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TEMPLE *topics*

January - February 2019

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



We celebrated Chanukah together as a community, studying dreidels, why we light the candles and about the blessings we sing.



We baked challah in a special workshop with Rabbi Garber! Our learners mixed, kneaded and braided – together!

Scenes Around SULAM



Many thanks to our #PJDay-celebrating SULAM family! We raised \$200! All the money goes to CCMC's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, so doctors and nurses can do even more to help patients like Olivia's sister.



Daled (4th grade) learners used tape on our sanctuary lobby windows to recreate biblical scenes. Learners examined the days of creation, interpreting what they looked like for themselves!



Rabbi Rosen engaged some of our young ones about Shabbat.

Tzedakah

In lieu of traditional monetary *tzedakah* this year, we are promoting an “item of the month” collection to benefit the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry. All congregants are invited to participate; bins are outside the Community Room.

- ✧ January – deodorant
- ✧ February – canned peas, corn, and beets

★ Celebrating Shabbat - Special Programs

Night Under the Stars

A Family Havdalah and
Planetarium Experience

Saturday,
January 5

5:45 – 8:00 PM



Gather at Beth El for the sweet smell of Havdalah, a pizza dinner, and dessert with friends, games, and a planetarium show under the stars!

COST: \$8/person (ages 2 & up), immediate family max \$40

REGISTRATION: by noon, 1/3,
tinyurl.com/BETPlanetarium

Family Service & Dinner

with Grade 3 Siddur Presentation

Friday, February 8

Service 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

You are invited to a Family Shabbat Service featuring all of our children. During dinner, our 3rd graders will be presented with their own siddur! Parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends are encouraged to attend.

COST: \$12/adult, \$8/child (ages 5-12), free for ages 4 & younger
REGISTRATION: by noon, 2/6, tinyurl.com/FebFamilyDinner

Youth Shabbat

Saturday, January 26

9:30 – NOON

Celebrate Beth El's SULAM and Schechter learners as they lead our morning service.

GUEST TEACHER: Jason Kay

LUNCH: follows at noon

RSVP: not needed; no charge

NOTE: open to the community

Shabbat Across America

2 service choices:

★ Shabbat LIVE! with the Band

★ Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, March 1

Both Services 6:00 PM

Dinner for ALL 7:00 PM



The unity Shabbat program, **Shabbat Across America and Canada**, is a synagogue-based program that encourages synagogue/Jewish center members to invite their friends, neighbors, and co-workers to participate in a joyous Shabbat meal and experience.

Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in this historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews – Shabbat! Everyone is invited: singles, couples, families – all ages.

COST FOR DINNER: \$12/adult, \$8/child (ages 5-12)

REGISTRATION: required for dinner by noon, 2/26,
tinyurl.com/BETShabbatTogether

Mark your calendars!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

for our

Annual Spring Event



Beth El and Inclusiveness

Inclusiveness is one of our core values at Beth El. We do everything feasible to allow those with disabilities or special needs to participate in services, classes, and programs. Examples include the synagogue elevator, hearing devices, and periodic services for those with special needs. These days, we're also focusing on those with fragrance sensitivities. This represents a significant group which includes Beth El members, staff, and undoubtedly, visitors. Fragrance sensitivity is a very common problem which causes a wide variety of health concerns; difficulty breathing is not at all uncommon. Many institutions and businesses, and a growing number of houses of worship, have enacted Fragrance Free policies. In order to assure that affected individuals are able to participate and enjoy Beth El, we request that you avoid wearing any products that are scented.

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

★ From the Rabbi's Desk - The Room Where it Happens



Were you in the room where it happened? Do you know how lucky you are to be alive right now?

Last month, the hit musical Hamilton came to the Bushnell. Judging from my Facebook feed alone, tons and tons of us were there. It was an amazing experience to finally see the actors and choreography after hearing the music for several years. I enjoyed running into members of our community that night at the Bushnell. Everyone was happy and excited. Everyone felt so grateful to be “in the room.” There was an incredible sense of shared experience, shared blessing, and shared opportunity.

Then I came home from the show to hear that my dear friend's father had died. Somewhat expected, incredibly tragic, too soon, and too young. I found myself – at 11pm that night – rearranging my entire week so that I could be with my friend and her family for the funeral and shiva. As a working mother, this is never easy, and I am so grateful to have a supportive team to help cover my absence both at work and at home.

But here's the point: as I drove to New Jersey the next morning at 5am, and as I sat in the synagogue waiting for the funeral to begin, and as I snuck into the family

room to hug my friend, I realized it was only then that I was “in the room where it happens.” We participated in what Judaism calls the ultimate act of kindness, *chesed shel emet*, burying the deceased and placing earth into the grave, knowing he can never thank us and never repay us. While no one felt “lucky” at that moment, we certainly felt blessed to be together.

Contrasting these two experiences – a musical and a funeral – in both we celebrate together, we grieve together, and we show up for each other. Again and again, I am reminded that WE make this community what it is: holy, supportive, joyous, meaningful, and so much more. I hope to see you at more musicals than funerals in 2019 – *auf simchas*, as we say in Yiddish, only joyous occasions! But wherever it is, and for whatever reason, may we be together in the room knowing how lucky we are to be alive and to be a part of the Beth El Temple Family.

~ Rabbi Ilana Garber

Clergy and HIPAA

Please understand that hospitals can no longer tell our clergy when our congregants are patients. Please let us know if you are hospitalized. We care and would like to be in touch and visit when appropriate.

★ Reflections from the President



The end of 2018 brought forth a dumpster fire full of anti-Semitism. We watched in horror the tragic losses at a Temple in Pittsburgh and,

closer to home, Jewish students being harassed at public schools in Woodbridge and West Hartford. We know these instances are increasing. The Anti-Defamation League has reported dramatic rises in anti-Semitic acts over the past few years. Of course, anti-Semitism is not a new problem for us as Jews; it has proven stubborn in its perseverance.

Looking back on our history, we often focus on oppression. But the

story of the Jewish people is one of survival. It's about a proud people who preserved the faith over thousands of years, through the rule of Romans and Babylonians, the Inquisition, pogroms, the gulags of Soviet Russia, and Nazi death camps.

We have taken prudent measures at Beth El to protect our synagogue from those misguided souls who wish us harm, and have many more ideas and plans in the works to guard our safety. At the same time however, we must deny those with the design to terrorize, to make us feel unmoored. Our goal is to say, “You will not control our destiny.”

As President Lincoln said at one of our darkest times,

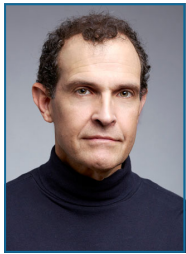
With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in.

So, this year, I took exceptional pride in placing my menorah in my window for the world to see. I would not let a dark shadow be cast by anti-Semitic forces in our society. Instead, I let this beautiful light shine to my community as a beacon of hope and a badge of honor.

We are not going away, my friends. This synagogue and our ideals and beliefs in kindness and goodness will be here long after we are gone.

~ Jonathan Alter

★ Cantor's Corner - How the Ma'ale Adumim Youth Symphony Came to Beth El Temple



On December 10 last year, Beth El Temple and the BEMA Committee were honored to host the Ma'ale Adumim Youth Symphony, an

extraordinary group of young and talented musicians, ages 10 to 18. Led by their conductor, renowned cellist and educator, Dr. Benjamin Shapira, they travelled all the way from Ma'ale Adumim, located on the West Bank of Israel.

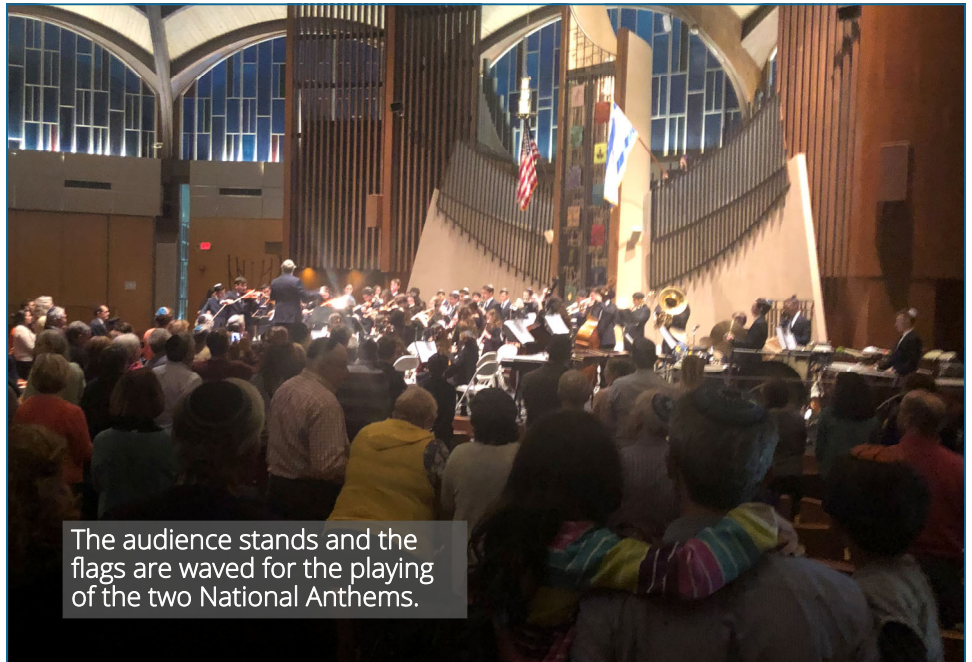
One might wonder how and why a group of young musicians from so far away came to Beth El Temple of West Hartford. This amazing connection happened because of our beautiful and professional music website. The youth orchestra was already invited to perform a concert celebrating Israel's 70th Anniversary at Carnegie Hall in NY. They were searching on the internet for an additional performance venue in the northeastern United States to make the trip more meaningful.

Finding our music website, they were duly impressed by our concert experiences, both recently past and for our current 2018-19 musical season. They approached us – anxiously desiring to perform their already prepared concert at Beth El Temple, before playing at Carnegie Hall.

Our community's response to their playing was phenomenal; the musicians and their leader received several well-deserved standing ovations.

~ Cantor Joseph Ness

BethElTempleMusic.com



The audience stands and the flags are waved for the playing of the two National Anthems.



Conductor Benjamin Shapira



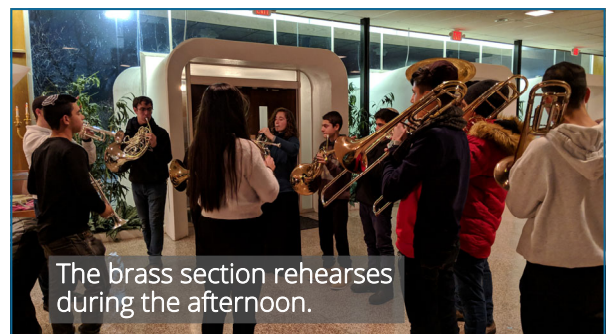
The concertmaster at rehearsal.



The concert begins!



The woodwinds before the concert.



The brass section rehearses during the afternoon.

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Saturdays – recurring programs

Birthday Aliyah (all ages)

MONTHLY: JANUARY 5, FEBRUARY 2, MARCH 2
DURING MORNING SERVICES

A group Aliyah and a blessing from the rabbi.

Mazel Tots (birth – K)

WEEKLY

11:00 AM – NOON

LEADER: volunteer parents

NOTE: with parents (all ages are welcome)

BRING: a small, kosher, nut-free snack



Women's Shabbat Circle

JANUARY 5

11:00 AM – NOON

Join Rabbi Garber for singing and discussion (this is not a Shabbat morning service).

Shabbat Club (grades K-5, with parents)

MONTHLY: JAN. 19, FEB. 23

11:00 AM – NOON

LEADER: volunteer parents



Shabbat Yoga (all ages)

FEBRUARY 23

10:30 AM – NOON

CO-LEADERS: Rabbi Garber & Adriana Matozzo from West Hartford Yoga



Pre-Teen Learning (ages 9+)

JANUARY 5, FEBRUARY 9 12:30 – 1:30 PM

JANUARY 19 11:00 AM – NOON

Pre-Teens and teens are invited to a Shabbat study session. Schmooze with our rabbis while discussing Torah, teenage years, and the meaning of life.

Family Service (grades K-5)

MONTHLY: JANUARY 12

11:00 AM – NOON

Geared toward kids in grades K-5 and their parents, with our new abridged, family-friendly siddur (with transliterations for everything). All are welcome.



^ siddur cover

JCL* Service (all ages)

FEBRUARY 23

10:30 AM – NOON

* Jewish Association for Community Living

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

NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows

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.

Fridays – recurring programs

Shababa

(Babies – Pre-K)

Mini-Minyan

(Shababa graduates)

JANUARY 18, MARCH 15

5:45 – 6:45 PM

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



Shacharit = morning
Mincha = afternoon
Ma'ariv = evening

Additional information and detailed descriptions of all programs can be found on our website.

Shabbat – Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 PM

Shabbat – Saturday

Pirkei Avot Study 8:30 AM

Shacharit, Torah, and Musaf Services 9:30 AM

Children's Playroom 9:30 AM

Mazel Tots 11:00 AM

Mincha Service 12:30 PM

There are no regular services (Ma'ariv & Havdalah) on Saturday evenings.

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

<u>Shabbat</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Jan 4-5	4:13 PM	5:14 PM
Jan 11-12	4:20 PM	5:21 PM
Jan 18-19	4:28 PM	5:29 PM
Jan 25-26	4:37 PM	5:38 PM
Feb 1-2	4:46 PM	5:47 PM
Feb 8-9	4:55 PM	5:56 PM
Feb 15-16	5:03 PM	6:05 PM
Feb 22-23	5:12 PM	6:13 PM
Mar 1-2	5:20 PM	6:22 PM

★ Worshipping Together - Daily

Weekdays – recurring

Healing Circle

MONTHLY, ON ROSH CHODESH (THE NEW MONTH):

JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 7

6:30 – 7:30 PM

A healing circle is a safe and sacred space for prayer, chanting, study, and sharing. We hope to join together every month to pray for healing of body and spirit. Arrive a few minutes early so we can prepare our circle.

Daily Minyan

<u>Shacharit</u>	7:00 AM	Mon–Fri
	8:45 AM	Sun
<u>Ma'ariv</u>	7:30 PM	Sun–Thu

Note: Special Times

Monday, Dec 31	5:00 PM
Tuesday, Jan 1	9:00 AM
Sunday, Feb 3	4:00 PM

★ Engaging Generations

New Members

Jon & Liz Zieky

Jordan & Emilie Zinn

Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Goldsmith & Kramer family, in honor of Sam & Sydney Goldsmith B'nai Mitzvah

Taste of Shabbat & Chai Society, in honor of Beth El Temple Veterans

Congratulations

James Boryczewski & Sara Spodick and Peter Spodick, birth of son/grandson Zachary Victor Boryczewski

Sally & Harris Chorney, birth of granddaughters, Sydney Mae Chorney and Eliana Marie Manno

Sharon & Bob Efron, birth of granddaughter, Miriam Jaffe Efron

Marsha & Warren Fisher, birth of grandson Isaiah Benjamin Araj

Stephanie & David Ochs, Robin & David Gelles, and Gerald Gelles, birth of son/grandson/great-grandson Ethan Mac Ochs

Julie & Robert Malkin, marriage of daughter Melissa to David Rubin

Of Blessed Memory

Alvin Diamond, father of David

Marvin Eisenberg, father of Judy Rosenfield

Betty Cohen Rosenbloom, mother of Jacqueline Rosenbloom Bazzano

Richard Stuart Samuels, brother of Jesse Samuels

Merrill Stein

Laurel Swaye, mother of Ricky

Hank Weber, father of Patti Weiner

Marguerite Weinberg, wife of Marvin

Judge Walter R. Wertheim, father of Marsha Fisher

Connor Zieky, son of Jon & Liz Zieky

ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign

Help grow Beth El

Do you know we have a membership referral benefit (to you, the referring member) as well as a new member promotion? If you know someone who might enjoy being part of our incredible community – a *Community You Can Believe In* – or if you are looking for a warm, supportive, engaging, and spiritual Jewish community – please be in touch.

New Member Promotion – January 2019!

Join in January at our already discounted new member rate AND be paid through June 2020! It's 18 months for the price of 12! And the member making a referral will get a credit on their dues bill!

This is the perfect time to join Beth El!

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

Grandparents Circle

MONDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28; FEBRUARY 4

6:30-8:00PM

LOCATION: Mandell JCC

FACILITATOR: Laura Kinyon, LCSW

COST: \$18/person

REGISTER: 860-236-4571

INFORMATION: Elana MacGilpin, 860-231-6366, emacgilpin@mandelljcc.org,



An educational and support experience for Jewish grandparents with grandchildren growing up in interfaith families. Discuss with others and gain ideas on how to nurture your grandchildren's Jewish identity.

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

★ Celebrating - Tu BiShevat

A Historical Refresher

This minor holiday wasn't always a festival. Instead, it was a key farming date that Jews marked in ancient times.

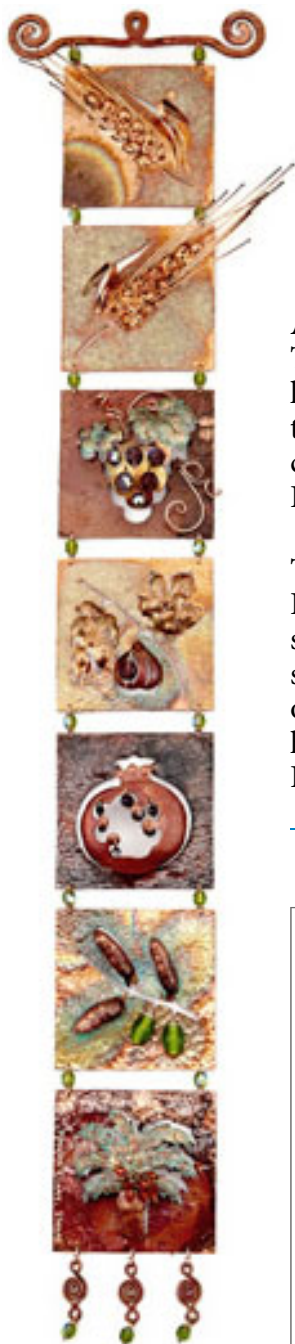
"When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten" (Leviticus 19:23).

The fruit a tree bore in year four was offered to the priests in the Temple, but the fruit of the fifth year (and all the ones after!) was for the farmers. The Rabbis established the 15th of the month of Shevat as the "birthday" for trees, regardless of when they were planted during the year.

The Seven Species

as rendered by Israeli artist Ahuva Elany in a copper tile wall hanging.

- ✧ wheat
- ✧ barley
- ✧ grapes
- ✧ fig
- ✧ pomegranate
- ✧ olive branch
- ✧ date palm



The New Year of Trees begins the evening of Sunday, January 20.

Our Celebration of Nature

An increasingly popular way to celebrate is with a Tu BiShevat *seder* (yes, Passover doesn't have a lock on the *seder*). The menu includes the traditional four cups of wine along with foods celebrating the *Seven Species* traditionally grown in Israel.

The *seder* is a great, tangible way to connect with Israel. We eat fruits that symbolize the life-sustaining power brought forth from the earth, the spiritual strength within each of us, the mystery of our world, and our study of Torah. Find details on how to lead the *seder* and where to find a Haggadah on our Pinterest board.

Family Fun

PALS (Play And Learn @ Synagogue)

SUNDAYS: JANUARY 13 Tu BiShevat
MARCH 10 Purim

10:00 – 11:30 AM

COST: no charge

RSVP: tinyurl.com/TuBiShevatPALS

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

Songs, art projects, snacks and socializing; target age is 2-4, but all are welcome. Open to the community.



It's the start of spring in Israel...

...but here in CT we can settle for planting parsley (it'll be perfect for Passover!)



★ Sharing from Our Members

Once in a while, members submit an article to be shared with our community. For this issue, we received two notes with a similar theme. To the right is a *Thank You* letter to both our clergy and community. Below is the *D'Var Torah* written by a Trustee that was presented at the December Board Meeting (originally timed for the end of her mourning period at the November meeting, but that was cancelled due to weather).

They share similar lessons:

- ✧ importance of minyan attendance
- ✧ healing power of minyan and community at a time of loss
- ✧ reaffirmation of faith in God at a time of profound loss
- ✧ the importance of traditional Jewish mourning practices, including (in the latter) the mitzvah of *kibbud av v'aim*, honoring one's father and mother

At this time of Thanksgiving it is appropriate for me to say “thanks” to Beth El. I have been coming to morning minyan this month to say Kaddish for my brother, who passed away a few weeks ago.

Actually “thanks” doesn’t even come close. It’s been hard for me to deal with my brother’s passing and the morning service has been very comforting. I am so grateful to all the “regulars” who come, for their warmth and comfort and for making me feel so welcome.

We are incredibly lucky at Beth El to have our Rabbis and Cantor who, day after day, teach and guide us with a kindness that is truly special.

I also appreciate the importance with which they treat the service and especially my need to say Kaddish. On the one snow day last week, when we didn’t have a minyan, they and some of the congregants who were there got right on their phones to call around and ask for anyone who could to come in to make 10.

And it felt to me like it was their obligation, not just a kindness to me personally, to gather a minyan for someone needing to say Kaddish. I consider myself so fortunate to belong to our synagogue.

Thanks Rabbis Rosen, Garber, and Sowalsky, and Cantor Ness, for all you do and how beautifully you do it. And, thanks to all the minyanaires.

Jesse Samuels, NOVEMBER 23, 2018

At the start of this week’s parsha, Vayetze, in a place he comes to name Beth El, Jacob dreams of a ladder connecting earth and heaven. Here at *our* Beth El, at morning and evening minyan, I have found a ladder connecting earth and heaven as well. Following my mother’s death almost a year ago, I chose to follow Jewish mourning practices, which involves saying Kaddish for one’s parent for 11 months. I could not have known how important it would become to me, a chance to be with my feelings about my mother, in a sense to be with her, as if she was coming down the ladder, or I was going up.

The start of this parsha relates to my mourning experience in other ways as well. Following his dream and naming that place Beth El, Jacob vows,

*If God will be with me and will keep me on this path upon which I am going, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on. And I will return in peace to the house of my father: **then** God shall be God to me.*

At this stage of Jacob’s religious development, he did not yet have an *I-thou* relationship, but instead an *if-then* relationship. He would accept God if God provided for him. Part of what I found so meaningful about attending minyan for my mother was the built in absence of any transactional type *if-then* relationship. My mother had no way of

giving back to me, at least not in a material sense. It allowed for a sense of pure connection that typically in life is difficult to find.

In the later part of Jacob’s dream, God promises the land to Jacob’s children and tells him the earth will be blessed through them. After that, the parsha describes the complicated relationships that gave rise to those children. It is a description of family, and of continuity, the connection that flows between one generation and the next. A connection that does not have to consist of interactions between perfect people. Jacob and his family were not. Yet still, a connection that goes forward and back, up and down the ladder. All of us here at Beth El are a part of it.

In the past I had attended minyan, and found it meaningful. However, I was still amazed by the support given and received during these recent 11 months of Kaddish. More than ever, I experienced, as Jacob states following his dream, “*God is in this place and I did not know it!*”

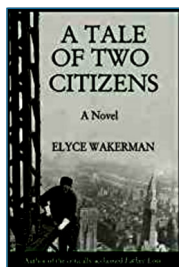
This mourning time has been a period of discovery, connection, and transition. Parsha Vayetze suggests these themes as well. As my period of mourning comes to an end, I appreciate being able to give this talk in honor of my mother. Baruch Dayan Ha-Emet – May her memory be for a blessing.

Meryl Danitz

★ Lifelong Learning

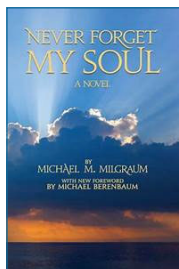
Library Corner

Almost Stranger than Fiction ☆ Roberta J. Buland



A Tale of Two Citizens, by Elyce Wakerman, is a heart-wrenching story with knots-in-the-gut tension. A lie is the only thing that can get twenty-year-old Harry Himmelbaum past the cold scrutiny of Ellis Island's immigration official, Will Brown. In 1929 America, economic depression and dust storms

abound. Abroad, the goose step of Nazism is intensifying. Widespread fear of "the other" has reached a fever pitch. Against this tumultuous backdrop, two families share the spotlight: the Himmelbaums of Poland, and the Browns of Iowa. Harry Himmelbaum wants to live somewhere happy, and to send for the wife and child he must deny having. A young, zealously patriotic Iowa lawyer, Will Brown has dedicated himself to staunchly upholding the nation's laws and keeping his America pure. Unexpectedly his childhood sweetheart and new wife, Barbara, forms a romantic attachment for Harry, the man he's sworn to keep out. Based on the true story of the author's father, this clash of love and loyalties is a picture of an America torn between being a symbol of hope for immigrants and a proud nation fighting to recreate itself.



Ending on a more hopeful note is *Never Forget My Soul*, by Michael M. Milgraum, child of a Holocaust survivor and a clinical psychologist. This psycho-spiritual novel describes the struggles of two men. Joe is a bold and crass surgeon, who scoffs at anything above or beyond himself and freely indulges his

passionate appetites. Adam is a painfully shy and anxious medical researcher, who seeks security in devout religious practice, but finds little relief from his discomfort. These most unlikely associates come together, with four other individuals, under the watchful eye of David Web, their group therapist. In order to find healing, the patients must tell their stories, and, in so doing, Adam and Joe find a common bond in war-torn Europe and the Holocaust, sixty years before. They must confront ghosts from that time that now live in them. Adam and Joe struggle together until both are forever changed, hope is renewed, and a new spirituality is forged.

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

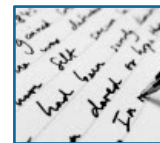
Ongoing Classes for Adults

New participants welcome, no registration, no charge (except where noted).

Writing Workshop

TUESDAYS, WEEKLY
10:30 – NOON

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman,
860-233-4853, bhoffman3@comcast.net
NOTE: not meeting 1/1



Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS, WEEKLY
12:00 – 1:00 PM

BYOL: bring your own dairy lunch, optional
NOTE: not meeting 1/1



Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS, WEEKLY
10:15 – 11:15 AM

CONTACT: Steve Stier, steven.stier@gmail.com



Bible & Breakfast

THURSDAYS, WEEKLY
8:00 – 9:00 AM



Pirkei Avot Study

SATURDAYS, WEEKLY
8:30 – 9:30 AM

No prior knowledge necessary.



Hebrew Reading Course

SUNDAYS, WEEKLY
10:30 – 11:30 AM

INSTRUCTOR: Sidra Sperling
COST: Jan/Feb (each): 3 classes, \$18/mo;
Mar: 5 classes, \$25; all free for SULAM parents
NOTE: meets only when SULAM is in session

Jan: El Adon, Adon Olam
Feb: Ashrei
Mar: Kedusha



Purim is coming!
Wednesday-Thursday,
March 20-21



★ Lifelong Learning, cont.

The Ethical Life with Rabbi Rosen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31

7:45 – 9:00 PM

COST: no charge

Explore a core issue in all of our
lives: What does it mean to lead an

NEW
4-week class

ethical life, from a Jewish
perspective. Though we
speak of it often, it's
actually complicated.

Many questions: Do we need God
in order to be good? Does being
Jewish help us to be better people?
How do we even define “the

good?” These are the questions we
will pursue in this introductory
course, hopefully to be followed up
by additional classes. Features
videos from scholars from the
Jewish Theological Seminary.

★ Doing Mitzvot

Monthly Programs

Charter Oak Project

MONTHLY, JANUARY 6/7, FEBRUARY 3/4

9:00 – 11:00 AM SUNDAYS Cook at Beth El

5:00 – 7:00 PM MONDAYS

Serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center

CONTACT: Cook: Craig Diamond,
craigpdiamond@outlook.com,
860-899-4918;

Serve: Myra Kleinman, 860-508-3672,
mwkleinman@outlook.com

Looking for a meaningful and fun
opportunity to impact peoples' lives? We
provide meals for low-income families in
Hartford. No experience necessary.

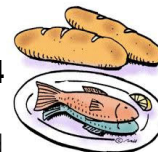
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

MONDAYS, MONTHLY: JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 4, MARCH 4

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, giny81434@hotmail.com



KNITzvah Group

SUNDAYS, MONTHLY: JANUARY 6, FEBRUARY 3, MARCH 17

10:00 – 11:30 AM

CONTACTS: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com, or Norma Jean
Sternschein, jnsternschein@comcast.net

If you knit or crochet, this is a fun way to spend
90 minutes. We chat and schmooze while
creating something useful to be donated to local
charities for people who need a little “extra love.”



★ Celebrating - Purim

College Connection

RSVP: by 2/13 with college mailing addresses

PACKING: the week of 3/10

CONTACT: Robin Landau, rjlandau@comcast.net

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Every year, Beth El sends *Mishloach Manot* to
the children of our members away at school.
Let us send a Purim gift to your college
student; provide name and college address.
All are invited to help assemble the packages.

Purim Faire Extravaganza

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5/person

VOLUNTEERS: we need you, contact Liz

LUNCH: items available for purchase

ADULT-ONLY AREA: Pour'em Pub

QUESTIONS: Liz DePalma, 860-233-9696,
edepalma@bethelwh.org

Mishloach Manot – Step 1

PARTICIPATE complete the form

DETAILS: check email in February for details and deadlines

QUESTIONS: Lydia Lutt, 202-997-1793, marketing@bethelwh.org

Mishloach Manot is a gifting opportunity for ALL
MEMBERS of Beth El Temple. A link to the online form will
be emailed to all members and paper forms will be available
in the office. Complete the form to have *Mishloach Manot*
sent on your behalf to your Beth El friends.

Mishloach Manot – Step 2

VOLUNTEER help package AND/OR deliver

PACKAGE: week of March 10

DELIVER: Sunday, March 17

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETPurim

CONTACT: Jill & Gary Jones, 860-922-7300,
jilljones415@sbcglobal.net

After the orders are placed, it's time to package and deliver
hundreds of gifts. This is a fun chance to spread Purim
cheer. (Experienced with creating and using routes in
Google Maps? We could especially use your help!)

★ Israel Engagement Committee

The Heart in Israel

A recent trip to Israel through AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) gave us an eye-opening look at both political and personal aspects of life in our homeland.

In terms of Israeli security, we heard from the IDF about the massive arms buildups, including guided missile technology with rockets capable of reaching every part of Israel. Funding is from Iran, whose partnerships reach into every state surrounding Israel putting the IDF on constant high alert. In fact, we were there when the 25 hour 460+ rocket barrage was let loose on civilian targets in Israel's southern towns and cities. Yet despite being under constant threat, Israel devotes time, money, and energy to humanitarian projects that inspired us all.



Recovery Center in Holon

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) at the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, is an Israel-based international non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children in developing countries and creating centers of competence in these countries. Every Tuesday, for example, children from Gaza and the West Bank are seen for free regardless of the political situation on the ground. This incredible mission is financed by Chupat Holim (Israel's national health plan), the Israeli government, and most importantly by donations. Over 4,900 children from 57 countries in Africa, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, are alive today because of a small group of medical professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to perform life-saving cardiac surgery and train local medical team members from these countries. Visit: www.saveachildsheart.com



Shalva, the Israel Association for the Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities,

provides an impressive range of services for 2,000 individuals with disabilities from infancy to adulthood and their families. Shalva's programs are non-denominational and free of charge to ensure equal opportunity regardless of religion, background, or financial capability. Shalva empowers families to raise their children with disabilities within the family framework and advances inclusion through employment programs, community initiatives, and disability research. Shalva partners with communities worldwide as well as government, academic, and cultural institutions to develop programs, pioneer therapy solutions, and create global communities around the common goal of inspiring hope and improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families. There wasn't a dry eye in the audience when we listened to the beautiful music of the Shalva Band.

Visit: www.shlava.org

There is so much going on in Israel that, unfortunately, the news media never captures. From the political side to the personal side, our trip with AIPAC was truly eye-opening. Beth El is sponsoring a spring women's trip to Israel with Rabbi Garber. Consider joining in. No matter how often we visit the Jewish Homeland, we always learn something new.



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Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com

Robin Santiago, drsantiago@drsantiago.net

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Chanukah Party, December 2

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David Diamond	Kevin MacDermott	
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BEMA Concert, December 10

Diane Dolin	Jeanne Kleinman	Joshua Rosenfeld
Ellie Jainchill	Diane Lieberfarb	Shari Roth
Jared Klau	Richard Lieberfarb	Russ Selzer
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★ Making Connections

Beethoven Intensive I

Music University with Cantor Joseph

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20 ~ 7:50 PM

OR MONDAY, FEB. 25 ~ NOON

ENCORE: one lecture, two presentations

NOTE: part II, March 6 OR 11



Beethoven was a revolutionary man living in a revolutionary time. He captured his inner voice, demons and all – along with the spirit of his time – creating a body of music the likes of which no one had ever before imagined. These lectures will feature some analysis and historical background, but will mainly explore and demystify the compositions through discussion and recorded examples of Beethoven's early, middle, and late period piano works – while at the same time embracing the eternal mystery of his musical genius.

Empty Nester Moms – Walk & Talk

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 / TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 PM

LOCATION: WestFarms Mall

RSVP: day before each walk to confirm the meeting place

CONTACT/RSVP: Lonni Schulz, 860-651-0072,

LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net



Let's discuss what's happening in our lives now that our children have moved on to the next stage of theirs.

NextGen – Bar Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: Zohara, West Hartford Center

CONTACT/RSVP: Sharon Neiberg, NextGenBethEl@gmail.com

Youngish Jewish adults (singles and couples!) are invited to a very casual evening. Come schmooze and hang out with Rabbi Garber and other NextGen-ers.

Men's Club

World Wide Wrap XIX

*Do I Really Have to Save for College?
(The Answer Might Be No!)*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 AM Wrap with the Clergy

8:45 AM Minyan

9:15 AM Breakfast & Program

COST: \$10 (\$5, MC members)

RSVP: by 1/30, Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366,
eaglewars@aol.com



Beth El's own Frank Resnick will discuss current issues in college financial aid and how it works, cost of higher education and affordability, and saving strategies especially if your child or grandchild is many years away from starting college.

Walk Around the Reservoir

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9:45 AM

LOCATION: Route 4 Reservoir, meet in parking lot

CONTACT: Stu Bernstein, 860-232-2012,
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Post-Minyan Breakfast

EVERY SUNDAY, THROUGH JUNE 30

8:45 AM Minyan; 9:15 AM Breakfast

NOTE: except when there is breakfast program

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MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

CONTACT: Bruce Shein, 860-677-8300,
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FEBRUARY 22 India

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DETAILS: will be emailed

Winter Kallah Preparation Party & Social Action Program

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

COST: free

DETAILS: watch your email

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1-3

CONTACT: Jason, whusy18@gmail.com.

Beth El is hosting this convention and we are looking for volunteers to help with meal service during the weekend and to host USYers.

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QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, 609-651-0891,
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CORRECTION: Norton Seltzer, father – **Karen & Roy Shakun** (we regret the error in the previous issue)

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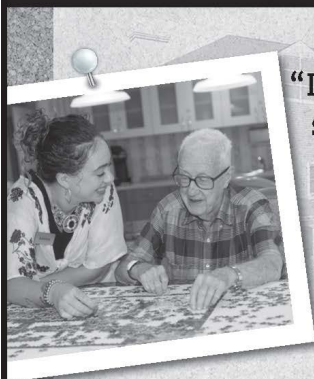
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