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March - April 2022

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



SULAM returned to our onsite learning spaces on a sunny morning back in October. Five months later in the midst of winter snows and unstable coronavirus predictions, educator and learner excitement remains

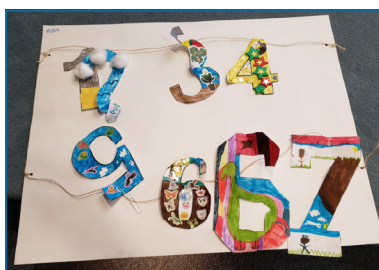
high. Onsite, learners have enthusiastically embraced our Judaic content lessons; and online, learners have excelled in Hebrew reading and prayer chanting.

In February, our third and fourth graders were presented with personal copies of *Siddur Lev Shalem* as they embark on enriching prayer study and synagogue participation. Our youngest learners, grades K-2, are learning the letters of the *aleph-bet* and key words associated with their weekly lessons, both in preparation for the Hebrew reading that awaits them as they advance through SULAM.

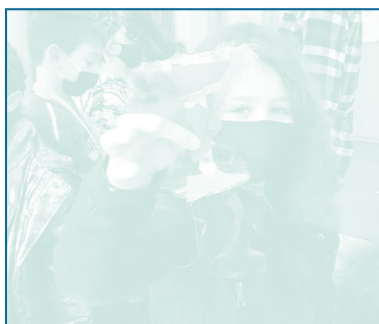
Our upper elementary-aged learners move up our prayer ladder with proficiency and confidence. We are hopeful that with the abatement of coronavirus we can welcome their participation in Beth El's prayer services.

Looking ahead, we anticipate a *freilach* Purim celebration with our Beth El community, a redemptive Pesach as the warmer weather returns, and with the arrival of Spring, some long-awaited outdoor family celebrations.

B'vracha, Michelle Konigsburg



A depiction of days of creation by a K/1 learner.



3rd graders decorating kiddush cups.



6th Graders discover how and why the Jewish people are referred to as *B'nai Yisrael* by examining the family tree of our patriarch Abraham.



Bogrim learners, 7th graders, study texts on *chesed* (kindness) and *tzedek* (justice) as they discuss values that comprise the greater concept of *tikkun olam*, and identify ways they can each bring some healing to those in need.



B'nai Mitzvah and Beyond – SULAM learners and their parents participate with all the Beth El *b'nai mitzvah* families in a workshop exploring the milestone of becoming a bar/bat mitzvah and its impact on the learners, the family, and the community.



★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat & Daily

Family Program

Shababa

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, APRIL 1
5:45 – 6:45 PM



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

REGISTRATION: tinyurl.com/ShababaMarch2022
tinyurl.com/ShababaApril2022

RSVP: by the preceding Wednesday, to enable us to plan for dinner.

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Zerin, rzerin@bethelwh.org;
Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org

A fun, engaging “service” for our youngest generation. Experience the joy of Shabbat with dancing, singing, stories, prayers, and dinner.

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

Friday – weekly

Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 PM

Zoom or 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.

Candle Lighting & Havdallah Times; plus Havdallah Service Time

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday	
	Candle	Havdallah	Service
Mar 4-5	5:27 PM	6:26 PM	6:45 PM
Mar 11-12	5:35 PM	6:34 PM	6:55 PM
Mar 18-19	6:43 PM	7:42 PM	8:05 PM
Mar 25-26	6:51 PM	7:50 PM	8:10 PM
Apr 1-2	6:58 PM	7:57 PM	8:20 PM
Apr 8-9	7:06 PM	8:05 PM	8:25 PM
Apr 15-16	7:14 PM	**	**
Apr 22-23	7:21 PM	8:20 PM	8:40 PM
Apr 29-30	7:29 PM	8:28 PM	8:50 PM

** See page 13 for timing during Passover.

Daily Minyan

Mincha & Ma’ariv

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Chapel Zoom or in-person

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 8:45 AM

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 AM

LOCATION: Chapel Zoom or in-person

NOTE: see Purim and Passover schedules for special timing.

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

Saturday – weekly

Shabbat Morning & Torah Service

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Livestream or in-person

NOTE: on March 5 only, Services begin at 10:00 AM

A traditional service, may include b’nai mitzvah or special programming.

NEW TIME!

Children’s Playroom up to age 5

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

NOTE: children must be supervised by a grownup

NOTE: on March 5 only, the room opens at 10:00 AM

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

Youth Shabbat Services

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

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.



Shabbat Mincha & Ma’ariv

The afternoon and evening services for Shabbat are on pause.

Havdallah

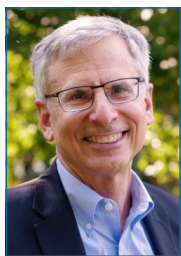
LOCATION: Home Zoom only

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. Mourner’s Kaddish is recited at the beginning.

★ From the Rabbi's Desk

A Time for Hope and Celebration



This is the season of redemption, marked by the holidays of Purim and Passover. The first such season since the latest anti-Semitic assault on our people, this one in Colleyville, Texas.

Time passes, the immediacy of anxiety recedes, but lessons remain. The need to be vigilant about security at Beth El is as is the need to carefully monitor anti-Semitic activity throughout the nation and the world. And the need to counter the horrible lie that somehow we Jews, a minuscule percentage of the world's population, have continuously conspired to wield power and influence to the detriment of the common good.

But we also defeat anti-Semitism when we assertively celebrate Judaism. Our tradition is the positive embrace of life.

Abba Eban once wrote, "Jewish history is a rebellion against historic laws... no other nation requires as great a probing of ancient roots."

And this is absolutely true. Logic should dictate that the strong and the powerful should forever be free to oppress the weak and the vulnerable. But our history is a celebration of the opposite. On Purim we are freed from Haman's disastrous decree of genocide. On Passover we are liberated from the bondage that Pharaoh imposed upon us.

And we are called upon on these special days to "probe the ancient roots." To remind ourselves of these remarkable stories of redemption, even if we know them by heart. To find ever greater meaning within them. To know that Haman and Pharaoh are long gone, but their would-be successors remain. And we have learned that our task is to defeat them, too.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks once differentiated between optimism and hope. Optimism by his definition is the assurance that things will get better. This can never be guaranteed. But hope is the life commitment to live in such a way that everything we do might sow the seeds of a just and kinder world.

Our Jewish story is one that makes room for only one kind of bondage: to be chained to the glory of hope.

The Jewish world is saddened by the necessity of creating strong, secure physical plants to ensure safety. But our tradition tells us to never create a fortress out of our hearts. We must live the messages of Judaism, the call to celebration, to the embrace of the miracles that abound around us. To know that meaning is not a rumor, but the goal of life at its best. To seek the freedom of all those who remain enslaved.

The Passover Seder makes it plain: in every generation we are obligated to see ourselves as if we personally have come out of Egypt.

For 4,000 years we have seen those who would seek to hurt us. But we have left those "Egyptians" before and will not succumb to the fear. We will continue to leave them behind for the holy place that is Sinai and our promised land, the Land of Israel.

As the book of Esther tells us and as the weekly Havdallah declares, "for the Jews had light, joy, happiness and honor. *Kein Tihyeh Lanu.*" So, it may be for us.

Indeed, let it be for us. From our home to yours, we wish you a very Happy Purim and Pesach.

~ Jim Rosen

Go Fragrance Free: A Beautiful Proposition

As Jews, the best way to beautify ourselves is by performing acts of kindness (*Gemilut Hasadim*). Many people are highly sensitive to fragrances and can suffer

adverse health consequences when exposed to them. The next time you're grooming yourself, please add a touch of beauty by avoiding the application of

fragrances or any scented products.



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

★ Reflections from the President - Security



We live in turbulent times. The recent hostage taking in Colleyville and other anti-Semitic events underscore

the importance of safety, security and preparedness, especially in our synagogue life. Sadly, FBI statistics continue to show hate crimes are on the rise. In 2020, reported hate crimes targeting the Jewish community made up nearly 60% of all religion-based hate crimes.

The good news is that Temple leadership has been advised by authorities that, as of this writing, there are NO immediate credible threats for our area.

However, continued vigilance and preparedness on our part is vital. The safety and security of Beth El Temple's employees and members are a top priority. Beth El has a number of security precautions in place – some that you see and experience, many others that you don't – and we continue to learn, upgrade, and enhance our systems and procedures to protect our community.

Beth El is an active participant in the community's SCN (Secure Community Network), the security arm of the Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Our community's Security Director, John Colangelo, and Rabbi Sowalsky work together constantly, along with the West Hartford Police Department, to make Beth El a safe and secure facility for all. To this end, we have recently undergone another full security assessment (which we do on a regular basis); these highlight upgrades or considerations we can undertake to make us even more secure.

As you know, we have a multi-pronged approach securing our building. Our doors remain locked with buzz-in/video entry. We have an armed guard on duty every Shabbat morning, Sunday SULAM mornings, all holidays throughout the year, as well as for other Temple/community events. We utilize interior and exterior video surveillance and have recently installed a 3M ballistic shield on glass around the Temple which prevents a perpetrator from

shattering the glass (including doors) to gain entry into our building.

Securing the building, however, is only the first step. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. In February we held a situational awareness seminar (offered twice) for our clergy, staff, and membership. This was the first of a four-part SCN training program which will be followed up during the year with three more on-site seminars – open to all members – on security, preparedness, and emergency training. It is my sincerest prayer that we will never need to use the skills learned in these seminars. However, preparedness saves lives, and we are committed to making Beth El as safe as possible.

I invite you to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, and/or concerns you may have and thank you as always for being part of our *Community You Can Believe In*.

Warmest wishes for a safe and happy Purim and Passover.

~ Steve Rabb

★ Cantor's Corner - see page 12

★ Editor's Note - Housekeeping & Reminders

A few short notes to the Beth El membership.

- ✧ We are a group of volunteers who compile, edit, and format what becomes this document you are reading.
- ✧ For all questions, submissions, and comments about Temple Topics, please use the address on page 23; please do not use our personal email addresses.
- ✧ All Life Cycle announcements and contributions must be sent directly to the office. The staff processes the

information and sends a compiled list to us. Please understand that it takes time to organize the list of contributions and be sure to note the deadlines for publication that are listed in each edition.

- ✧ We welcome anyone wishing to join our team, and we especially need proofreaders.

Thank you, Debbie Rosenfeld,
Temple Topics Team Leader

★ Making Connections

Am Yisrael Flies To Dubai: What the Abraham Accords Mean for the Middle East

Tuesday, March 1
7:00 - 8:00 PM ~ ZOOM

Why did Bahrain, UAE, and Morocco decide to recognize Israel and normalize relations? Prof. Donna Divine, Smith College, will discuss regional developments that pushed these states to take the position they did (with the silent blessing of Saudi Arabia). We'll also discuss the Arab protests, the breakup of some states, the changes in the international and regional balance of power, the long-standing secret security and intelligence service relations between Israel and Dubai, and what has happened since signing the Accords.

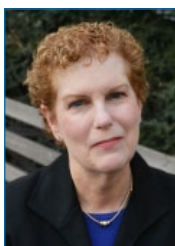


REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETAccords
CONTACT: Sharon Efron, 860-559-4010,
sgredancer@yahoo.com
SPONSOR: Israel Engagement Committee

It Can Happen Here: Anti-Semitism, Gender, and the American Past

Tuesday, March 22
8:00 - 9:00 PM ~ ZOOM

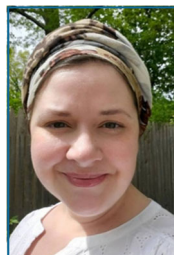
Professor Pamela Nadell, Director of Jewish Studies at American University, will explore the history of American Jewish women encountering anti-Semitism across the centuries. We are excited that Prof. Nadell is with us again for this year's annual Women's History month.



REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETNadell
CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com
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Breaking Bias: What We Need to Learn... Is What to Unlearn

Monday, April 4
7:00 - 9:00 PM ~ ZOOM



Christina Gray
Programs
Manager

Continuing WN
programs on
antiracism and

implicit bias, our co-facilitators from NCCJ (National Conference for Community and Justice) will provide some specific awareness training, including exercises to check our own reactions and examine our implicit biases further. The focus will be on self reflection and trying to recognize our own unquestioned assumptions in a *no shame, no blame* atmosphere.



Nyaunu Stevens
Director of
Programs

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETBreakBias
CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com
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Axe Throwing Outing

Wednesday, April 6
8:00 - 9:45 PM

Back by popular demand – a fun evening enjoying the latest craze! Axe Throwing is a non-sport in which the competitor throws an axe at a target, attempting to hit the bull's eye as near as possible. It is often compared to dart throwing, except with an axe!

LOCATION: Montana Nights Axe Throwing,
80 Fenn Road, Newington

COST: \$25

REGISTRATION: tinyurl.com/AxeWithMC

RSVP: by 3/31, limited to 24 participants

REFRESHMENTS: food and drinks available for purchase

QUESTIONS: Arthur Freedman, 860-716-8384,
drart@aol.com

SPONSOR: Men's Club

Interviews from Israel, Part 2: Kibbutz Ketura, an Environmental Oasis



Tuesday, April 19
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Come hear the stories of Bill Slott, a licensed Israeli tour guide who has hiked and biked the length and breadth of Israel. He is also a member of the famous Kibbutz Ketura, where he lives with his wife and three daughters, in the Southern Arava, 30 miles north of Eilat. He is one of the guides on the Israel Bike Ride, a fundraiser for the Arava Institute, a university which brings together Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians to work together on local environmental issues. Many BET members have done this ride!

REGISTER: by 4/18, tinyurl.com/BETIsrael2
CONTACT: Sharon Efron, 860-559-4010,
sgredancer@yahoo.com
SPONSOR: Israel Engagement Committee

Matzah Pizza and Omer Counters

Thursday, April 20
5:45 PM



Come to Beth El and enjoy Matzah pizza! After dinner we'll make our own omer counters to help count the journey to Shavuot.

COST: no charge
REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETPassoverFun
CONTACT: Jason Kay,
engagement@bethelwh.org

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

Get to the Point

Monday, April 25
7:00 - 9:00 PM



A program on leadership communication skills will be facilitated by Leesa Wallace of The Performance Architect LLC. This powerful, highly interactive program will focus on how to communicate when leading a discussion, meeting, or interaction so that you can "bottom line" your message more concisely, credibly, and confidently. Participants will learn methods and practice applying them through speaking opportunities and audio tapings. Personal coaching and feedback will be provided. Participants will improve their ability to command attention, minimize interruptions, and avoid getting "talked over," so that they can get their points across in an authoritative, professional manner.

COST: \$10 for WN members,
\$18 for other Beth El members
REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETtothePoint
CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com
SPONSOR: Women's Network



Outing to See the Hartford Yard Goats

Sunday, May 15
1:05 PM

Come see the Hartford Yard Goats play the Portland Sea Dogs! Your ticket will allow you access to the Yard Goats Club, an air conditioned section with great views of the game and higher-end food and liquor options.

COST: \$20, tickets will be limited
REGISTRATION: by 4/17, tinyurl.com/YardGoatsMay15
QUESTIONS: Tom Falik, 860-729-7245, tfalik@comcast.net
SPONSOR: Men's Club

Men's Club Annual Multi-Region Retreat

Thursday-Sunday, June 9-12

Rabbi Rosen will be giving presentations Thursday evening and Friday morning! (Stay tuned for details).

LOCATION: Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA
QUESTIONS: Phil Schulz, 860-726-6118,
philschulz@sbcglobal.net



★ Lifelong Learning

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

Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

New participants welcome!
Come once or come weekly.
No registration, no charge.

Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Zoom



NOTE: not meeting 4/19

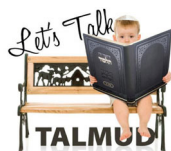
Now in its 28th year, Rabbi Rosen invites you to join us as we explore the Hebrew Bible together. We will continue to study the main teachings of the Writings this year.

Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Zoom



CONTACT: Beth El Office

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

Zoom



QUESTIONS: Michael Schenker,
msschenker31@gmail.com

NOTE: not meeting 3/17, 4/21

Guided by our rabbis, participants share their viewpoints and insights about the weekly parsha. We all learn by listening, thinking, and sharing. People with all backgrounds are welcome; an ability to read Hebrew or knowledge of Hebrew text is not needed.

Pirkei Avot Study

FRIDAYS

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Zoom



NOTE: not meeting 4/15, 4/22

This small book of wisdom has been a source of inspiration for centuries. Rabbi Rosen leads us as we explore the nature of the good life from an ancient (and still very relevant) Rabbinic perspective.

Ongoing Monthly Adult Class

Musical Chat with Cantor Ness

MONDAYS, 1:00 – 2:00 PM Zoom

MARCH 14 *The Purim Story*

APRIL 11 *Seder and Order*

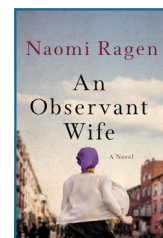


Library Corner

Compromise on Jewish Observance

★ Roberta J. Buland

Naomi Ragen's An Observant Wife, sequel to An Unorthodox Match, is a stand-alone fiction story that pits the strictures of Orthodoxy or FFB, *Frum From Birth*, against the phenomenon of *ba'ale teshuva* – formerly secular Jews who adopt the strictures of Orthodoxy – and their often-fraught interactions. Leah is a vivacious California redhead living in Boro Park, Brooklyn, who babysits for Yaakov, an Orthodox widower and father of five. Love follows.



Leah's and Yaakov's first years of marriage incur difficulty not only by life's usual travails, but also by the ultra-Orthodox community's refusal to accept Leah as a legitimate member of the community. They tut at each perceived mistake: Are her stockings too thin? Her sleeves too short?

The pressure of their judgments dampens Leah's newlywed joy: "She hurried, trying not to allow hatred to fill her heart as she looked at the strangers passing her by, the people who either ignored her or looked her brazenly up and down and finding fault...She felt besieged and friendless among hostile strangers."

And we meet Yaakov's teen-aged daughter, Sheindele, who is ruining her own marriage prospects by secretly dating a boy without a formal *shadchan* brokering the match. The teenager is sent to the school's questionable therapist, reflecting the harsh insider politics that seems to demand abusers be protected from criticism and the law.

The qualities that stand out most in the book are Ragen's commitment to fairness, honesty, and bravery, appreciating the good, but also questioning the lapses in ethics that at times besmirch these communities. Whether policing trivial behavior such as dancing to pop music, even at home, judging outliers harshly, or protecting a predator, Ragen wonders about this kind ethical behavior, and – through the characters of Yaakov and Leah – shows us that we all have to make *teshuvah*.

Library Corner provides information about books in our library. Books are reviewed rather than critiqued. To request that a book be reviewed, please contact rjbland@comcast.net.

3-Season Opportunities

Jessie's Community Garden at BET Turns 11!

The season starts in early April.

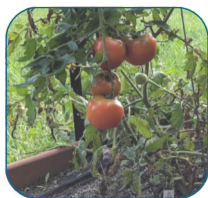
CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky, 860-214-0881, dpk18@hotmail.com

When BET members Michelle and Dane Kostin started Jessie's Community Garden Foundation, they created an opportunity for us to grow and donate fresh vegetables to foodbanks throughout Hartford. For the past 10 years, we have done a great job getting our hands dirty and growing thousands of pounds of vegetables for donation.

Let's keep the tradition going! Gardening is Covid safe and a great way to spend an hour a week while performing an important mitzvah.

Who we need:

- ◆ Experienced gardeners
- ◆ People with no experience gardening and a desire to learn
- ◆ Families looking for a new Covid-safe family activity – children of all ages are welcome
- ◆ Everyone with a desire to help combat food insecurity



Garden Club News

Opening event coming soon!

CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939; Alison Demarest, 860-810-2084, alisonsupermom@comcast.net; Robin Santiago, 860-490-7661, robin@rsantiagodmd.com

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



Join us this spring, as the Garden Club starts up for the 2022 Growing Season. Volunteer for an hour or two, once or every week, when it fits your schedule. Weeding and watering, snipping and clipping, planting and digging, kvelling and laughing! We have lots of little jobs to keep the synagogue grounds looking lovely and inviting, and keep us busy!

Join us as the flower beds wake up to show off their beauty and God's glory! Gardening is excellent exercise, covid safe, and you will meet other wonderful gardeners and volunteers! No experience necessary.

Both of these outdoor activities make great bar/t mitzvah projects. Volunteers are invited to come with friends, as a family, or solo.

KNITzvah Group

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

Although KNITZvah has not met in-person since December, our dedicated group of knitters and crocheters continues to create lapghans, hats, and other handmade gifts that we donate to organizations serving people who need a bit of extra warmth and attention. We have recently given our handcrafted gifts to Afghan refugees, to the Veterans Hospital, as well as to local group homes for people with special needs and to other organizations helping people get back on their feet after tremendous health and shelter challenges.



We are delighted to share that, over the last 20 years, we have donated nearly 1200 creations to organizations serving people in Israel and in the Hartford area! We are grateful to have such dedicated (and talented!) members in our group.

Although we are currently working from home, we look forward to resuming our monthly meetings at Beth El in the near future. If you're interested in joining KNITZvah, please contact BJ or Fran for more information. We welcome all knitters and crocheters, regardless of your level of expertise.

Chesed (Kindness) Committee Supporting Our Members

COORDINATOR: Leah Katz, lckatz@comcast.net
MEAL TRAIN: Barbara Checknoff, barbarachecknoff@aol.com

Beth El is a community that cares. We are prepared to provide assistance to our members, especially during periods of illness or the passing of a loved one, with a friendly phone call, preparing meals (Meal Train), or doing errands, such as shopping for groceries or other essentials.

Contact us if you are need of assistance or if you want to be part of our volunteer corps.

★ Lifelong Learning - Calendars & Counting

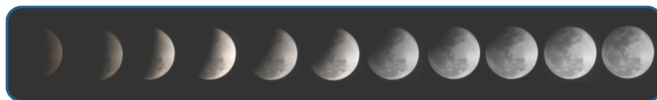
THE JEWISH CALENDAR, CHAPTER 1: Jewish leap years – an introduction ☆ Jason Kay

The history of the calendar is fascinating. The Greeks had a 10-month calendar, the Romans added two more, and Julius Caesar made changes to the number of days in each month and the order of the months themselves. Infamously, he's the reason why the leap day, February 29, is at such an odd time of the year and not an additional day tacked on to the end. The calendar we use day in and day out, the Gregorian calendar, is relatively simple. Sure, every four years, a day is added to the calendar. Well, not exactly – there is no February 29th every 100 years, but there is one every 400 years (hence why 2000 was a leap year but 2100 will not be). And sure, there is the occasional leap second and smaller corrections to keep the astronomical sky perfectly synced to our clocks, but the Gregorian calendar doesn't hold a Shabbat candle to the complexities of the Jewish calendar.

The Torah tells us that the new months begin at the new moon, the time when

the moon is directly overhead during daytime hours such that the far side of the moon is illuminated by the sun, and we can't see it. The moon orbits the Earth every 29.5 days, and that's why half of the Hebrew months have 29 days and half have 30. Twelve lunar months are 354 days, and that's fairly close to the 365.25 days in the Earth's orbit around the sun. So we have twelve months in the Jewish lunar calendar. This seems simple enough, right? Wrong.

Complications immediately arise. Consider the holiday of Pesach/Passover. The Torah tells us that Pesach begins on the fifteenth day of the first month



(how Nisan, the month containing Pesach, became the seventh month is a topic for a future chapter).

However, it also refers to Pesach as *Chag Ha'aviv*, the springtime holiday. We, therefore, see the Torah describing the timing of Pesach in terms of the lunar calendar (which lunar month) and the solar calendar (which season). Similar issues arise with other holidays. How can the holiday fall at a set time during both a 12 month lunar year and a 12 month solar year? The answer is that it cannot. A 354 day year would shift relative to our solar calendar by 11 days every year. After only 16 years, the springtime holiday would be in the fall, and that would be unacceptable.

This issue is what led to the creation of the Jewish leap year. Adding one day to various months is not an option as that would not allow the start of a new

month to coincide with the full moon. Rather, we add a full thirteenth month to the calendar. How often do we do

that? Enter mathematics. One fairly accurate option is to add one month to 38 years out of every 100 year cycle. The rabbis didn't want such a long calendar cycle, so instead, we add a month to seven years out of every 19 year cycle – years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19. The current year, 5782, is in the sixth year of the current cycle, and hence, this year is a leap year, and we have an additional month - Adar 1. This year, all holidays will be later than they were last year. The leap year is why.

Future chapters will go into further complications of the Jewish lunar calendar.

Counting the Omer

Have you ever been so excited about something that you counted the days until its arrival?

That is exactly how we are supposed to feel as we prepare for Shavuot, when we celebrate receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. We count the 49 days from the second night of Passover, when we celebrate our liberation from slavery in Egypt, to Shavuot. This practice is called "counting the omer" and dates back to the Torah, when the people would bring an omer or sheaf of grain to the

mishkan each day for the seven weeks between these two festivals. It is based on the verses from Leviticus 23:15-16: "You shall count from the eve of the second day of Pesach, when an omer of grain is to be brought as an offering, seven complete weeks. The day after the seventh week of your counting will make fifty days, and you shall present a new meal offering to God."

Nowadays, we no longer bring sheaves of grain, but we do still



count the days and weeks with a special blessing, traditionally said at night. You can find the blessing and the special way of counting starting on page 237 of Siddur Sim Shalom. It is a simple yet powerful way to mark the passage of time and increase our anticipation of Shavuot. It connects us to the agricultural cycles of our ancestors and the land of Israel and marks the journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai and from slavery to freedom – a journey we are privileged to relive, year after year.

★ Doing Mitzvot - for the Holidays

Purim



The Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

@ PURIM

Your donation of Kosher for Passover items will ensure a meaningful celebration of Passover for food pantry clients who observe.

All items Kosher for Passover

WISH LIST:

- Matzo Ball Mix
- Matzo Ball Soup Mix
- Canned Tuna
- Broth
- Quinoa
- Canned Vegetables
- Jam
- Borscht & Gefilte Fish
- also
- Cleaning Supplies,
- Cereal, Canned Beans,
- Canned Fruit



Purim Drive-Thru

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 AM – NOON

VOLUNTEER FOR THE DRIVE-THRU:

Judy Rosenthal,
judithrosenthal@gmail.com;
Janel MacDermott,
swayemac@gmail.com

Come to Beth El to pick up your goodies and greetings. Limited deliveries will also be made to our homebound members.

Please also bring *Kosher-for-Passover* items to support JFS's Food Drive!

Passover

Jessie's Garden Horseradish

Farm-to-table horseradish, taste the Jessie's Garden difference. Prepared at Beth El and available for your Seder table.

COST: \$6/5oz. bottle,
available April 12-14

RESERVE A JAR: Temple Office or
tinyurl.com/BEHorseradish

NOTE: place orders early, we tend to sell out!



Making Horseradish

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky,
dpk18@hotmail.com

Come cry with me. I need just a couple of adult volunteers to help make horseradish.



Yom HaShoah

Men's Club will mail yellow candles to all Temple members residing in CT, and out of state members upon request, in advance of Yom HaShoah on April 27 (see page 15).

Donations can be made, payable to Beth El Temple, noting "Yellow Candles" in the memo. *All profits go directly to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund.*



Package Yellow Candles

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

QUESTIONS: Tom Falik, 860-729-7245,
tfalik@comcast.net

SPONSOR: Men's Club

Help us package Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day.

★ Celebrating - Purim

Purim 5782

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- 5:30 PM Minyan
5:45 PM Pasta Dinner
6:15 PM Megillah reading for all ages with fun, family-friendly activities for the young and young-at-heart interwoven throughout

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

- 7:00 AM Shacharit with Megillah reading
4:30 PM Festive Purim BBQ Dinner

Pasta Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 5:45 PM

COST: \$5/person, ages 3+
RSVP: tinyurl.com/PurimPasta2022



Purim BBQ Dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 4:30 PM

COST: \$10/person; free/kids under 5;
\$36 family (immediate) maximum
RSVP: tinyurl.com/PurimBBQ2022

Join us for an outdoor Purim BBQ dinner, festivities, and another chance to hear the megillah!

★ Cantor's Corner



Passover

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What these two holidays have in common...

Both the stories of Passover and Purim took place outside the land of Israel.

Passover happened in Egypt and Purim in Persia. Both involved the near elimination of the people of Israel. Moses makes his case in front of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and Esther makes her case before Achashverosh, the ruler of Persia, to save their people. Both Pharaoh's army and Haman and his sons, after periods of uncertain and trying times, were vanquished! What does it mean to be free? What does it mean to have the right to make choices, both personal and communal? What makes anyone have the right to dominate others?

Both Passover and Purim deal with the struggle against oppression: The struggle against those who feel the urge to give orders, to dictate, to impose one's will over others – whether it be the slavery of the Jewish people in Egypt, whether it be the slavery of the Black population in the United States just before the Civil War, whether it be a plan to murder entire

peoples, or whether it be the process of cultivating internal hatred.

Mazel Tov to our Cantor for receiving an honorary Doctor of Music degree from The Jewish Theological Seminary on Feb 2.

In a way Purim prepares us for Passover. Both are about freedom and human dignity. Both are harbingers of spring and the rebirth of the natural world. But in our tradition, Purim is a day for children, and a day when even the adults dress up in costume. Purim is celebrated with great mirth and joy poking fun at what happened, even to the extent that we do not mourn the hanging of the sons of Haman.

Passover is a “holiday of holidays,” when the family seder is observed with its retelling of the story of the Exodus, when we are commanded to remember what happened so that we always realize what freedom means, both communal and personal! We acknowledge ourselves to have the inalienable rights to stand up and be counted as one of a community where we all are counted, those who speak louder and those who speak softer. Let all who are hungry come and partake of our collective freedom!

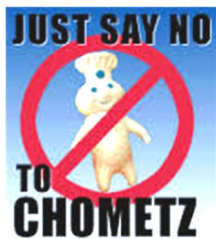
Chag Sameach!

~ Joseph Ness

★ Preparing - Passover

A mitzvah of Passover is the removal of all *chametz* (leaven), both physically and symbolically, and all that has had contact with *chametz*. Jewish law forbids eating (or even possessing) any food that can contain leaven.

According to Jewish law, instruments that are used throughout the year absorb leaven and may not be used on Passover. In traditional households, it is customary to have special dishes that are only used during the Passover festival. See the QR code on the next page for a guide to the process of *kashering*.



What is Chametz?

Chametz is leavened bread; it is any food made of grains that rise when exposed to water. Matzah is made from wheat and water, but is baked before it is allowed to rise.

Search for Chametz – Bedikat Chametz

In anticipation of Pesach, it is traditional to engage in a thorough spring cleaning. Then, a formal search takes place right after sundown on the night before Pesach. A blessing is said, and the search is done by candlelight



or flashlight, with a small bag to sweep up the crumbs, usually with a feather.

Since the house has already been cleaned thoroughly, it is customary to put crumbs in a few places where they can be easily found. The following morning, the leaven is burned (*biur chametz*). No *chametz* is eaten until the end of Passover.

Transfer of Ownership – Mekhirat Chametz

All *chametz* vessels (dishes, utensils, etc., and unopened food cartons or cans stored away during the Festival) should no longer legally be in one's possession.

In accordance with Jewish law, an agent is empowered to enact a transaction with someone not Jewish. The sale has to take legal form, using a formal bill of sale. All *chametz* remains in that person's "ownership." At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the "reversion" of ownership of the now-permitted *chametz*.

You may observe this mitzvah by completing the form on page 23, or at tinyurl.com/ChametzBET. The form must be returned **before 10:30 AM, Friday, April 15**.

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Passover Service Calendar

HOW TO WATCH THE SERVICE:

z = Zoom
LS = Livestream

WHERE IS THE IN-PERSON EXPERIENCE:

s = Sanctuary, up to 100 people
CH = Chapel, up to 25 people

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

EVE Search for Chametz with a candle and feather

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 AM Fast of the Firstborn Service and Study Session, followed by breakfast (Sponsored by Susan & Robert Gold in memory of Leo Gold z"l) Z-CH
10:30 AM Deadline to sell Chametz
7:14 PM Candle Lighting
EVENING First Seder @ home (no evening service)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 AM Shabbat & Festival Morning Services LS-S
8:15 PM Candle Lighting
EVENING Second Seder @ home (no evening service)



SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 AM Festival Morning Service LS-S
8:14 PM Havdallah
8:20 PM Closing Festival (modified) & Havdallah Services Z-CH

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

7:20 PM Candle Lighting
5:30 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv Services Z-CH

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 AM Festival Morning Service LS-S
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat & Festival Services LS-CH
7:21 PM Candle Lighting

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 AM Shabbat & Festival Morning Services (Yizkor recited) LS-S
7:30 PM Shabbat & Festival Mincha, and Ma'ariv Services LS-CH
8:20 PM Havdallah

★ Preparing - Passover, cont.

Mekhirat Chametz (continued)

Please consider a contribution to *Maot Chitin* (Passover Fund for the Needy) or *Mazon* (a Jewish Response to Hunger) – indicate your preference on the form. You might also donate unopened, nonperishable *chametz* to FoodShare.



Rabbinical Assembly Pesach Guide

Look here for a guide to kashering your kitchen, updated guidelines for Passover shopping, and more!

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact one of our Rabbis.

What is the Fast of the Firstborn?

This fast commemorates the saving of the firstborn Israelites during the Plague of the Firstborn. Unlike all other Jewish fast days, only firstborn children are required to fast on this day. Usually, the fast is broken at a *siyyum* (Torah study) celebration (typically made at the conclusion of the morning services), which, according to prevailing custom, creates an atmosphere of rejoicing that overrides the requirement to continue the fast.



NOTE: see page 13 for Service date/time.

Some Haggadot recommendations from our Rabbis...

The Symbols on the Table

According to Rabbi Isaac, in the Jewish text called the Talmud, no order is complete until chametz, matzah, and wine are explained.

Point to the glass bowl or the bowl: This reminds us of the paschal sacrifice – the offering that the ancient Israelites made, according to tradition, before their Exodus from Egypt. They roasted their sheep with the blood of a lamb to signal the angel of death to pass over their homes during the first plague.

Point to the matzah:

Matzah: unleavened bread, symbolizes the bread of poverty the Israelites ate. They baked their dough so quickly that they did not have time to let their bread dough rise.

Wine: on the other hand, reminds us of how the Egyptians made the lives of the Israelites bitter with backbreaking work.

Welcome TO THE Seder

A PASSOVER HAGGADAH FOR EVERYONE

**Welcome to the Seder:
A Passover Haggadah
for Everyone**
by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky
and Rinat Gilboa

In Every Generation

A PJ LIBRARY FAMILY HAGGADAH

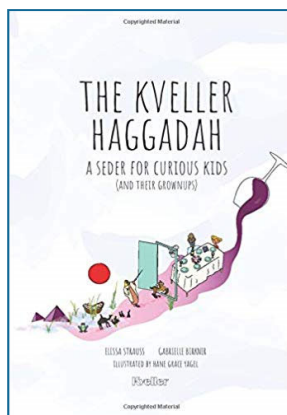
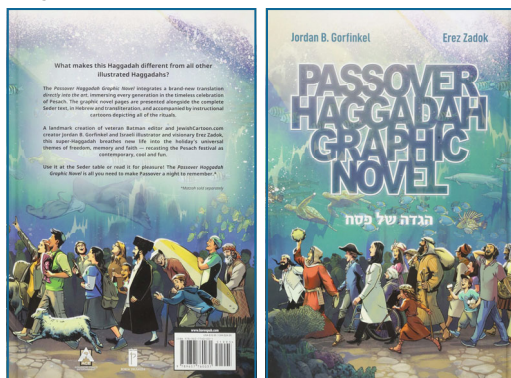
In Every Generation: A PJ Library Family Haggadah

WASH YOUR HANDS Wash your hands with water and a small amount of salt. This is a reminder of the salt tears of the Israelites who were enslaved in Egypt.

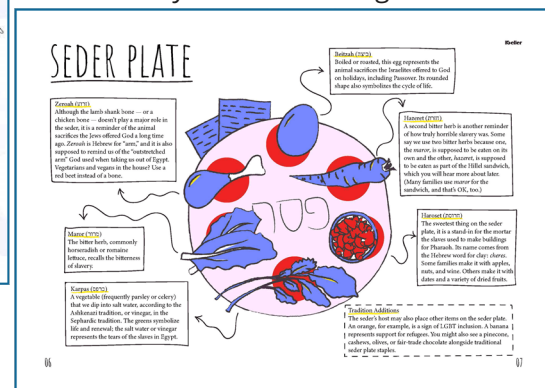
THE SCOTTISH WIFE HANNAH TOOK HER DAUGHTER TO VISIT HER MOTHER IN SCOTLAND. SHE WAS THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND DURING THAT TIME SHE MET A MAN WHO WAS VERY RICH. SHE MARRIED HIM, AND THEY HAD A SON.

MADE US BURNER The Talmud tells us that the Israelites were forced to work in Egypt for 400 years. During that time, they were treated very harshly. One day, a man named Moses saw that the Israelites were suffering, and he went to God to ask for help. God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and he did so.

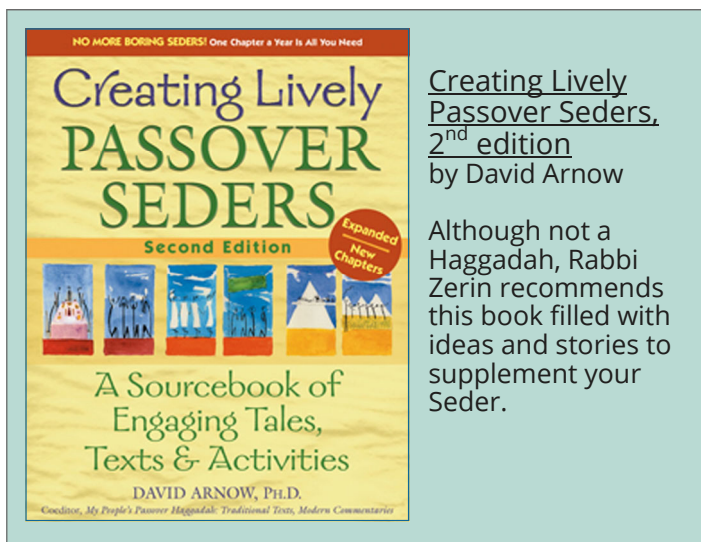
Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel by Jordan B. Gorfinkel and Erez Zadok



The Kveller Haggadah: A Seder for Curious Kids (and their Grownups) by Elissa Strauss and Gabrielle Birkner, illustrated by Hane Grace Yagel

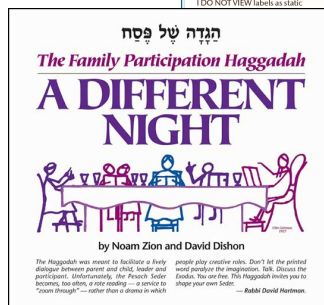


... and more Haggadot recommendations from our Rabbis

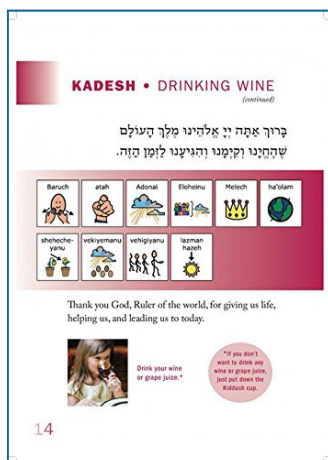


Creating Lively Passover Seders, 2nd edition by David Arnow

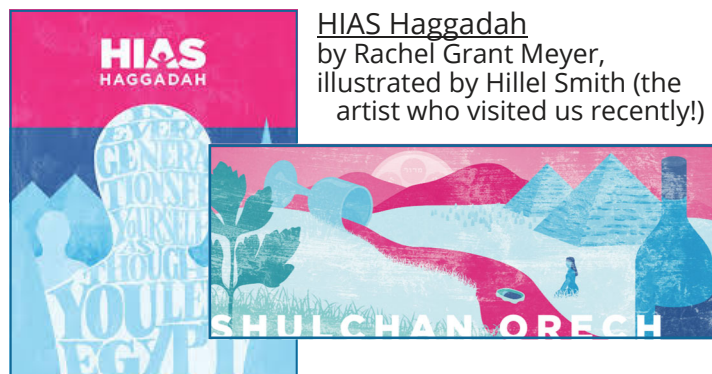
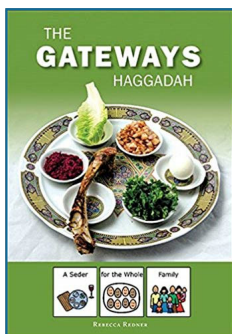
Although not a Haggadah, Rabbi Zerin recommends this book filled with ideas and stories to supplement your Seder.



The Family Participation Haggadah: A Different Night
by Noam Zion and David Dishon

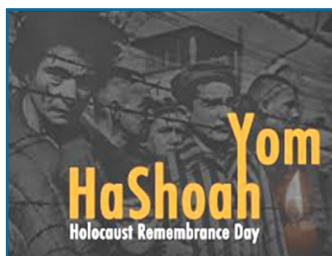


The Gateways Haggadah: A Seder for the Whole Family by Rebecca Redner



★ Observing Together - Modern Holidays

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day begins Wednesday eve, April 27



See page 11 for information about candle packaging and distribution.

The full name of this revered day is *Yom HaShoah ve'HaGevurah* – Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and Heroism – and that is indeed what it is.

On this night, candles are lit in homes across the globe to shine a light of memory, a light of education, and a light confirming that we will never forget. By participating in this program, you are helping to keep the memory of the Shoah alive, and highlighting the memory of what can happen when good people do not stand up to evil.

May the memories of those who perished in the Holocaust always be a blessing. And may we continue to honor those who bravely stood up to those who sought to destroy us.

★ Israel Engagement Committee

Go North!

To encourage increased settlement of the Galilee and to tempt Israelis to move out of the crowded center of the country, housing and employment opportunities are critical. Some wonderful programs are doing just that and they are truly enhancing life in this beautiful, multicultural, and multiethnic sector of Israel.

Western Galilee Now (WGN) is a project based in Akko that supports tourism (on which 40% of the Galilee depends) and small businesses. Over 80 family-owned small businesses belong to this consortium that offers coaching and support, marketing, and camaraderie. Together these businesses provide employment for over 1000 people (up from 441 in 2020!). They run the gamut from artists to restaurants to local food and wine shops featuring artisanal



cheeses. You'll find breweries, wineries and distilleries, plus outdoor adventure excursions and boutique accommodations. There are home cooking workshops with Druze women and musical culinary events at Fluka with Chef Said Shami and his masterful Syrian cuisine. You can stay at Hefer Ranch or at a special B&B at Tamar and Gefen in Miztpe Hila.

Visit a Druze village and enjoy a meal at Grandma Maha's, or hike new trails with Carmit Rombek. Visit Rom Farm to sample local produce. Tour some of the best



The Galilee is often called the Tuscany of Israel.

endless. Find out more at westgalil.org.il. They can even help you plan your trip!

The Galilee is ripe for food and agricultural businesses as well as technology centers. At the Beit Asher Food Technology and Innovation Center, culinary and restaurant expertise, tourism, and

entrepreneurship are combined. Israel's Galilee, a mountainous region and micro-climate of fertile lands, mountains, and rivers, is an unparalleled location for a thriving agricultural region. The area is home to over 80 different ethnicities which provides a unique learning opportunity for culinary students. With affordable living, tax incentives, and new businesses focused around food, agriculture, and technology, the region is now a focal point for investment from other major industry players such as OurCrowd, Thuvia, Tempo, and others turning the area into a Culinary and Food Capital of Israel (and the world).

The Galilee Culinary Institute is a revolutionary approach to culinary arts. The 12-month course is a community immersion and intensive culinary arts program designed specifically for students to acquire a combination of practical culinary skills – and a broad application of the major themes moving the food



world today. The first class starts in 2023. So there's still time to apply! No longer will students and top professionals need to leave the north to make a living.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com

Robin Santiago, Robin@rsantiagodmd.com

★ Making Connections - Teens

United Synagogue Youth



Fri, Mar 4	6:00 PM	Shabbat Dinner
Sun, Mar 27	5:00 PM	Rock Climbing
Fri, Apr 8	6:00 PM	Shabbat Dinner
Mon, Apr 11	6:30 PM	Movie Night and Chametz Party
Sun, May 1	TBD	USY-Led Family Bingo Program

LOCATION: alternates Beth El Temple and
The Emanuel Synagogue

COST: no charge for most programs

CONTACT: Cara Levine, whusyadvisor@gmail.com

AGES: grades 6-12

★ Engaging Generations

Welcome to New Members

Sharon Shafran

Congratulations

Robin & David Gelles on birth of grandson Jackson Hart Gelles

Jill & Gary Jones on engagement of son Harrison and Felice Shlizerman

Dora & Rabbi Howard Sowalsky on birth of grandson Benjamin Baruch Sowalsky

Carolyn & Jeff Weiser on birth of grandson Jacob Tsvi Weiser Bell

Appreciation for Sponsoring a Grab and Go Kiddush

Betty & Herb Hoffman, in honor of Herb's 2nd bar mitzvah,
70 years after his first

Mitra & Seth Kabakoff, in honor of Noah's bar mitzvah

Judy and David Rosenthal, in memory of their parents

Alfred Rosenthal z"l & Robert Rosenfield z"l

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

Of Blessed Memory

Ruth Beckerman,
mother of David Goldberg

Burton Cunin

Marianne Falkenstein,
mother of Jane Schachter

Herbert Fishman, father of Peter

Harriet Cohen Haggerty,
mother of Lori Yontef

Dr. Edmond Haven,
father of Melinda Kaufmann

Alyce Hirsh, mother of Janet Miller

Stewart Lehman, husband of Phyllis

Mildred Malkin, mother of Robert

Donald Neiberg, father of Brian

Seena Palter, mother of Yaffa

Donald Pearlstein, father of Jessica Zachs

Phyllis Schloss, mother of Michael

Information on Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations is
available from the Temple Office.

★ Supporting Beth El

We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

- ✧ This list reflects contributions received and processed through January 18, 2022.
- ✧ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be received in the office by March 15, 2022.

We want to thank Phyllis and Leonard z"l Greenberg for their sponsorship of major security and network enhancements in the Temple.

Many thanks to Ann Rosow-Lucchesi for the beautification of the room behind the sanctuary.

Cantor's Music Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness – **Sharon & Martin Freilich**

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Cantor Ness receiving an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary – **Emmy & Steve Fast**

Bat mitzvah of Sophia Borer, daughter of Pam & Steve, granddaughter of Barbara & Bob Green – **Annette Gavens**

IN MEMORY OF

Michael Edward Simmons, son – **Kathy & Bradley Hoffman**

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70th wedding anniversary of Estelle & Abe Bernstein – **Felice Goldman, June Rosen & Ben Abrams**

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Bar mitzvah of Benjamin Goldstein, grandson of Fredda & Jon – **Jeanne Elman**

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Bar mitzvah of Jordan Cipriano, son of Alisha & Ron, grandson of Robin & David Gelles – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein**

IN MEMORY OF

Ed Friedman, husband of Fran; Laurea Esau – **Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein**

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WISHING A COMPLETE RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH TO

Howard Weiner; Art Schuman – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sydney Lustgarten – **Marlena Derosa**
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Bar mitzvah of Jacob Gottfried, son of Shanna & Josh – **Arlene & Lenny Lippman**

You can make a donation in a variety of ways:

- ✧ Go to the Beth El website: www.bethelwesthartford.org/giving
- ✧ Mail it in

Please be sure to include:

- ◇ the name of the fund
- ◇ whom you wish to honor/remember and your relationship to the person
- ◇ their address for an acknowledgment card
- ◇ your address/phone/email

Print clearly – or even better, submit the information typed.

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IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Allan Geetter – Phyllis Lehman, Faith & Bruce Parker

IN MEMORY OF

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Dr. Eliot Barron, husband of Vida, father of Marcia Garfinkel – Philip Post
Michael Edward Simmons, son of Kathy & Bradley Hoffman; Dr. Arthur Kesten, husband of Hilda – Roz Rachlin & family

Irwin Friedman, brother of Roz Rachlin – Roberta & Marvin Smith

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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- Buy good-as-cash e-gift cards, online, for your own shopping and dining, and for gifts.
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- Note: Physical cards will no longer be available in the office (once the current stock is used up).



To purchase cards, visit www.shopwithscrip.com, plus details and updates about the Scrip program, including a 6-page list of all the participating stores, restaurants, entertainment, and more.

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Michael Edward Simmons, son of Kathy & Bradley Hoffman – Bobbie Woronow & Ted Kaplan

WISHING A COMPLETE RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH TO

Howard Weiner – Bernice Matty

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Joseph Barker, father – Michael Barker
Shirley Berkowitz, mother – Howard Berke

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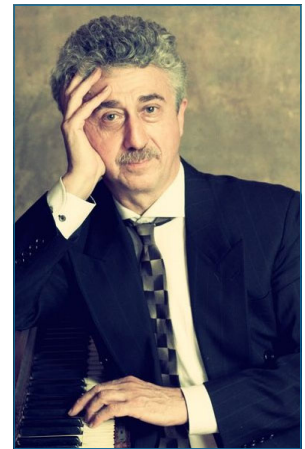
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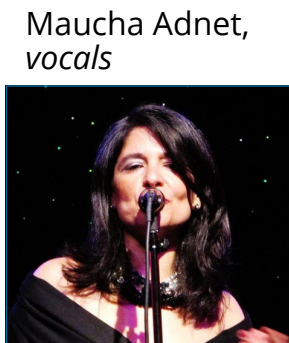
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