn** (ends 6/16)

Rabbi Rosen explores the Bible, chapter by chapter. Newcomers welcome!

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

#### **Talmud Study**

We discuss the themes that were important 2000 years ago and have an impact on our Jewish journeys today. Texts are in English.

### **Thursdays** 8:00 - 9:00 AM

#### **Bible & Breakfast**

After *Minyan*, the Rabbis discuss the weekly *Torah* portion.

# Doing Mitzvot

## Volunteer Opportunities – Monthly

### **Sundays** 10:00 - 11:00 AM

#### **KNITzvah Group**

June 14, July 19

We knit or crochet, mostly lap-afghans, and deliver them to local charities. Bring a #10 needle.

CONTACT: Annette Gavens

### **Mondays** 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

#### **Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen**

June 1, July 6

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland Street, Hartford  
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## In the Community

### Israeli Robotics Team Visits Hartford Area

On Thursday, March 26, Beth El hosted a dinner in honor of the Israeli Robotics Team from Misgav, Israel. Robotics teacher Haim Dribin and his team had traveled to the Hartford area to compete at the Trinity College International Robot Contest on March 29.

The Israeli team demonstrated their technology, had a "hands-on" session, and showed a movie to explain the process of developing the robots. Children and adults alike enjoyed the interaction with the Israeli robotics team and their high tech apparatus.

The Israeli students were hosted by local families. The students celebrated Shabbat with their hosts and had a chance to see snow (some had never seen it before)!

At the Trinity College International Robot Contest, the Israeli team won first place as a team on the Olympiad exam and second place for individual student performance on the exam.

The date has not been set for the Trinity contest next year, but it is usually in March or April. If you are interested in being a host family next year, want to go to the actual competition, or if you just want to attend the dinner to see the show and support the Israeli team and their expenses for being here and representing Israel, at

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### The Beth El Temple Choir Performs at The Bushnell

On Lag B'Omer, May 7, our choir was part of a magnificent performance. The Hartford Symphony Orchestra was joined by the Hartford Chorale, the Beth El Choir, and the Congregation Beth Israel Choir for the *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composition of this work that was commissioned for a festival in the Chichester Cathedral in Sussex.

Before the concert, Maestra Carolyn Kuan and Cantor Ness shared a Q&A about the piece, the preparation, the difficulty of the Hebrew, and the collaboration of the three vocal groups. Cantor Ness performed as part of the choir.



Pictured, from left: Eva Kaplan, Jean Michele Sibille, Elisa Wagner, Robin Gelles, Michele Rosenberg, Ron Ferraro, Susan Gold, Cantor Joseph Ness, Mat Saidel, Carol Hatch, Peter Levine, Allan Geetter, Randi Friedman, Harold Geetter.