

# Temple Topics

## Back to Beth El Carnival and Community Celebration

Thursday, September 8  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Featuring...

- ☆ Amazing Andy – Magic and Balloon Animals
- ☆ Inflatables for all ages
- ☆ Pizza Dinner and Snacks
- ☆ Meet our Religious School teachers and visit classrooms
- ☆ Celebrate organizations within Beth El – BEMA, Chai Society, Israel Engagement, Men's Club, Women's Network, and more!



Prospective members encouraged to join us!

RSVP: by 9/6 for planning purposes, Carres Deer, 860  
-233-9696, cdeer@bethelwh.org

COST: no charge

BRING: a bag of nonperishable food for the JFS  
Kosher Food Pantry

NOTE: rain or shine

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

Tuesday, September 13  
6:45 PM

Beth El  
Temple  
**Be** ★  
*Community You  
Can Believe In*

A short meeting to support the hard-working volunteer leadership. We need a quorum of 75 members in "good standing" to officially conduct the meeting.

Please help us make our quorum.

community selichot  
Rosh Hashanah  
**Tashlich**  
Shabbat Shuvah  
Cemetery Service  
**Kol Nidrei**  
Yom Kippur  
**Neilah**  
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Shemini Atzeret  
Hoshanah Rabbah  
Simchat Torah

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cycle announcements, email  
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## Rosh Hashanah – The Place Where Everyone Can Win

It really is late isn't it? Rosh Hashanah in October! At least there is more time to get the brisket recipe just right. And I think we all know that the opportunity for a sweet new beginning is always "timely."

This has been a year of winning and losing. The Olympics in Rio provided us yet another reminder of "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." And so we have our heroes – Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt (again!), newcomer Simone Biles and others. The best, the medalists. The also-rans will soon see themselves chiefly in footnotes.

Election time only heightens the sense of winning and losing, of course. Is America itself a place of winning or losing? Who are the victors and who have suffered the most? As November blooms, the questions are unavoidable.

In our day-to-day lives the pressure to win at all costs is great. How to gain admittance to the ideal college and career, how to win in love and friendships. How to find the happiness we crave. But where would we be without losers and losing? Think of the dropouts who start new companies. And think of those who stumble and show graciousness like Olympians Abbey D'Agostino and Nikki Hamblin who collided on a track in Rio and helped each other to cross the finish line. It's true that we lose our keys, wallets, and glasses, and sadly our friends. And if we are lucky, we find our pride in the graciousness to start again.

What is the New Year if not a time to take stock and face the losses? We've all lost our way at least some of the time. We've stumbled in moral contests hurting and ignoring another; staying asleep when we could have acted with alert and caring engagement. We've all allowed callous hearts to numb us to the daily miracles of living.

Teshuvah is the Hebrew word for repentance. It means literally "to return." I've always loved that word. It's almost absurdly hopeful. It teaches that we can return to the home of kinder, better living, of building community, and living with and for each other. Home is the place where we can reenter the doors of change to a self that may often hide, but is still there.

When we embrace the joy and possibilities of a new Jewish year, we truly win as long as we continue to "stay in the game" of repentance and renewal.

In this way, let it be a winning year for us all with health, blessings, and fulfillment.

From our home to yours,  
A Sweet New Year.  
*Shanah Tovah!*  
Rabbi Jim Rosen

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

# ★ Cantor's Corner

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## **Kabbalat Shabbat and Broadway** ☆ **Cantor Joseph Ness**

Since the beginning of "Broadway" as we know it, Jewish composers, lyricists and performers have left their indelible marks on American musical theater. George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, Rogers and Hammerstein,

George Gershwin, Steven Sondheim: all have captured the history and spirit of the American people and their culture.

While the Beth El choir is known for its skill and style in performing sacred and classical music, at our first concert of the year, November 6, choir members will let down their hair to present Broadway music created by Jewish artists from the 1920's through the present.

Cantor Ellari Mirabel, a Hartford native and former Beth El choir member, will join us for the weekend, first at Friday night Services and then the concert on

Sunday. She has spent over 15 years in South Florida where she brings her unique and spirited cantorial skills to congregations and individuals alike.

The concert will also feature Mary Cantoni Johnson, sharing her repertoire as a leading lady with songs from several generations of Jewish composers. Mary wowed us last spring with excerpts from her Off-Broadway show about Ziegfeld star Fanny Brice.

You will recognize voices that you usually hear from the choir loft, children from our youth choir, and also a few special friends, as we lift our voices in song in tribute to the iconic songs of Broadway, for the pure joy of it.

CONTACT: [bema@betheltemplemusic.com](mailto:bema@betheltemplemusic.com)

NOTE: for additional information, please see pages:

5 – Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Mirabel

22 – concert flyer for Nov 6 and Dec 4

24 – Kids' choir

# ★ Beth El's Community You Can Believe In

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## **Meet Wendy Berg, A Welcoming Presence in our Religious School**

Wendy Berg has welcomed children, parents, and teachers to our Religious School for 11 years. Her bright smile and warm demeanor tell children, tired from a day at school or not quite ready to wake up on a Sunday morning, "perk up, this is a good place to be."

Officially the administrative assistant to the Religious School, hers is likely the voice you hear on the phone answering questions about parking lot duty or a school trip or taking your reservation for an upcoming event or inviting your child to lead a prayer during Shabbat services.

Wendy also gathers materials for Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons for Cantor Ness and Rabbi Sowalsky and schedules ushers for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. She collects the tzedakah donations, maintains all school records, and handles payroll for our teen aides.

"I try to facilitate the needs of parents, students, and teachers," says Wendy. "I want to make everyone feel welcome and let them know that I'm here if they need any help. I love the smiles and waves from the little ones and the many jokes from the older kids."

Clearly, she succeeds. Tammy Krulewitz and Lisa Karabelnik-Harris, co-chairs of our Parent Action

Group (PAG), are true Wendy fans. "Wendy is an essential part of the Religious School," says Tammy.

"She is the welcoming and friendly face the children and parents see when they walk into the office. She contributes in so many ways behind the scenes and has a tremendous impact on PAG's continuing success."

For Carrie Berman, a long-time teacher in our school and chair of Beth El's Education Committee, "Wendy's kindness, sense of humor and office support is invaluable. She is always there to help us out, even when we request copies or school supplies one minute

before class starts. The students love visiting the school office so they can chat with Wendy, help her out or get a little treat."

Wendy's biggest fan is her boss, Rabbi Howard Rosenbaum. "Wendy makes my job so much easier! She is organized, takes initiative, and gets along well with everyone – teachers, students, and parents. We are lucky to have her in our Religious School family."

If you have a child in the Religious School, please stop by and introduce yourself to Wendy. And if you don't, but really want to meet a terrific person, take a minute to go downstairs. You'll be glad you did.



# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Shabbat of Memories

**Friday, September 9**  
**1:00 - 1:30 PM**

Please join together for a warm, gentle, and caring Shabbat service with prayers and music of years ago. This service is designed for those with memory challenges of any stage. Families, friends, and carepartners are encouraged to be with us.

CONTACT: Ellen Sanders-Nirenstein, 860-604-9697

## Shabbat LIVE! under the Stars

**Friday, Sept. 16**

**DINNER 5:45 PM**

**OUTDOOR FAMILY SERVICE 6:30 PM**

- ✧ Free for prospective members
- ✧ Rain or shine
- ✧ All are welcome

RSVP: by 9/15, Carres Deer, 860-233-9696, cdeer@bethelwh.org

COST: \$12/adult, \$8/child, \$40 (immediate) family max

## Hors d'Oeuvres & Havdalah

**Saturday, Oct. 29**

## Seudah Shlisheet Program

**5:15 - 6:45 PM**

Join us for a Shabbat afternoon filled with ruach, study, and refreshments. The program will conclude with Maariv and Havdalah.

RSVP: Carres Deer at cdeer@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9696

COST: none

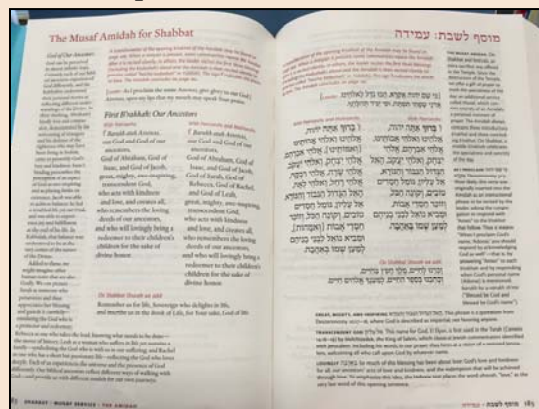
NOTE: open to all

## Siddur Lev Shalem



We are pleased to announce that during the summer we began using a new prayer book, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, in the Chapel.

The *siddur* is in the same format as our now four-year-old High Holiday *machzor*, with commentary, translations, transliterations (from Hebrew into English letters), and beautiful poetry. We look forward to exploring this siddur and enhancing our Shabbat experience.



NOTE: for information about sponsoring a prayer book, please contact the office

## Ongoing Student & Family Programs

### FRIDAYS

#### PJ Shabbat

UP TO AGE 5

#### Kids' Club Shabbat

AGES 5-8

**Sep 23, Oct 21**

**5:45 - 6:45 PM**

For our youngest children, dress them in their PJs and bring them to synagogue for stories, song, and a Torah parade led by Rabbi Garber. The older children will join Barbara Checknoff for a parallel program of stories, songs, and prayers.

DINNER: follows for participants of both programs, chicken nuggets for kids and hors d'oeuvres for parents

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

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

### SATURDAYS

#### Children's Playroom

UP TO AGE 5

A place to take a break with an energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

#### Birthday Shabbat

ALL AGES!

On the first Shabbat morning of every month we celebrate birthdays with a special group *aliyah* (Torah honor) and blessing from the Rabbi. Join us to celebrate your special day!

#### 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 treat.

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

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

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

**Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5**  
**DURING SERVICE**

**Sep 10, 24; Oct 8, 22**  
**11:00 AM - NOON**



# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat, cont.

## Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Ellari Mirabel

Friday, November 4, 6:00 PM

We welcome Cantor Mirabel back to her home at Beth El Temple as she leads us in chanting and song for this inspirational service.

### Semi-Regular Programs

#### Shabbat Yoga

ALL AGES

Saturday, Oct. 22

10:30 AM - NOON

Join Adriana Matozzo, a yoga teacher from West Hartford Yoga, and Rabbi Garber for a Shabbat morning yoga experience for all levels. Wear yoga clothes (yes, to synagogue on Shabbat!) and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Will include chanting of some basic Shabbat morning prayers.

NOTE: This is free and open to the entire community

#### JCL Service

ALL AGES

Saturday, October 29

10:30 AM - NOON

This joyous and exuberant service is open to adults who have special needs as well as other worshippers who enjoy an abbreviated, 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 Parshah.

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

NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows the service

## Beth El Shares Shabbat

Fridays, Sept, 9, 23

Shabbat meals have importance in our Jewish heritage. The *Share Shabbat* initiative continues and allows you to participate either as a host or a guest, or one of each! Our goal is a warm and welcoming evening for you and to spark new relationships to enhance our community.

CONTACT: David Hoff, dhoff@sbcglobal.net, 860-726-0505

COST: none for the guest as the hosts graciously provide the meal

REGISTER: forms available online or in the Temple Office; the committee will match hosts and guests and do their best to accommodate all who wish to participate



Share Shabbat at the home of Marci and Jonathan Alter, in June. It was a multi-generation gathering of the Alter family, Gladstein family, and Lisa Berzins



Share Shabbat at the home of Diane and Richard Lieberfarb, in June. Shown prior to candle lighting:

SEATED: Sue Meyerowitz, David Kravet, Paulette Lotstein, Michael Klein;

STANDING: Howard Meyerowitz, Diane Lieberfarb, Jim Lotstein, Steve Rabb.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Rich Lieberfarb



# ★ High Holidays - 5777 / 2016

**May we and the entire  
House of Israel be  
remembered and recorded  
in the Book of Life, Blessing,  
Sustenance, and Peace.**

בְּסֵפֶר חַיִּים, בְּרָכָה, וְשָׁלוֹם, וּפְרִנָּסָה טוֹבָה, נִזְכָּר וְנִרְשָׁן לְפָנֶיךָ.  
אֲנַחְנוּ וְכָל עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וְשָׁלוֹם.

*B'sefer chaim bracha v'shalom v'farnasa tova,  
nizacher v'nikatev l'fanecha, anachnu v'chol  
amcha beit yisrael l'chaim tovim u'leshalom.*

## New This Year

We are keeping one service the same, changing one service quite radically, and adding a third service! Now there are even more choices for you and your family, and more options for you to experience Community You Can Believe In.

Our Sanctuary service continues to be led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, featuring the Austin organ and our choir. In this service, adult congregants are honored with aliyot and Yizkor is recited on Yom Kippur. Peter Levine leads P'sukei D'zimra and Al Reiner leads Shacharit and the Shofar Service.

Our Kessler Hall service will change dramatically: Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky will offer a shorter service with musical accompaniment. In this soulful and spiritual "highlights" service, everyone is invited to participate in group aliyot. Noah Yontef Mathog will blow the shofar.

Our Chapel service is our new addition: Led by our members Jason Kay and Susan Gold, with guidance from our rabbis, this service will closely resemble what the Kessler Hall service has been in the past: a "soup to nuts" (though no eating the soup or the nuts on Yom Kippur!) service with prayer introductions, repetition of the Amidah, and a "full" davening experience. In this service, adult congregants are honored with aliyot, Yizkor is recited on Yom Kippur, and Lance Reiser will blow the shofar. Rabbi Garber delivers the sermons.

And there's more: Children's programs are changing too! We believe that we are all Lifelong Learners and that children and parents benefit from experiencing Jewish life together. We will continue to offer babysitting and children's services for children ages 1 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but we will not offer any structured programs for children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Instead, we invite families to experience the High Holiday services together – in any of our three locations. The community that prays together stays together!

## High Holiday Preparations

Very special thanks from the Beth El Community to the following members for their efforts in readying our Sanctuary for the High Holidays.

- ★ The Reiner family (Al, Gail, and James) generously donated, through their business Mayflower Laundry and Dry Cleaning, the cleaning of all Torah Mantels and Binders
- ★ Ellen Sanders-Nirenstein and her crew for cleaning the silver adorning our Torahs – crowns, breastplates, and pointers
- ★ Sheila Fox for cleaning, weeding, and beautifying all the flower beds around the building

## Teens and Torah

We continue the wonderful tradition of our teens chanting all the Torah portions on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Once a teen signs on, that portion is theirs until they graduate high school.

## Allergy Alert

We strive to be a fragrance-free environment. Please be considerate of the health and comfort of those with allergies and refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, or other scented products.

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



# ★ Service Schedule

**Tickets:** Please present your tickets for entrance on Rosh Hashanah-Day 1, Kol Nidrei, and Yom Kippur morning (see page 12 for ticket policies).

## **Community Selichot** **Saturday, September 24**

8:30 PM Program and Refreshments  
*Selichot Story Slam*  
10:00 PM Service

LOCATION: B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Road, Bloomfield

## **Rosh Hashanah - Erev** **Sunday, October 2**

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

## **Rosh Hashanah - Day 1** **Monday, October 3**

8:00 AM - 12:10 PM Sanctuary Service  
9:00 AM - 12:45 PM Chapel Service  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Babysitting  
10:00 AM - 12:10 PM Kessler Hall Service  
10:30 AM - 12:15 PM Children's Services

5:00 PM Tashlich Ceremony

LOCATION: 25 Huntington Drive, West Hartford

6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

## **Rosh Hashanah - Day 2** **Tuesday, October 4**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sanctuary Service  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Family Experience

6:25 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv  
& Havdalah

**Shofar:** On both days of Rosh Hashanah, the Shofar will be sounded in all morning services and programs.



## **Shabbat Shuvah** **Saturday, October 8**

9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Rabbi  
Rosen's Annual Tribute to Small Town  
Jewish Communities – *Lake Norden Badger*  
12:00 PM Congregational Lunch  
12:30 PM Mincha

## **Cemetery Service** **Sunday, October 9**

12:30 PM Cemetery Service

LOCATION: Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

## **Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei** **Tuesday, October 11**

1:00 PM Pre-Yom Kippur Mincha  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Sanctuary Service  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Chapel Service  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Kol Nidrei Program

## **Yom Kippur - Day** **Wednesday, October 12**

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sanctuary Service  
9:00 AM - 1:15 PM Chapel Service  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Babysitting  
10:00 AM - 12:10 PM Kessler Hall Service  
10:30 AM - 12:15 PM Children's Services

**Yizkor:** Will be recited in two morning services,  
Sanctuary: between 11:00 AM and NOON  
Chapel: after 12:15 PM

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM Mincha  
5:30 PM - 6:55 PM Neilah  
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM Children's Program  
6:55 PM Final Shofar Blast

## **Sukkot - Erev** **Sunday, October 16**

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

## **Sukkot - Day 1** **Monday, October 17**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Festival Shacharit  
6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

## **Sukkot - Day 2** **Tuesday, October 18**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Festival Shacharit  
6:00 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv  
& Havdalah

## **Shemini Atzeret - Erev** **Sunday, October 23**

8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Hoshanah Rabah  
6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

## **Shemini Atzeret - Day** **Monday, October 24**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Festival Shacharit (*Yizkor* 11AM)  
12:30 PM Festival Mincha

## **Simchat Torah - Erev** **Monday, October 24**

5:45 PM Simchat Torah LIVE!  
7:30 PM Festival Ma'ariv

## **Simchat Torah - Day** **Tuesday, October 25**

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Festival Shacharit  
12:30 PM Congregational Lunch  
5:50 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv  
& Havdalah



# ★ Service Descriptions - High Holy Days

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## Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 & 10/3 Yom Kippur - Day 10/12

*You have a CHOICE of 3 services!*

### All **THREE** services include:

- The sounding of the *Shofar*.
- Our teens chant all *Torah* portions. The portion is theirs from bar/bat mitzvah until they go to college.
- The Temple president will offer greetings; there will not be an Appeal from the *bima*.
- Congregants are honored with *aliyot*.
- At all services, seating is first-come, first-served. Children are welcome and invited to all services, and are asked to maintain decorum.

### The **Sanctuary** and **Chapel** services include:

- Complete services, with sermons by our clergy.
- Only adults receive *aliyot*.
- **YIZKOR** will be recited on Yom Kippur.

### **Unique** service highlights:

- **Sanctuary Service:** led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, and accompanied by our choir and organ. Peter Levine leads P'sukei D'zimra and Al Reiner leads Shacharit and the Shofar Service.
- **Chapel Service:** led by congregants Jason Kay and Susan Gold, is more participatory, without an organ or choir. Rabbi Garber delivers the sermon.
- **Kessler Hall Service:** led by Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky, spiritual and soulful, with musical accompaniment, and group *aliyot* for all ages. (*Yizkor* will not be recited.)
- **Children's Services** and **Babysitting:** see page 14.

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## Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 10/4

*We are open to the community!*

- **Sanctuary Service:** led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, the congregation is encouraged to sing along with the choir. It is the only "regular" service this day and the organ is not played.
- **Family Experience:** led by Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky in Kessler Hall, families are encouraged to participate, together, in experiential learning, Tumbling with Shofar, apple and honey tasting, and shofar blasting competition.  
NOTE: Parents are required to be with their children.
- There are no separate Children's Services or babysitting on this day.

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## Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei 10/11 Opening Service

- **Sanctuary Service:** led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, is accompanied by our choir and organ.
- **Chapel Service:** led by Rabbi Garber and Susan Gold, is a more participatory and intimate service.
- **Both** are complete services; our Torahs will be carried in procession throughout.
- **5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program:** see page 14.

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## Yom Kippur - Neilah 10/12 Concluding Prayers

- **Sanctuary Service:** as the symbolic Gates of Heaven are closing, we encourage all who wish to come up to the open Ark for personal moments of reflection and prayer.
- *Non-Jewish family members are invited to come before the Ark with their families.*

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## Sukkot 10/16-10/18

- Join us for the joyous holiday where we eat in the sukkah and wave the lulav.

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## Shemini Atzeret 10/23-10/24

- This 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot, but really a holiday unto itself. It is one in which we imagine God begging us to linger in holiday celebration for just one more day.

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## Simchat Torah LIVE! 10/24

- *Hakafot* with the Shabbat LIVE! Band
- Grade 1 Torah ceremony
- Honoring Teen Leaders
- Refreshments sponsored by Men's Club

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## Simchat Torah Morning 10/25

- Hakafot and aliyot for all
- New Baby Blessing: if your baby was born since last Rosh Hashanah, come for a special blessing from the bima.
- Honorees:  
    *Chatan Torah*      Joe Rachlin  
    *Chatan Bereshit*      Michael Schenker  
    *Kallat Mafteret*      Myra Kleinman
- Followed by a community lunch.



# ★ Service Descriptions - and more

## Community Selichot Service 9/24

B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Road, Bloomfield

- Begin your spiritual journey for this High Holiday season as our community of Conservative congregations gathers together.

## Tashlich Ceremony (rain date: 10/4) 10/3

Berlinsky Home, 25 Huntington Dr, West Hartford

- A brief family-friendly service, at 5:00 PM.
- Evening services back at Beth El at 6:00 PM.

## Shabbat Shuvah 10/8

- It is a Beth El tradition for Rabbi Jim Rosen to give his Annual Tribute to Small Town Jewish Communities – **LAKE NORDEN BADGER**.
- Followed by a uniquely themed lunch.

## Cemetery Service 10/9

Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

- Our rabbis will lead a brief service honoring our beloved departed and offer prayers at individual graves.

## Refreshments & Lunches

What would a Jewish holiday be without something to eat!

### Selichot 9/24

Refreshments during the program.

SPONSOR: B'nai Tikvoh Sholom

### Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2 10/3-4

Apples & Honey with socializing after services.

SPONSOR: Men's Club

### Shabbat Shuvah 10/8

A themed lunch to follow LAKE NORDEN BADGER.

SPONSOR: Taste of Shabbat

### Neilah 10/12

Grab a sweet after the final Shofar blast.

SPONSOR: Women's Network

### Simchat Torah LIVE! 10/24

Meat and veggie hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and martinis.

SPONSOR: Men's Club

### Simchat Torah Morning! 10/25

Community lunch after morning services.

SPONSOR: Taste of Shabbat

## Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah 10/2 6:11 PM

10/3 7:09 PM

Yom Kippur 10/11 5:56 PM

Sukkot 10/16 5:48 PM

10/17 6:47 PM

Shemini Atzeret 10/23 5:37 PM

Simchat Torah 10/24 6:36 PM



## Havdalah

Rosh Hashanah 10/4 7:08 PM

Yom Kippur 10/12 6:54 PM

Sukkot 10/18 6:45 PM

Simchat Torah 10/25 6:35 PM



## Sermons

Rosh Hashanah - Erev: Sanctuary, Rabbi Rosen

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1: Sanctuary, Rabbi Rosen;  
Kessler Hall & Chapel, Rabbi Garber

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2: Sanctuary, Rabbi Rosen  
AND Rabbi Garber; Chapel, Rabbi Garber

Yom Kippur - Day: Sanctuary, Rabbi Rosen;  
Kessler Hall & Chapel, Rabbi Garber

## Lulav and Etrog

It's a mitzvah to wave the Lulav & Etrog. Join us throughout the week of Sukkot for opportunities to do so.

## Beth El's Journey through History

Make sure to visit the East Wing to see the relocated graduation and confirmation pictures (formerly in the Community Room).

# ★ Lifelong Learning

## What does it all mean? ~ Explanations of words specific to the High Holiday season

**Hakafot** ~ the seven circuits around the sanctuary during which the Torah scrolls are carried on Simchat Torah. During this joyful custom each hakafah is accompanied by much singing and dancing. Often, the Torah procession is followed by children waving flags.



**Hoshanah Rabah** ~ the seventh day of Sukkot is marked by a synagogue service, during which seven processions are made by all in attendance with lulav and etrog, while special prayers are recited. The cantor of the synagogue wears his kittel for parts of the service, and the melodies echo those from Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This is the official end of the High Holiday season.

**Kol Nidrei** ~ the opening prayer recited the evening that Yom Kippur begins, acknowledging and releasing our obligations to our vows. It is traditionally recited 3 times, and has become the special name of the service for that evening as well.



**Lulav and Etrog** ~ the arba minim, or four species, referring to the four trees used – branches from the palm, willow, and myrtle trees, and the etrog, a citrus fruit similar to a lemon. During the morning service each day of Sukkot (except Shabbat), the lulav and etrog are held together and waved in every direction symbolizing God's presence.

**Machzor** ~ the High Holiday prayer book.

**Neilah** ~ the final service on Yom Kippur, after which you get to eat. See the section to the right for what makes this service special at Beth El.

**Rosh Hashanah** ~ the Jewish New Year; a two day holiday that commences the High Holidays, a period of 10 days ending with Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance.

**Selichot** ~ Jewish penitential prayers and poems, generally said during the period beginning with the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, leading up to the actual holiday.

**Shabbat Shuvah** ~ the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, also the Shabbat of Repentance, and gets its name from the opening word of the special Haftarah (portion of prophets) read that day in services.

**Shemini Atzeret** ~ the eighth day of assembly, following the conclusion of Sukkot. In Israel and in some Diaspora communities, Shemini Atzeret is combined with Simchat Torah. It is the first day on which the prayer for rain is

recited, marking the beginning of the rainy season in Israel.

**Simchat Torah** ~ lit. “rejoicing in Torah.” This holiday (in much of the Diaspora) immediately follows Shemini Atzeret and the conclusion of Sukkot, and marks the end AND the beginning of the cycle of Torah reading. The celebration is especially festive, centering on synagogue services during which the Torah scrolls are taken out and paraded around the sanctuary and even spilling out into the street, where Torah holders often will break into joyful dancing. It is customary for everyone in the congregation to receive an aliyah on Simchat Torah.

**Sukkah** ~ a dwelling built specially for the holiday of Sukkot. We “dwell” in the sukkah during the holiday, eating our meals and, for many, sleeping in the sukkah as well. There are many rules regarding the building of the sukkah. It can be made out of a variety of materials but the roof must consist of natural materials which allows one to see the sky and the stars at night. Historically, it represents the farmers’ huts that were built in the fields of ancient Israel during the Fall harvest, and the dwellings of the Israelites in the wilderness of the Exodus. It is by definition a flimsy structure, symbolizing the fragile nature of life and our dependence of God's protection.



**Sukkot** ~ The week long holiday which begins five days after Yom Kippur, named for the huts, or booths, in which Jews are required to “dwell” during the festival. One of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, Sukkot celebrates the Fall harvest.

**Tashlich** ~ the symbolic “casting off” of our sins during the High Holiday period, and is marked by a ceremony on Rosh Hashanah whereby we take pieces of bread (representing our sins) and toss them into a natural body of water.

**Ushpizzin** ~ Biblical ancestors who are symbolically invited to enter the sukkah on each day of the holiday and welcomed in a short ceremony. The men who are invited are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph, and David. Many also invite these Biblical women as well: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, Hannah, Miriam, and Esther.

**Yizkor** ~ a memorial service, recited four times a year during services, for our departed relatives and loved ones. It is recited on Yom Kippur, and lasts about 15 minutes.

**Yom Kippur** ~ also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year. We traditionally observe this with a 25 hour period of fasting and intensive prayer.

# ★ Lifelong Learning, cont.

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## What does it all mean? ~ Additional Terms

**Aliyah/Aliyot (pl)** ~ lit. “going up,” an honor to ascend the bima

**Amidah** ~ the central prayer in all services, generally recited while standing

**Bima** ~ the pulpit

**Chatan** ~ lit. “bridegroom”

**Diaspora** ~ a scattered population whose origin lies within a particular geographic locale; or the movement of a population from its original homeland. In particular, the term refers to all Jews who live outside of Israel

**Erev** ~ lit. “evening,” commonly used to denote the eve on which a holiday or Shabbat begins

**Havdalah** ~ a ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat or a holiday. On Shabbat it involves wine, spices, and a braided candle. On most holidays, just wine.

**Kabbalat Shabbat** ~ the service that welcomes in Shabbat, recited on Friday evenings

**Kallat** ~ lit. “bride of”

**Ma’ariv** ~ the name of the evening service that commences each new Jewish day

**Mincha** ~ the name of the afternoon service of each Jewish day

**Musaf** ~ the additional service added on Shabbat and many holidays, and is greatly extended on the High Holidays

**Shabbat** ~ the Jewish Sabbath, a period of rest each week which commences on Friday night just before sundown, for a 25 hour period. It begins with candle lighting, and ends with Havdalah.

**Shacharit** ~ the morning service each day

**Shofar** ~ a ram’s horn that is used to make a blast of noise like a trumpet, and is used in Rosh Hashanah services and at the end of Yom Kippur.

**Yom** ~ lit. “day”

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## What is it all about? ~ Questions & Answers about our traditions.

**Why do Jews donate money to their synagogue at the time of High Holidays?** The High Holidays are a time when Jews – regardless of their level of engagement or observance – feel most connected to their Jewish selves. During the month of Elul preceding Rosh Hashanah, it is customary to increase the giving of charity, as well as ask forgiveness from people one may have wronged. It is a time when Jewish organizations of all kinds seek to inspire Jews to step up their involvement and, yes, to also increase their charitable giving.

**Why do we visit the cemetery before Yom Kippur?** It is a traditional time of remembrance and recalling loved ones who have passed.

**Why is the Havdalah service different on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?** all festivals conclude with a Havdalah prayer, recited at the end of Ma’ariv. On Rosh Hashanah it is modified and does not include the spices or flame. However, since Yom Kippur is described in the Torah as “Shabbat Shabaton Hee Lachem” – “Sabbath of Sabbaths it will be for you” – a full Havdalah is at the end of Neilah (similar to Shabbat each week).

**Why do we wear white and sneakers on Yom Kippur?** White is a sign of purity. Shoes without leather (some sneaker brands) are worn so as to have no luxury - leather is considered a luxury.

**Why is a Tallit worn at night only on Yom Kippur?** Yom Kippur is considered one full day of prayers, starting with Kol Nidrei. We continue to wear the tallit through Neilah, the end of the full day.

**Why is Neilah such a special service at Beth El?** Literally, the closing of the gates. This is the final service on Yom Kippur and the Ark is open for about an hour. While it is open, we have one last chance to seek repentance and be sealed in the Book of Life. At Beth El, everyone, including non-Jewish relatives, is invited to stand for a private moment at the open Ark.

**What are the special honors on Simchat Torah?** There are 3 special *aliyot*, and to receive one during the Torah reading is a great honor at all synagogues. For the first, we read the last section of the Torah, when Moses passes away. The second goes back to the beginning with the story Creation and the establishment of Shabbat. The third is a portion that precedes the Haftorah reading for the day – the first chapter of Joshua, which is the book that immediately follows the Five Books of the Torah. The honors are called Kallah or Chatan, “bride or bridegroom” of the Torah, which reflects on the specialness of these honors. At Beth El, each of the honorees is brought to the bima under a chuppa, signifying the “wedding-like” atmosphere of the moment, with special blessings recited over the honoree.

# ★ High Holiday Ticket & Seat Policies

## Tickets are required for entry on:

<b>Rosh Hashanah - Day 1</b>	<b>10/3</b>
<b>Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>Yom Kippur - Day</b>	<b>10/12</b>

- Each person, 18 and over, must have his/her own ticket, with his/her name on it.
- Tickets are complimentary for all Young Adults, ages 18-24.
- All Guest and Reciprocal tickets may be picked up in the Beth El office.
- Tickets are not required for any child under 18 years of age.

## Members of Beth El Temple

- High Holiday tickets will be mailed to members in good standing<sup>o</sup> on September 13.
- Your adult children, ages 18-24, will automatically be issued tickets.
- Your adult children, ages 25-29, if not members on their own, may purchase tickets at a reduced rate.

<b><u>Rosh Hashanah - Day 1</u></b>	\$ 75
<b><u>Kol Nidrei &amp; Yom Kippur</u></b>	\$ 75
<b><u>Both Holidays</u></b>	\$150

## Welcoming the Greater Hartford Jewish Community

- We are pleased to open all other services to the Greater Hartford Community. Tickets are not required for Rosh Hashanah - Erev and Day 2 and Yom Kippur - Mincha and Neilah (concluding service).

<sup>o</sup> Members in good standing have paid their dues in full, or have returned their completed membership form with their first payment.

## Seating

- At all services, seating is first-come, first-served. Saving seats during the High Holidays is NOT permitted.
- If you want to ensure that your family sits together, please arrive early and together.
- Children are welcome, invited, and entitled to seats in any service of their choice.
- Should adults or children need a short break from the service, they should expect to find their seats available upon their return. At least one member of their family should remain with the seats.

## Guests

- Members may purchase tickets for relatives and friends, ages 25 and up, who live outside Hartford County.

<b><u>Rosh Hashanah - Day 1</u></b>	\$150
<b><u>Kol Nidrei &amp; Yom Kippur</u></b>	\$150
<b><u>Both Holidays</u></b>	\$250

- A completed guest form is required in order to receive your Guest Tickets. The form is posted on our website and is available from the office.
- **Young Adults:** for ALL guests ages 18-24, tickets are complimentary.
- **Local college students and active military personnel:** just need to show their ID.

## Reciprocal Tickets

- For members in good standing<sup>o</sup> at any synagogue, to receive complimentary tickets for High Holiday services at another synagogue.

## For your guests

- Please have them ask their synagogue to e-mail/ fax a *Reciprocal Ticket Request Form/Letter* to Beth El.
- It must include the names of both our member and the guest, and which days they will be joining us.

## If YOU are traveling

- If **YOU** are spending any part of the holiday at another synagogue that requires tickets, please call our office to have a *Reciprocal Ticket Request Form* sent on your behalf.

## Special Seating Requests for any service

- Seats may be reserved in advance only for persons with disabilities or who may require the assistance of support equipment (e.g. walkers, wheelchairs). If necessary, one additional seat may be saved for a companion to remain with that person during the service.
- These seats will be held only until 10:30 AM, after which they will be released.
- Please notify the Temple office as early as possible so that the seat(s) can be properly designated.



# ★ The “Fine Print” (Guidelines)

## Security & Safety

- Please enter the building through the Community Room **with your ticket** (or student or military ID).
- We reserve the right to inspect all packages.
- For the safety of all, do **not prop open** external doors.
- Due to fire regulations, strollers and walkers are not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel. Ushers will show you the designated parking area. *As many look alike, please attach a label or identifying ribbon.*
- Be aware of all building exits, in case of emergency.

## Parking & Shuttle

- Please park where directed by the parking attendants in the Temple lot and only in designated spaces.
- **Police will not allow parking on either Albany Ave. or West Ridge Drive;** please be aware that we no longer have access through the gate in the fence.
- Please follow all posted **NO PARKING** signs on the side streets in adjoining neighborhoods. Be aware that the police will issue parking tickets.
- Additional parking will be provided at the Crown Market in Bishop's Corner, 2471 Albany Ave. A shuttle bus will run continuously between Beth El and the Crown Market as follows:

<b>Rosh Hashanah - Day 1</b>	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
<b>Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei</b>	5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
<b>Yom Kippur - Day</b>	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

## Ushers

- Ushers will be wearing identifying badges and flowers, and will be available to answer questions and help find empty seats.
- They will close ALL doors during sermons, for other speakers, and when the Ark is open. Please do not enter any service during the sermon or when the Ark is open.
- If you would like to volunteer for a shift as an usher, please call the office by September 28.
- Please be respectful of all usher directions.

## Decorum

- Please maintain the sanctity of services by limiting conversation and dressing modestly.
- To reduce noise and distraction, the main doors to the Sanctuary and Kessler Hall will be kept closed. Expect to enter and leave services from a side door. Those with walkers may be excepted.
- Please do not congregate in bathrooms. Parents, please suggest to your children that they choose a service to attend.
- During certain portions of the service, you will be asked to wait before entering into the Sanctuary, Kessler Hall, or the Chapel. Please also limit leaving at those times.
- **To preserve the sanctity of the holiday, all electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off prior to entering the building. All iPods, cameras, etc., should be left at home.**
- Beth El is fragrance-free. In consideration of your fellow worshipers, please refrain from wearing any scented products.

# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## Annual Kol Nidrei Food Drive for Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services (JFS)



JFS serves families facing financial setbacks, isolated elderly, and disabled adults living on meager incomes. Please help make a difference in their lives!

For your convenience, paper bags will be located by the front door on Rosh Hashanah. Please drop off your filled bags, in the Community Room, **anytime between Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidrei evening, Tuesday, October 11.**

Consider taking advantage of 10 for 10 deals at Big Y or Target, or bulk shopping at Costco or BJ's.

We prefer food items that have a hechsher symbol indicating that the item is kosher.

Please, no Passover items at this time.

THANK YOU! in advance for your support of this important Mitzvah.



The Kosher Food Pantry continually needs food. Throughout the year, when coming to shul, please bring at least a can of vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, or a bag of groceries for the box in front of the Community room.

# ★ Everything Kids

## School-Age Services & Programs

**Rosh Hashanah - Day 1** AND **10/3**

**Yom Kippur - Day** **10/12**

**Children's Services** **10:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

*Classrooms, lower level* **AGE 3½ - GRADE 3**

- Grade-specific programs for our youngest students.
  - ◊ Nursery - Pre-K
  - ◊ K - Grade 1
  - ◊ Grade 2 - 3
- Please, no parents at these services.
- These programs are designed to start and end as listed. Please be considerate of other families and be prompt for the beginning of the program.
- Teachers will remain in the classrooms until 12:30 to allow time for parents to come from their services.

OPEN: to members and their guests

SNACKS: Challah and juice will be provided on both days

**Rosh Hashanah - Day 2** **10/4**

**Family Experience** **10:00 AM - NOON**

*Kessler Hall* **ALL AGES**

- Children and adults of all ages are invited to this interactive service with Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky. Additional program information is on page 8.
- Parents are required to be with their children.

**Yom Kippur - Evenings**

**Kol Nidrei** **10/11**

**(Opening Service)** **6:00 PM**

- Children are welcome at both the *Sanctuary* and *Chapel* Services.

**GRADES 5-8**

- Join Jason Kay for fun and interesting programs, designed to engage middle-schoolers.
- Begin in the Chapel to hear the Kol Nidrei prayer before moving to a separate space.
- Although not geared to high schoolers, they are welcome.

**Neilah for Children** **10/12**

**(Conclusion)** **6:00 PM**

*Chapel* **ALL AGES**

- A separate gathering for children of all ages for the final hour of Yom Kippur.
- Parents of small children are encouraged to stay.
- All participants will be accompanied to the bima in the Sanctuary for Havdalah at the end of *Neilah*.

NOTE: See pages 8 & 12 for details about the private family moment at the Ark in the Sanctuary, beginning at 5:45 PM.

## Our Youngest Members and Guests

### Babysitting

**Rosh Hashanah - Day 1** AND

**Yom Kippur - Day**

**10/3**

**10/12**

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**AGES 1 - 3**

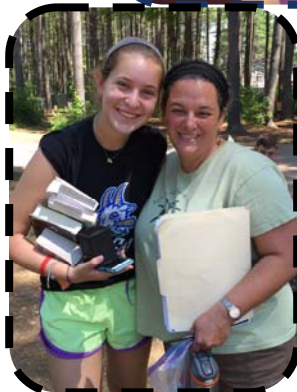
- Pre-registration and pre-payment are required in advance.
- A parent/grandparent must escort each child to the babysitting room. Older siblings may not drop off or pick up children from the babysitting room.
- Each child will be given a color-coded bracelet; parents/grandparents will receive an identical bracelet - colors identify service choice (Kessler Hall, Chapel, or Sanctuary) so that we can locate family members quickly, if needed.
- Only a parent/grandparent with a matching bracelet may pick up a child.
- Please provide your own diapers, wipes, and any *kosher* snacks your child might want.
- \$18 per child, per day, in advance. Registration forms are available on the website: [bethelwesthartford.org/highholidays](http://bethelwesthartford.org/highholidays)

### Nursing Room

A quiet room is available every Holiday and Shabbat for mothers and babies. It is located on the lower level of the building, at the end of the hall, next to the Religious School office.



# ★ Rabbi Garber Camp Ramah Selfies



Rabbi Garber spent a week at *Camp Ramah in New England*, in Palmer, MA. In between taking selfies with all the campers and (most of the) staff from Beth El, she found time to teach some classes, run some workshops, and just have fun! Her whole family accompanied her, and their boys went to the *Gan*, the day camp program for staff kids.

Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness also visited Ramah, but they offered no pics as proof of their time with our campers.

## Sunday

## Week Days

## Friday

## Saturday

<div>September 4</div> <div>Rosh Chodesh</div> <div>10:00 AM B/M Sadie Margolis</div>	1 Elul	<div>Mon, September 5</div> <div>9:00AM Morning Minyan</div> <div>Tu 6</div> <div>W 7</div> <div>Th 8</div> <div>5:00 PM Back to Beth El Carnival &amp; Community Celebration</div> <div>8:00 PM R. Garber Israel Trip Mtg</div>	<div>September 2</div> <div>29 Av</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 7:03 PM</div>	<div>September 3</div> <div>Rosh Chodesh</div> <div>Birthday Shabbat</div> <div>30 Av</div> <div>Havdalah: 8:01 PM</div>
<div>September 11</div> <div>9:00 AM Religious School begins</div> <div>9:00 AM Tailgate Party</div> <div>10:00 AM MC &amp; CS Speaker Dr. Richard Freund</div> <div>1:00 PM Family Apple Picking</div>	8 Elul	<div>M 12</div> <div>Tu 13</div> <div>10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Group – NEW</div> <div>6:45 PM Annual Meeting</div> <div>8:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting</div> <div>W 14</div> <div>8:00 PM Rabbi Rosen’s Class</div> <div>Th 15</div> <div>6:10 PM Empty Nester Moms</div>	<div>September 9</div> <div>1:00 PM Shabbat of Memories</div> <div>Beth El Shares Shabbat</div> <div>6 Elul</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 6:51 PM</div>	<div>September 10</div> <div>Parsha Shoftim</div> <div>9:30 AM B/M Miles Satlof</div> <div>11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah</div> <div>7 Elul</div> <div>Havdalah: 7:49 PM</div>
<div>September 18</div> <div>9:15 AM MC Kickoff Breakfast</div> <div>10:00 AM KNIITzvah Group</div> <div>7:00 PM WN Making Sweet Apple Treats</div>	15 Elul	<div>M 19</div> <div>Tu 20</div> <div>W 21</div> <div>12:00 PM CS Luncheon, Dr. Mark Silk</div> <div>8:00 PM Rabbi Rosen’s Class</div> <div>Th 22</div> <div>6:00 PM MC DSA Banquet</div>	<div>September 23</div> <div>5:45 PM PJ Shabbat &amp; Kids’ ClubShabbat</div> <div>Beth El Shares Shabbat</div> <div>20 Elul</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 6:27 PM</div>	<div>September 24</div> <div>Parsha Ki Tavo</div> <div>9:30 AM B/M Aaron Rotter</div> <div>11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah</div> <div>6:35 PM B/M Milo Genser</div> <div>8:30 PM Selichot Story Slam at BTS, Blimfld</div> <div>21 Elul</div> <div>Havdalah: 7:37 PM</div>
<div>September 25</div> <div>9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking</div> <div>9:30 AM Getting in the Spirit of the High Holidays</div>	22 Elul	<div>M 26</div> <div>Tu 27</div> <div>W 28</div> <div>8:00 PM Rabbi Rosen’s Class</div> <div>Th 29</div>	<div>September 30</div> <div>27 Elul</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 6:15 PM</div>	<div>October 1</div> <div>Parsha Nitzavim</div> <div>Birthday Shabbat</div> <div>28 Elul</div> <div>Havdalah: 7:13 PM</div>
<div>October 2</div> <div>Erev Rosh Hashanah</div> <div>See page 7 for full schedule of Rosh Hashanah Services and Candle Lighting times.</div>	29 Elul	<div>Mon, October 3</div> <div>Tu 4</div> <div>W 5</div> <div>Th 6</div>	<div>October 7</div> <div>5 Tishrei</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 6:03 PM</div>	<div>October 8</div> <div>Parsha Vayelech</div> <div>Shabbat Shuvah with Rabbi Rosen’s Annual Tribute to Small Town Jewish Communities – Lake Norden Badger</div> <div>11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah</div> <div>6 Tishrei</div> <div>Havdalah: 7:01 PM</div>
<div>October 9</div> <div>10:00 AM CS &amp; MC Political Forum at Emanuel Synagogue</div> <div>12:30 PM Cemetery Service, Avon Cemetery</div> <div>No Religious School, SUN. &amp; TUES.</div>	7 Tishrei	<div>M 10</div> <div>Tu 11</div> <div>W 12</div> <div>Erev Yom Kippur</div> <div>Yom Kippur Day</div> <div>See page 7 for full schedule of Yom Kippur Services and Candle Lighting times.</div> <div>Th 13</div> <div>No Religious School, TUES. &amp; WED.</div>	<div>October 14</div> <div>12 Tishrei</div> <div>Candle Lighting: 5:51 PM</div>	<div>October 15</div> <div>Parsha Ha’azinu</div> <div>9:30 AM B/M Branden Kaufmann</div> <div>6:00 PM B/M Ava Schwartz</div> <div>13 Tishrei</div> <div>Havdalah: 6:50 PM</div>



Sunday		Week Days		Friday		Saturday	
<b>October 16</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 9:00 AM <u>MC</u> Minyan on the Mountain	14 Tishrei	<b>M 17</b> <b>Tu 18</b> <b>W 19</b>	<b>Sukkot Day 1</b> <b>Sukkot Day 2</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b> 12:00 PM <u>WN</u> Book Discussion and Lunch in the Sukkah 6:45 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>October 21</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' Club Shabbat	19 Tishrei	<b>October 22</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b> 10:30 AM Shabbat Yoga 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah	20 Tishrei
See page 7 for full schedule of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah Services and Candle Lighting times.							
No Religious School, TUES.		<b>Th 20</b>	<b>Chol Hamoed</b> 6:00 PM <u>MC</u> Sukkahfest		Candle Lighting: 5:40 PM		Havdalah: 6:39 PM
<b>October 23</b> <b>Sukkot Day 7; Erev Shemini Atzeret</b> 8:45 AM Hoshanah Rabah 12:00 PM PAG Mitzvot & Munchies	21 Tishrei	<b>M 24</b> <b>Tu 25</b> <b>W 26</b> <b>Th 27</b>	<b>Shemini Atzeret</b> <b>Simchat Torah LIVE!</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b> 5:45 PM 7:30 PM <u>MC</u> Board Meeting	<b>October 28</b>	26 Tishrei	<b>October 29</b> <i>Parsha Bereishit</i> 9:30 AM B/M Seth Ehrlich 10:30 AM JCL Service 4:30 PM Hors d'Oeuvres & Havdalah	27 Tishrei
No Religious School, TUES.					Candle Lighting: 5:30 PM		Havdalah: 6:29 PM
<b>October 30</b>	28 Tishrei	<b>M 31</b> <b>Tue, November 1</b> <b>W 2</b> <b>Th 3</b>	8:00 PM Topics on Death & Dying <b>November 1 Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Group – NEW	<b>November 4</b> 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Ellari Mirabel	3 Cheshvan	<b>November 5</b> <i>Parsha Noach</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Eli Kabakoff	4 Cheshvan
<b>November 6</b> 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking <b>6:30 PM Evening Minyan</b> <b>7:00 PM BEMA Concert #1</b>	5 Cheshvan	No Rel. Sch., Sun.			Candle Lighting: 5:22 PM		Havdalah: 6:20 PM

### Daily Minyan Service Schedule

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

**Evenings** 7:30 PM Sunday – 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

Please note the use of the following abbreviations:

<u>MC</u>	Men's Club	<u>BEMA</u>	Beth El Music & Arts
<u>WN</u>	Women's Network	<u>RS</u>	Religious School
<u>CS</u>	Chai Society	<u>PAG</u>	Parent Action Group

### Ongoing Weekly Programs

new participants welcome; no registration required

Mon.	1:00 PM	Writing Workshop (resumes 10/31)
Tu/Th	9:45 AM	<u>MC</u> Walk around the Reservoir
Tue.	12:00 PM	Lunch & Learn (not 10/11, 10/18, 10/25)
Wed.	10:00 AM	Talmud Study (not meeting in October)
Thu.	8:00 AM	Bible & Breakfast, 10/20 in the Sukkah! (not 10/13)
Sat.	9:30 AM	Children's Playroom

### Multi-Week Classes

pre-registration and/or payment required

Mon.	7:00 PM	Ulpan (not 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24)
Wed.	8:00 PM	Grandparents Circle (begins 10/26)
Thu.	7:45 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu.		Institute for Basic Judaism (begins 10/20)
Sun.	11:15 AM	Kids' Choir

### Religious School ~ Special Activities

Sun.	9/11	9:00 AM	<b>First Day of School</b>
Sun.	9/11	9:00 AM	Tailgate Party
Sun.	9/18	ALL DAY	Camp T-Shirt Day
Sun.	10/23	10:30 AM	Hai Class JCL Program
Sun.	10/23	NOON	<u>PAG</u> Mitzvot & Munchies
Sun.	10/30	10:30 AM	Daled Class BM
Sun.	10/30	10:30 AM	Workshop #1
Sun.	10/30	10:30 AM	Hai Class Family History Day

**No School:**  
Rosh Hashanah  
Yom Kippur  
Sukkot  
Simchat Torah  
and  
Sun. 10/2, Tues. 10/4  
Tues. & Wed. 10/11-12  
Tues. 10/18  
Tues. 10/25  
Sun. 11/6

# ★ Lifelong Learning

## The New Year: Do we need a kick in order to reboot? with Rabbi Rosen Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28 8:00 - 9:00 PM

- ☆ How might we best prepare our hearts and lives for the New Year?
- ☆ Is it better to be “pushed” or “pulled” into improvement?
- ☆ What do our sources and prayers say about the ways we might grow or even reboot our lives in the year ahead?

Join us for this exploration of the High Holidays for a richer start to the New Year.

## Topics on Death & Dying with Rabbi Sowalsky 10 Monday sessions Beginning October 31 1:30 - 2:45 PM

An in-depth study of the history, subjects, and reasoning regarding Jewish views, rituals, and laws, on death and dying.

We will survey these subjects starting with “end of life” issues, all the way through “*yahrzeit* and annual remembrances” of our loved ones.

NOTE: no classes 12/12-1/2, 1/16, 2/6

COST: no charge for Beth El members; \$100 non-members

TEXTBOOK: one book will need to be purchased

RSVP: Rabbi Sowalsky, [hsowalsky@bethelwh.org](mailto:hsowalsky@bethelwh.org)

## Ongoing Weekly Classes / Programs

New participants welcome, no registration necessary, no charge

### **Mondays** 1:30 - 3:00 PM **Writing Workshop** RESUMES OCTOBER 31

We welcome all fiction and non-fiction writers who want to hone their craft in a supportive atmosphere.

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman, 860-233-4853, [bhoffman3@comcast.net](mailto:bhoffman3@comcast.net)

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

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

NOTE: not meeting October 11, 18, or 25

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

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

TEACHER: Eliot Barron, [videlibar1@comcast.net](mailto:videlibar1@comcast.net)

NOTE: Eliot's last class is Sep 28, no meetings in October, resumes in November at 10:30 with the Rabbis

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

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

IN THE SUKKAH!: special location on Oct. 20

NOTE: not meeting October 13

SPONSORS: Elaine & Cal Price, Susan & Michael Schenker, Myra & Bill Kleinman

## New Chai Mitzvah Groups Forming

Chai Mitzvah is an incredible journey of learning about self, community, and Judaism. From engaging discussions to personal projects, Chai Mitzvah will help you deepen your connections to other Beth El members, to our larger Jewish community, and to our unique Jewish tradition. Fourteen Beth El women began studying in the Chai Mitzvah program with Rabbi Garber in January 2014. In September 2014, twenty-two more women started in two new Chai Mitzvah groups. Now over 30 alumnae gather to study in Beth El's own, “Chai Mitzvah Continues,” and we are ready to start more groups of Beth El women. We hope to begin more Chai Mitzvah groups (for men, couples, etc!), so please be in touch.

COST: is \$36 which includes Chai Mitzvah materials.

NOTE: Chai Mitzvah is appropriate for any age, stage in life, prior education, personal background or observance. No Hebrew knowledge required.

VISIT: [www.chaimitzvah.org](http://www.chaimitzvah.org) to learn more about the program

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, [igarber@bethelwh.org](mailto:igarber@bethelwh.org), for these groups or a future one

### Dates for 2016-2017

<b>Daytime</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>10:00 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>7:45 - 9:00 PM</b>
Tues, Sept 13	Thur, Sept 29
Thur, Nov 3	Thur, Oct 27
Tues, Dec 13	Thur, Dec 15
Tues, Jan 3	Thur, Jan 26
Tues, Feb 7	Thur, Feb 23
Tues, Mar 7	Thur, Mar 30
Thur, Mar 30	Thur, Apr 27
Tues, May 9	Thur, May 11
Tues, June 6	Thur, June 8

Note: dates are subject to change

## Getting in the Spirit of the High Holidays

Sunday, September 25

9:15 - 11:40 AM

9:15 Coffee, Tea and Danish

9:30 Rabbi Ilana Garber

*Mah Nishtanah?* What's Different about the High Holidays (at Beth El and in General)

10:15 Cantor Joseph Ness

*Traditional High Holiday Melodies:* Learning to sing them and discussing their historic origins

11:00 Rabbi Jim Rosen

*Prayer As Ethics:* an Encounter with Or Better Selves

## Institute for Basic Judaism

21 Thursday sessions  
Beginning October 20

A program for beginners who would like to learn more about the fundamentals of Judaism. Taught by area Conservative rabbis, the classes delve into Jewish thought, values and practices. The program is designed for those exploring a Jewish life for themselves, including interfaith couples, non-Jews considering conversion, and Jews looking for adult-level basics. It is also appropriate for intellectually curious Christians and Muslims who want to better understand the Jewish heritage. An optional Hebrew reading component will be available.

COST: \$295, scholarships available, discounts for full-time students and significant others.

CONTACT: Rabbi Richard Plavin, director, riplavin@gmail.com, 860-573-4503

## Part-time Librarian Wanted!

The Library Committee is looking for a librarian to work 2-4 hours per week over two days in our Beth El Temple Library.

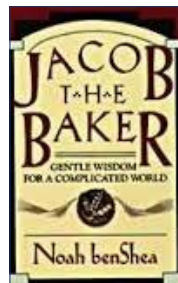
INFORMATION: Carol Johnson,  
johnson2318@sbcbglobal.net,  
860-584-2392

## LIBRARY CORNER From Alcohol to Wisdom ☆ Roberta J. Buland

*Jews and Booze: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition*, by Marni Davis, is a fascinating, academically sophisticated, and superbly written exposition of the intricate, often precarious, role that Jews played in every aspect of the American alcohol industry – from production in industrial stills to retail sales in bars and speakeasies, and finally to bootlegging, a crime that created the fortunes of some of North America's most prominent Jewish philanthropists. While the book is the history of Jews during Prohibition, it also discusses the Jews in America. Prohibition struck most Jews as inherently dangerous. Insisting that people not drink aroused the deep suspicion of attempts to control social behavior based on Christian principles. Davis explains that Jews both needed to prove they were sober and respectable and defend their right to sell booze. Jews made up less than five percent of the U.S. population and 50 percent of the saloonkeepers. This involvement with alcohol and resistance to Prohibition evoked anti-Semitism. Also included are intriguing facts such as the Magen David was also the symbol of the medieval brewers guild, Rothschild joined European Zionists to form the

Carmel wine company, and the original Manischewitz was a Rabbi. The relationship of Jews to alcohol in America is complicated.

*Jacob the Baker*, by Noah benShea, is a story about a man whose humble life and wisdom are sources of inspiration and reflection to those around him. Its message is that "a miracle is often the willingness to see the common in an uncommon way." Jacob, a poor pious man, rises before dawn to light the ovens in the



town bakery. As the ovens are warming and the first dough rising, Jacob turns inward and scribbles notes to himself. One of Jacob's notes is accidentally baked into a loaf of bread. *Jacob the Baker* is a treasury of answers in the form of brief stories and parables, told by a baker who is a poet of truth and kindness. It does not matter where you start to read the book, it matters that you start.

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



# ★ Religious School Happenings

## Shalom Families,

Like you, we can hardly believe that summer is nearly over, and the new school year is already upon us! While your kids were enjoying summer camp, playing with their friends, or perhaps spending time together on a well-deserved family vacation, Rabbi Rosenbaum, our clergy, and teachers have been busily preparing for the first day of classes and planning for what we know will be a hands-on, minds-on, fun-filled, and rewarding 2016-2017 school year.

Many new teachers, students, and families have joined Beth El this summer, and we all look forward to welcoming them to our inclusive and caring community. Our PAG (Parent Action Group) is already organizing family events for throughout the school year, including our very successful and award-winning *Mitzvot & Munchies* program, Family Havdalah, and the third annual "Show-Off Shabbat." Stop by and meet parents at our family Tailgate on September 11 (the first day of classes), or bring your children to come jump in a bounce house, eat some pizza, and meet the teachers at our *Back to Beth El Carnival & Community Celebration* on the evening of September 8.

As your family continues your Jewish Learning experience throughout the year, please remember that our doors are open to meet with you and discuss your family's journey at Beth El. We see each child and family as an integral part of the Beth El community. We know how important an excellent Jewish education is to you and we are committed to fostering positive relationships and joyful learning in our inclusive and caring community. *Together as partners we can all achieve our school mission, "to lay a foundation of Jewish learning, inspiring our students to embrace Judaism as a meaningful part of their lives."* Beth El looks forward to partnering together with your family throughout the upcoming year and through your lifetime!

Shanah Tovah!  
Diane Lieberfarb, Board President  
Carrie Berman & Lisa Harris,  
Education Co-Chairs



## Beth El Temple Religious School Values & Learning Goals

We want to share with you our school's values and student learning goals, which anchors and guides our school curriculum, determines what we want our students to know, and helps us to navigate the school's vision for the future.

(from School Strategic Plan, 2015)

### Values:

- ✧ Provide a caring, supportive, and joyous atmosphere for our students to learn
- ✧ Strive to excite and engage students with creative and meaningful learning
- ✧ Partner with parents in a child's Jewish educational journey
- ✧ Base our teaching on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Sages) 1:2: "The world stands on three things study of Torah, service of God and acts of lovingkindness."



### Learning Goals:

- ✧ Cultivate a positive Jewish identity
- ✧ Provide our children with skills and experiences to guide them in meaningful and powerful worship experiences through prayer and song
- ✧ Develop Jewish literacy, including the study of Hebrew, Siddur skills, Torah, Jewish History, and observance of Jewish rituals and holidays
- ✧ Embrace Jewish rituals, acts and behaviors, create a personal relationship with God, and engage and value Kehilla – the community within the classroom, the local Jewish community, and the state of Israel.
- ✧ Instill a love of Jewish learning which will continue throughout one's lifetime with a deep appreciation of the Torah as a vital link to our tradition and understand that the concept of Mitzvot is the basis for Jewish belief and action

✧ Educate students to make choices in their ethical life informed by Jewish values and the importance of Tikkun Olam



# ★ Making Connections - Students

## Beth El Kids' Choir



**Grades 4 - 7**  
**Weekly Sunday Rehearsals**  
**11:15 AM - 12:00 PM**

Come sing with us!! Auditions now open! Last year's choir was 27 students strong, and we need to replace the singers who have aged out!

If your student likes to sing, they are invited to audition for the Beth El Kids' Choir. They will participate in Shabbat services during the school year, some BEMA concerts, and the High Holiday services.

- ♪ open to all Beth El members in grades 4-7
- ♪ audition with Cantor Ness required (be prepared to sing *Happy Birthday*)
- ♪ first class will be September 11, 2016
- ♪ a Commitment Contract must be signed by both the student and a parent



CONTACT: Debbie, bema.wh@gmail.com, with questions or to schedule an audition

COST: no charge

NOTE: returning singers need not audition



## College Connection

Attention all parents of college students: It is never too early to begin thinking about Purim! Every year, Beth El's College Connection sends Mishloach Manot (gift packages) to the children of members attending college. This is a special way to let our college-aged members know we are thinking of them and for us to share some Purim joy. We would love to send a Purim gift to your college student (or boarding or graduate student!). Please email the following information, for each child: student's name, college address, year of graduation.

CONTACT: Beth Papermaster, 860-231-7644, bethpapermaster@yahoo.com

SPONSOR: College Connection is made possible by the generosity of Annette and Sy Gavens

# ★ Engaging Generations

## Congratulations

Karen Katz, marriage of daughter Stephanie to Brian Goldman

Sarah & Lucas Meira Benchaya, birth of son, Shlomo Meira Benchaya

Paulette & Jim Lotstein, engagement of daughter Melissa to Todd Dzen

Anne Stein, birth of granddaughter, Natalie Stein

## Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch (in July or August)

Drs. Michelle & Eric Gladstein, in honor of Eric's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

Sally & Harris Chorney and Amy & Bob Chipetz, in honor of granddaughter Leah Vivian Chorney's baby naming Hollander Family, in honor of son Duncan's Bar Mitzvah

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

## Welcome to New Members

Michael & Sapora Bogatz

Rachael Bubbs

Sarah & Lucas Meira Benchaya and Shlomo

Bruce & Margot Robins and Skylar Avery

## Of Blessed Memory

Dorothy Berkowitz, sister of Edythe Sussman, aunt of J. Bruce Sussman

Donald Deitch

Esther Harris, wife of Lewis

Michael Kaufmann, father of Alan

Robert Kursman, husband of Sharon

Benjamin Kostin, father of Dane

Thelma Lieberman, mother of Stephen

Leonard Paul, husband of Frances Teddy Paul, father of Debbie Rostowsky

Miriam Rosenberg, mother of Sharon Gorlick

Cyvia Scharmett, aunt of Jill Jones

Bar/Bat Mitzvah list continues on page 31

# ★ Making Connections - One-time Programs

## A Secret Tunnel: The Greatest Escape of the Holocaust and What We Can Learn from the Human Spirit on 9/11

with Dr. Richard Freund, Director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies and Greenberg Professor of Jewish History at the University of Hartford

**Sunday, September 11**

**BREAKFAST 10:00 AM**

**PROGRAM 10:30 PM**



A fascinating presentation on this project by one of its leaders. We invite you to hear this life affirming story of hope amidst desperation

RSVP: by 9/8, Office, 860-233-9696, [cder@bethelwh.org](mailto:cder@bethelwh.org)

CO-SPONSORS: Men's Club, Chai Society

COST: \$5 suggested donation



## Making Sweet Apple Treats with Chef Martha Kalen

**Sunday, September 18**

**7:00 PM**

Come learn how to use delicious apples for preparing sweet apple treats for Rosh Hashanah.

LOCATION: private home; RSVP for address

RSVP: by 9/13, Beth Papermaster, 860-231-7644,

[womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com](mailto:womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com)

COST: \$10/WN members, \$12/non-members, in advance

NOTE: space is limited to first 25 people to pay

SPONSOR: Women's Network (WN)

## One Nation, Under God, Divided by Politics

with Professor Mark R. Silk, PhD

**Wednesday, September 21**

**12:00 PM**

Dr. Silk is the founding Director of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life at Trinity College. All ages are welcome.

COST: \$12

RSVP: Shirley Brody, 860-232-1409, Jay

Cudrin, 860-236-6706

SPONSOR: Chai Society



## Family Apple Picking

**Sunday, Sept. 11**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Celebrate the first day of Religious School with a family outing! Non-school families are also invited. We'll picnic lunch (BYO) then meet at Belltown Orchards for family fun.

LOCATION: Belltown Hill Orchards, Glastonbury

RSVP: Sharon Neiberg, 860-857-2020, [sharonneiberg@gmail.com](mailto:sharonneiberg@gmail.com)

COST: free,; pay for the apples you pick

NOTE: provide your cell phone number so we can contact you in case of inclement weather or location change

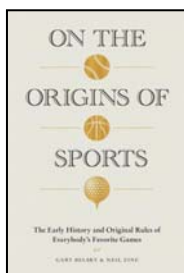


## On the Origins of Sports, The Early History and Original Rules of Everybody's Favorite Games with author Gary Belsky

**Sunday, September 18**

**MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM**

**BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 9:15 AM**



Men's Club kickoff breakfast, honoring the memory of Stanley Weisen who loved sports. Gary Belsky will discuss why and how sports have become so important to us. He takes us back in

history to learn the lore behind the world's 21 most popular sports and how they've changed over time.

RSVP: by 9/15, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, [dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com](mailto:dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com)

COST: no charge; sponsored by the family of Stanley Wiesen in his memory

## Minyan on the Mountain and Breakfast

**Sunday, October 16**

**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

The entire community is invited to join us at a scenic mountain venue and experience the breathtaking fall foliage, a Sunday morning minyan, and delicious breakfast.

RSVP: by 10/11, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,

[dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com](mailto:dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com)

CO-SPONSORS: Men's Club, Emanuel Brotherhood

COST: \$5 suggested donation

MEET: Beth El or Emanuel parking lot for car pools to private home in Avon; venue is a 50-foot level walk from parked cars.

# ★ Making Connections - Annual Events

## Tailgate Party

**Sunday, September 11  
9:00 - 10:30 AM**

Religious School parents are invited to join us in the parking lot outside the School entrance on this first day of school. Get to know other Beth El parents who are part of our Religious School community. Learn more about our Parent Action Group (PAG), Beth El Men's Club and Women's Network, and, of course, have bagels and cream cheese, coffee, tea, and juice.

QUESTIONS: Wendy Berg, 860-233-9891, wberg@bethelwh.org

COST: no charge

## Men's Club Distinguished Service Award

**Thursday, September 22  
6:00 - 9:15 PM**



**Honoring Ann and  
David Brandwein**

Guest speaker: M. Saud Anwar, M.D., Chair, Internal Medicine, Eastern CT Health Network, and Co-Chair, American Muslim Peace Initiative.

Master of Ceremonies: Jonathan Alter, Esq., Senior Counsel, Major Claims, Travelers, and Beth El Temple First Vice President.

RSVP: by 9/12

CONTACT: Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com

COST: \$40; Sponsor levels available

NOTE: All Beth El members should have received a formal invitation, and information for ads in the tribute book

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lunch and Book Discussion in the Sukkah

**Wednesday, October 19  
12:00 - 2:00 PM**



Join us in Beth El's Sukkah for a discussion with author Lynda Cohen Loigman about her new novel *The Two-Family*

*House*. Please bring a new children's book to be donated to Reading Buddies.

COST: \$18/WN or JCC members, \$20/non-members, in advance

RSVP: by 10/12, with payment to Beth El, attn. Women's Network

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: Melissa Weinstock, EJ Greenspan

INFORMATION: Beth Papermaster, 860-231-7644,

womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com

CO-SPONSORS: Women's Network, Mandell JCC's Jewish Book Festival

## Very Good Steaks & Vodka

**Men's Club 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sukkahfest**

**Thursday, October 20  
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Eat, Drink and be Merry! A local expert will discuss the various vodkas we'll taste. It's a *Mitzvah* to eat in the Sukkah.

INFORMATION: Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,

dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

COST: \$20, by 10/14, checks payable to *Beth El Men's Club*

# ★ Israel Trip with Rabbi Garber

**Eat, Pray, Learn: A Jewish Women's Journey in Israel with  
Rabbi Ilana Garber**

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



thought-leaders, politicians, rabbis, teachers, and chefs!

DETAILS: Rabbi Sowalsky, hsowalsky@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9696

**PLANNING MEETING  
September 8  
8:00 PM**

A deluxe 5-star adventure of a lifetime! Explore Israel – our Jewish homeland – specifically through the women who have shaped Israeli society, culture, innovation, faith, and more. Culinary delights, wine tasting, spa pampering, and meetings with Israeli soldiers,



# ★ Making Connections - Ongoing Programs

## Empty Nester Moms

**Thursday, September 15  
6:10 - 7:10 PM**

Has your youngest child recently left home? Then join us for a walk around the Reservoir as we talk about this new stage of our lives. Watch your email for news of an October event.

Empty Nest,  
Now What?



LOCATION: MDC Reservoir #6, Albany Ave, West Hartford

RAIN PLAN: Panera Bread, Bishop's Corner, same time

Contact: Lonni Schulz,  
LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net,  
860-651-0072, to RSVP or to be added to the email list.

## Grandparents Circle

**How Jewish Will My Grandkids Be?**

**Wednesdays  
Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30  
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

CO-SPONSORS: Beth El Temple and Big Tent Judaism

## Men's Club Walk Around the Reservoir

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

Schmooze as we walk around the West Hartford Reservoir – 3.6 miles.



LOCATION: Route 44 Reservoir, West Hartford; meet in parking lot

COST: no charge

END DATE: late fall

CONTACT: Dave Klau, 860-651-8962,  
daklau747@gmail.com

## What Is a Havurah and Why Join One

A Havurah is often defined as a friendship circle. It can be family oriented or adults only; it can be study-based or more social. What it is, when it meets, and how often, is up to the members of your group.



We all belong to Beth El Temple, which has a large membership, sometimes overwhelmingly so. A Havurah enables a group of families or individuals to create a friendship circle with people of similar ages and interests. The members of a Havurah celebrate, socialize, learn, and enrich their Jewish lives in a smaller setting.

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

## A Personal Story – Korine Ferraro

We came from a small synagogue in Bristol. It was clear to us that we needed to meet a small group of people, similar to us in age and interests, to feel comfortable at Beth El.

At the first meeting, we were the newest members of Beth El. There were two couples who had belonged to Beth El for 25 years, but they also saw the benefit of a small group of friends from this large population.

Our Havurah has been active for 15 years, and each of our members truly looks forward to our next get together.

## The 2016-2017 Music Series at Beth El

**BEMA - Beth El Music & Arts  
Cantor Joseph Ness, DIRECTOR**

Broadway & Friends Concert

**November 6, 2016**

The Asian Influence Symphony Concert

**December 4, 2016**

Giacomo Gates Jazz Cabaret

**April 2, 2017**

What's the Score, Symphony Concert

**June 11, 2017**

In addition to 4 concerts this year, there will again be a Music University Lecture Series in February, plus several Shabbatot with guest Cantors.

NOTE: all concerts are Sundays at 7 PM

CONTACT: bema@betheltemplemusic.com

INFO: betheltemplemusic.com

TICKETS: \$20/person; \$15/senior (62+) and students;

FREE for children 12 and under

SPONSORSHIPS: available for the season



# BROADWAY & FRIENDS!

NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY, 7PM

MARY CANTONI-JOHNSON

ELLARI MIRABEL &  
THE BETH EL CHOIR

MAT SAIDEL, PIANO

PLUS SHABBAT WITH CANTOR ELLARI MIRABEL  
& CANTOR JOSEPH NESS

BEMA SEASON BEGINS! FOR INFO GO TO: [BETHELTEMPLEMUSIC.COM](http://BETHELTEMPLEMUSIC.COM)

# THE ASIAN INFLUENCE

DECEMBER 4, SUNDAY, 7PM

SEOLYEONG JEONG, PIANO

KANG HUA SINGERS OF GREATER HARTFORD

CHAI-LUN YUEH, BARITONE & CONDUCTOR

CANTOR JOSEPH NESS & THE BETH EL ORCHESTRA

# ★ Supporting Beth El

## No-Event Event Finishes as a Big Success

We closed out the No-Event Event on high note. This was a hugely successful endeavor with a tremendous participation on behalf of our membership. Since our last edition of Temple Topics on June 26, we welcome these additional participants. We wish to thank all our members who helped make this first time No-Event Event, a huge success.

### GOLD

Morris Banks  
Shelley and Robert Langer  
Men's Club  
Teri Bayer and Bruce Putterman  
Gayle and Steven Temkin  
Stacy Nerenstone and Morton  
Weinstein

### SILVER

Tom Falik  
Alexandra Flowers  
Nancy and Jay Gershman  
Michele and Dan Gottfried  
The Rabb Family  
Laurie Mandell and Richard  
Weinstein

### BRONZE

Anonymous  
Jeanne and Marshall Elman  
Martin Melnick  
Bette and Joel Platt  
Risa and Ken Sugarman  
(with apologies for the previous typo)

Additional participation as of July 31, 2016

## We are grateful for the following Thoughtful Contributions.

- ★ This list reflects contributions received and processed through July 22, 2016.
- ★ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be received in the office by September 23.
- ★ The minimum donation for each listing is \$10.

Every dollar contributed can and does make a difference, and will be acknowledged. Unrestricted funds support the timely needs of Beth El Temple. Restricted funds benefit specific purposes and objectives. For a complete list of funds, and any specific designations, please visit our website. Your gift may be mailed to the Temple office, or submitted online.

### Camp Ramah Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Robert "Bob" Kursman, husband of Sharon  
– Annette & Sy Gavens

### Cantor's Music Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness, for the marriage of son, Zach  
to Kari – Rachel & Mitch Marcus  
Cantor Ness – Sharon Gorlick, Helen  
Lewtan

#### IN HONOR OF

Marriage of Adam Abel, son of Marjorie &  
Bruce, to Elizabeth Schrott – Ellen &  
Peter Donshik

#### IN MEMORY OF

Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert –  
Karen & Morris Later  
Dr. Albert Geetter, brother of Harold –  
Arlene & Lenny Lippman, Susan & Jesse  
Samuels

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Alyce Guthart, mother – Leonard Guthart

### Friends of Ari Santiago Building Accessibility Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Dr. Brian Mark, brother – Robin & Rafael  
Santiago

### Rabbi Garber's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Garber – Sharon Gorlick, Paulette  
& Jim Lotstein, Lenore Weisinger

#### IN HONOR OF

60<sup>th</sup> birthday of cousin, Dr. Eric Gladstein  
– Shirley & Yuddie Wachtel

#### IN MEMORY OF

Esther Harris, wife of Lewis – Vida & Eliot  
Barron

### Cemetery Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Esther Harris, wife of Lewis – Janet &  
Arthur Harris

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Max Matlaw, father – Sybil & Don  
Golden, Bernard Matlaw  
Anne Schupack, mother – Beth & Bernie  
Schilberg  
Alvin Wiener, husband – Bernice Wiener

### Education Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Dr. Ronald Buckman, for the Brit Milah of  
son, Asher Aviv – Ilana & Lindsey Siegal

### Library Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

David Cukier, Holocaust remembrance –  
Carol Johnson

### Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – Gail & Barry Deutsch,  
Nancy & Jay Gershman, Sharon  
Gorlick, Karen Katz, Helen Lewtan,  
Roslyne Rosenfield Maslan, Cheryl &  
Steve Rosenfield, Ruth & Sam  
Rosenfield, Rachel & Mitch Marcus

#### IN HONOR OF

Engagement of Melissa Lotstein, daughter  
of Paulette & Jim, to Todd Dzen – Diane  
& Richard Lieberfarb

Marriage of niece, Stephanie Katz,  
daughter of Karen, to Brian Goldman –  
Ellen Robbins

#### IN MEMORY OF

Donald Deitch, father – Jonathan Deitch  
Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert –  
Barbara & Bob Green

Ruth Stein, mother of Barry – Judy & Dan  
Kulakofsky

Ben Kostin, father of Dane; Mimi  
Rosenberg, mother of Sharon Gorlick –  
Diane & Richard Lieberfarb

### Taste of Shabbat Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – Dan, Jackie, Josh, Emily &  
Amanda Cohen



## Temple Fund

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Ellen Nirenstein – **Sharon Gorlick**  
 Sidra Sperling for Hebrew teaching; Rabbi  
 Garber – **Roslyn & Marvin Katz**  
 Kindness of members of morning Minyan  
 – **Elaine & Harry Lane**  
 Rabbi Rosen for a phenomenal trip to  
 Israel – **Debbie & Richard Gutcheon,**  
**Diane & Richard Lieberfarb**  
 Friends who sent us Misloach Manot –  
**Sandra & Marshall Rulnick**

### IN HONOR OF

40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Sybil & Don  
 Golden – **Patricia Davidson**  
 Engagement of Sara Danitz, daughter of  
 Meryl & Mitchell, to Noah Steinhardt –  
**Judy & Dan Kulakofsky**  
 Marriage of Zach Marcus, son of Rachel &  
 Mitchell, to Kari – **Diane & Richard**  
**Lieberfarb**  
 Birthday of Lonni Schulz – **Rosenfeld**  
**family**

### IN MEMORY OF

Trina Berkowitz, sister of Gilda Liebowitz  
 – **Eve Alpert, Ann Cohen & family,**  
**Harriet & Jerry Gilson**  
 Esther Harris, wife of Lewis – **Mary**  
**Alderman, Ursula Marx, Ruth & Red**  
**Weiner**  
 Frank Maslan, husband of Roslyn  
 Rosenfield – **Judith & Roger Cowen,**  
**Meyer Frankel, Marcia Zola**  
 Dr. Albert Geetter, brother of Harold;  
 Benjamin Kostin, father of Dane – **Linda**  
**& Steven Blotner**  
 Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert –  
**Audrey & Bruce Carlson**  
 Lillian Lustgarten – **Marlena DeRosa**  
 Joanne Chozick, mother of Bruce – **Judy &**  
**Dan Kulakofsky**

Cyvia Scharmett, aunt of Jill Jones; Robert  
 “Bob” Kursman, husband of Sharon –  
**Rachel & Mitchell Marcus**  
 Leonard Paul, father of Debra Rostowsky –  
**Deborah Prince & David Goldberg**  
 Melvin Roder, father of Melissa  
 Goldschmidt – **Lynne & Hal Schoen**  
 Miriam Rosenberg, mother of Sharon  
 Gorlick – **Susan & Stuart Wachtel**  
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### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Dyna & Joseph Kluk, parents; Harold Kluk,  
 brother – **Eve Alpert**  
 Abraham Beckenstein, grandfather & great  
 -grandfather – **Roz-Lynn & Julie**  
**Beckenstein**  
 Lori Dimon, sister – **Lee Ann & Claudio**  
**Benadiva**  
 Bertha Berland, mother – **Robert Berland**  
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**Abraham Bernstein**  
 Marvin Bloom, husband – **Sandra Bloom**  
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**Shelley Cetel**  
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 Gertrude Keller, mother; Joseph Kligman,  
 father – **Ina Cooper**  
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**Cope**  
 Gordon David Coplein, father – **Claudia**  
**Coplein**  
 Daniel Turchin, brother; Haley L. Cremer,  
 granddaughter – **Marilyn & Marvin**  
**Cremer**

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 Lillian Dannhauser, mother – **Fred**  
**Dannhauser**  
 Eugene L. Bodian, father – **Alison & Ed**  
**Demarest**  
 Adeline Lipkin, mother – **Dr. Gail**  
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 Jacob Donshik, father – **Ellen & Peter**  
**Donshik**  
 Isadore J. Freedman, father; Michael L.  
 Freedman, brother – **Hilary Freedman**  
 Jameson Garfield, son – **Diana Garfield**  
 Nathan Oren, father; Samuel Gilson,  
 father; Lloyd Gilson, brother – **Harriet &**  
**Jerry Gilson**  
 David A. Glass, son; Louis Mass,  
 grandfather – **Nan Glass**  
 Barbara Harnett Weil, mother – **Nancy &**  
**Dennis Gottfried**  
 Abraham Guthart, father – **Leonard &**  
**Fred Guthart**  
 Burton Hoffman, father – **Kathy &**  
**Bradley Hoffman**  
 Rena Arlene Kosofsky, sister – **Vivian**  
**Haas**  
 Heinrich Steinbach, Holocaust  
 remembrance – **Hutensky family**  
 Yale Kaplan, father – **Michael Kaplan**  
 Carol Korris, mother – **Richard Korris**  
 Barbara & Jack Sickle, grandparents –  
**Stephanie Landrie**  
 Jerry Kabel, father & grandfather – **Jill,**  
**Don, Stasie & Melissa Levin**  
 Arthur Levine, father – **Marie & Mark**  
**Levine**  
 Albert Davis, father – **Diane Lieberfarb**  
 Benedikta Drabik, Holocaust  
 remembrance – **Andrea & Bob**  
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 Michael Levy, father; Abraham Piaker, father – **Randi & Steve Piaker**  
 Alvin Ehrlich, father – **Karen & Jeff Polinsky**  
 Marvin Selsky, husband – **Anne Riener**  
 Harry Nemeth, father; Fanny Drechsler, Holocaust remembrance – **Julie & George Risisky**  
 Seymour Roffer, father – **Rhona & Joel Roffer**  
 Rosalyn Gloth, mother; Lena Lubowitz, grandmother; Murray Lubowitz, uncle – **Joanne Rome**  
 Zara Kraznow Leavitt, grandmother – **Deborah R. Rosenfeld**  
 Sylvia & Walter Roston, parents – **Bonnie & Jay Roston**  
 Anne Samberg, mother – **Ira Samberg**  
 Mildred Kurtz, sister – **Florence Shakun**  
 Ann F. Cohen, mother & grandmother – **Cyral & Richard Sheldon & family**  
 Judith Shore, mother – **Stacey & Eric Shore**  
 Marsha Singer, sister – **Irwin Singer**  
 Alvin M. Satz, father – **Linda Stanger**  
 Teppy Shein, mother – **Regan & Barry Stein**  
 Esther & Warren Freedman, parents – **Debby Stiebel**  
 Hilda Waitzman, mother – **David Waitzman**  
 Harry Ward, father – **Morton Ward**  
 Herbert Weiser, father – **Carolyn & Jeff Weiser**

Samuel B. Lindenberg, father; Mildred Kurtz, sister – **Judith & Joel Weisman**  
 Paul B. Zeisler, father – **Bella & Jonathan Zeisler**  
 Sarah Lillian Cohen, mother – **Janet Zimmerman**

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### General Unrestricted Endowment Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Dr. Ron Buckman – **Guy Neumann**

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Sarah Margo Bernstein, granddaughter of Carolyn & Stuart – **Annette & Sy Gavens**  
 Graduation of Nathan Papermaster, son of Beth & Dan; graduation of Noah Goldman, son of Amy & Jim – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Benjamin Kostin, father of Dane – **Cheryl & David Epstein, Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**  
 Miriam Rosenberg, mother of Sharon Gorlick – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**  
 Florence Faust, aunt of Doreen Fundiller-Zweig – **Robin & Rafael Santiago**

### Alter Family Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Engagement of Maya Shoham, daughter of Ronit & Scott, to Liz – **Marci & Jonathan Alter**

### Gavens Family College Youth Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Dr. Eric Gladstein – **Lori, Lance, Adam & Ariel Reiser**

## Bert & Ruth Berlin Fund

in loving memory of our daughter Ellen

#### IN MEMORY OF

Ellen Berlin, daughter; Sylvia Sokoloff, mother of Robin Baratz; Mickey Weinstein – **Ruth & Bert Berlin**

## Naomi & Michael Cohen Endowment Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Dr. Morris Cohen, father; Terezia Drechsler, Holocaust remembrance – **Naomi & Michael Cohen**

### Sharon & Bob Efron Family Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Sharon Efron – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mary Moses, mother – **Sharon & Bob Efron**

### Friends Fund for Members in Need

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Eli Krichavsky, grandson of Alys & Jack; birth of Julia Dwork, granddaughter of Joan & Paul Shapiro – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

Special birthday of Richard Leibert; birthday of David Rosenthal; birthday of Howard Weiner – **Joan & Paul Shapiro**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Mildred Cohen, mother of Joyce Leibert – **Tammy & Marc Levine, Ellen & Jeff Nestler, Joan & Paul Shapiro**  
 Ruth Wile, mother of Larry – **Joyce & Richard Leibert**

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#### IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Ann Brandwein, Abbey Kreinik, Linda Stanger; Rabbi Stanley Kessler being named a Human Rights Hero by T'ruah; 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Lois & Chuck Koteen – **Paulette & Jim Lotstein**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Lori Rabb, wife of Steve; Jack Rubin, father of Mark; Allen Yale Kaufman, father of Susan Samuels – **Paulette & Jim Lotstein**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Dorothy Lotstein, mother; Celia & Isadore Cohen, grandparents; Annie & Samuel Lotstein, grandparents; Gertrude & Philip Nach, grandparents – **Paulette & Jim Lotstein**

### Anna Heineman Memorial Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Frank Heineman, father – **Francine Stier**

### Eleanor Weinberg Jainchill Family Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Esther & Benjamin Gurne, parents – **Eleanor Jainchill**

### Kochen Family Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Elizabeth Kochen, mother – **Neil Kochen**

### Kreinik Family Endowment Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Belle G. Miller, mother – **Abbey & Stephen Kreinik**

### Ludgin Family Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Karen & Rob Ludgin – **Myra Josephson, Tammy & Marc Levine, Judith & David Salm, Ruth & Steve Weisenberg**

### Amy E. Toyen Endowment Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Amy Toyen, daughter; Ernest Blake, father; Rita Alexandrowitz, Holocaust remembrance – **Dorine & Marty Toyen**



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# ★ Enjoying Beth El

## Beth El Softball

The Beth El Softball team completed its 23<sup>rd</sup> season in the Greater Hartford Synagogue Softball League with another appearance in the playoffs. Whatever shortcomings we encountered on the field we made up for with enthusiasm and a competitive spirit. We closed out the 2016 season with another enjoyable Team BBQ hosted by the Kempners and good food and comradery was shared by all.

We are already looking forward to our next season in the league and welcome any softball players who haven't taken the opportunity to join their fellow congregants in a fun organization.

CAPTAINS: Alan Cetel, [acjctc@AOL.com](mailto:acjctc@AOL.com), 860-232-9515, and Duane Schwartz, [duane.schwartz@gmail.com](mailto:duane.schwartz@gmail.com), 860-997-2776



**Team Photo.** BOTTOM: Jeremy Kempner, Lauren Robertson, Ilana Waynik, Jodi Schwartz; TOP: Jake Kovel, Corey Robertson, Alan Cetel, Scott Dolin, Dave Weiner, Ron Buckman, Murray Wellner, Duane Schwartz

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#### IN APPRECIATION OF

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#### IN MEMORY OF

David T. Chase; Donald Kasden Deitch; Robert “Bob” Kursman, husband of Sharon; Abraham “Al” Weintraub, brother of David – Al Reiner

### Sowalsky Gabbai Rishon Endowment Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Ronald Jay Sowalsky, son; Rose Nemeroff, sister-in-law – Clara G. Sowalsky

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

#### IN HONOR OF

Birthday of father, Joseph Starr; birthday of Bill Silver – Leigh Newman & Gary Starr

### Dr. Manuel & Evelyn Stier Memorial Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Dr. Manuel Stier, father – Steven Stier

### I. Milton Widem Adult Education Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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### Sussman Families Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Edie Sussman – Tuesday Mah Jong Group: Eileen, Evelyn, Marianne, Mary & Susan

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mollie & Abe Leichman, parents – Edythe Sussman  
Harriet Andorsky, mother – Lisa Sussman



## ★ Membership News

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### ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign – Help Beth El Grow

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igarber@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9696  
BENEFIT: if a new member lists you as a referral, you will receive \$50 off your dues (restrictions apply)

## ★ Doing Mitzvot

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### Charter Oak Project

Sept. 25-26, Nov. 6-7

<b>COOK</b>	<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:00 - 11:00 AM</b>
<b>SERVE</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>5:30 - 7:00 PM</b>

Once each month throughout the school year, our volunteers cook and serve dinner to Hartford schoolchildren and their families. We cook on Sunday mornings under the direction of Craig Diamond and serve on Monday evenings under the direction of Kerry Rausch. New volunteers are needed for the coming year. This is a very rewarding project and volunteers have a great time. This opportunity is open to adults, teens and families and ongoing participation would make a great Bar/Bat Mitzvah project.

LOCATION: cook at Beth El, serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford  
CONTACT: Craig for cooking, craigpdiamond@outlook.com, 860-899-4918;  
Kerry for serving, 860-232-3591, rausch.kerry@gmail.com  
NOTE: not in October this year

### Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

November 7

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

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford  
CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com  
NOTE: first Monday of the month, year-round; not Sept or Oct this year

### The KNITzvah Mitzvah

**Sundays, monthly**  
**September 18, November 13**  
**10:00 - 11:30 AM**

This fall, the knitting group will start its 15<sup>th</sup> year. If you knit or crochet, it is a fun way to spend 90 minutes. Aha, you only have 30 minutes.... perfect. We don't take attendance, no one is tardy, and ladies leave when they must. We sit around a table and chat, exchange recipes, or complain about politics. BUT, all the while, we are creating something useful for someone who needs just a little "extra love." Our pretty works are donated to (mostly) local charities. Pop in and bring #10 needles.

NOTE: will not meet this October  
CONTACT: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com,  
Norma Jean Sternschein,  
njsternschein@comcast.net

### Xmas Day Mitzvah Day

**Sunday, December 25**

Mark your calendars and save the date!