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for a Sweet Start to the  
*New Year*

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Sept. - October 2022

Elul 5782 -  
Tishrei-Cheshvan 5783

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



SULAM 2022-23 kicks off the year with two September opening events: a Pre-High Holiday Experience on September 11 (see page 13) and the Back to Beth El Carnival on September 18. Midway between, on the evening of September 15, we invite our SULAM parents to an evening at Beth El to review SULAM's curriculum and educational goals.

SULAM meets onsite on Sunday mornings for grades K-6 and we are pleased to report that our primary learners return to their downstairs classrooms.



Mid-week Hebrew lessons for learners in grades 3-6, with an option for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, are delivered online by our SULAM educators. *Bogrim* learners, grade 7, meet one mid-week afternoon, in lieu of Sunday mornings, with several Shabbat experiences with our clergy scheduled during this year.

Shabbat and holiday dinners and celebrations are scheduled on a full and enriching SULAM calendar provided to SULAM families so they can set these events aside in advance. We have planned a year of interactive experiences and lessons in Jewish living, literacy, history, holidays, social responsibility, and our unique connection to the land and people of Israel.

We enthusiastically welcome back our returning learners and the families new to SULAM. We eagerly look forward to learning and sharing with each one of you.

*Bivracha*, Michelle Konigsburg

## SULAM Curriculum Night

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**8:00 – 9:00 PM**

NOTE: just for parents

QUESTIONS: Michelle Konigsburg,  
Mkonigsburg@bethelwh.org

## Back to Beth El Carnival following SULAM Opening Day

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

COST: free and open to the public – bring friends!

INFORMATION: [tinyurl.com/BETCarnival22](https://tinyurl.com/BETCarnival22)

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, [engagement@bethelwh.org](mailto:engagement@bethelwh.org)

Enjoy an inflatable obstacle course, fun, food, and other entertainment. Bring a kosher canned good for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services.

## Special Programs and Events

### September

Sun	11	10:00 AM	Pre-High Holiday Program, <i>for all learners and their parents</i>
Thu	15	8:00 PM	Curriculum Night
Sun	18	9:00 AM	SULAM classes begin
		11:30 AM	Back to Beth El Carnival

### October

Sun	30	12:00 PM	Mitzvah Fair, <i>gr. 6 and their parents</i>
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During the High Holiday season, SULAM will meet:

### Sunday SULAM

Sept. 11, 18  
Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30  
Nov. 6, 13, 20

### Weekday SULAM

Weeks of Sept. 12 and 18  
*(break for Holidays)*  
Resumes week of Oct. 24

Use this QR code for a  
printable SULAM 22-23  
Calendar



# ★ Enjoying Beth El

## Annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet

Sunday, September 11  
5:30 – 8:45 PM



### Honorees:

Sharon Efron and  
Lois Koteen for  
their many years  
of devoted service  
to Beth El Temple

and the community.



### Keynote Speaker:

Michael Masters, the National  
Director and Chief Executive Officer  
of the Secure Community Network  
(SCN). SCN is the official safety and  
security organization of the Jewish  
community in North America.



MC: Jonathan Alter,  
Senior Counsel, The Travelers Companies,  
Past President, Beth El Temple

COST: \$60/person; \$75/patron; \$100/sponsor

RSVP: by 9/1, using reply card in the invitation

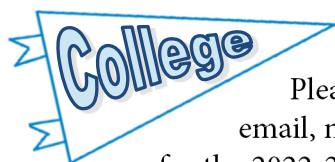
QUESTIONS: Bruce Shein, 860-677-8300,  
bruceshein@comcast.net

DETAILS: invitation and ad/tribute information has been  
mailed to all Beth El members

Sponsor: Men's Club

## College Connection

We provide outreach to our undergraduate college  
students at various holidays throughout the year.



Our next outreach is a  
High Holy Day e-card.

Please provide your child's  
email, mobile number, and address

for the 2022-2023 school year so your  
child may receive greetings and gifts from Beth El.

CONTACT: Mina Nemirow,  
betcollegeconnections@gmail.com

SPONSOR: the generosity of the *Gavens Family College  
Youth Fund* makes this project possible

## Better Late Than Never: Dirshuni – Israeli Women's Midrash, and the Missing Half of the Jewish Bookshelf

Sunday, October 23  
12:00 – 2:00 PM

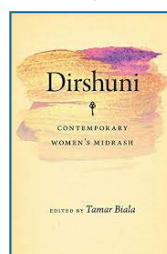
Tamar Biala, editor of a new book, *Dirshuni – Contemporary Women's Midrash* (Brandeis University Press), will present material from this first-ever English edition of a historic collection of *midrashim* composed by Israeli women. Biala was also co-editor of the Hebrew-language editions of *Dirshuni: Women's Midrash*.



The women writers, from all denominations  
and beyond, of all political stripes and ethnic

backgrounds, express their  
religious and moral thought and  
experience through innovative  
interpretations of scripture. This  
book reflects dramatic changes  
in the agency of women in the  
world of religious writings and

helps fill the missing half of the sacred Jewish  
bookshelf. These are the voices we have been  
missing for 2000 years!



COST: no charge for BET members;  
\$18/non-BET attendees;  
includes a light luncheon

RSVP: by 10/18, [tinyurl.com/BETDirshuni](http://tinyurl.com/BETDirshuni)

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

CO-SPONSORS: Women's Network, Israeli  
Engagement Committee

## Dirshuni – Contemporary Women's Midrash with Rabbi Zerin

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16  
6:00 – 7:00 PM

COST: \$18/class; includes a light dinner

REGISTER: [tinyurl.com/BETDirshuni](http://tinyurl.com/BETDirshuni)

(same address as the opening session above)

Come discuss and engage with the *midrashim*  
from *Dirshuni* during three follow-up sessions.

# ★ From the Rabbi's Desk

## Let's Keep the Sweetness in the Good



On Rosh Hashanah when we dip apples in honey, we wish each other a good and sweet year. And of course, it's a way of saying that we fervently hope that the weeks and months ahead will have as much sweetness as the honey and apple combination.

Of course, we all want the sweetness, the pleasure, good friends, shared celebrations, tasty food, and beautiful music to bless us in the New Year.

But I've come to believe there's something even deeper about that traditional greeting. It's not enough to hope for a good year that will also be sweet, but we should have the real privilege of knowing that the very idea of goodness will remain sweet.

Many of us make a kind of Jewish set of New Year's resolutions this time of year. We apologize and make amends. We resolve to be more generous, sensitive, and patient. Many commit themselves to spending more time on a Jewish journey of exploration.

It's human nature to have some of our best and noblest wishes fall at least a little by the wayside. But far worse is the element of doubt that it's even worth it in the first place. The cynicism that any real sensitive growth is impossible, a fool's errand.

The greeting for Rosh Hashanah with the sweetness of the New Year is also a way of saying, please God help us to always remember that the very ideal of the good is sweet and worth embracing. Let's not be overcome by all of the elements of the skepticism that says something better is just impossible.

We need this now more than ever before. Our world seems to have turned upside down this past year. Economic turmoil, deepening political divisions, war in Ukraine, trust taking a deeper nosedive.

We dare not surrender our vision of what ought to be, for our communities and for ourselves. A good New Year means a year in which we always strive to touch everything around us with the passion for making it better.

There is nothing more magnificent than remembering that this is the sweetest thing of all.

Nancy joins me in wishing you and the entire Beth El family a good and especially a sweet new year.

~ Jim Rosen

*P.S. I look forward so very much to seeing you at services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper. Please help us launch the High Holiday season by joining for a special outdoor service on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 25, at 5:30 PM, at Eisenhower Park – see page 16 for details.*

# ★ Reflections from the President



Rosh Hashanah is a period of renewal. It affords us time to reflect on our lives and look to the future with fresh eyes.

This year in particular, we have special opportunities to reinvent ourselves. As we continue to emerge from COVID isolation, we can renew acquaintances and friendships, and redefine our

relationships to each other. Who are we? Who do we want to be? Where can we improve? What can we do to better support each other?

One of the most rewarding aspects of being your president has been developing a deeper relationship with our remarkable clergy. We are especially fortunate to have consummate professionals leading our Temple.

Rabbi Rosen has just completed 30 years as our spiritual leader. His insight, compassion, and leadership have been an inspiration to me every day.

Rabbi Zerin has just started her second year as our assistant rabbi, having woven her talents seamlessly into the fabric of Beth El's tapestry.

Cantor Ness has served for 31 years, leading services while also

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# ★ Cantor's Corner

## The Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe): Their Special Music and Texts



The music of the High Holydays, as well as the music of each period of the year in the Jewish calendar, is profoundly special

to itself and the period that it represents.

When we gather for the opening sounds and melodies on the special evening that ushers in the beauty and mystery of Rosh Hashanah, and when, on the following morning, we rise to hear the awesome sounds of the shofar just after the reading of the Torah and its accompanying Haftarah, and when we hear the breathtaking and imposing texts of the *Unetaneh Tokef* and *B'rosh Hashanah* with the dictum that in the end we only know that we can control what we can control, and as the service unwinds we pass on to the

celebratory *Kaddish Shalem* and the special *Ein Keloheinu* at the conclusion of both days of Rosh Hashanah, we understand that this music during this holiday is meant to connect our souls to all that God represents.

When we as a congregation hear the *Kol Nidre* with that special melody that accompanies only THAT text, and soon after, the texts of the *Ya'ale* and *Ki Henei Kachomer*, with their plaintive, beautiful, and poetic melodies, and with our choir, soloists, and congregation singing as if in a conversation with each other, there is an innate feeling of affirmation, a sense that these moments are pregnant with meaning and anticipation.

And when, as the holy day of Yom Kippur draws to a close, we experience a profoundly beautiful and poetic *Neilah* Service, with its

collection of radiant melodies and texts that describe the closing of the doors that concludes this period, we enter back into our daily lives with new resolve, with a new sense of the "better" person we can be.

This is that special time that our prayers present themselves as sparkling stars and galaxies that seem to allow us to dream and, if but for a moment, reach out and touch the infinite.

So, to all of you, I wish a period of reflection and anticipation for a year that can be filled with a cornucopia of meaningful and happy, healthy times for each one of us!

לשנה טובה תכתב ותחתם

May all of us be written and sealed for a good year!

~ Joseph Ness

bringing creative programming and note-worthy performances to Beth El. He has signed a two-year extension to his contract, after which time he will retire and take on the title of Cantor Emeritus. We wish him a heartfelt *Yashir-koach* on a remarkable career and we look forward to two more years.



Rabbi Sowalsky remains the backbone of our operation, serving

as both Executive Director and Ritual Director. He is the one who makes Beth El run.

Michelle Konigsberg, who has done an outstanding job leading SULAM, has indicated that this will be her final year. We thank her for all her very hard work.

I look to the future with excitement. We will build on the strengths we have as we begin a search for two

new members to complement our extraordinary team.

Think of everything we have going for us and share your ideas about how we can be more engaging, more welcoming, more effective. Beth El is a special place. This year is our time for reflection and renewal. Your ideas and participation are vital. Innovation is both creating new things and it is seeing old things with a new perspective.

We deeply value and treasure every one of our Beth El members. You contribute to making our shul a *Community You Can Believe In*.

On behalf of my fellow officers and the entire Board of Trustees, I wish you all a Shanah Tovah. May this be a sweet, happy, and healthy new year for us all and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

~ Steve Rabb

# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Family Program

### Shababa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

5:45 – 6:45 PM



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

REGISTRATION: [tinyurl.com/Shababa114](https://tinyurl.com/Shababa114)

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

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Zerin, [rzerin@bethelwh.org](mailto:rzerin@bethelwh.org); Jason Kay, [engagement@bethelwh.org](mailto:engagement@bethelwh.org)

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

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

## Saturday – weekly

### Shabbat Morning & Torah Service

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Livestream and in person

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

### Children’s Playroom up to age 5

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

NOTE: children must be supervised by a grownup

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

### Youth Shabbat Services

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

no Virtual Options

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, [engagement@bethelwh.org](mailto:engagement@bethelwh.org)

#### ★ Mazel Tots

Featuring songs and stories geared for children 6 and under with their families.



#### ★ Shabbat Club

Prayers, games, and activities for students in grades 1-5.



### Shabbat Mincha Service

12:15 – 12:45 PM (12:30 on Oct 1) Livestream and in person

The brief afternoon service, complete with Torah readings, is returning to the Levine-Shein Chapel. Mourner’s Kaddish will be recited for Sunday yahrzeits.

### Havdallah

LOCATION: Home

Zoom only

NOTE: see chart for timing; it follows sunset

We transition from Shabbat to the new week with this brief service using the traditional symbols of a burning candle, a spice box, and wine. This will not include an evening service; Mourner’s Kaddish will not be recited.

## Friday – weekly

### Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 PM

Zoom and in person

Every week, we welcome Shabbat with joyous song and prayer led by Cantor Ness, a *d’var Torah* from one of our rabbis, and special guest soloists.

### Candle Lighting & Havdallah Times; plus Havdallah Service Time

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday	
	Candle	Havdallah	Service
Sep 2-3	7:05 PM	8:02 PM	8:25 PM
Sep 9-10	6:53 PM	7:50 PM	8:10 PM
Sep 16-17	6:41 PM	7:37 PM	8:00 PM
Sep 23-24	6:29 PM	7:25 PM	7:45 PM
Sep 30-Oct 1	6:17 PM	7:13 PM	7:35 PM
Oct 7-8	6:05 PM	7:01 PM	7:20 PM
Oct 14-15	5:54 PM	6:50 PM	7:10 PM
Oct 21-22	5:43 PM	6:39 PM	7:00 PM
Oct 28-29	5:33 PM	6:30 PM	6:50 PM

# ★ Worshipping Together - Daily Minyan

### Mincha & Ma’ariv

Zoom and in person

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS

5:30 PM

NOTE: see High Holiday schedule on pages 14-15  
Our daily *minyan* (prayer service with at least 10 Jewish adults) includes *Kaddish* for those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of a person’s passing).

### Shacharit

Zoom and in person

SUNDAYS

8:45 AM

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 AM

Mon, Sept 5

9:00 AM

NOTE: see High Holiday schedule on pages 14-15

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

# ★ Israel Engagement Committee

## The Jews of Morocco

In Israel, descendants of Moroccan Jews number over 1 million and have a powerful impact on Israeli culture. Their customs, music, and cuisine are ubiquitous and admired.

Jews lived in Morocco for over 2500 years, with many arriving following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70AD. Others came fleeing the persecution of the early Christian era and the Middle Ages. From 1492-1496, Jews expelled from Spain and

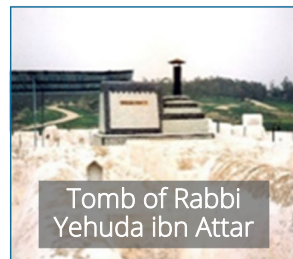


3<sup>rd</sup> cent. Oil lamp from Volubilis, Roman-Moroccan town, Rabat Museum of Archaeology

The Jewish population experienced many waves of unfavorable treatment, dependent as they were on the ruler's tolerance. Harsh persecution occurred during the strict Almohad dynasty, (1121-1269). Jews were faced with conversion to Islam or death. The again peaceful and fruitful coexistence that followed was strained by French and Spanish colonization.

Morocco was home to some of the greatest kabbalists including Rabbi Chaim ibn

Attar and Rabbi Abraham ben Mordecai Azulai. Their tombs have become pilgrimage sites.



Tomb of Rabbi Yehuda ibn Attar

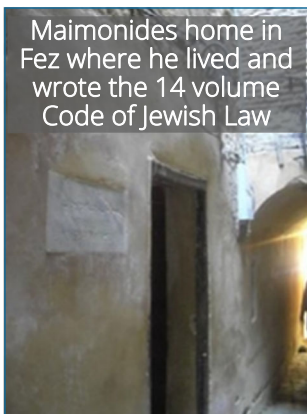


Bet El Temple in Casablanca, originally built in 1492, refurbished 1997

Portugal augmented Morocco's Jewish community, creating a golden era of Moroccan civilization.

Following the Arab conquest in 703, a spirit of tolerance pervaded Morocco, producing a thriving diversity including Jews with their commercial capabilities. This golden age lasted almost 300 years, seeing the creation of yeshivahs and the writing of brilliant scholars, poets, and grammarians. One was Rabbi Isaac of Fez, known as "Rif," who inspired generations of disciples and wrote the Jewish law book that impacted all future Jewish law codifications, including the *Shulchan*

*Aruch*. Rabbi Moses Maimonides, a prolific and influential Torah scholar, lived in Fez from 1159 to 1165, leaving Cordoba to escape the Almohad persecution. Here, Maimonides, a physician to the Sultan, wrote his Commentary on the Oral Law.



Maimonides home in Fez where he lived and wrote the 14 volume Code of Jewish Law

The first mellah, Jewish quarter, was created in 1438 in Fez. For protection, the mellahs were usually situated near the royal palace or the residence of the governor, since Jews played a vital economic role. To this day, mellahs have lively markets, with many road names memorializing the once bustling Jewish populations.

A French colony, Morocco was subject to antisemitic decrees from Nazi-allied Vichy France during WWII. In 1941, Sultan Mohammed V refused to deport Morocco's Jews, saying "there are no Jewish citizens, there are no Muslims citizens, they are all Moroccans." Some antisemitic laws were imposed on Morocco, and many Jews lost their jobs. There were a few pogroms in 1942. In June 1948, bloody riots killed 44 Jews, wounded scores more and an unofficial economic boycott was instigated against Moroccan Jews.

By 1948 the largest Jewish community in the Arab World was 280,000; today 2,500 remain. The Museum of Moroccan Judaism in Casablanca is the only museum on Judaism in the Arab world. Restored but nearly empty synagogues speak of the flourishing past and once vibrant Moroccan life that has found a new home in Israel.



Entrance to the Mellah of Fez

Co-CHAIRS: Sharon Efron,  
sgredancer@yahoo.com;  
Robin Santiago,  
Robin@rsantiagodmd.com

# ★ Making Connections

## Women's Network

### ***Crazy to Leave You:* Conversation with Marilyn Rothstein**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

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

REGISTER: by 9/12, [tinyurl.com/MSRatBET](http://tinyurl.com/MSRatBET)

CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman,  
860-729-4201,  
[michellekunzman1@gmail.com](mailto:michellekunzman1@gmail.com)

NOTE: open to the community

BOOKS: available in the office for \$15

CO-SPONSOR: The Emanuel  
Synagogue Sisterhood



The latest from Marilyn Simon Rothstein takes readers on the journey of Lauren Leo, a forever dieting 41-year-old who is finally about to get married ... until she's dumped at the altar via text message. What happens next forces Lauren on a road to healing and self-acceptance, but only if she can deal with her mother's advice to freeze her eggs and stay slim, or her older sister, a flamboyant actress, hanging out on her couch. Filled with hilarious mishaps, dysfunctional family drama, and happy accidents that lead to love, **Crazy to Leave You** delivers a heroine readers will root for and an inspiring tale of second chances. Read more about the book on page 10.



## Men's Club



### **Ribeye and Red Wine in the Sukkah**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sukkahfest**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13  
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

COST: \$25

REGISTER: by 10/7, [tinyurl.com/Sukkahfest2022](http://tinyurl.com/Sukkahfest2022)

CONTACT: Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366,  
[eaglewars@aol.com](mailto:eaglewars@aol.com)

Come and socialize with the Beth El Community. A local expert will discuss the various kosher red wines as we taste them.

It's a Mitzvah to eat in the Sukkah!

### **Fantasy Football League**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
7:00 - 8:30 PM**

COST: \$10/two-person team

REGISTER: by 10/5, [tinyurl.com/BETFantasyFootball](http://tinyurl.com/BETFantasyFootball)

CONTACT: David Sabino, 917-453-2553,  
[dnsabino@gmail.com](mailto:dnsabino@gmail.com)

Join Beth El's first Fantasy Football League! We are forming two-person teams and are encouraging family teams.

The draft will be held in person, the evening prior to the beginning of the 2022 NFL season. Cash prizes for the winning teams! Our league will be run through ESPN's website. Details will be provided at our event. No experience required! Refreshments will be served.



### **The Roots of Beth El Temple and the Emanuel Synagogue**

**a Brunch Program**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

LOCATION: Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church,  
500 Woodland St, Hartford

COST: \$12, includes kosher brunch

REGISTER: by 10/14, [www.jhsgh.org](http://www.jhsgh.org)

CONTACT: Dave Diamond, 860-965-3157,  
[daviddiamond2@comcast.net](mailto:daviddiamond2@comcast.net)

CO-SPONSORS: Jewish Historical Society of Greater  
Hartford, Beth El Men's Club, The Emanuel Synagogue  
Brotherhood

The Emanuel Synagogue, our region's first Conservative congregation, stood at the intersection of Woodland and Greenfield Street near Keney Park for 40 years, 1927-1967. In 1953, a group of Emanuel families who wanted a synagogue in West Hartford, organized Beth El Temple, which opened in 1956. The Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church now occupies that Hartford building.

Speakers will share reflections on the history of the two synagogues and the church that have shared connections to this site.

### **Walk Around the Reservoir**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:15 AM**

LOCATION: Reservoir on Route 44, Albany Ave;  
meet in parking lot

CONTACT: Stu Bernstein, 860-232-2012,  
[sbernste@aol.com](mailto:sbernste@aol.com)

## Back to Beth El Carnival

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

COST: free and open to the public – bring friends!

INFORMATION: [tinyurl.com/BETCarnival22](https://tinyurl.com/BETCarnival22)

COMMITTEES CAN REQUEST TABLES: [tinyurl.com/CarnivalCmte22](https://tinyurl.com/CarnivalCmte22)

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, [engagement@bethelwh.org](mailto:engagement@bethelwh.org)



An outdoor festival where you can check out our committees, learn about ways to get involved, and discover opportunities for mitzvot. Enjoy an inflatable obstacle course, fun, food, and other entertainment. Bring a kosher canned good for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services.

### United Synagogue Youth

#### Shabbat Around the World

**FRIDAYS: SEPT 23 OCT 21 DEC 16 JAN 20  
MAR 17 APR 21 MAY 19**

COST: \$15/dinner

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

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

LOCATION: both programs alternate between Beth El Temple and The Emanuel Synagogue  
CONTACT: Cara Levine, [whusyadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:whusyadvisor@gmail.com)  
AGES: grades 6-12

#### Shabbat Morning Hangouts

**SATURDAYS, TBA**

COST: no charge

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



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

## Beth El Temple Goes Hiking

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**1:30 PM**

LOCATION: Wadsworth Falls Loop Trail,  
721 Wadsworth St, Middletown

COST: no charge

REGISTER: [tinyurl.com/HikewithBET](https://tinyurl.com/HikewithBET), requested (though not required) for updates and changes

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, [engagement@bethelwh.org](mailto:engagement@bethelwh.org)



Join together for one of Connecticut's best waterfall hikes. Much like Abraham is told to go on a journey in this week's Torah portion Lech Lecha, we at Beth El will go on our own journey.

While not difficult, the hike is approximately three and a half miles long and will take around an hour and 45 minutes. Don't forget good walking shoes, snacks, water, and bug spray.

### Israel Engagement Committee

#### Interviews from Israel, Part 4: Kalman Samuels, President and Founder of Shalva



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

**7:00 – 8:00 PM** VIA ZOOM

CONTACT: Sharon Efron,  
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[Robin@rsantiagodmd.com](mailto:Robin@rsantiagodmd.com)



Shalva is the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Non-denominational and free of charge, Shalva offers services to individuals with disabilities from infancy to adulthood, and their families.

# ★ Lifelong Learning

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

## Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

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

### Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS

12:00 – 1:00 PM Zoom



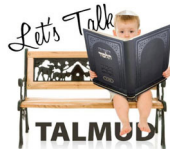
NOTE: class meets 9/13, 9/20, and then resumes weekly beginning 10/25

Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, Rabbi Rosen invites you to join us as we explore the Hebrew Bible together. We will continue to study the main teachings of the Writings this year.

### Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM Zoom



NOTE: does not meet 10/5

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

### Bible & Breakfast

THURSDAYS

8:00 – 9:00 AM Zoom and in person

QUESTIONS: Michael Schenker,  
msschenker31@gmail.com



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

### Pirkei Avot Study

DAY TBD

1:30 – 2:30 PM Zoom

NOTE: will no longer meet on Fridays

New day!



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

## Ongoing Monthly Adult Class

### Musical Chat with Cantor Ness

MONDAYS, 1:00 – 2:00 PM Zoom

SEPT 19 *Renewal & Hope*

OCT/Nov TBA



## Library Corner

### The Wedding That Wasn't! ☆ Roberta J. Buland

*Crazy To Leave You*, by Beth El's own Marilyn Simon Rothstein, is a delicious story of a 41-year-old woman left at the altar. Could it be the best – or worst – thing that ever happened to her?

Rothstein weaves a delightful tapestry about Lauren, one of three daughters whose mother, a perennial size four, continues to give her unsolicited dieting – and other – advice. “Stay on your diet and freeze your eggs,” she counsels her hardly-slim workaholic advertising daughter. To achieve her new, hard-won size 12, Lauren has been subsisting on egg whites and steamed broccoli with a side helping of self-hatred.



Growing up pressured to skip dessert, Lauren was jealous of her naturally-thin younger sister and frustrated by her mother's relentless critique of her looks. When her fiancé, Eric, fails to show up for the wedding, she laments that all her careful work has been upended. She immediately abandons her recently-found healthy eating habits, devouring juicy cheeseburgers while still in her wedding dress.

Dysfunctionality permeates the story as it does Rothstein's other novels, *Lift and Separate* and *Husbands and Other Sharp Objects*. Lauren's older sister, Margo – a small time actress also with weight challenges – shows up unannounced to stay with Lauren, adding to the family drama.

With its many twists and turns, *Crazy to Leave You* is a self-deprecatingly funny take on the well-known career woman searching for love narrative. The characters, combined with Marilyn's wonderful use of language, creates a page-turner where readers laugh (a lot) and cry (a little). Many of us will find ourselves understanding Lauren's question as she looks in the mirror and asks: “... does this body make me look fat?”

See page 8 for details on a program with Marilyn.

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

# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## 3-Season Opportunities

### Jessie's Community Garden

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

Gardening is COVID-safe and a great way to spend an hour a week while performing an important mitzvah: the fresh vegetables are donated to foodbanks throughout Hartford.

We need:

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



Both of these outdoor activities make great b'nai mitzvah projects. Volunteers are invited to come with friends, as a family, or solo.

### Garden Club News

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

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



Now that the weather has warmed, we have been outside: weeding, planting, pruning, watering, chatting, and laughing. It's so easy now that our perennials (plants that come back every year) are well established. Gardening is good for the soul and the body. Fresh air and a little exercise go a long way toward feeling good and having the synagogue grounds explode with color!

With unpredictable weather, give us a call to see when we will be there and you can join in! And we will try to accommodate your schedule, too! See you in the garden!

Don't forget your gloves, water bottle, and sunscreen.

### Chesed (Kindness) Committee Supporting Our Members

COORDINATOR: Leah Katz, lckatz@comcast.net

Whether it's due to an illness, the loss of a loved one, or some other challenge, your Beth El community is prepared to be of help. Our members can assist with meals (Meal Train), friendly phone calls, or some basic errands for groceries or other essentials.

If you are in need of some assistance, or would like to be part of corps of helpers please contact us.



Many thanks to Barbara Checknoff for all the years she's managed Meal Train. We are looking for someone with an interest to be the next coordinator.

### KNITzvah Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 – 11:00 AM

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



The knitters and crocheters of our KNITzvah group continue to create beautiful lap afghans, baby blankets, and hats for people who need a little extra warmth and to let them know they are not forgotten.

We welcome all knitters and crocheters of all skill levels to join us. If you have any questions, please email us.

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

# ★ Lifelong Learning - Calendars & Counting

## THE JEWISH CALENDAR, CHAPTER 3:

### Rosh Hashanah as the New Year and so much more ☆ Jason Kay

Exodus chapter 12 begins, “And God said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you.” Numbers chapter 29 begins, “In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a sacred occasion. You shall not work at your occupations. You shall observe it as a day when the horn is sounded.”

At first glance, these two sentences seem to be in opposition to each other. The “first of the months” and the “day when the horn is sounded” both sound a lot like Rosh Hashanah, don’t they? However, according to the verse in Numbers, the day when the horn is sounded is actually at the start of the seventh month. And furthermore, the verse from Exodus was actually spoken by God to Moses and Aaron as the Israelites were getting ready to leave Egypt, thus describing the month that we call Nisan, the seventh month.

In biblical times as described in the Torah, the Jewish year began on the anniversary of the Exodus from Egypt, and today, that event is sanctified smack dab in the middle of the year. According to the Torah, the first day of the seventh month should be observed “as a day when the horn is sounded,” and various sacrifices are brought. That’s literally all the information we have about the day that is now one of the pinnacle days of the calendar, the day called Rosh Hashanah. So how did it happen that the first month became the seventh and the seventh became the first? Even more so, where did the whole concept of Rosh Hashanah as the new year come from? And how did it all of a sudden become the Day of Judgment and oh so much more?

Here’s the incredible thing – we really don’t know. By the time of the codification of the Mishnah around 200 CE, these ideas were already set, so the change happened some time between biblical times and the time of the Mishnah. Theories about the origins of this change are numerous, yet none, as far as I can tell, are universally accepted. Some ancient semitic cultures celebrated the New Year with fall-time harvests (Sukkot is such a fall-time harvest festival on our

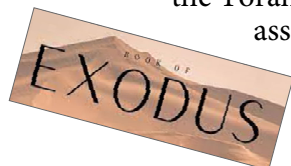
calendar). Some argue that the Holy Day described in the Torah with the blowing of the horn became associated with the Babylonian new year celebration.

Whatever the reason, what is known for sure is that our calendar features multiple new years – four to be exact. The 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of Shevat (Tu Bishvat) is the new year for the trees, the first of the month of Elul is the new year for taxation, and then we have the first of the month of Nisan as

prescribed by the Torah and the first of the month of Tishrei which we now know as Rosh Hashanah. There are great discussions in the Talmud as to which New Year is more important – the month of Nisan (and the Holy Days of Passover) or the month of Tishrei (and the Holy Day of Rosh Hashanah). There is a common understanding that in Nisan, we celebrate the Jewish people as a nation. On Rosh Hashanah, we celebrate the creation of the world and of all people.

That’s right, somewhere in the passage of time, Rosh Hashanah, in addition to the “day when the horn is sounded” also became the celebration of the creation of humanity and the world in general. That is the origin of the passage in Musaf on Rosh Hashanah when we say (three times), “*Hayom harat olam*, today, the world came into being.” And if Rosh Hashanah is the annual celebration of the creation of humanity, then it is also the right time for humanity as a whole and as individuals to stand in judgment before God, the creator. And thus begins the traditions of the Book of Life, the 10 days of Repentance, and the association of Rosh Hashanah with Yom Kippur.

To me, it is telling that Rosh Hashanah has an incredibly rich history, most of which is not well documented or understood. We are left to wonder what brought it from being simply a Holy Day “when the horn is sounded” and no work is done to the two-day Festival we have today, the pinnacle of the Jewish year, New Year’s Day, Judgment Day, and the birthday of the world.



# ★ Preparing for the High Holidays

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## Calling All Shofar Blowers!

**MONTH OF ELUL** (AUG. 28 – SEPT. 25)

**MORNING MINYAN** (EXCEPT SHABBAT)

CONTACT: Rabbi Sowalsky,  
hsowalsky@bethelwh.org

Elul is a month of preparation for the High Holidays, including a daily **WAKE-UP** call of the *shofar* to remind us to repent and get ready. Volunteers are needed to sound the shofar at Beth El, nursing homes, and the homes of some home-bound members. If you can perform this mitzvah, contact Rabbi Sowalsky.

## Adult Choir

OPEN TO: all members, post  
B'nai Mitzvah age

CONTACT: Cantor Ness,  
jness@bethelwh.org

Do you sing? A few choir members have retired and more voices are needed before the High Holidays! Make a date for Cantor Ness to hear your vocal range.

## Sweetening THE New Year

### Pre-High Holiday Experience: *Sweetening the New Year*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

REGISTRATION: [tinyurl.com/BETSweet](https://tinyurl.com/BETSweet)

CO-SPONSOR: SULAM



This is a get ready for the New Year for people of all ages, 3-103! Open to the entire community, we will have something for everyone. Make blessings for the New Year, test your High Holiday knowledge with Kahoot! trivia, create *Shanah Tovah* cards for members of our community who are in need, learn about the themes of the holidays with Rabbi Rosen or the music of the holidays with Cantor Ness, and try your best at our *Teshuvah* Target Practice.



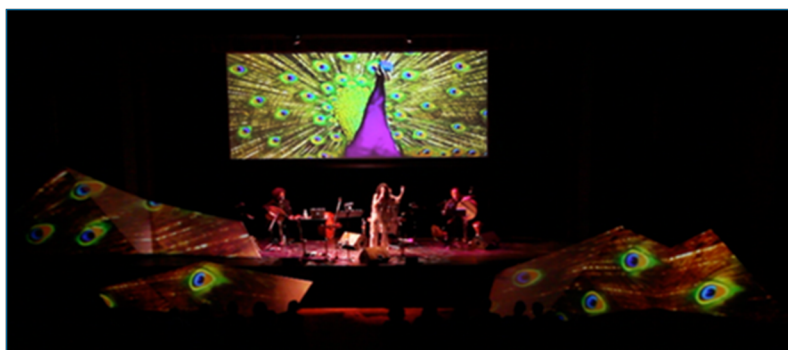
## Community-Wide Musical Selichot with Galeet Dardashti

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 8:00 PM**

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

CO-SPONSORS: Beth El Temple, The Emanuel  
Synagogue, B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom

Begin your spiritual journey for this High Holiday season as Galeet Dardashti brings her multi-sensory project *Monajat* to our community. Haunting recordings of the Jewish prayers of *Selichot* chanted by Dardashti's Iranian grandfather Yona Dardashti, a master singer of Persian classical music, waft through Dardashti's presentation. She reinvents the musical ritual of *Selichot* using digital technology to perform with an ensemble of Middle Eastern and jazz musicians.



The ritual event envelops audiences with Persian melodies, poetic Hebrew texts, electronic soundscapes, and video art. In conjunction with the live performance of *Monajat*, video artist and designer Dmitry Kemell generates images in real time that float across multiple screens.

On a side note, Galeet's father Chazzan Farid Dardashti and Rabbi Rosen served together at a synagogue in Baltimore.

# ★ High Holiday Service Schedules



## Rosh Hashanah, Erev **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah in the Park EISENHOWER PARK —

6:26 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

## Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary Service	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Outdoor Service	GROVE	—
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Family Service <i>ages 0-10 and their grown-ups</i>	KESSLER HALL	—
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Children's Drop-Off Program <i>grades K-5</i>	KESSLER HALL	—
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Teen Breakfast & Story Slam <i>grades 6-12</i>	DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOMS	—
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet for Snacks/Walk to Tashlich	GROVE	
5:00 PM - 5:20 PM	Tashlich Ceremony	25 HUNTINGTON DR, WEST HARTFORD	
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv	1 HAMLIN DR, WEST HARTFORD	7:24 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

**Apples & Honey:**  
Socialize outdoors,  
after morning  
services, on both  
days of Rosh Hashanah.  
SPONSOR: Men's Club



## Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary Service	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM	
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Outdoor Service	GROVE	—	
9:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Family Service	KESSLER HALL	—	
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdallah	LEVINE-SHEIN CHAPEL	LIVESTREAM	7:20 PM FESTIVAL ENDS



## Shabbat Shuvah **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>Lake Norden Badger Shabbat</i> Rabbi Rosen's Annual Tribute to Small Town Midwest Jewish Communities	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM
12:00 PM	<i>Lake Norden Badger Lunch</i>	TBD	—
12:30 PM	Mincha	LEVINE-SHEIN CHAPEL	LIVESTREAM

## Cemetery Service **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Cemetery Service	BETH EL CEMETERY, JACKSON ST, AVON
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## Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Sanctuary Service	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM	6:10 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Outdoor Service	GROVE	—	Light Yizkor candle first

## Yom Kippur, Day **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Sanctuary Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Outdoor Service, with <i>Yizkor</i>	GROVE	—
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Family Service <i>ages 0-10 and their grown-ups</i>	KESSLER HALL	—
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Children's Drop-Off Program <i>grades K-5</i>	KESSLER HALL	—
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	A Yom Kippur Debate <i>grades 6-12</i>	DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOMS	—
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Festival Mincha	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM
5:30 PM - 7:10 PM	Neilah & Ark Visitations	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM
7:10 PM	Havdallah & Final Shofar Blast	SANCTUARY	LIVESTREAM

**Neilah:** After the  
final shofar, grab a  
snack on your  
way out.  
SPONSOR:  
Women's  
Network



7:06 PM FESTIVAL ENDS

# ★ High Holiday Service Schedules, cont.



## Sukkot, Erev

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:30 PM

Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

ZOOM

6:02 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

## Sukkot, Day 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Festival Service

SANCTUARY

LIVESTREAM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Family Service

LEVINE-SHEIN CHAPEL

12:00 PM

Congregational Lunch

SUKKAH

—

5:30 PM

Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

LIVESTREAM

7:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

## Sukkot, Day 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Festival Service

SANCTUARY

LIVESTREAM

12:00 PM

Kiddush

SUKKAH

—

5:30 PM

Festival Mincha and Ma'ariv

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

LIVESTREAM

6:56 PM FESTIVAL ENDS



## Shemini Atzeret, Erev

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:45 AM

Hoshanah Rabah

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

ZOOM

5:30 PM

Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

ZOOM

5:50 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

## Shemini Atzeret, Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Festival Service, with *Yizkor*

SANCTUARY

LIVESTREAM

12:00 PM

Kiddush

SUKKAH

—

12:15 PM

Festival Mincha

SANCTUARY

LIVESTREAM

## Simchat Torah, Erev

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:15 PM

Hors d'Oeuvres

FRONT PLAZA

—

5:45 PM - 6:00 PM

Festival Ma'ariv

FRONT PLAZA

—

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Simchat Torah Live!

FRONT PLAZA

—

6:49 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

## Simchat Torah, Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Festival Service

SANCTUARY

LIVESTREAM

12:00 PM

Congregational Lunch

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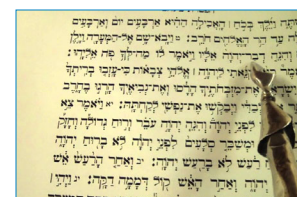
5:30 PM

Festival Mincha and Ma'ariv

LEVINE-SHEIN  
CHAPEL

LIVESTREAM

6:45 PM FESTIVAL ENDS



## ★ Member Portal

### Test your Online Access through the Member Portal

A "test" video will be available on our website for all members to test their ability to watch and hear services and programs from their computers.

The last day to test is Monday, September 19, by 5PM. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to resolve any difficulties reported after the **deadline of September 19**.

### Machzor Pick-Up

We have a limited number of Machzors available for those who will be livestreaming High Holiday services. If you need a Machzor to follow along from home, please register at [tinyurl.com/Machzor5783](https://tinyurl.com/Machzor5783).

If you pick one up and then choose to attend services in-person, you must bring the Machzor with you. If you're planning to attend services in-person, you do not need to pick one up in advance.

Pick-up: Mon-Fri, Sept. 12-16, during office hours

# ★ Service Descriptions - All Ages (1<sup>st</sup> of 3 sect.)

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## Erev Rosh Hashanah in the Park

**Rosh Hashanah – Erev**

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

Join your entire Beth El family for a sweet start to the New Year! Rabbi Rosen, Rabbi Zerlin, and Cantor Ness invite everyone to join them for a majestic and participatory Rosh Hashanah Evening service. Children and adults will enjoy familiar melodies in a new environment.

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket as we ring in the New Year on a strong note!

LOCATION: Eisenhower Park,  
13 Sheep Hill Drive, West  
Hartford, in the shaded  
area off Maiden Lane

PARKING: at Eisenhower Park,  
along Maiden Lane or  
Sheep Hill Drive, or at Hall  
High School

NOTE: in case of rain or  
uncomfortable heat or cold,  
this service will relocate to  
the Sanctuary



**Rosh Hashanah – Day 1**

**Rosh Hashanah – Day 2**

**Yom Kippur – Kol Nidrei**

**Yom Kippur – Day**

**MONDAY, 9/26**

**TUESDAY, 9/27**

**TUESDAY, 10/4**

**WEDNESDAY, 10/5**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### The Sanctuary Service

Experience the grandeur of the High Holidays with Rabbi Rosen, Cantor Ness, and the Beth El Choir in the Sanctuary Service. Enjoy glorious melodies accompanied by the organ and thought-provoking insights, teachings, and sermons from our Rabbis.

LOCATION: Sanctuary / Livestream

**Yizkor:** The memorial service will be recited at both services on Yom Kippur morning. Remember to **bring the Book of Remembrance** that will be mailed to your home. Extra booklets will not be available; a variation of our service is in the Machzor.

NOTE: Yizkor will begin sometime after 10:30AM, at the discretion of the rabbis in each service

### The Outdoor Service

Want to hear the shofar among the trees? Chant *Kol Nidrei* under the stars? Join Rabbi Zerlin, Jason Kay, and Susan Gold for a participatory, musical service in a relaxed outdoor setting. The service will include classic favorites from the Chapel Service, new melodies, meaningful insights into the prayers, and trivia for kids (and adults) during the Torah service.

LOCATION: Grove (below Levine-Shein Chapel)

NOTE: in case of rain or uncomfortable heat or cold, this service will move inside to the Levine-Shein Chapel

## Tashlich Ceremony and Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

**Rosh Hashanah – Day 1**

**4:30 PM MEET in the Grove at Beth El for Snacks – optional**

**4:45 PM WALK to Tashlich**

**5:00 PM TASHLICH – Berlinsky Home, 25 Huntington Dr, West Hartford**

**5:20 PM WALK to Services**

**5:30 PM FESTIVAL Mincha & Ma'ariv – Ness Home, 1 Hamlin Drive, West Hartford**

*Tashlich* is a 13<sup>th</sup> century custom of symbolically casting off our sins by tossing bread crumbs into running water. This simple, family-friendly, brief but meaningful ceremony can take place on either day of Rosh Hashanah, but not on Shabbat. You can do this on your own or join our gathering. Please bring bread crumbs for you and your family to toss!



RAIN DATE: in case of rain, *Tashlich* will be postponed to Day 2, and the Festival Services will be at the Temple

NOTE: it is an option to meet at the temple first for snacks; feel free to go directly to *Tashlich*

## ★ Service Descriptions - All Ages (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 sect.)



### **Shabbat Shuvah: *Lake Norden Badger Shabbat***

**Saturday, Oct 1**

**9:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

A traditional service with a special Haftarah marking the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, enhanced by a Beth El tradition: Rabbi Rosen's annual tribute to small town Midwest Jewish communities – Lake Norden Badger. A uniquely themed lunch follows, prepared by Taste of Shabbat's special cooking crew.

### **Cemetery Service**

**Sunday, Oct 2**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

LOCATION: Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

### **Neilah & Ark Visitations**

**Wednesday, Oct 5**

**5:30 - 7:10 PM**

**Yom Kippur concluding evening service**

*Neilah* literally means the “closing of the gates.” The Ark is kept open for this final service on Yom Kippur, and we have one last chance to seek repentance and be sealed in the Book of Life. The *Neilah* service provides a true moment of awe during the Days of Awe. All who wish to come up for personal moments of reflection and prayer are so encouraged; take a moment to find peace and share the beauty of the Torah with your loved ones.

NOTE: family units of all ages and configurations (including non-Jewish family members) can each have a private moment at the ark

## ★ Service Descriptions - Younger Members

### **The Family Service**

**Rosh Hashanah – Days 1 & 2** **9:00 - 10:45 AM**

**Yom Kippur – Day** **9:00 - 10:30 AM**

Start the New Year off with stories, songs, prayers, and activities! Rabbi Zerlin will include all the highlights of the High Holiday services you know and love, while engaging in the themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in a family-friendly way. On Rosh Hashanah, the family service will end with apples and honey.

AGES: 0-10 and their grown-ups

### **Children's Drop-Off Program**

**Rosh Hashanah – Day 1** **10:45 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Yom Kippur – Day** **10:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

While we love kids in all our services, we know they sometimes need a space of their own. This is where kids in grades K-5 will find High Holiday-themed stories, games, *yom-tov*-friendly crafts, and other activities in a supervised space.

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/BET5783Dropoff](http://tinyurl.com/BET5783Dropoff), requested (though not required) so that we can arrange for enough people to care for your children

GRADES:

K-5 must be dropped off and picked up by an adult

Pre-K and below are welcome but must be accompanied by a grown-up at all times; young children may not be dropped off

NOTE: no drop-off programs on Rosh Hashanah - Day 2; however, Kessler Hall will remain open for those who need a space to play; children must be supervised by a grown-up

### **Teen Programs – grades 6-12**

#### **Breakfast and Story Slam**

**Rosh Hashanah – Day 1** **11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Everyone has experienced turning points in life – moments of incredible happiness, sadness, excitement, fear, and more. In addition, everyone loves stories. Come celebrate the new year with other Beth El teens by exploring key moments in life. Tell others your story. Hear their stories. Because all good moments in life should have food, breakfast will be served. Led by Jason Kay, this program will be a great time for teens to celebrate together.

#### **A Yom Kippur Debate: Humanity On Trial**

**Yom Kippur – Day** **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Would the world be better off if humanity had never been created at all? Are we worthy of what we have? If not, what do we have to do to make ourselves worthy? These are the questions that Hillel and Shammai debated for two and a half years, according to the Talmud – and they are the question that YOU will debate on Yom Kippur! Led by Jonathan Alter, teens are invited to argue their case in this Yom Kippur Debate.

# ★ Service Descriptions - All Ages (3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 sect.)



## Simchat Torah – Erev

Monday, Oct 17

5:15 PM Hors d'Oeuvres  
5:45 PM Festival Ma'ariv  
6:00 PM Simchat Torah Live!



All are invited to come and celebrate the Torah! Our Simchat Torah Live band will lead us in joyous singing and dancing as we celebrate completing the reading of the Torah – and prepare to begin it all over again! The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, sweets, aliyot for all, and a return of our Torah Ceremony – this year for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

## Simchat Torah – Day

Tuesday, Oct 18

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Three members are honored with special *Aliyot* for their long-time contributions to synagogue life. The honorees are called *Kallah* (bride) or *Chatan* (bridegroom) of the Torah and are brought to the bimah under a chuppah, signifying the “wedding-like” atmosphere for blessings recited over each honoree.

<i>Kallat Torah</i>	Sharon Gorlick
<i>Chatan Beresheet</i>	Dan Kulakofsky
<i>Kallat Mafteret</i>	Barbara Green

# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## Beth El is Warm and Welcoming

The sign at our front entrance states "All are welcome." Torah instructs "You shall not wrong nor oppress a stranger..." (Exodus 22:21). If we're required to be kind to strangers, how much more so is the mandate to be considerate of fellow Beth El members and staff?



About 30% of the U.S. population is sensitive to scented products on other people; some even have allergic reactions. Please **avoid** wearing fragrances and any scented products at Beth El.

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

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

Now more than ever we need your help! This pandemic has taken a toll on so many. Sadly, we still have neighbors in need; but you can help. Please fill a bag or two and drop them off in the Community Room **anytime between Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidrei evening, Tuesday, October 4.**

All food should be unopened and Kosher (look for one of these Hechsher symbols). Please do not bring expired food or Passover items.



THANK YOU! in advance for your support of this important Mitzvah to help your neighbors!



## Sorting Food Drive Donations

Sunday, Oct 9 9:15 – 11:30 AM

CONTACT: Sharon Levine-Shein,  
ms.lib@comcast.net

Many hands are needed to sort all the bags of donated items before they are delivered to the Food Pantry.

The Kosher Food Pantry continually needs to be restocked. Throughout the year, when coming to shul, please bring a can of vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, or a bag of groceries. Place your donations in the box at the entrance by the Community room.

### Food

- Canned vegetables; canned fruit in juice or light syrup
- Cereal, crackers, cookies, snack bars, granola, breakfast bars
- Pasta, rice, couscous, marinara sauce
- Peanut butter, jams, preserves, macaroni & cheese

- Tuna in water, tinned sardines, canned salmon
- Canned soups, salad dressings, mayonnaise & other condiments

### Cleaning/Household Supplies

- Glass cleaner, all purpose cleaner (Fantastic, 409, etc.) toilet bowl cleaner, bathroom cleaner

- Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent
- Scrubbing powder, sponges, Brillo, SOS pads

### Toiletries

- Razors, deodorant, hand cream
- Diapers and Depends
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste

# ★ Ticket & Online Access Policy



Beth El provides a variety of options for our members, their families, and their out-of-town friends and family to worship with us on the high holidays.

All services will be offered in person this year, and many of them will also be Livestreamed or on Zoom. Feel free to mix and match these options. Note that for services requiring tickets, online access will also be restricted.

## Tickets/Access are required for:

<b>Rosh Hashanah - Day 1</b>	<b>MON, 9/26</b>
<b>Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei</b>	<b>TUES, 10/4</b>
<b>Yom Kippur - Day</b>	<b>WED, 10/5</b>

- ✧ Each person, 18 and over, must have their own ticket, with their name on it.
- ✧ Tickets are complimentary for all young adults, ages 18-24.
- ✧ Tickets are not required for any child under 18 years of age.

## Full Members of Beth El Temple

High Holiday tickets will be mailed to members in good standing<sup>o</sup> in early-September. After 9/15, they should be picked up in the office or at the “will call” table on the day of the service.

- ✧ Your adult children, ages 18-24, will be issued tickets to your address. Please contact the office to make sure their current e-mail address is on file for access to streaming.
- ✧ Your adult children, ages 25-29, if not members on their own, may purchase tickets at a reduced rate.

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

<sup>o</sup> MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING have paid their dues in full or have returned their completed membership form with their first payment.

NOTE: Guest tickets are not available for former Beth El members with a residence in CT.

NOTE: All monies collected from Ticket/Access sales support membership dues for those in need.

## Guests

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

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

- ✧ Note: Those with a “Friends” membership may only purchase online access to services, at Guest pricing.
- ✧ 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 (18-24), Local College Students, and Active Military Personnel:**  
These special guests are invited to join us for any of our services at no charge. They simply present their ID when they enter.

## Welcoming the Greater Hartford Jewish Community

- ✧ We are pleased to open the following services to the Greater Hartford Community, at no charge. Tickets are not required for:  
**Rosh Hashanah - Both Evenings and Day 2;**  
**Yom Kippur - Mincha and Neilah;**  
**Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah**
- ✧ Anyone may attend in-person; interested parties will need to contact the office or visit our website to receive Livestream and Zoom information.

## Reciprocal Tickets

We participate in the reciprocal ticket program where members in good standing<sup>o</sup> at any synagogue receive complimentary tickets to 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 day(s) they will be joining us.

### If YOU are traveling:

- ✧ If YOU are spending any part of the holiday at another synagogue that requires tickets, go to [tinyurl.com/HiHoTravel5783](http://tinyurl.com/HiHoTravel5783) to request reciprocal ticket/access information be sent on your behalf. Please provide the fax number or email address to which we should send the information.

# ★ “Fine Print” (Guidelines)



## Safety – COVID-19 Precautions

- ✧ **Masks:** Beth El will follow mask protocols as determined by health officials. We will email information closer to the holidays.
- ✧ If you feel you might have any illness – a cold, cough, fever, sore throat, any nasal or bronchial congestion – please stay home and enjoy our online options.
- ✧ Use hand sanitizer when you arrive at the Temple; sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.
- ✧ We ask you to refrain from handshakes, hugs, and kisses in the temple. We suggest greeting others as our clergy do: with a wave or a hand to the heart.

## Security

- ✧ Please enter the building through the Community Room **with your ticket** (or student or military ID).
- ✧ Our security guards will 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 Levine-Shein 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.

## Ushers

- ✧ Ushers will be wearing identifying badges and will be available to answer questions and help find empty seats.
- ✧ Ushers will close ALL doors during sermons, for other speakers, and when the Ark is open.
- ✧ Please be respectful of any usher's directions.

TO VOLUNTEER: to serve as an usher, please contact, by 9/15: Sharon Levine-Shein, 860-205-9650; Andrew Schoolnik, 860-690-0633, Andrewschoolnik@gmail.com

## Seating

- ✧ At all services, seating is first-come, first-served.
- ✧ If you want to ensure that your family sits together, please try to arrive early.
- ✧ Children are welcomed and entitled to seats in any service of their choice.
- ✧ Should you need a short break from the service, feel free to take one; however, we cannot guarantee that your seats will still be available for you upon your return unless a member of your family remains with them.

### Special Seat Requests

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ These seats will be released after 10:00 AM.
- ◇ Notify the Temple office as early as possible so that the seat(s) can be properly designated. Requests must be made by Thu, 9/15.

## 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.
- ✧ Do not congregate in bathrooms.
- ✧ During certain portions of the service, you will be asked to wait before entering; 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. Leave all iPads, Kindles, etc., at home.**

## Parking

- ✧ Park where directed by the parking attendants in the Temple lot and only in designated spaces.
- ✧ Follow all posted **NO PARKING** signs on the side streets in adjoining neighborhoods. Be aware that the police will issue parking tickets.
- ✧ **NOTE:** There is no designated off-site parking or shuttle service this year.

# ★ Engaging Generations

## **Congratulations**

Arlene & Dr. Jerry Blum, on engagement of son Dr. Noah Blum and Nora Strumpf

Karen & Lawrence Cohen, on birth of grandchild Pierson A. Kettavong

Debi Cooper and Shirley Goldman, on birth of granddaughter/great-granddaughter Kiva Hope Cooper

Alison & Edward Demarest, on birth of grandson Adam Vincenzo Provenzano

Trudy & Andre Lerer, on marriage of son David and Julie Ochs

Elizabeth & Steven Rafalowsky, on engagement of daughter Julie and Amitai Zuckerman

## **Mazel Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush**

Marci & Jonathan Alter, in honor of son Jordan Alter and Arielle Panthauer's aufruf

Donna & Roland Perreault, Michelle & Eric Gladstein, and Alison & Edward Demarest, in honor of Rebecca Perreault and Aaron Gladstein's aufruf

Tuvin family, in honor of Shira's bat mitzvah

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

## **Welcome to New Members**

Beth & Adam Brett,  
with Ilianna and Jace

## **Of Blessed Memory**

Susan Cohen, wife of Stuart Cohen,  
mother of Rachel Schilberg

Denese Mann,  
wife of Norman Mann

Sylvia Ruth Rosenblatt,  
mother of Alan Rosenblatt

Scott Shoham,  
husband of Ronit Shoham

Michele Rosenberg

Louis Goldberg, husband of Marilyn,  
father of David Goldberg  
and Sharon Schreiber

Edith Schatz, mother of Louis Schatz

Jennifer Glickman Steinmetz,  
daughter-in-law of Marilyn  
Steinmetz

## **B'nai Mitzvah Celebrations**

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

# ★ Supporting Beth El

## We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

- ✧ This list reflects contributions received and processed through July 19, 2022.
- ✧ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be **received** in the office by September 20, 2022.

### Camp Ramah Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan; Fred Scheiner, father of Carol Rosenberg – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**

### Cantor's Music Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness for the bat mitzvah of daughter, Leila – **Johanna & Brian Zelman**

Cantor Ness – **Roberta Buland, Barbara & Robert Green**

#### IN HONOR OF

Cantor Ness singing at the wedding of daughter Brittany Bober & Craig Liebmann – **Shery & Stewart Bober**  
The two simchas of Shari & Jacob Kovel – **Bobby & David Klau**

Birth of Yisroel Ordan, great-grandson of Bobby & David Klau; birth of Sophie Pearl Ochs, daughter of Stefanie & David Ochs, granddaughter of Robin & David Gelles – **Jeanne & Dan Kleinman**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Alderman, brother-in-law of Barbara Green; Dr. Richard Freund – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**  
Cantor Sanford Cohn – **Debbie & Richard Gutcheon**

Toby Hoffman, mother – **Herb Hoffman**  
Rhonda Kaufman, mother of Susan Samuels – **Bobby & David Klau**  
Dr. Richard Freund – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Arlene & Lenny Lippman**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Leonard Guthart, friend – **Roberta J. Buland**

### Rabbi Zerin's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Zerin – **Maria & Eric Brown, Roberta Buland, Barbara & Robert Green**

#### IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Zerin's first anniversary at Beth El Temple – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Carolyn & Stu Bernstein**  
Toby Hoffman, mother – **Herb Hoffman**  
George Spiegler, father – **Elizabeth & Steven Rafalowsky**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Rosalyn Gloth, mother; Lena Lubowitz, grandmother; Murray Lubowitz, uncle – **Joanne & Arthur Rome**  
Charles Rundgren, husband – **Andrea Rundgren**

### Joseph Springut Security Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Richard Freund – **Honey Sue Springut**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Evelyn & Harold Moglove, parents – **Honey Sue Springut**

### Tsedakah/Chesed Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Bat mitzvah of Gabrielle Goldfarb, daughter of Sara & Seth Brown and Michael Goldfarb & HansPaul Makkar, granddaughter of Barbara & David Brown – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**  
Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan – **Joanne & Arthur Rome**

### Beautification Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Alison Demarest – **Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Ann Cohen, mother – **Sherri Cohen**

### Chai Society

#### IN HONOR OF

B'nai mitzvah of Ethan & James Krichavsky, grandsons of Alys & Jack – **Sandy & Marc Friedman**

#### IN MEMORY OF

Denese Mann, wife of Dr. Norman Mann – **Faith & Bruce Parker**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Martin Redlus, father – **Judy & Al Greenspoon**

### Education Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Bat mitzvah of Lea Feingold, daughter of Rebecca & Andrew – **Barbara & Robert Green**

Bat mitzvah of Myra Stanfield, daughter of Sandy & Laurie Stanfield – **Leah Katz**

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sheila Saxe, sister – **Bill Gartner**

### Judaica Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Leon Sundel, uncle – **Carol Johnson**

### Library Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

David Cukier, Holocaust remembrance – **Carol Johnson**

### Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – **Roberta Buland, Barbara & Robert Green, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs - New England Region**

#### IN HONOR OF

Nancy Rosen – **Bonnie Eisenberg & Susan Fried**

Birthday of Allan Geetter; special birthday of Lisa Sussman; marriage of Evan Sussman, son of Lisa & Bruce, to Alexis Weinstein Hersh – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein**

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## You can make a donation in a variety of ways:

- ✧ Go to the Beth El website: [www.bethelwesthartford.org/giving](http://www.bethelwesthartford.org/giving)
- ✧ Mail it in

## Please be sure to include:

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

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

Every dollar contributed can and does make a difference and will be acknowledged.

The minimum donation for each listing is \$10.

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.

## Support Beth El just by shopping at Amazon!

- Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), type in Beth El Temple, and shop as you normally would!
- Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Beth El.



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(just a little bit differently – *name change*)

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- Note: Physical cards will no longer be available in the office (once the current stock is used up).



To purchase cards, visit [www.raiseright.com/brands](https://www.raiseright.com/brands), plus details and updates about the Scrip program, including a list of 750+ participating stores, restaurants, entertainment, and more.

Birth of Sivan Maya Gavens, great-granddaughter of Annette – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

Special birthday of Lisa Sussman – **Phyllis Lehman**

Birth of Sophie Rebecca Levinson, granddaughter of Shelley & Michael Barker – **Arlene & Lenny Lippman**

Birth of great-granddaughter, Reese Ellen Rosenkrantz – **Edie Meade Shiffman**

Special birthday of Lisa Sussman; marriage of Evan Sussman, son of Lisa & Bruce, to Alexis Weinstein Hersh – **Faith & Bruce Parker**

Special birthday of Vida Barron; special birthday of Dr. Abraham Bernstein – **Emily & Stuart Rosen**

Generosity of Jeffry & Bradley Hoffman – **Andrea Rundgren & Debby Wiesen Kelly**

Birth of Yisroel Ordan, great-grandson of Bobby & David Klau – **Linda & Bruce Stanger**

### IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Alderman, brother-in-law of Barbara Green; Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan – **Carolyn & Stu Bernstein**

Scott Shoham, husband of Ronit – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Emmy & Steve Fast**

Hillary Ginsberg – **Patricia & Michael Ginsberg**

Millie Grimaldi, mother of Camille Fish; Stewart Lehman, husband of Phyllis – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein**

Toby Hoffman, mother – **Herb Hoffman**  
Rhoda Kaufman, mother of Susan Samuels – **Myra & Bill Kleinman**

Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan – **Judy & Richard Levy, Linda & Bruce Stanger**

George Spiegler, father – **Elizabeth & Steven Rafalowsky**

Fred Scheiner, father of Carol Rosenberg – **Linda & Bruce Stanger**

Jean Hotez, mother-in-law of Andrea Hotes – **Michelle & Josh Vogelhut & family**

Denese Mann, wife of Dr. Norman Mann – **Shirley Wachtel**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Adeline Lipkin, mother – **Gail & Barry Deutsch**

Michael Akulitsch, Holocaust remembrance – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

Dr. Brian Mark, son – **Sheila & Howard Mark**

Stanley Wiesen, father – **Andrea Rundgren & Debby Wiesen Kelly**

### WISHING A COMPLETE RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH TO

Bruce Parker – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein Temple Fund**

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – **Elliott B. Pollack**

### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Sophie Lily Morrow, grandniece of Barbara & David Brown – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Steve's bar mitzvah – **Jennifer & Steve Wolfberg**

Birth of Yisroel Ordan, great-grandson of Bobby & David Klau – **Hilary Freedman & Howard Zern**

### IN MEMORY OF

Fred Scheiner, father of Carol Rosenberg – **Dr. Riccardo Ambrogio**

Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan – **Barbara & David Brown, Michele & Dane Kostin, Sandra & Marshall Rulnick**

JoAnn Landy, sister of Fred; Florence Michaelson – **Marilyn Cremer**

Marshall Elman, husband of Jeanne – **Greater Hartford Host Lions Club**

George Spiegler, father of Elizabeth Rafalowsky – **Cheryl & John Hinz**

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Eva & Michael Kaplan, Lea & Bernie Selig**

Michael Wilder, companion of Sandy Zieky – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

Jean Hotez, mother-in-law of Andrea Hotes – **Janet Harris Lassman, Rhonda & Bill Perlroth**

Phyllis Rubin, mother – **Gloria & Mark Rubin**

Stephen Alderman, brother-in-law of Barbara Green – **Sandra & Marshall Rulnick**

Rhoda Kaufman, mother of Susan Samuels – **Hilary Freedman & Howard Zern**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Toby Berke, wife – **Howard Berke**  
Morris Stollman, father; Bertha G. Berland, mother – **Harriet & Robert Berland**

David Abrahamson, father; Robert Blumberg, father – **Leslie & Harold Blumberg**

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Nathan Oren, father; Samuel Gilson, father; Lloyd Gilson, brother – **Harriet & Jerome Gilson**

Carol & Arnold Rubman, parents; Ethel & Leo J. Gold, parents; Anna Galbovy, Holocaust remembrance – **Susan & Bob Gold**

Linda Green Beresen, sister – **Barbara & Robert Green**

Dr. Maurine E. Kessler, mother; Dorothy Evnen, grandmother – **Dr. Abigail Kessler-Hanna**

Greta & Harry Meier, parents; Al Kleinman, father – **Deborah & Steven Kleinman**

Jessica Lynn Kostin, daughter; Mollie Hoff Osias; Benjamin Kostin, father; Louis Goldstein; Bessie Goldstein – **Michele & Dane Kostin**

Ida Pedro Goldberg, grandmother – **Miriam Lappen**

Jonathan Levine, brother – **Peter Levine**

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# ★ Supporting Beth El, cont.

## Temple Fund (cont.)

Louis Cooper, father – **Judy Levy**  
 Kurt Simon, father; Helen Lindenberg, mother; Benedikta Drabik,  
 Holocaust remembrance – **Andrea & Robert Lindenberg**  
 Benjamin Fairman, father; Esther Meyer, mother-in-law – **Jean Meyer**  
 Jean & Nathan Aronson, parents – **Faith Parker**  
 Miriam Platt, mother; Eva Polansky, grandmother – **Bette & Joel Platt**  
 Zara Krasnow Leavitt, grandmother – **Deborah R. Rosenfeld**  
 Amy Shakun, wife; Edwin Fockos, father-in-law – **Harlan Shakun**  
 Julius “Yuddie” Wachtel, husband; Dora Wilensky, mother – **Shirley Wachtel**  
 Charlotte Simonovitz, mother; Sarah Stoltz, grandmother; Dora Wilensky, grandmother – **Sue & Stuart Wachtel**  
 Samuel Lindenberg, father; Mildred Kurtz, sister – **Judith & Joel Weisman**  
 Lee Wolfberg, uncle – **Jennifer & Steve Wolfberg**  
 David Miller, father – **Judith M. Zachs**

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### General Unrestricted Endowment Fund

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Stanley Kalsner, brother of Dr. Louisa Kalsner – **Barbara Edelheit**  
 Dr. Richard Freund – **Annette Gavens**  
 Scott Shoham, husband of Ronit – **Abbey Kreinik**  
 Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan – **Abbey Kreinik, Peter Levine, Carolyn & Jeffrey Weiser, Marsha & Mark Wolfberg**  
 Florence Gurwitz, grandmother of Merissa Spector – **Carolyn & Jeffrey Weiser**

#### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Miriam L. Rosenberg, mother – **Sharon Gorlick**  
 Siegfried Katz, grandfather – **Peter Katz**  
 Samuel B. Feldman – **Debra Feldman & Lawrence Kushner**

**WISHING A COMPLETE RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH TO**  
 Ruth Small – **Annette Gavens**

### Judith & David Borus Family Endowment Fund

#### **IN HONOR OF**

Birth of Sivan Maya Gavens, great-granddaughter of Annette;  
 wedding of Harrison Jones, son of Jill & Gary, and Felice Shlizerman – **Judy Borus**

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Stephen Alderman, brother-in-law of Barbara Green; Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – **Judy Borus**

### Friends Fund for Members in Need

#### **IN HONOR OF**

Special birthday of David Rosenthal – **Lois & Chuck Koteen, Sandra & Marshall Rulnick, Joan & Paul Shapiro**  
 B'nai mitzvah of Ethan & James Krichavsky, grandsons of Alys & Jack – **Tammy Levine, Susan & Michael Schenker**  
 Wedding anniversary of Patti & Howard Weiner – **Judy & David Rosenthal**  
 Bar mitzvah of Jordan Fish, son of Jessica & Michael, grandson of Camille & Stephen – **Leslie & Richard Weinstein**

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Joanne Landy, sister of Fred – **Cathy & Mark Kolovson, Judy & Frank Resnick**  
 Jean Hotez, mother-in-law of Andrea Hotes – **Miriam Lappen, Joyce & Richard Leibert, Joan & Paul Shapiro**  
 Scott Shoham, husband of Ronit – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

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### Alter Family Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan; Fred Scheiner, father of Carol Rosenberg – Marci & Jonathan Alter

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Donald Lehrer, father – Marci & Jonathan Alter

### Naomi & Michael Cohen Endowment Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – Naomi & Michael Cohen

### Sharon & Bob Efron Family Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Sharon & Bob Efron for their generous support – Francine & Steve Stier

#### IN MEMORY OF

Michael Kulakofsky, father of Dan; Scott Shoham, husband of Ronit – Sharon & Bob Efron

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

May Moses, mother – Sharon & Bob Efron

### Jane & Nathan Field Memorial Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Bar mitzvah of Nathan Pease, grandson of Emmy & Steve Fast – Judy Borus

### Gavens Family College Youth Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Sivan Maya Gavens, great-granddaughter of Annette – Jill & Gary Jones, Joanne & Arthur Rome, Lea & Bernie Selig

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Frances Kasdan, sister; Esther Kandel, sister – Annette Gavens

### Edward & Susan Chestler Family Endowment Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Richard Greenberg; Laurel Swirsky – Sue & Ed Chestler

### Garfield Family Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Jamie Garfield, son; Margot Garfield, sister – Whitney Whitaker & Gerry Garfield

### Mildred Glasband Memorial Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mildred Glasband, mother – Linda Platt

### Ruth & Harry Kleinman Endowment Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Myra & Bill Kleinman for their ongoing support – Francine & Steve Stier

#### IN MEMORY OF

Phyllis Rubin, mother of Mark – Myra & Bill Kleinman

### Kreinik Family Endowment Fund

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Belle & Arthur Miller, parents; Arthur Kreinik, father-in-law – Abbey Miller Kreinik

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