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SULAM Beth*El





An all-new educational experience ... coming this Fall!



Be* TEMPLE topics

PLUS... Your HIGH HOLIDAY **PREVIEW** is here! See page 6.

* The Rabbi's Desk - A Heartfelt Thank You

It is impossible to find the words to capture our deep appreciation to our Beth El Family for the recent Evening of Inspiration and Celebration held here.

So many worked tirelessly to create such a special evening featuring dynamic speakers Deacon



Arthur Miller and Rabbi Francine Green Roston. They each offered courageous, exhilarating messages of resilience and moral success.

Thank you, co-chairs Judy Rosenthal & Stu Bernstein. So much work, so many details. Thank you to your marvelous committee who did so much to make the evening so beautiful. To all who contributed financially we are grateful that Beth El matters to you and that you continue to help us to be the kind of special congregation we seek to be.

Most of all we'd like to repeat our words from that evening. These past 25 years, you have nurtured our family



and allowed us to be a part of yours. Our experiences together have been a treasured privilege in our lives. Thank you for sharing them. Let there be many more.

We wish you a wonderful summer. Todah Rabbah. Thank you so much.

~ Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen

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

This fall, Beth El introduces a new approach to Jewish education, a result of two years of exploring current educational trends and listening to our children and families. With new leadership at the helm, SULAM Beth El will take hands-on, minds-on, and hearts-on learning to a whole new level, challenging our children to Seek, Understand, Learn, Act, and Marvel as they engage in our

Jewish tradition and the world around them.

A sulam in Hebrew is a ladder. In Genesis, we read about Jacob who, in a dream, sees angels ascending and descending a ladder. He wakes from the dream, realizes that God, too, was in that place, which he calls Beth El, the home of God. Our SULAM Beth El represents the ladder of

learning where each child is encouraged to ascend at his or her own pace.

How do SULAM Beth El children learn? Forget traditional classrooms with desks and blackboards. SULAM Beth El is centered in learning spaces around our sanctuary where our children explore individually, in pairs and small groups. They will think, discuss, challenge, and, we

hope, grow. They will draw, they will dance, they will sing, they will cook, always working toward a specific educational outcome.

SULAM Beth El is in the capable hands of Caryl Goldberg, Beth El member and now, our Education Director, and Limor Shefer, Hebrew Learning Coordinator and educator extraordinaire. Rabbi Ilana Garber joins the team as the Rabbinic Director of

Lifelong Learning & Community Engagement.

Look for more information, including registration, to come during the summer. Please join our Facebook Group to learn more about our community: SULAM at Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT



Limor Shefer, Caryl Goldberg, Rabbi Ilana Garber

* Reflections from the President



A member recently asked me, "How does it feel to succeed Diane Lieberfarb as President of Beth El?" I said the first thing that came

into my head. "It feels like singing right after Barbra Streisand."

When I think of Diane, I think of her sheer delight in seeing everyone. Her smile is warm and genuine; it is your introduction to a woman steeped in kindness and thoughtfulness. Sure, everyone sees Diane at Temple night and day. She is there for minyans, lunch and learns, funerals, bar mitzvahs, school events, and innumerable meetings. But, did you know all that she has accomplished beyond the relentless tasks called for on a

day-to-day basis? Diane brought us a "Community You Can Believe In," and lived it every day by impressing upon us the importance of relational Judaism; a restructuring of our religious school; a daycare center on our lower level; Friday night Shabbat dinners among congregants; a focus on inclusion; and, so much more – all without self-promotion. Diane is a treasure.

Standing in the long shadow cast by Diane and with a full appreciation of the magnitude of the role, I am honored and humbled to be your president. I promise you this – I will always be honest and provide you with everything I have. Beth El and our members deserve as much, and the stakes are too important.

While the challenges to the Jewish people are pervasive, I am an

eternal optimist. Today, we are more diverse than ever. This rich tapestry of personalities and experiences strengthens us. We are bound together by communal values such as a commitment to repair the world, to help others, to build strong families and communities, to ensure all have the opportunity to learn, to seek justice, and to treat everyone with kindness and respect. These values arise out of the core of Jewish thought and tradition.

In the coming months, you will be hearing more about how we build on our strengths and prepare our Temple for the future. In the meanwhile, please reach out to me with your ideas and comments. And, if you wouldn't mind, tell Diane she's the best. Because she is.

~ Jonathan Alter

* Cantor's Corner - Searching

As it is the period before Selichot and the High Holy Days, I am thinking and recalling....



How often I – and probably many of you – went looking for prayer for reasons big and small. Sometimes our search is daily, sometimes at a crucial point in our lives. What did we find?

We found that prayer could be viewed as an expression of our thoughts,

desires and emotions. The act of praying may also be the urge to express that pure subconscious inner personality found in each of us.

We found that prayer may be born of a sense of wonder, hope or despair, of subtle or explicit, obvious or obscure thoughts – many of which words alone somehow don't express; the fullness and totality comes from the prayer.

We found that it might sometimes be difficult to accurately express oneself in prayer because of a detachment or distance between those moments of prayer and actual life, so that prayer seems like an island in the ocean of everyday existence.

We found that words sometimes don't adequately express what is in our hearts; we need to add to the intensity of expression with a compulsion to raise our voices in song, because singing adds a "viscerality" to the act of prayer and not only describes the word but envelops it often with a deeper meaning that provides a way to more fully integrate prayer with our complete selves.

We found that there have been many forms of prayer, some personal and some involving the community, our families, loved ones and those with whom we wish to connect.

Maybe most importantly, we found that prayer could ultimately be understood as "an end in itself" – a way to come to something larger than what we know or feel.

~ Cantor Joseph Ness

★ Worshipping Together - Daily & Shabbat

Summer Shabbat Morning Speaker Series

Saturdays SERVICES BEGIN 9:30 AM

Our rabbis taught: Who is wise? One who learns from all people, as it is said: "From all those who taught me I gained understanding" (Psalms 119:99). This summer we will learn Torah from our Beth El members as part of our Shabbat morning services. Torah comes in all shapes and sizes, with varying disciplines and perspectives. We will experience Torah from story-telling to rabbinic commentaries, with the perspectives of lawyers, teachers, and more!

6:45 PM

July 1	Diane Lieberfarb
July 8	Nancy Rosen
July 15	Linda Stanger
July 22	Avi Patt
July 29	Jason Kay
Aug 5	Jeremy Kempner
Aug 12	Bobby Klau
Aug 19	Richard Freund
Aug 26	Jonathan Alter

Shabbat LIVE! Under the Stars Friday, Sept 8 **BBQ** DINNER 5:45 PM

Join us for our annual BBQ dinner and outdoor family service with the Shabbat LIVE! Band.

FAMILY SERVICE

Cost: \$12/adult, \$8/child (ages 3-12) RSVP: by noon on 9/6, to the Office VOLUNTEERS: needed to shop, set up, greet, and cook

QUESTIONS: igarber@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9696

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Fridays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Begin Shabbat in a relaxed and spiritual service. We sing, learn, and welcome Shabbat together every Friday night.

Candle/Havdalah Lighting			
<u>Shabbat</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
June 30-July 1	8:10 рм	9:10 рм	
July 7-8	8:08 PM	9:08 рм	
July 14-15	8:05 PM	9:05 рм	
July 21-22	8:00 PM	8:59 рм	
July 28-29	7:54 PM	8:53 рм	
August 4-5	7:46 PM	8:45 рм	
August 11-12	7:37 рм	8:36 рм	
August 18-19	7:27 PM	8:25 рм	
August 25-26	7:16 рм	8:15 рм	

<u>Daily Minyan</u>				
Morning	7:00am 8:45am	Mon–Fri Sun		
Evening	7:30рм	Sun-Thu		
Note: Special Times				
Tues, July 4		9:00 AM		
July 31–August 1: see facing page for the schedule of services for Tisha B'Av				

Ongoing Children & Family Programs

FRIDAYS

PJ Shabbat UP TO AGE 5 **July 14, Aug 18** 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Kids' ClubShabbat

AGES 5-8

Our youngest children love coming to synagogue in their PJs, singing songs, hearing

stories, and marching in a Torah parade, all with Rabbi Garber. The older kids join Barbara Checknoff for a parallel program of Shabbat and other stories, songs, and prayers.

DINNER: follows for participants of both programs, chicken nuggets for kids and hors d'oeuvres for parents No Charge, but participating families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children RSVP: requested for planning purposes

> For all Children's programming CONTACT/QUESTIONS/RSVP: Rabbi Garber, 860-233-9696, igarber@bethelwh.org

SATURDAYS

Children's Playroom

UP TO AGE 5

weekly 9:30 AM - NOON

A place geared for your energetic child. Note: parents must supervise their children

Birthday Aliyah

ALL AGES!

UP TO AGE 5

July 1, August 5, September 2 **DURING SERVICE**

On the first Shabbat of every month we celebrate birthdays with a special group aliyah (Torah honor) and blessing from the Rabbi.

Tumbling with Torah

July 8, 22; August 12, 26 11:00 AM - NOON

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

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

Shabbat Club GRADES 1-5



July 29, August 26 11:00 AM - NOON

Shabbat Club is here! Join Beth El dads Jason Kay & Alan Tuvin for games, trivia, stories, and more!

* Worshipping Together - Summer

What are the Three Weeks?

The short answer: an annual mourning period during the summer.

- ★ It begins with Shiva Asar
 B'Tammuz, the Fast of the 17th
 of Tammuz. It is a "minor"
 fast (sunrise to sunset).



Monday, July 31

8:00 PM Community Tisha B'Av Evening Service, with Eichah, reading the Book of Lamentations AT EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE (NO EVENING SERVICE AT BETH EL)

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 AM Shacharit (morning) Service
1:30 PM Community Tisha B'Av
Mincha (afternoon) Service
AT BETH EL TEMPLE (those who wear
tefillin, please bring to Mincha)
7:30 PM Evening Minyan

The long answer: keep reading.....

The Three Weeks

Summertime. Days of memory, commemoration, and hope.

Each summer, the Jewish world pauses to ponder the impact of the events that have shaped our history and the past 2000 years. These two fast days, *Shiva Asar B'Tammuz* and *Tisha B'Av*, are dedicated to recalling the breach of Jerusalem's walls and the ultimate destruction of the Temple and Jewish independence.

The 17^{th} of Tammuz is a daytime-only fast (sunrise to sunset), whereas $Tisha\ B'Av$ is a full-day fast. On both days, we recite special prayers of sorrow. In addition, on $Tisha\ B'Av$ we read the mournful book of Eicha, Lamentations.

Tisha B'Av is often called the "Dark Fast" to differentiate it from Yom Kippur known as the "White Fast." On the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), we are confident of forgiveness and so it has an element of "lightness." However, the 9th of Av has been linked with many different tragedies over time, including the failed Jewish rebellion against the Romans known as the Bar Kochba revolt, the expulsion of Jews from Spain, and key events in the Holocaust. As such, it is

a day in which dark loss looms large in our collective hearts.

Still, tradition did not allow us to succumb to despair. During this period known as the *Three Weeks*, on *Shabbat* we read three *Haftarot* of warning. Following *Tisha B'Av* we read seven *Haftarot* of comfort. Even on the 9th of Av itself we turn to passages of hope, or even plant a tree in the afternoon, in asserting our hope for redemption.

Many wonder what role these days might have in steadfastly mourning our exile when we have a modern State of Israel. It's a fair question. But these days of remembrance allow us to consider the losses and pain that have marked the Jewish past. They help us to remember and feel the hunger and discomfort of those who struggled to persevere as Jews.

Moreover, the ultimate redemption of the Jewish world, and the world at large, remains incomplete. There is still much pain to address.

Join us for these days of memory and meaning. They can helps us all to know and feel the rhythms of Jewish hurt and hope.



* Worshipping Together - High Holiday Preview

Complete details and descriptions for all High Holiday Services and Programs will be in the September-October issue of Temple Topics.

Tickets are required for entry:

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 9/21 Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei 9/29 Yom Kippur - Day 9/30

- Each person, 18 and over, must have his/her own ticket, with his/her name on it; tickets are not required for any child under 18.
- Tickets are complimentary for all Young Adults, ages 18-24; automatically issued for members' adult children, ages 18-24.
- Members' adult children, ages 25-29, if not members on their own, may purchase tickets at a reduced rate.
- Members may purchase tickets for relatives and friends, ages 25 and up, who live outside Hartford County.
- We participate in the reciprocal ticket program where members in good standing at any synagogue receive complimentary tickets to another synagogue; forms will be available in the office.
- Tickets will be mailed at the end of August.

Seating

- At all services, seating is first-come, first-served. Saving seats during the High Holidays is NOT permitted.
- Children are welcome, invited, and entitled to seats in any service of their choice.

Special Seating 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). Call the synagogue office.
- If necessary, one additional seat may be saved for a companion to remain with that person during the service.

Ushers

- Volunteer ushers are needed to help maintain the sanctity of services.
- If you would like to sign-up, please call the office. In a few weeks, you will be contacted by the Usher Coordinators to select your shift(s).

Community Selichot Saturday, Sept 16

8:00 PM Program and Service

LOCATION: Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr.

Rosh Hashanah - Erev Wed, Sept 20

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 Thursday, Sept 21

8:00 AM Sanctuary Service8:30 AM Chapel Service9:30 AM Babysitting

10:00 AM Kessler Hall Service10:30 AM Children's Services5:00 PM Tashlich Ceremony

6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 Friday, Sept 22

8:00 AM Sanctuary Service10:30 AM Family Experience – ALL NEW6:00 PM Festival Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Shuvah Saturday, Sept 23

& Ma'ariv

9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Rabbi Rosen's
Annual Tribute to Small Town
Jewish Communities – *Lake*Norden Badger

12:30 PM Mincha

Cemetery Service Sunday, Sept 24

12:30 PM Cemetery Service

LOCATION: Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei Friday, Sept 29

6:00 PM Sanctuary Service 6:00 PM Chapel Service

Yom Kippur - Day Saturday, Sept 30

8:00 AM Sanctuary Service, with Yizkor 8:30 AM Chapel Service, with Yizkor

9:30 AM Babysitting

10:00 AM Kessler Hall Service10:30 AM Children's Services

4:30 PM Mincha 5:45 PM Neilah

6:30 PM Children's Program 7:15 PM Final Shofar Blast

* Making Connections

Men's Club



Thursday, Sept. 14 6:00 PM

> Distinguished Service Award Banquet

Honoring Jacob Kovel

Master of Ceremonies will be Beth El President Ionathan Alter.

CONTACT: Steve Rabb, 860-231-1339,

steverabb2683@att.net

NOTE: watch for your invitation in the mail

Monthly Fall Breakfast Programs

To commemorate a special birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, or any other occasion, you can help sponsor a breakfast.

MÎNIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

Note: Sunday mornings, following Minyan

Note: resume in the fall

INFORMATION: Bruce Shein, 860-677-8300,

bruceshein@comcast.net

Refresh, ReJEWvenate, Renew – A Spiritual Retreat for the Women of Beth El Friday-Sunday October 20-22

Join Beth El women for a Shabbat weekend experience to nurture our body, mind, and soul. We will journey to a peaceful retreat center where we will engage in prayer, song, dance, learning, reflecting, and sharing together.

LOCATION: Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center,

Falls Village, CT

REGISTRATION: email Rabbi Garber for the link Cost: \$375, includes lodging (double occupancy),

meals, snacks, programs

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org,

860-233-9696

Empty Nester Moms

If your youngest child has recently left home, you are invited to join this group. We meet every other month or so to discuss this new stage of our lives.

CONTACT: Lonni Schulz, 860-651-0072,

LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net

Note: call to find out what we are doing next



<u>United</u> <u>Synagogue</u> Youth

Encampment 2017 Monday-Sunday, August 21-27

Lots of friends and ruach! This year's annual week -long summer event is multi-regional: Hanefesh, NERUSY, Tzafon, and ECRUSY. Featuring great outdoor activities, kosher meals, Six Flags, terrific evening programs, bunk activities, meaningful Shabbat, sports, interesting study theme, color run, special Machon (just completed grade 12) and Jr. USY (grades 6-8) programming.

LOCATION: Camp Ramah New England, Palmer, MA CONTACT: Jason Kay, jason@hanefesh.org Cost: \$525, paid in full by 8/5; special pricing for

Machon; scholarships available

REGISTRATION: www.tinyurl.com/hanefesh1718

Campfire – Dang, that's hot! Opening Event

Sun, Sept 10 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Let's start off the USY year with a great time, friends, S'mores, games, and more.

LOCATION: Westmoor Park, West Hartford

Cost: no charge

CONTACT: Jason Kay, jason@hanefesh.org

Winter Convention – Host Families Wanted February 9-11, 2018

It might seem early, but we are starting to look for host families! After our immensely successful Winter Convention this past year, West Hartford will be hosting another regional USY convention. This time, we are including USYers from the Boston area and expect more than 100 people.

CONTACT: Jason Kay, jason@hanefesh.org HOST DETAILS & REGISTRATION: www.tinyurl.com/usyhost2018

Doing Mitzvot

Supporting Our Syrian Refugee Family

Our Syrian family is appreciative for all that our members have done. We are looking for more volunteers to

- ★ have playdates for the children during the summer (ages 3 1/2-7, we'll bring the children to your house)

They can still use size five diapers, gift cards to Shoprite or Big Y, and cleaning supplies.

NOTE: bring donated items to the office CONTACT: Robin Landau, robinlandau2@gmail.com, Carrie Berman, carrieberman82@gmail.com



Jessie's Garden is going strong!

The summer volunteers are watering and weeding and have delivered our first lettuce and radishes to the JFS food pantry. Our weekly volunteers include David Brown, Ava and Harold Geetter, Herb Hoffman, Carol Johnson, Dane and Michele Kostin, Dan Kulakofsky, Amy Nulsen, and Art and Joanne Rome. Others are invited to join our crew.

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

Keeping Beth El Beautiful

Calling all green thumbs! Volunteers needed to tend the containers and in-ground plantings around our building. Commit a little or a lot, or "adopt" a plant and tend to it for the season.

CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939, foxtg@aol.com

KNITzvah Group

The Book of Numbers.....well, not exactly.

How the years fly by! In the Fall of 2002, at Beth El's first Mitzvah Day, a half-dozen ladies showed up to knit. We were the start of the KNITzvah Group. Those half-dozen ladies grew to over 30 and our lap-afghans that are so loved and appreciated topped out at 578. Another favorite is our hats, 304 created from infant to adult. Locally, about ten charities receive our lovely things. Thanks to Rabbi Garber and the group of ladies that traveled to Israel, we now have 89 lap afghans being enjoyed in that country. This wonderful knitting mitzvah did not go unnoticed as our group received a Centennial Schechter Award in 2013.

Now, OUR version of "the book of numbers!" Since last year's report, we have delivered: 578 lap-afghans, 304 hats, 29 pairs of mittens, 24 scarves, 6 infant sweaters, 5 adult sweaters, 3 shrugs, 2 booties, 4 shawls/capes, 3 child's purses, 8 gloves (wristlets), and 1 little doll. *Kol hakavod, Ladies*!

The KNITzvah Group, for all its success, has reached a "bump-in-the-road." We desperately need a new leader, a CEO. The person need not even be a knitter, but someone who can't imagine BET without this group. Please contact us for details.

Hopefully, we will next meet on Sept. 10 and Oct. 15. CONTACT: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com, NormaJean Sternschein, njsternschein@comcast.net



Charter Oak Project

RESUMES IN SEPT.

Prepare and serve dinner for Hartford school children and their families. We cook on Sunday mornings and serve on Monday evenings, generally once per month.

LOCATION: cook at Beth El, serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford

CONTACT: Kerry Rausch, 860-232-3591, rausch.kerry@gmail.com, or Craig Diamond, 860-461-0263, craigpdiamond@yahoo.com

* Lifelong Learning

Ongoing Weekly Classes

New participants welcome, no registration, no charge

Talmud Study

Wed, 10:30-11:30 AM

This is interactive study, in English, will be self-led during the summer and all participants are invited to contribute.



Bible & Breakfast

Thu, 8:00-9:00 AM



After Minyan, we discuss the weekly Torah portion; facilitated by members of our community during the Summer.

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

Resuming in September

Writing Workshop, Mondays, 1:30 PM

For Beth El fiction and non-fiction writers.

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman, bhoffman3@comcast.net

Lunch & Learn, Tuesdays, NoonRabbi Rosen's class takes a break for summer.

Introducing our Librarian

Stop by the library on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon (most weeks) and meet Susan Fried, our new librarian. She has already introduced some new programs:

- an ongoing book sale; the rack is in the library entrance and all books are 50 cents.
- *⇔ Book Club in a Bag*, check out 10 books of the same title.
- ♦ book suggestions on display in the curio cabinet.



Do you have a library idea? Share it with Susan! Suggest a book title for the library. Let her know your thoughts about having a small collection of DVDs. Stop by the library to say hello. If she's not in, leave a note on her desk.

CONTACT: susanfried@sbcglobal.net

How has your Jewish education inspired you to be a better person?

This year's Religious School graduates applied for a merit-based scholarship to attend JTConnect, through Rabbi Garber's Discretionary Fund, by writing a brief essay answering the question above. Excerpts from Sophie Kudler's winning essay:

Judaism and my Jewish education have shaped my life in important ways. The Jewish values I learn at home and school have inspired me to become a better family member. Starting with preschool at the JCC, I began to learn what it means to be Jewish through celebrating Shabbat and holiday traditions. This sparked my desire to learn about my heritage and the importance of being Jewish. My whole family is Jewish, so my Jewish education brings me closer to them.

We always celebrate Jewish holidays as a family. I look forward to our Hanukkah celebrations because we spend quality time together as a family. For Passover, we have a family Seder with



homemade matzah ball soup. I help prepare the Seder table, and often lead the Four Questions and share what I have learned about Passover at Hebrew School with my sister and cousins.

Engaging Generations

New Members

Natalie Segal Franny Kovelman & Jeremy Willis

Congratulations

Lynn & Joel Malkoff, on the birth of grandson, Benjamin Wyatt Shirley Goldman and Debi Cooper, on the birth of greatgranddaughter/granddaughter, Sasha Penelope Cooper Andre & Trudy Lerer, on the birth of granddaughter, Orly Rose Bleyer

Please send all Life Cycle announcements to Laurea in the Office: <u>LEsau@bethelwh.org</u>.

Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Estelle & Abe Bernstein, in honor of Abe's special birthday

Katie & Mikhail Chernyak, in honor of Mark's Bar Mitzvah

Gail & Stephen Chinitz, in honor of Nathan's Bar Mitzvah

Ellen & Ethan Foxman, in honor of Sam's Bar Mitzvah

Tamar & Marc Margolis, in honor of Brennan's Bar Mitzvah

Eveline & Mark Shekhman, in honor of Sean's Bar Mitzvah

Kathy Steadman & Seth Winkleman, in honor of Maya & Jane's B'not Mitzvah

Of Blessed Memory

Marjorie Asnes, mother of David Asnes Sarah Cappell, grandmother of Jordan Grossman

Molly Doub, granddaughter of Suzanne Fieldman

Sherman Gershman, husband of Adele Gershman, and father of Jay Gershman

Diane Guthart, sister-in-law of Len Guthart

Sandra Harris, mother of Peter Harris Sylvia Roth, mother of Shari Roth Regina Sloves

Murray Stock, father of Dr. Alden Stock Molly Tulin

* Supporting Beth El

Special Gifts

Thank you to the following members for their sponsorship of these projects.

Refurbishment and repair of our Austin Organ

Zachs family, Mandell family, Hoffman families, and Gelles family

Upgraded lighting around our building and parking lotZachs family

Repair of the floor in the Choir Loft

Dan Cohen

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- ★ This list reflects contributions received and processed through May 23, 2017.
- For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be <u>received</u> in the office by **July 20**.
- **⇒** The minimum donation for each listing is \$10.

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

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Murray Lubowitz, uncle - Joanne Rome

Camp Ramah Fund

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Susan & Bob Gold - The Gavens Family

IN HONOR OF

Special birthday of Rabbi Ilana Garber – **Annette & Sy Gavens**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Marvin Lewis, father – **Bonnie & Paul**

Cantor's Music Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness for the bat mitzvah of daughter, Ella – **Betsy Brown & Seth Brown**

Cantor Ness for the magnificent Cantor Mendelson program – Sheila & Ted Fox, Debbie & Richard Gutcheon

Cantor Ness - Mona Elson, Ellen & Ethan Foxman, Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld, Carolyn Weiser

IN HONOR OF

Birth of Benjamin Carneig Kostin and Lily Cole Chernoff, grandchildren of Michele & Dane Kostin – **Barbara & David Brown & family, Jeanne & Dan Kleinman**

Bar mitzvah of Connie Mindell's grandson, Henry; birth of Benjamin Singer, grandson of Judy & Irwin Singer – Francine & Steve Stier

IN MEMORY OF

Saul Reichlin – Nancy Gordon, Carol Ingram, Sally Reichlin, Linda Rosenstock

Herbert Slotnick, husband of Marcia – **Rochelle & Stephen Kramer**

Edward Klein, father of Michael – **Joanne Rome**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Toby Hoffman, mother - Herb Hoffman

Education Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Dr. Ron Buckman for the Brit Milah of grandson, Evan Kaya – Elena & Fred Delman

Dr. Ron Buckman for the Brit Milah of Asher Samuel Cohen – **Ian Cohen**

IN HONOR OF

Sharon Gorlick Royer's aliyah - Jill Jones

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Vivienne Jones, mother - Jill & Gary Jones

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Samuel Berger, grandfather – **Robin & Rafi** Santiago

Prayer Book Fund

IN HONOR OF

97th birthday of Julius "Yuddie" Wachtel – Susan Gay & Meyer Rosen

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Forer, mother of Charles Forer – **Joanne & Arthur Rome**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Gittel & Chaim Weiner, parents – **Abby Weiner**

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Rabbi Garber – Carin Buckman, Beth Melnick, Judy Resnick, Lisa Shakun, Laurie Wetherbee & the Stanfields

IN HONOR OF

40th birthday of Rabbi Garber – **Naomi & Michael Cohen**

Rabbi Garber & the incredible women who traveled to Israel; all the Religious School children who participated in celebrating Shabbat – **Paula Steinberg**

Bat mitzvah of daughter, Ella – Betsy Brown & Seth Brown

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Toby Hoffman, mother - Herb Hoffman

Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – Mona Elson, Suzanne Fieldman, Beth & Bernie Schilberg, Carolyn Weiser

Rabbi Rosen for the bat mitzvah of daughter & granddaughter, Lily Shafer – Dana Greenberg & Glenn Shafer, Beverly & Arnold Greenberg

IN HONOR OF

90th birthday of Abe Bernstein – **Vida & Eliot Barron, Ellen, Alan & Judy Burstein, Felice Goldman, Susan & Allen Kallor, June Rosen & Ben Abrams**

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Nancy & Rabbi James Rosen; Nancy Rosen's Torah reading – **Arthur Freedman**

80th birthday of Vida Barron – **June Rosen** & **Ben Abrams**

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Engagement of granddaughter, Jamie Rosenkrantz to Craig Emmons – **Edie Meade Shiffman**

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IN MEMORY OF

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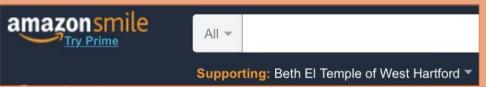
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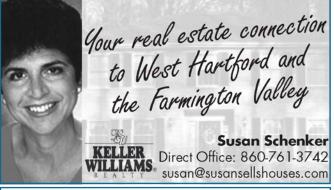
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65th wedding anniversary of Annette & Sy Gavens – **Ann & David Brandwein**

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IN MEMORY OF

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Rabbi Sowalsky's help with Torah reading

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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