

Temple Topics

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Where's Purim?



5:00 PM
Mask Making

5:30 PM
✧ Family Megillah Reading
✧ Interactive Story
✧ Purim Songs

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 PM
Purim Festival

Carnival Games Face Painting
Indoor Mini Golf Bounce House
Amazing Andy's Magic and Juggling
free admission; \$5/person, for games

Vashti's Lounge with Adult Drinks

Food for Sale

On Purim, it is a mitzvah to give Matanot La'evyonim, gifts to the poor. Please help us by bringing in a box of pasta to be used as a noise-maker during the Megillah reading and then to be donated to the Kosher Food Pantry.

7:30 PM

Ma'ariv and The Gantza Megillah
(full reading of Megillat Esther)

and
BEMA presents.....

Broadway meets Purim

Sunday, March 20, 2016, 7 pm; see page 3

★ From the Rabbi's Desk

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We Couldn't Be Happier ✧ Rabbi Ilana Garber

It was Glinda, the Good Witch in the musical *Wicked*, who sang:

*We couldn't be happier,
Right, dear?
Couldn't be happier
Right here...*

Happiness is contagious. Happiness is, to quote Charlie Brown, "two kinds of ice cream." Happiness is joy, blessing, gratitude, *simcha*. Happiness is what we experience in the Hebrew month of Adar. As our tradition teaches, *mishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha*, when the month of Adar begins, our joy increases. This year, with a leap year in the Jewish calendar, we add an entire extra month of Adar, so our joy is increased even more. It's a festive, happy, blissful two months!

On the holiday of Purim during Adar (the second Adar; March 23-24), we experience and express this joy as we celebrate how Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai saved the Jewish people from Haman's evil plot. This holiday has so many intriguing concepts to explore: the makings of a "modern" family, the sexuality of living in the king's harem, the rise to power and influence of someone with evil intentions, and a woman's heroism and bravery just in the nick of time. But this year, as I count my blessings and share my gratitude, and indeed as we all take stock of our lives, let's celebrate Purim as a true expression of joy: we are happy. Happy to be Jewish, happy to be here, and happy to be together.

And then, let's take a moment to recall the 4 mitzvot of Purim:

- 1 – To hear Megilat Esther, the Scroll of Esther (we'll read excerpts during the 5:30pm Purim Festival on 3/23 and then in full on 3/23 at 7:30pm and again on 3/24 at 7am)
- 2 – To have a festive Purim meal (you can buy a yummy dinner at the Purim Festival beginning at 6pm on 3/23)
- 3 – To give Mishloach Manot, gifts of food items to friends (remember to participate in our Beth El Mishloach Manot program)
- 4 – To give Matanot L'evyonim, monetary gifts to the poor – tradition says we should give at least enough so that someone can afford to eat a festive meal on Purim (we'll collect money at our Purim programs to be given to charities both locally and in Israel)

As we began Adar, our joy increased. As we celebrate Purim, our gratitude multiplies. As we share holidays together as a Beth El community, our happiness continues to overflow. May we experience true joy and happiness together in the months and years to come. To quote Pharrell Williams:

*Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof
Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth...*

Purim Sameakh! Have a Happy Purim!



★ Enjoying Beth El

PLAYBILL



Don your favorite theatrical costume and join us for the second concert of the season. We welcome Barrie Kreinik back to Beth El to sing on her home stage, along with Beth El's rising stars Sydney Weiser and Heather Bienstock. All will be accompanied by Beth El's own Mat Saidel on piano.

2nd Avenue Deli
Pre-Concert Dinner
Sunday, March 20
5:30 PM

RSVP: by 3/17 at noon,
Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,
dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com
DINNER: \$10/adult, \$8/child
BUNDLED DINNER/CONCERT: \$25
NOTE: dinner and bundle payments
accepted only at dinner door
SPONSOR: Men's Club

The 2015-2016 Music Series at Beth El

Cantor Joseph Ness, DIRECTOR
Sundays, 7:00 PM

II. Broadway Meets Purim March 20
See above.

III. Yom Yerushalayim Celebration June 5
Israeli singer Gon Halevi; Brahms violin concerto, and more!

COST: per concert: \$20/person; \$15/senior (62+) and students; FREE for children 12 and under

Support the music at Beth El and become a Sponsor – it's not too late! Visit the website for the Sponsor Form with details about pricing (one-third off!) and the benefits of being a subscriber.

Hollywood and the Jews - with Cantor Ness

2016 Music University Lecture Series continues
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

A cultural initiative showcasing Jewish experience, beliefs, and values expressed through music and the arts.

March 2 Examine the lives and careers of Hollywood's Jewish composers, and hear the acclaimed violin/viola duo of Miller and Porfiris accompany a silent film!

March 9 Panel discussion with movie critic David Edelstein and filmmaker Hilan Warshaw. Premiere of Warshaw's film *Lyric Suite: A Musical Love Story* about innovative 20th-century Viennese composer, Alban Berg.

RSVP FOR EACH LECTURE: Temple Office, for planning purposes
COST: \$8 at door, only on 3/9, for the film (\$5 for BEMA subscribers)
CO-SPONSORS: Beth El Music & Arts, the Lifelong Learning Committee, and Men's Club

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Fridays, weekly 10:00 AM - NOON

bebe – Beth El Babies Exploring

This informal pre-Shabbat group gives moms a chance to enjoy coffee while meeting and networking with other moms and their children.

NOTE: Beth El membership is not required

Saturdays, weekly 9:30 AM - NOON

Children's Playroom UP TO AGE 5

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

Friday, March 4 6:00 PM

Family Service GRADES 3-6

All students are invited to lead prayers with their classes. Children who play a musical instrument and wish to accompany a prayer should contact Rabbi Garber.

Saturdays, Mar. 5, Apr. 2 DURING SERVICES

Birthday Shabbat ALL AGES!

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

Saturdays, Mar. 12 & 26 11:00 AM - NOON

Tumbling with Torah UP TO AGE 5

A program of stories, songs, activities, a snack, and a chance to tumble on fun equipment. We end together on the *bima* for Kiddush and a treat.

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

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

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

Shabbat Family Experience GRADES K-2

An age-appropriate Shabbat service; families will learn about the weekly Torah portion and enjoy special activities.

LEADER: Adrian Durlister, aka Mr. D

Friday, March 18 5:45 - 6:45 PM

PJ Shabbat UP TO AGE 5

Kids' Club Shabbat AGES 5-8

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

DINNER: follows for all participants, chicken nuggets for kids and Shabbat hors d'oeuvres for parents; no charge
RSVP: hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9891

Saturday, March 26 11:00 AM - NOON

Shabbat Zone GRADES 3-6

A fun and interactive way for kids to experience Shabbat; snacks, prizes, games and fun!

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Friday, March 4

Hors d'Oeuvres & Candlelighting 5:30 PM

Family & Traditional Services 6:00 PM

Community Dinner 7:00 PM

Tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to pray, eat, drink, relax, enjoy, debate, and celebrate at this 19th annual event.

FAMILY SERVICE: see description to the left

QUESTIONS: 860-233-9891

COST: \$14/person, \$5/kid (ages 1-5)

RSVP: paid reservation by 3/2

Shabbat Spectacular! Saturday, Mar. 26
10:00 AM - NOON

Religious school comes on a Saturday this week!

- ✧ For ALL Religious School students, grades Nursery - 7
- ✧ Family service led by Rabbi David and Mr. D.
- ✧ Parent Program with Rabbi Garber
- ✧ Grades 6 and 7 will join the JCL Service
- ✧ Educational Programming by grade
- ✧ Students attending Solomon Schechter Day School, or other programs, are invited

NOTE: in lieu of school on Sunday, March 27

JCL Special Needs Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 26, 10:30 AM

This joyous and exuberant service is open to adults who have special needs as well as other worshippers who enjoy a shorter, meaningful service filled with *ruach* (spirit and energy). The service typically includes the singing of prayers, storytelling by Sara deBeer, a Torah parade, and Shabbat-appropriate activities based on the theme of the service.

LEADERS: Nancy Rosen; and Susan Fried and Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene, Judaic Coordinators of JCL

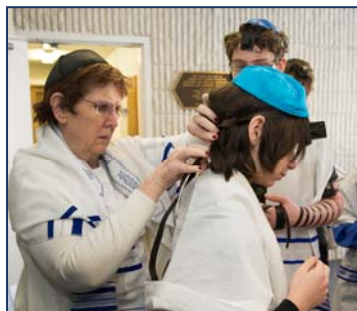
NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows the service

Shabbat Mincha

Saturdays, 12:30 PM

New for 2016! Year-round, the Shabbat Mincha (afternoon) service will be shortly after the Morning Service, as we do during the summer. There will be Ma'ariv & Havdalah services only when an evening Bar or Bat Mitzvah is scheduled.

★ Worshipping Together - World Wide Wrap



★ Doing Mitzvot

Charter Oak Project

Cook Sun, 3/6, 4/3 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Serve Mon, 3/7, 4/4 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Prepare and serve dinner for Hartford schoolchildren and their families. Volunteers also needed to shop and deliver the food to Charter Oak. Donations are welcome.

LOCATION: cook at Beth El, serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center, Charter Oak Ave, Hartford
CONTACT: Kerry Rausch, rausch.kerry@gmail.com, 860-232-3591, or Craig Diamond, craigpdiamond@yahoo.com, 860-461-0263

Mishloach Manot - Help Needed

Packaging Thu, March 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Delivery Fri, March 18, 9:00 AM - NOON
Sunday, March 20

Orders have been placed, and now it is time to prepare and deliver the gifts. Remember, these gifts are going to hundreds of Beth El Temple members

VOLUNTEER: Marci Alter, 860-676-2248, mbajba1@gmail.com, Amy Goldman, 860-232-0790, amygoldman@comcast.net

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

Mon, Mar. 7, Apr. 4
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford
CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, ginky81434@hotmail.com

KNITzvah Group

Sun, Mar. 13, Apr 10
10:00 - 11:30 AM

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

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

Beth El and Torah Values

In Leviticus 19:14, the Torah states: "You shall not curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind..." This command (mitzvah) is very relevant when it comes to the issue of fragrance sensitivity. Very many people are affected by fragrance sensitivity. Exposure to fragrances can have serious health effects on affected individuals, and make it impossible for them to attend services, classes, and other functions. So, next time, *before* you apply fragranced materials, please think of Torah and its implications for Jewish values and behavior.



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

★ Lifelong Learning

Intermediate Hebrew Thursdays 10 week class 11:00 AM - NOON

Hebrew reading and basic Judaic Studies.

TEACHER: Sidra Sperling

REGISTER: School office, 860-233-9891

COST: no charge, thanks to a generous sponsor

NOTE: classes began 2/18; for Beth El members only

Worries Go Down Better with Chicken Soup: Stories about Being Jewish Saturday, March 12, 7:30 PM

Featuring author Matthew Dicks.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Israel

CONTACT: office@JTConnect.org; 860-727-6110

COST: \$36; sponsorships available

SPONSOR: JTConnect

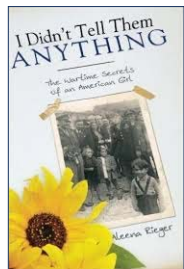
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CONTACT: Carol Johnson, 860-584-2392,
johnson2318@sbcglobal.net

LIBRARY CORNER A Personal Story and a City's Story ☆ Roberta J. Buland

Personal stories are fascinating. Done well, they evoke emotion, passion, history and life's secrets. First and second-generation Holocaust survivors began to tell their stories but it was often too late for grandchildren to ask them questions. In *I Didn't Tell Them Anything: The Wartime Secrets of an American Girl*, Aleena Rieger explains she was never allowed to talk about where she was born, her family's WWII



experiences, and her mother's illness. She eventually came to America, married, and had children and grandchildren who began asking questions about her past. With her parents no longer living, she had no one to censure her, but she also couldn't ask them to fill the gaps in her knowledge. Rieger's research found long-held secrets of the family's narrow escapes from Nazi and Soviet regimes and why they had to keep those secrets.

Both books are available in the Beth El Library. To check out any of our hundreds of books, many from best seller lists: Carol Johnson, johnson2318@sbcglobal.net, or Betty Hoffman, bhoffman3@comcast.net.

Weekly Classes New participants welcome

Mondays 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Personal & Family History Workshop

Join this fun writer's group as we put our personal/family histories on paper. We'll help you get started.

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

COST: no charge, Beth El members only

Tuesdays NOON - 1:00 PM

Lunch & Learn

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

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Talmud Study

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

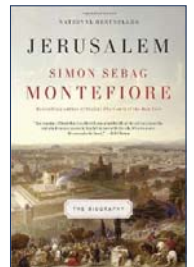
Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Bible & Breakfast

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

Published in 2011, *Jerusalem*, by Simon Sebag Montefiore, received extensive critical acclaim including: "Spectacular. [He] really tells [about what] the life of the city has been like and why it means so much to everyone... It breaks your heart that people can't make peace over it..."

President Bill Clinton. "Sweeping and absorbing... Montefiore is a master of colorful and telling details and anecdotes... the book is the city's first "biography," *New York Review of Books*. "Impossible to put down," Jonathan Rosen, *New York Times Book Review*. Drawing on new archives, current scholarship, his own family papers and a lifetime's study, Montefiore illustrates the essence of sanctity and mysticism, identity and empire in a historical chronicle of the city of Jerusalem. The author does not provide a history of the monotheistic religions nor a study of the nature of God in Jerusalem. Rather, it is a synthesis based on wide reading of ancient and modern primary sources; on personal seminars with specialists, professors, archaeologists, families and statesmen; and on Montefiore's visits to Jerusalem.



★ Religious School Happenings

Aleph Siddur Decorating

At this annual program for 3rd graders, Rabbi Garber presented "Jewish Spiritual Parenting" – a new book by Rabbi Paul Kipnes & Michelle November, MSSW – to the parents as they came together to decorate a siddur cover with their child. The parents are invited to read the book and join Rabbi Garber for a discussion on Sunday, March 20, at 9am. Parents were so excited to join together on this journey of learning about the

"wisdom, activities, rituals and prayers for raising children with spiritual balance and emotional wellness." It's all here at Beth El: Community You Can Believe In.



Mitzvot & Munchies

Please extend my deepest appreciation to the Beth El Mitzvah Committee and the children that made the Mount Sinai "Kids Bags." The bags will be given to children needing a distraction from the hospital setting, children needing an activity to engage in during their visit with a family member or loved one, and children that spend time on our units. The bags are filled with so many terrific activities, thoughtful items, and personalized notes. The stickers are a warm and special touch!

Please let the children know that this project was most generous and the time they gave making the bags will be appreciated by many children throughout the year.



Warmest Thanks,
Mount Sinai Rehabilitation
Hospital



★ March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
February 28 19 Adar I 8:00 AM Hamantashen Baking	29 20 Adar I	March 1 21 Adar I 7:45 AM Trip to Mayyim Hayyim	2 22 Adar I 7:00 PM BEMA Music University
6 26 Adar I 9:00 AM Aleph Class Siddur Program 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking	7 27 Adar I 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Dinner	8 28 Adar I 6:45 PM Board Mtg.	9 29 Adar I 7:00 PM BEMA Music University with Film
13 3 Adar II Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clocks forward) 10:00 AM MC/WN/CS Brunch Program 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group	14 4 Adar II	15 5 Adar II 7:30 PM MC Board Mtg.	16 6 Adar II
20 10 Adar II ALL DAY Mishloach Manot delivery 9:00 AM Aleph Parents Book Discuss. 5:30 PM MC Pre-Concert Dinner 6:30 PM Evening Minyan 7:00 PM BEMA Concert: Broadway Meets Purim	21 11 Adar II	22 12 Adar II 6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	23 13 Adar II Fast of Esther, Erev Purim 5:00 PM Mask Making 5:30 PM Where's Purim? 6:00 PM Festival 7:30 PM Gantza Megillah <div>No Religious School</div>
27 17 Adar II <div>No Religious School</div>	28 18 Adar II	29 19 Adar II	30 20 Adar II 6:00 PM Israeli Robotics Students Community Dinner
3 24 Adar II 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking 9:15 AM MC Breakfast & Yellow Candles Packaging 10:00 AM Board Meeting			

Daily Minyan Service Schedule

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

Evenings 7:30 PM Sunday through Thursday

Shabbat שבת

Friday 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday 9:30 AM Shacharit, Torah Service, Musaf
 12:30 PM Mincha (Afternoon Service)

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

unless
otherwise
noted in
bold in
the grid

Ongoing Weekly Programs

new students welcome; no registration required

Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn
 Wed. 10:30 AM Talmud Study
 Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast (not 3/24)
 Fri. 10:00 AM bebe - Beth El Babies Exploring
 Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>3 23 Adar I</p>	<p>4 24 Adar I 19th Annual Shabbat Across America 5:30 PM Hors d'Oeuvres & Candlelighting 6:00 PM Family Service 6:00 PM Traditional Chapel Service 7:00 PM Community Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting: 5:24 PM</p>	<p>5 25 Adar I <i>Parsha Vayak'hel / Shabbat Shekalim</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Maya Oberstein Havdalah: 6:25 PM</p>
<p>10 30 Adar I Rosh Chodesh</p>	<p>11 1 Adar II Rosh Chodesh Candle Lighting: 5:32 PM</p>	<p>12 2 Adar II <i>Parsha Pekudei</i> 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Experience 5:45 PM B/M Jessica Zweifler 7:30 PM JTConnect - an Evening of Storytelling Havdalah: 6:34 PM</p>
<p>17 7 Adar II 6:00 PM Mishloach Manot Packaging</p>	<p>18 8 Adar II 9:00 AM Mishloach Manot Packaging 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' Club Shabbat Candle Lighting: 6:40 PM</p>	<p>19 9 Adar II <i>Parshat Vayikra / Shabbat Zachor</i> 9:30 AM B/M Ross Kowalsky 6:50 PM B/M Jordan Shefsky Havdalah: 7:42 PM</p>
<p>24 14 Adar II Purim 7:00 AM Minyan and Megillah Reading 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Continues</p>	<p>25 15 Adar II Shushan Purim Candle Lighting: 6:48 PM</p>	<p>26 16 Adar II <i>Parsha Tzav</i> 10:00 AM Shabbat Spectacular with Tumbling with Torah / Shabbat Family Experience / Shabbat Zone 10:30 AM JCL Service 7:00 PM B/M Ruby Eisler Havdalah: 7:49 PM</p>
<p>31 21 Adar II 7:00 PM Empty Nester Moms</p>	<p>April 1 22 Adar II Candle Lighting: 6:56 PM</p>	<p>2 23 Adar II <i>Parsha Shemini</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Zachary Spivak Havdalah: 7:57 PM</p>

Multi-Week Classes

pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon. 1:00 PM Personal and Family History Workshop
 Mon. 7:00 PM Ulpan
 Thu. 11:00 AM Intermediate Hebrew
 Thu. 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Religious School ~ Special Activities

Sun. 3/6 9:00 AM Aleph Class Siddur Program
 Sun. 3/20 9:00 AM Aleph Class Parents Book Discussion
 Sun. 3/20 10:30 AM Hai Class JCL Program

No School: 3/23, 3/27

Please note the use of the following abbreviations:

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WN Women's Network PAG Parent Action Group

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Marcia & Herb Slotnick

Roslynn Sussman, daughter; Lena Sussman, mother-in-law

– **Beatrice Sussman**

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★ Enjoying Beth El

Women's Network goes to *The Chosen* at Playhouse on Park.



Dr. Richard Freund presented *The Rediscovery of Ancient Rhodes and the Jews of Rhodes* at the Men's Club Breakfast Program following the World Wide Wrap.



★ Making Connections

Pride, Honor and Courage: Jewish Women Remember World War II **Sunday, March 13** **Brunch Film & Speaker** **10:00 AM**

This documentary film utilizes oral history interviews and archival material. Although the men of the “Greatest Generation” have been chronicled many times, little has been written about the experiences of women in the military and on the home front. This film focuses on the compelling stories of many local Hartford women, representing the thousands who did their duty during this turbulent time in our country’s history.

Guest speaker: Estelle Kafer, Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford.

RSVP: by 3/10, Joe Springut, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, 860-676-9878

COST: \$10 (\$5 Men’s Club and paid Women’s Network members)

CO-SPONSORS: Men’s Club, Women’s Network, Chai Society

Israeli Friendship Dinner **Wed, March 30** **6:00 PM**

Come meet the Israeli High School Robotics Teams and their advisors! They are here for the Annual International Fire Fighting Robotics Contest at Trinity College, April 2-3. Dinner will be followed by student presentations of their robots.

LOCATION: Beth El Temple

COST: \$18/adult, \$10/child (12 and under)

RSVP: by 3/25, with payment and form

FORM: on the website, under Events and Registration

SPONSORS: \$18/dinner for an Israeli Student or Advisor

QUESTIONS: Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com, 860-561-4415

NOTE: open to the entire community

It’s So Quiet - Is This Really My House?! **Empty Nester Moms*** **Thursday, Mar. 31** **7:00 - 8:30 PM**

How do you stay close to your children who no longer live with you? Do you have special times to connect with phone calls or skype? How has your relationship with them changed? Please join us around a cozy woodstove to discuss the excitement and challenges of this stage of our lives.

LOCATION: home of Alison Demarest, Avon

INFORMATION/RSVP: Lonni Schulz, LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net, 860-651-0072; or Alison, alisonsupermom@comcast.net, 860-673-7421 (home), 860-810-2084 (cell)

*NOTE: if your youngest child has recently left home, you are invited to join this group

ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign - Help Beth El Grow

Do you know we have a membership referral benefit (to you, the referring member) as well as a new member promotion? If you know someone who might benefit from our incredible community – a Community You Can Believe In – or if you are someone looking for a warm, supportive, engaging, and intellectual Jewish community, please be in touch. This is the perfect time to join Beth El!

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9696

Breakfast and Yellow Candles Packaging **Sunday, April 3** **9:15 AM**

We will package the Yellow Candles for delivery to Beth El members. They will be lit on the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day so we will never forget!

RSVP: by 3/31, Joe Springut, dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com, 860-676-9878

COST: no charge

SPONSOR: Men’s Club

Keepers of the Flame 5776 **Sunday, April 10** **1:00 PM**

Jacob Kovel is Beth El’s honoree at this annual Brunch and Awards Program.

LOCATION: Beth El Temple

RSVP: by 3/24, invitations will follow

QUESTIONS: Phil Schulz, philschulz@sbcglobal.net, 860-651-0072

COST: \$25/adult; \$10/child

SPONSOR: Federation of Jewish Men’s Club, CT Valley Region

Join a Havurah **New Groups Being Formed**

Joining a Havurah enables small groups of Beth El members, couples and/or singles, of similar ages and interests, to meet on a regular basis. Together they can celebrate, socialize, learn and enrich Jewish lives in a small setting while being part of Beth El Temple.

CONTACT: Korine Ferraro, 860-584-0376, korinef@att.net

★ Engaging Generations

Welcome to New Members

Alissa Henesen
Daniel & Joanna Levenson
Matthew & Merissa Spector
Daniel Levin & Sarah Spielman

Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Yontef Mathog family, in honor of
Noah's Bar Mitzvah
Stanger family, in honor of Linda's
special birthday

Congratulations

Meryl & Mitchell Danitz, engagement
of daughter Sara to Noah Steinhardt
Rebecca & Andy Feingold, birth of
daughter, Allison Jane Feingold
Marsha & Warren Fisher, birth of
granddaughter, Jordyn Sophie Araj
Nancy & Dennis Gottfried, birth of
granddaughter, Diana Miriam Cahan

Of Blessed Memory

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Dr. Bruce Chozick
George Denes, husband of Edith
Denes, father of Marge Swaye
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Laurea at LEsau@bethelwh.org.

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

Information on Bar and Bat Mitzvah students
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Grandparents' Circle

How Jewish Will My Grandkids Be?

Wed, May 4, 11, 25, June 1, 8

6:00 - 7:30 PM

The Grandparents Circle is designed to help Jewish grandparents of
intermarried children pass their heritage on to the next generation.

NOTE: series of 5 educational and support sessions

REGISTRATION: cdeer@bethelwh.org

QUESTIONS: Laura Kinyon, LKinyon123@aol.com

COST: \$15 materials fee

FACILITATOR: Laura Kinyon, MSW, LCSW, Mothers Circle and Grandparents Circle Leader

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