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



“How effective is supplementary Jewish education?” This is a question often asked, but the question itself is ambiguous. What is meant by “effective?” What is supplementary Jewish education? And what is Jewish education supplementing?



Bogrim learning with the visiting Sofer

The term “supplementary Jewish education” refers to programs of learning in synagogues or other settings for those who attend public or non-Jewish schools to learn about Jewish practice, culture, and history. Sometimes called synagogue schools, religious schools, or congregational schools, these titles replace the traditional name of Hebrew school, though

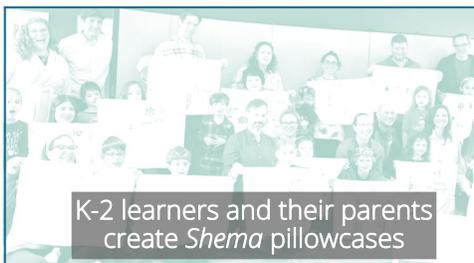


Tu BiShevat lesson for K-2

learning to read Hebrew is generally still part of the learning.

None of our literature calls SULAM by any of these names. On the Beth El website SULAM is clarified as our “educational program.” In the

last issue of Temple Topics, I described SULAM as “challenging and exciting fun for learners navigating the lessons of the Torah, acquiring Hebrew reading skills, and discovering the history and the traditions of our heritage.” I noted our “growing together as a community and journeying Jewishly with our friends and peers.”



K-2 learners and their parents create Shema pillowcases

In reality, though, SULAM is a supplement. SULAM increases the Judaic knowledge of our learners, extending lessons outside of and beyond our learning spaces. SULAM complements the Jewish lives and journeys of our families. It expands Jewish experiences beyond the home and enhances our Jewish celebrations and observances within our Beth El community.



Tu BiShevat collages by our K-2 learners

If “effective” means valuable, useful, efficient, and helpful, the answer is a resounding “YES!” If “effective” means successful, the answer is also “YES,” for those who avail themselves of the numerous opportunities to learn, practice, and celebrate.

In the months ahead there are many occasions for our learners and their families at SULAM and at Beth El. Please join us!

L'Shalom, Michelle



Rabbi Moshe Druin, from *Sofer-On-Site*, examined and repaired our Torahs, all while sharing explanations with adults at lunch and then learners in the afternoon.

Special Programs and Events

March

- Sun. 5 Purim Carnival following SULAM
- Mon. 6 Erev Purim Pasta Bar & Megillah Reading
- Sat. 11 Vav & Bogrim Shabbat

April

- Sun. 23 Israel Birthday Celebration
- Sun. 30 B'nei Mitzvah and Beyond Workshop #3 for Vav learners with their parents

Sunday SULAM

March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 23, 30

Weekday SULAM

	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thu.</u>
<u>March</u>	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
<u>April</u>	18, 25	19, 26	20, 27

★ Enjoying Beth El



The Matchmaker's Gift Book Discussion with Lynda Cohen Loigman

Monday, March 13
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Ms. Loigman discussed one of her earlier novels, *The Wartime Sisters*, at a WN event a few years ago, and we are very excited to welcome her back as our Women's History Month guest speaker.



This is the story about two women from two different eras – a matchmaker and her divorce attorney granddaughter – who defy societal expectations and embrace their unique gift for seeing soulmates in the most unexpected of places.

COST: no charge for WN members;
\$18 for others

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETLoigman

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

SPONSOR: Women's Network

NOTE: see page 14 for a review of the book



Israel carries a great tradition of poets and songwriters, spanning the Ashkenazic and Sephardic cultures. Joining Cantor Ness and the Beth El Orchestra to perform poignant and joyful songs by Jewish composers such as Sasha Argov and Moshe Wilensky will be

- ✧ Cantorial soloist Talya Smilowitz
- ✧ Israeli singer Gilad Paz
- ✧ Pianist Alex Nakhimovsky

In addition, Michael Katz will perform the great Dvořák cello concerto in B minor, Op. 104.

COST: \$25/adult; \$20/seniors (65+) and students;
free for children 12 and younger

TICKETS: tinyurl.com/BEMAMarch2023

SPONSOR: Beth El Music & Arts

Golf Lounge 18 Outing

Thursday, April 20
MORNING

This is a state-of-the-art indoor golfing facility. It's the perfect activity for any age, skill level, or time of year. It's drinks with your best buddies.



You don't have to play golf to participate – you can attend to socialize and have fun!

LOCATION: Golf Lounge 18, 110 Albany Turnpike, Canton
(The Shoppes at Farmington Valley)

INFORMATION: watch your email for details

CONTACT: Jeff Bourke, 860-559-9633,
jmbourke@yahoo.com

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETGolfLounge

Welcoming Rabbi Zerin Service & Dinner

Friday, May 5

- 5:30 PM Crudites
- 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv
(open to all, RSVP not needed)
- 7:00 PM Community Dinner

While the pandemic prevented us from formally welcoming Rabbi Zerin when she started at Beth El (almost two years ago!), we invite you to join us in celebrating the newest member of our clergy team. It's a great chance to introduce yourself if you haven't already met!

INFORMATION: watch your email for details

QUESTIONS: Leah Katz, mitzvahbethel@gmail.com

★ From the Rabbi's Desk



Z'man Cheiruteinu – The Season of Our Freedom

Every year as spring approaches, I think about the power of the Passover story. What an incredible statement it is that the foundational event in our people's story is that we were once slaves, and now we are free. This event, more than any other, defines who we are. That is why, in the Torah, the most often cited rationale for a commandment is "because you were strangers in the land of Egypt." That is why we proclaim in our prayers that all holidays, not only Passover, were given to us "as a remembrance of the exodus from Egypt." And that is why one of the names for Passover is *Z'man Cheiruteinu*, the Season of our Freedom.

But freedom can mean many things. And so this year, I find myself reflecting on what kind of freedom it is that we celebrate.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l has written about the difference between *chofesh* and *cheirut*, two different Hebrew words for freedom. *Chofesh*, Rabbi Sacks suggests, is the kind of freedom in which there are no expectations or obligations. It is freedom *from* something. *Chofesh* is the word used in later parts of the Torah to describe when a slave is free to leave their master, just as it is the word used in many schools and summer camps to describe "free time" when you can choose to do whatever you want or nothing at all.

It is no accident that the freedom we celebrate at Passover is **not** *chofesh*, but instead *cheirut* – not just an absence of slavery but a deep sense of freedom that

is etched into our identities, shaping our sense of self. It is not just freedom *from* slavery, but freedom *to* craft lives of meaning and purpose.

The freedom we celebrate at Passover is the freedom to set our own priorities, the freedom to choose to walk in God's ways, to prioritize others' needs over our own self-aggrandizement, to play an important part in something greater than ourselves.

The freedom we celebrate at Passover is the freedom to choose how we use our precious time on earth, including the freedom to punctuate our time with moments of sacredness.

The freedom we celebrate at Passover is the freedom to choose how we tell our story. Perhaps that is why on Passover, we tell our story in so many different ways, always in ways that connect us to those who came before us, encouraging us to be grateful for the many gifts we have and to share those gifts with others. Over and over, these stories remind us: we are not free so that we may do as we please; we are free to use that freedom to ensure that no one else is oppressed as we once were.

This year, let us make Passover a true *Z'man Cheiruteinu*. Let us reflect on how we can best use our freedom to create lives of meaning and purpose, not only for ourselves but for others. In that way, the message of Passover will stay with us throughout the year.

Chag Sameach.

~ Rachel Zerlin

★ Reflections from the President



My House will be called a House of Prayer for all People – Isaiah 56:7

Beth El Temple has long been considered a flagship congregation in the Conservative Movement. We can be proud of our many accomplishments, including the creation of vibrant learning and worship opportunities. We have

long been a pioneer in forging new ground, leading the way in gender equality, civil rights, and more. It is time to step forward once again to embrace those who honor us with their links to our community.

We are blessed by the presence and involvement of a wide variety of individuals in our community,

including children and adults of different faith backgrounds. Everyone in our Beth El family honors us with their support of our congregational mission, helps our children learn about Judaism in SULAM and Solomon Schechter, and attends programs, classes, and services. All are cherished partners in our community.

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(President's Reflections cont.)

At the same time, we are aware that our welcome of our non-Jewish friends could be better and deeper. This is true for both those who are already connected to Beth El and those who are seeking a spiritual home.

We believe it is time to be increasingly welcoming to all within our community, while maintaining our commitment to Conservative Judaism. This includes the areas of membership, education, ritual expression, leadership, and more.

On February 16, the Beth El Board of Trustees approved changes to Beth El's bylaws which would expand the definition of membership to allow inclusion of both adult members of households where one partner is not Jewish.

These proposals, the work of the Inclusion Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and our clergy, have been carefully crafted to balance our commitment to tradition while creating a more welcoming congregation. They will be presented to the congregation for discussion at two town meetings after which the Board will consider

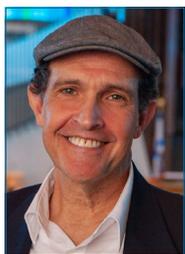
Town Meetings
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 PM OR
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 11:00 AM

any further changes and present the final proposed amendments to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 13.

We hope that the changes we are proposing will help make us a *House of Prayer for all People*, as the prophet Isaiah put it many centuries ago, or more familiarly, a *community you can believe in*.

~ Steve Rabb

★ Cantor's Corner



The Poetry and Melodies of Eretz Yisrael

In many real and profound ways, the history of the State of Israel can be defined by its poetry and song.

We can go back as far as the 1880s when Naftali Herz Imber published his first book of poems, *Morning Star*. One of the poems of that collection was called *Tikvateinu* (Our Hope); this poem evolved over time into *Hatikvah*, chosen as the text to accompany an imported tune from Romania which became the national anthem of the state of Israel.

Other poets became integral to the focus of the early settlers in Palestine, who initially came there to escape persecution. The poems of Chaim Nachman Bialik, Shaul Tchernichovsky, and Avraham Shlonsky, among many others, inspired these settlers to reawaken with a sense of purpose and to rebuild the land with their own bare hands.

A second generation of poets paid equal attention to the love of the land and its beauty. Poets like Yehuda Fichman, Nathan Alterman, Avigdor Hameiri, Rachel Bluwstein, Leah Goldberg, and a host of others, wrote in various styles and tropes, all bringing to the table an

integrated culture that used the Hebrew language to create a profound closeness to the land and its people.

As the horrors of the *Shoah* inflicted itself on the Jewish people, the poems and the poetry of future generations of writers such as Yehuda Amichai and Natan Yonatan, Yehonatan Geffen and Naomi Shemer questioned the existential interpretations of life as an Israeli with all the wars and conflicts and also pondered what it means to live as a Jew in the midst of all those bent on the destruction of this nation.

These poets and so many others combined to reveal a society that is a cornucopia of real people with a rich and varied past and presence. So many of their poems became embedded and known because they were transformed into some very popular songs that have been performed by many singers.

On the 26th of March, BEMA (Beth El Music and Arts) will present a concert displaying some of these beautiful and poignant songs (see page 3 for details). It is my hope that we can all come together on that evening as a community to share in the beauty of Israeli culture.

~ Joseph Ness

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Spring into Shabbat Service & Dinner



FRIDAY, MARCH 31

5:30 PM Crudites

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv
(open to all, RSVP not needed)

7:00 PM Community Dinner

COST FOR DINNER: \$20/adult, \$12/children, free/children 0-4 (\$65 household max); contact Rabbi Zerin if cost is a concern

RSVP FOR DINNER: tinyurl.com/SpringIntoBET

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Zerin,
rzerin@bethelwh.org;

Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with your Beth El family! We'll enjoy a Friday Night Shabbat meal (meat, veggie option) together during this special event.

See pages 9 and 10 for additional Special Shabbat Programming

Friday - weekly
Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00 PM Zoom and in person

Saturday - weekly

Shabbat Morning & Torah Services

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Livestream and in person

A traditional service; may include b'nai mitzvah or special programming.

Children's Playroom

up to age 5

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

NOTE: children must be supervised by a grownup

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

Youth Shabbat Services

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 Service

12:15 - 12:45 PM

Livestream and in person

The brief afternoon service, complete with Torah readings, has returned to the Levine-Shein Chapel. Mourner's *Kaddish* will be recited for Sunday *yahrzeits*.

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. This will not include an evening service; Mourner's *Kaddish* will not be recited.

Saturday - monthly

Birthday Shabbat

all ages!

SATURDAYS, MARCH 4, APRIL 1, MAY 6
DURING TORAH SERVICE

On the first Shabbat of the month, all those with a birthday in that month are invited to the bima for a group birthday Aliyah.

Candle & Havdallah Times; plus Havdallah Service Time

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday	
	Candle	Havdallah	Service
Mar 3-4	5:26 PM	6:25 PM	6:45 PM
Mar 10-11	5:34 PM	6:33 PM	6:55 PM
Mar 17-18	6:42 PM	7:41 PM	8:00 PM
Mar 24-25	6:49 PM	7:49 PM	8:10 PM
Mar 31-Apr 1	6:57 PM	7:56 PM	8:15 PM
Apr 7-8	7:05 PM	8:04 PM	8:25 PM
Apr 14-15	7:13 PM	8:12 PM	8:35 PM
Apr 21-22	7:20 PM	8:19 PM	8:40 PM
Apr 28-29	7:28 PM	8:27 PM	8:50 PM

★ Worshipping Together - Daily Minyan

Mincha & Ma'ariv

Zoom and in person

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30 PM

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

Shacharit

Zoom and in person

SUNDAYS

8:45 AM

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 AM

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

★ Celebrating - Purim



Purim Pasta Bar Dinner

MONDAY, MARCH 6

5:30 PM Purim Pasta Bar Dinner

6:15 PM The Story of Esther

6:30 PM *Ma'ariv* and *Megillah* Reading



DINNER COST: \$8/age 13 and up; \$5/age 3-12

DINNER RSVP: tinyurl.com/PurimPasta2023

QUESTIONS: info@bethelwh.org

Purim Faire Extravaganza

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

COST: no charge; suggested donation \$5/person

VOLUNTEERS: contact Liz
edepalma@bethelwh.org

LUNCH: prepared by Men's Club; items available for purchase

QUESTIONS: info@bethelwh.org

Purim Day

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 AM *Shacharit* and *Megillah* Reading

12:00 PM Festive Purim Lunch and Learn

COST: no charge

LUNCH RSVP: tinyurl.com/PurimLandL

QUESTIONS: info@bethelwh.org



★ Honoring - MLK on Mitzvah Day

On January 15, Beth El Temple joined forces with JTConnect for a Mitzvah Day in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The day began with featured speaker Bob Fishman, a local Civil Rights activist and advocate for refugees. Selections from the documentary “Shared Legacies” were shown while the younger volunteers enjoyed age-appropriate books and discussion with Rabbi Zerlin.



Rabbi Zerlin with younger helpers



Debra, Marci, Ronit, Caroline

With the generous donations from the Men's Club and JTConnect, we were able to provide many of the supplies needed for all of the activities.



A very efficient assembly line

Projects

Cook dinner for *Open Hearth Men's Shelter*

Assemble bags for parents of PICU patients at CCMC

Braid dog chews for *Dog Star Rescue*

Make cards for *Lone Israeli Soldiers*

Sew blanket squares with *KNITzvah* (see page 13)

Bag lunches for *Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen*

Assemble bags for homeless youth at *Angels of Edgewood*

Participants

Marci Alter and
Ronit Shoham,
co-chairs

Jonathan Alter
Melanie Bazer
Alli Benthien
Erica Bloch
Ali Bluestone
Avi Bluestone
Joshy Bluestone
Noah Bluestone
Jake Chaletsky
BJ Diamond
Alysa Dudley
Elora Esposito

Jocelyn Esposito
Ally Feingold
Ben Feingold
Lea Feingold
Rebecca Feingold
Arthur Freedman
Laura Girsky
Marilyn Goldberg
Talia Geoghegan
Phyllis Grable-Esposito
Joni Harris
Ryan Harris
Charles Heaton
Gretchen Heaton
Rowan Heaton
Thea Heaton

Kim Howe
Penelope Iacobucci
Ralph Kadden
David Kelly
Jacob Kempner
Jeremy Kempner
Julia Kempner
Kimberly Kempner
Kat Kluger
Ili Kopelman
Max Kopelman
Mike Kopelman
Barry Nemirow
Mina Nemirow
Lisa Nollman
Amy Raider

Evelyn Raider
Lili Rojek
John Rosenberg
Laura Rosenberg
Deborah Rosenfeld
Eliana Rosenfield
Judy Rosenthal
Abby Rothstein
Ben Rothstein
Jake Rothstein
Tara Rothstein
Laurie Salzberg
Sam Shefsky
Leslie Silvers
Adam Simmons
Elizabeth Simmons

Rachel Simmons
Marge Swaye
Rick Swaye
Fran Weinberger
Debby Weisen Kelly
Carolyn Weiser
Rivkah Zerlin

BET Clergy

Rabbi Jim Rosen
Rabbi Rachel Zerlin

JTConnect Staff

Caroline Poland,
Executive Dir.
Debra Raviv,
Program Dir.

★ 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 not just 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 can 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, Wed, April 5**.

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Passover Service Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

EVE Search for Chametz with a candle and feather

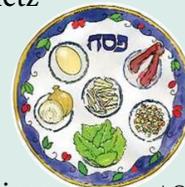
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 AM Fast of the Firstborn Service and Study Session, followed by breakfast* ZOOM

10:30 AM Deadline to sell Chametz

7:03 PM Candle Lighting

EVENING First Seder @ home (no evening service)



THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 AM Festival Morning Services LS

12:15 PM Festival Mincha Services LS

8:04 PM Candle Lighting

EVENING Second Seder @ home (no evening service)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 AM Festival Morning Services LS

6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Friday Night Services LS

7:05 PM Candle Lighting

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

5:30 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv Services ZOOM

7:09 PM Candle Lighting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:30 AM Festival Morning Services LS

5:30 PM Festival Mincha/Ma'ariv Services LS

8:10 PM Candle Lighting

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 AM Festival Morning Services (Yizkor recited) LS

12:15 PM Festival Mincha Services LS

8:09 PM Havdallah Lighting

8:30 PM Closing Ma'ariv (modified) & Havdallah Services ZOOM ONLY

* Sponsored by Susan & Robert Gold, in memory of Leo Gold z"l

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!

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.



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

Haggadah Share

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

12:45 PM

COST: no charge

INFORMATION: rzerin@bethelwh.org

Do you have a favorite Haggadah? Are you looking for something new to freshen up your seder table? Join Rabbi Zerin after kiddush for a Passover Haggadah Share – bring a favorite Haggadah, share a favorite page, or come learn about something new.

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

PICK UP: Sun, April 2, noon-2pm;

Mon-Tue, April 3-4, during office hours

RESERVE A JAR: Temple Office or

tinyurl.com/BEHorseradish

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

Making Horseradish

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky,
dpk18@hotmail.com

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



★ Marking - Passover to Shavuot

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.

★ Observing Together - Modern Holidays

Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

begins Monday evening, April 17

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.

Men's Club will mail yellow candles to all Temple members residing in CT. Out-of-state members will be mailed candles upon request; please reserve by Friday, March 10.

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.

See page 15 to help assemble the packages.



44th Annual Holocaust Commemoration

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Beth El Temple

Community-Wide Reading of the Names

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Mandell JCC

CONTACT: Kathy Fishman, 860-808-9108,
kathy@ctvoicesofhope.org

SPONSORS: Voices of Hope, Mandell JCC

Yom HaZikaron

Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror

begins Monday evening, April 24

Memorial Day in Israel is a somber day with ceremonies to honor those who fought to protect the State and People of Israel. Nearly everyone in Israel has lost someone in a war or terror attack. Even the music on the radio is sad.



Take time on this day to read about Israeli soldiers or to support a *chayal boded* (lone soldier), who made *aliyah* and fights for their adopted country.

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Israel's Independence Day

begins Tuesday evening, April 25

Yom HaZikaron ends in true Israeli fashion, with the beginning of this special day of parties, parades, bonfires, and more.



Wear blue and white, eat falafel, buy Israeli products, and make a donation to an Israeli charity as you celebrate Israel on this day.

Israel Shabbat Service & Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

5:30 PM Crudites

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv
(open to all, RSVP not needed)

7:00 PM Community Dinner

COST FOR DINNER: \$20/ adult, \$12/children,
free/children 0-4 (\$65 household max);
contact Rabbi Zerin if cost is a concern

RSVP FOR DINNER: tinyurl.com/BETIsrael428
QUESTIONS: Rabbi Zerin, rzerin@bethelwh.org;
Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org

NOTE: meat dinner catered by Yosi's

Celebrate *Yom HaAtzma'ut* with a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service and Israeli themed Shabbat dinner! Rabbi Rachel Zerin will share her experience from Voices of Hope's March of the Living trip, during which the delegation will march together in solidarity in Poland on *Yom HaShoah* and in Jerusalem on Israel's 75th birthday.

★ Lifelong Learning - Calendars & Counting

THE JEWISH CALENDAR, CHAPTER 6:

Holidays – Some are Longer Outside of Israel ✧ Jason Kay

Why is it that many Jews all over the world celebrate some of the holidays for a day longer than Jews in Israel? While the Reform movement has stopped the practice of the additional day of holidays, the Conservative movement, and in particular, our Beth El Temple community, continues this practice. So what is it, and why do we do it?

This practice, known as *Yom Tov Sheini* (second festival day), stems from the Jewish calendar being a lunar system with months of either 29 or 30 days (the lunar cycle is approximately 29.5 days). Shabbat occurs every seven days, and therefore, even back in antiquity, it was easy to keep track of when the next Shabbat would be. The dates of all other holidays, however, are defined in the Torah as being on a particular day of a given month. Passover, for example, is on the fifteenth day of its month.

To determine the proper day on which a holiday starts, it's necessary to know the first day of each month. Before the Jewish people had a fixed calendar, the *Sanhedrin* (Jewish court) had to determine when each month began. Once the first day of the month was established, it's simply a matter of counting from that day to the correct holiday starting date. Unfortunately, determining the first day of the month was not simply a matter of counting.

In the days of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, a day was declared to be the first day of a new month based on the testimony of witnesses. When these people "saw" the new moon (though you can't actually see the new moon), they would bring this news to the Temple. The *Sanhedrin* would determine if, in fact, the new month had begun, and when it was so, the news would begin to spread. Bonfires were lit on the mountain tops of Jerusalem, and lookouts on other mountaintops would light their own fires when they saw them in the distance. And thus, the news of the new month would spread far and wide throughout the land of Israel and all the way to places in the diaspora. Over time, however, the fire method was replaced by messengers carrying the news to the far-flung communities.

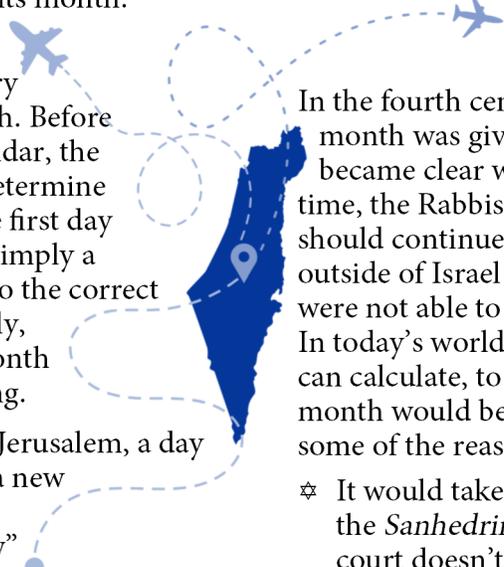
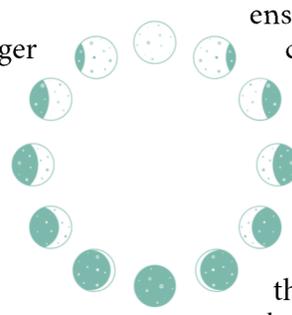
Unfortunately, it took many days for the news to make its way to communities outside of Israel. To

ensure that a holiday was celebrated on the correct day, it was decided that the holiday would be observed as if the previous month were both 29 and 30 days. When the news finally made its way to them, they would know when the actual day was, and the correction could be made. And this is how it worked every month. Every holiday was, therefore, for communities outside of Israel, one day longer than prescribed in the Torah. All biblically ordained holidays are subject to this extra day, except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is two days, even in Israel, because it occurs on the first day of the month. Being so early in the month, even those living in Israel may not have realized until it was too late that the holiday had arrived (the other holidays fall later in the month so those in Israel already have heard the news). And Yom Kippur, because of the difficulty of a two-day fast, is only one day long, even outside of Israel.

In the fourth century CE, the calendar was fixed; each month was given a certain number of days, and it became clear when each holiday would begin. At the time, the Rabbis of the Talmud declared that we should continue to observe two days of a holiday outside of Israel in case a time would come when Jews were not able to study the law and keep our calendar. In today's world, however, we have computers that can calculate, to the microsecond, when the new month would begin. So why do we still do it? Here are some of the reasons:

- ✧ It would take a holy court, one even greater than the *Sanhedrin*, to reverse the ruling, and such a court doesn't exist.
- ✧ Israel is such a holy place that it takes only one day for those in Israel to experience the holiness of holidays. Outside of Israel, it takes two days.
- ✧ In the words of Tevya, *Tradition!* It is our tradition to celebrate the second day of *Yom Tov*, and we will continue to do so forever.

So what do you think? Does our scientific knowledge of the calendar eliminate the need for the extended holidays or does one of the above reasons resonate with you?



★ 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 our website, login required.

Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

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

Classes are both on Zoom and in person, unless otherwise noted.

Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS

12:00 – 1:00 PM

NOTE: no class 4/4, 4/11



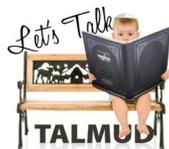
Now in its 29th year, Rabbi Rosen invites you to join us as we explore the Hebrew Bible together. Having completed the entire Bible last year, we are back at the beginning as we study *B'reisheet*.

Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Zoom
only



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

Bible & Breakfast

THURSDAYS

8:00 – 9:00 AM

NOTE: no class 4/6, 4/13



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

THURSDAYS

1:30 – 2:30 PM

NOTE: no class 4/6, 4/13



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.

Classes with Clergy

Jewish Ideas That Help Change Lives

with Rabbi Rosen

THURSDAYS, MARCH 2, 9, 16

7:00 – 8:00 PM

COST: no charge

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETIdeas2023



Zoom option available

In this class, we'll explore some of the ideas and attitudes that have allowed Jews to flourish and that have enriched countless lives for people of all backgrounds. They aren't always what you might expect! We will explore: whenever possible, start with meaning ■ to answer "why" start with "how" ■ peace of mind is often a problem ■ idolatry didn't end, it only shifted ■ rest is a spiritual activity ■ *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) is also an inner task

Musical Chat with Cantor Ness

MONDAYS

ZOOM

APR. 24 *Night*

7:00 – 9:30 PM

Watch, then discuss Ness's Holocaust Project concert recorded in 2019.

MAY 29 *Reapers and Seekers* 1:00 – 2:00 PM



Dirshuni – Israeli Women's Midrash and the Missing Half of the Jewish Bookshelf

with Rabbi Zerin

1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS, IN MARCH, MAY, AND JUNE 7

5:30 PM Minyan

6:00 PM Dinner & Class Zoom option available

COST: \$10/class, includes a light dinner; no charge for Zoom or if not eating (contact Rabbi Zerin if cost prevents you from registering)

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETDirshuni

QUESTIONS: Michelle Kunzman,

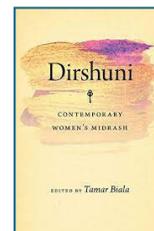
860-729-4201,

michellekunzman1@gmail.com

CO-SPONSORS: Women's Network,

Israel Engagement Committee

NOTE: not meeting in April



What can we discover if we read between the lines of the Torah? What backstories were we never told? *Dirshuni* is a collection of *Midrashim* – imaginative interpretations of the Torah – written by modern Israeli women who answer these questions and more. We will read and discuss the texts from *Dirshuni*, adding both the authors' voices and our own voices to the centuries' old tradition of interpreting the Torah.

No previous knowledge or background necessary. All are welcome to these classes; join us for one or more classes – each stands on its own & enhances the others.

★ Doing Mitzvot

KNITZvah Group

SUNDAYS, MARCH 12, APRIL 16
10:00 – 11:00 AM

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

We create “lapghans” and hats that are donated to social service agencies, nursing homes, and hospitals, both locally and in Israel. Bring your completed 10” x 10” squares for us to put together to (collectively) create lapghans. If you need yarn for new squares or hats, we have some skeins on hand. Don’t forget to bring your knitting needles for worsted weight (suggest #9 or 10) or crochet hook (suggest G or H), if you have them.

All are welcome to join us for kibbitzing, knitting, crocheting, and making something special to share with others! Thanks for brightening the days of the people who receive our creations!

And, in honor of Mitzvah Day (and Martin Luther King, Jr.), KNITZvah donated 12 lapghans, 10 hats, 3 scarves, and 6 little (welcome) dolls to the Connecticut Immigrant & Refugee Coalition (CIRC)! Thanks to Bob Fishman for making our “delivery” as easy as possible!

We especially enjoyed meeting the Mitzvah Day participants who chose to help us put together a lapghan that we will be giving to someone in need! Many thanks to all those who helped make this gift.

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



Chesed (Kindness) Committee Supporting Our Members

COORDINATOR: Leah Katz,
mitzvahbethel@gmail.com

The Chesed Committee is a group of volunteers dedicated to helping our members in times of need. Whether it's due to an illness, the loss of a loved one, or some other challenge, we are here to provide the needed support. This may include providing some meals, assisting with errands, or simply a friendly phone call.

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Could you use some assistance? Please contact us.

3-Season Opportunities

Jessie's Community Garden

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

Jessie's Community Garden at BET starts its second decade! The season begins in early April.

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 will feed your soul while you help raise crops to feed your neighbors. Jessie's Community Garden at BET is a great way to spend an hour a week while performing an important mitzvah.

Whom we need:

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

Annual Passover
horseradish sale:
see page 9.



Garden Club News

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Alison Demarest, 860-810-2084,
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Robin Santiago, 860-490-7661,
robin@rsantiagodmd.com

DONATIONS: 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 2023 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 b'nai mitzvah projects. Volunteers are invited to come with friends, as a family, or solo.

★ Making Connections

United Synagogue Youth

Indoor Ropes Course

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

1:00 – 4:30 PM

LOCATION: IT Adventure Ropes Course, 40 Sargent Dr, New Haven

Cost: \$42/person, includes transportation

REGISTER: usy.org/haner2223



We take on the largest indoor ropes course in the world!

Shabbat Around the World

FRIDAYS: MARCH 17, APRIL 21, MAY 19

COST: \$15/dinner

Explore the culture and cuisine of Jewish communities around the world in this series of Shabbat dinners.

This program is made possible through the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

Shabbat Morning Hangouts

SATURDAYS, TBA

COST: no charge

Monthly Shabbat morning programming with games, activities, discussions, and more.

LOCATION: both Shabbat programs alternate between Beth El Temple and The Emanuel Synagogue

Other USY programming, regional programs and conventions, local social and social justice activities, and more will be announced throughout the year.

CONTACT: Marisa and Max, whusyadvisor@gmail.com

AGES: grades 6-12



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Library Corner

Love and Marriage ☆ Roberta J. Buland

It's been said not to judge a book by its cover. However, Lynda Cohen Loigman's novel, *The Matchmaker's Gift*, is an exception! Bright, calming mini-artwork on the theme of weddings draws one to the cover's magic colors.



The Matchmaker's Gift tells the story of a grandmother, Sara Glickman, an immigrant who settled on the Lower East Side of New York City, a haven for poor newcomers from Europe. She discovers that she has a gift for matching soulmates. However, being a matchmaker at that time was solely a religious man's profession. It was abhorrent to them because she was an unmarried woman, and they let her know it. However, Sara is cagey in that she does not reveal

her gift for several years, and often the matched couple does not know how they got together. Fast forward two generations to Sara's granddaughter, Abby, an attorney representing wealthy clients. She discovers she possesses her grandmother's gift for soul-matching. Marriage themes abound throughout the work such as can love at first sight occur.

Loigman introduces readers to another aspect of how women can advance themselves in a man's world and the challenges it involves including terrible threats by men. Sara is not competing, often not even charging for her God-given gift, but the men counter that she is taking bread from their families. This page-turner challenges readers to consider another aspect of women's lib that all of us know so well. Liberal-leaning men may also enjoy Lynda's book.

See page 3 for the Women's Network book event.

★ Making Connections, cont.

Men's Club



Breakfast Buffet and Package Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 9:15 – 11:30 AM

COST: no charge

INFORMATION: see page 10 for more details

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

Enjoy a breakfast buffet as we package Yellow Candles for Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day.

Annual Membership Dinner

THURSDAY, MAY 11 6:00 – 8:30 PM

All Men's Club members will receive an invitation.

Distinguished Service Award

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Mark your calendars to honor Judy and David Rosenthal.

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, sbernste@aol.com

Rethinking Genesis I: Are We as Exceptional as We Think We Are?

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 10:00 AM

LOCATION: The Emanuel Synagogue,
160 Mohegan Dr, West Hartford

COST: no charge

REGISTER: by 3/21, jtconnect.org/celebrate

Co-Sponsors: The Emanuel Synagogue,
JTConnect, and Beth El Temple

Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by a discussion with Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Vice Chancellor of Religious Life and Engagement at the Jewish Theological Seminary.



PJS Challenges, Meet the Owner

MONDAY, MARCH 27 7:00 PM

COST: no charge

RSVP: mrsjharris@gmail.com

INFORMATION: www.pjschallenges.com

Perry Sugarman will be in West Hartford to speak about his travels and opportunities to join him on a trip that keeps kosher and observes Shabbat.

NOTE: this is an independent program

★ Spotlight on a Member - Kosher Kilimanjaro

Stepping Outside Your Boundaries ☆ Joni Harris

Have you ever considered doing something that was never before on your radar and thought, WHY NOT? That's what happened to me in March, 2021. I came across a friend's post on Facebook about climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with *PJS Challenges*, a company providing once in a lifetime Kosher/Shomer Shabbat trips around the world. That's when it hit me, WHY NOT!

It was October 2022, when my friend and I found ourselves setting out for 12 days, not knowing what to expect. What I experienced was the TRIP of a LIFETIME!

Perry began to offer kosher and Shomer Shabbos trips because he believes everyone should take on an adventure at least once in their lifetime, and being an observant Jew shouldn't restrict your opportunities. With a climb like this, our bodies needed to rest. Stopping on Shabbat helped our bodies to acclimatize to the altitude and get that much-needed break. On Perry's trips, Shabbat is always spent in a magical location.

We began in Tanzania, meeting our group and packing our bags for our 7-day mountain climb. By day 3, we started the journey to Kilimanjaro. The drive to the mountain exposed us to a simpler and seemingly happier way of life. We ended with a 2-day safari, also through PJS challenges. It was nothing less than thrilling to see animals in their natural habitat, a bucket list must-do!

We made life-long friends. Our group of 6 climbers included: 4 from Israel plus my friend and me. We ranged in age from 28-76. This journey taught me that age is irrelevant so, as I start thinking about my next adventure, I wonder who will join me.

Article trimmed for spacing, please check out Joni's full report at tinyurl.com/JonitoKili.



★ Engaging Generations

Welcome to New Members

Brandi & Daniel Cotton with Sophie, Jonah, and Samuel
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Gerri & Larry Wile

Mazel Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush

Alpert family in celebration of Lance's 50th Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Rivka Dvorin in honor of husband Arthur Freedman's birthday

Alison & Alan Gittleman in honor of granddaughters Pauline and Alex Golder leading services

Sharon & Neil Kochen and Amy & Charles Rudnick for Jonathan and Julie's Aufruf

Of Blessed Memory

Rebecca Derosa, daughter of Marlena Derosa
Marilyn Goldberg, mother of David Goldberg and Sharon Schreiber

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Arthur Schuman, husband of Toby Schuman

Steven Buchman, brother of Fredda Goldstein

Linda Butler, sister of Michael Butler and Jay Butler

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

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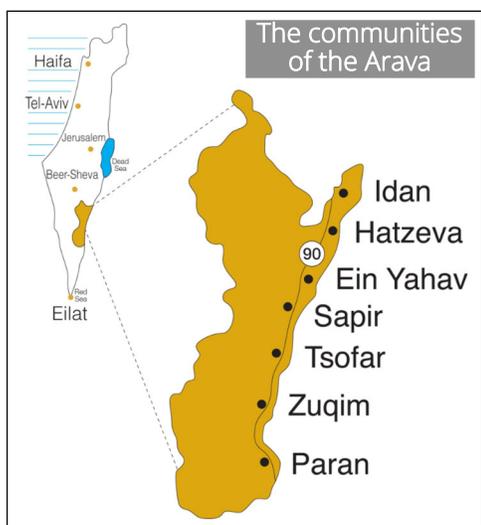
★ Israel Engagement Committee

Tikkun Olam - The Israeli Green Revolution ☆ Robin Santiago

Who would believe that the Arava, a small strip of desert along the Jordan River between Beersheva and Eilat, is home to one of the most vibrant experiments in agriculture? A thriving educational powerhouse, this community is passing on this knowledge to communities in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, the Western hemisphere, and Europe – a global reach indeed! Israel has always been willing and eager to share her knowledge and knowhow – it's in our DNA.



over the globe, turning farmers into entrepreneurs who can create sustainable farms and related businesses in their home countries. Graduates number over 25K and come from 16 countries in Africa and Asia, all benefiting from this newly acquired agricultural expertise.



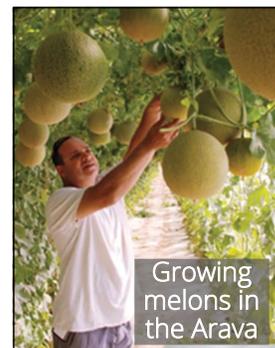
By the isolated SE frontier, along the fenceless border with Jordan, sit a series of 7 communities from Idan in the north to Faran in the south. This area is not connected to the National Water Grid

and receives less than 1" of rainfall annually, yet these 600 family farms produce 50% of Israel's fresh vegetable exports! Each farm is assigned a window within which they may water their crops, so precision is KEY! Through very effective water use and incredible agriculture research and design, they are a world leader in advanced arid agriculture. Sustainable agriculture is essential in meeting the challenges of our increasing world population and the annual desertification of some 12 million hectares of fertile land.

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The Arava Institute for Environmental Sciences (AIES) provides educational programs, research centers, and international initiatives focused on environmental issues. Every year some 50 students from the region and around the world come to study there, building bridges between communities to solve issues of great concern to the health and well-being of the planet we share and the peoples who inhabit her. JNF funding supports these and other critical projects in sustainable agriculture and water conservation.



Join us in the near future to learn more about these amazing programs.

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