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Celebrating Beth El's

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June 5!



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

Photographs of our LEARNERS in ACTION have been faded for the online version of our newsletter.

As SULAM learners helped to prepare horseradish straight from Jessie's Garden, they discussed the importance of *maror* on the *seder* table. See page 15 for the adult helpers from our community.

Our Israeli Emissary, Nir, played Hebrew games with our learners.

In preparation for Passover, SULAM learners played the Exodus game. It's an exciting mix of trivia and Candy Land, where the goal is to reach the Promised Land and not encounter too many plagues on the way!

We love how our SULAM learners work together toward a goal!

3rd graders checking out the whole Megillah!

Grades 5, 6, and 7 had a special program with our Artist-in-Residence, Hillel Smith. He led a workshop exploring stories in the Torah that were then

sketched and interpreted.

SULAM in action! These learners engaged in an independent study of an enrichment prayer – the third paragraph of the *Shema*. They researched it and then taught their peers!

THE POWER OF MUSIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019, 7PM

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CANTOR JOSEPH NESS, CONDUCTOR | ISRAELI PIANIST TOMER GEWIRTZMAN, RACHMANINOFF PIANO CONCERTO #2 OP. 18 C MINOR
SWING & ROCK FEATURING THE NEW REMAINS WITH ALAN PIACENTA, VOCALIST; CHRIS BONITO, DRUMS; DARYL LATOYA, GUITAR
WITH SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS INCLUDING ALEX NAKHIMOVSKY, PIANO & JOHN MASTROIANNI, SAXAPHONE

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY! | \$25; \$20 SENIORS (62+) & STUDENTS, FREE TO CHILDREN 12 & UNDER
WE'RE GONNA KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF | TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT BETHELTEMPLEMUSIC.COM

★ From the Rabbi's Desk - Endings and Beginnings



The months of May and June bring warmer weather, blooming flowers, and the excitement of summer's approach. We also celebrate the high school and college graduations of friends and family. Graduation ceremonies, of course, are called "commencement," because of the next steps, the beginnings, that happen right after the academic journey. We end the school year for all ages and send many children off to summer camp (we'll celebrate our campers on June 8th with a group aliyah!). Indeed, this is a time of endings and beginnings in so many ways.

This month we complete the second year of SULAM, our innovative educational program that has changed the way we educate and learn at Beth El. It's hard to believe that SULAM is *only* two years old, while at the same time, it's hard to believe that SULAM is *already* two years old! We bid farewell at the end of June to Caryl Goldberg, SULAM's Inaugural Director (and longtime Beth El member, so we know she'll still be around!). Caryl has infused SULAM with love, creativity, patience, educational techniques, organization, healthy snacks, and so much more, and we are forever indebted to her. Please join us at *Show Off Shabbat* on May 17th (beginning at 6pm) as we celebrate Caryl's contributions and share our gratitude.

With this end comes the beginnings of so much more, and we have many exciting plans to share as SULAM enters its 3rd year. Official announcements will be made at our Annual Meeting on June 11th – please join us to hear our SULAM report and to celebrate all that makes Beth El such a wonderful community.

In the Jewish world this is a time of endings and beginnings too. We are in the midst of the omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot, in which we count *up* each night toward the goal of 49 days. The end of the counting, the 50th day, is yet another new beginning: the holiday of Shavuot, when we celebrate receiving the Torah, the historical beginning of our communal covenantal relationship with God.

Like most everything else, finishing the counting of the omer and reaching the milestone of Shavuot is a cause for celebration (join us for cheesecake!) and planning the next steps: Jewish learning (what will you read this summer?), Jewish living (commit to helping us make a minyan while others are away on vacation!), and Jewish loving (share in our special community, supporting each other with meals for those who are ill and joining together for our summer Shabbat gatherings in the park).

We hope you will see this time of endings as a time of beginnings too, and that you will mark these special moments with our Beth El family.

~ Rabbi Ilana Garber

★ Recalling Events & Programs

Purim Faire Extravaganza: A Purim Carnival with a Mitzvah Twist

Guess & Win results:

Mishloach Manot (gifts of food to friends)

How many M&Ms are in the container?

Winner: Jeremy Sabino, guessing 1800

Actual: 1978



Mishteh (festive meal)

How many noodles?

Winner: Ella Zittoun, guessing 1230

Actual: 1446 – all pasta collected over Purim was donated to the Kosher Food Pantry in Ella's name

Matanot La'veyonim (gifts of money to poor)

How much money is in this dish?

Winner: Emma Feldman, guessing \$15

Actual: \$15.05 – Emma donated the money to Reut, helping care for Israelis



Megillah (reading story of Esther)

How many Jelly Belly's?

Winner: Aden Finitis, guessing 1599

Actual: 1611



★ Reflections from the President



I have heard it said that the best job within a synagogue is the “IPP” – the Immediate Past President! While for some IPPs that

may be true, I bet the majority miss the role and continue volunteering. I suspect I will fall into the latter category. I love Beth El too much. I love its clergy, staff, and members from top to bottom, and intend to see it thrive for years to come.

That is why I am so excited to turn over the reins in June to Judy Rosenthal. Judy is amazing! She is a whirlwind of energy and ideas. Aside from being my first vice president for the last two years and performing innumerable other jobs at Beth El (most notably handling so much of our fundraising and event planning), Judy is the volunteer program

moderator and facilitator for Jewish Family Services’ Jewish Employment Transition Services and founder of The Schmoozer’s Job Network. Today, the Schmoozer’s Job Network is the largest job search group in Connecticut and has helped thousands of people find employment through job search programs, free resume writing, interview prep, social media, and coaching.

By no means exhaustive since I would need a lot more space, Judy has chaired the Business and Women’s Professional Group of Federation’s Women’s Division and served as Chairwoman of the Administrative Committee and Annual Campaign Chair; she has also served as a Federation board member. In addition, Judy has served on Beth El’s Board, as well as the boards of Hebrew HealthCare, JFS, and The Children’s Museum.

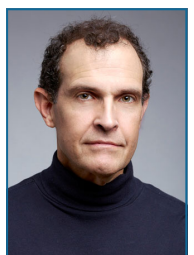
Judy is willing to help anyone and everyone – whenever and wherever. As a result, she has been involved in a potpourri of extraordinary community work. She has volunteered with organizations such as Achieve Hartford, United Way, the YWCA, the Saint Francis Foundation, and The Connecticut Forum.

And, of course, Judy has received recognition for her community work, including from Federation; the National Conference for Community and Justice; the CT Council of Family Services; and Jewish Family Services.

Not only that, Judy is the best friend you can find. Judy is like family to me. She is a blessing to our community. Judy and her husband David live the Jewish values of respect, community, and kindness. I am confident I leave you all in exceptionally good hands.

~ Jonathan Alter

★ Cantor’s Corner - Upbeat Musical Themes in 2018-19



This year, our BEMA concert themes have been quite eclectic. We crossed musical genres within each concert in an effort to present a variety of great and inspiring music.

In October, we combined the music of Bach, Brahms, Brubeck, Dvorak, Gershwin, Ness, and Piazzolla, for a very exciting and challenging two-piano and choir concert.

For our second concert, in December, we proudly presented the Ma’ale Adumim Youth Symphony, straight from the West Bank in Israel, performing the music of Bernstein, Tchaikovsky, and more!

Our third concert at the beginning of April featured the sublimely beautiful Beethoven Piano Concerto #4, along with several popular Russian romances and songs, two Broadway tunes from Jewish-themed musicals, and an original jazz piano and vocal piece!

For the fourth and final concert of the year, on June 2, a wild and rollicking piano concerto will be

juxtaposed with the music of Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Chicago, and Queen, all performed by our wonderful Beth El Orchestra and the fabulous *New Remains* rock group! This will be an incredible concert!! Come, you’ll have a great time!!

Two special and beautiful services will occur on consecutive Fridays at 6PM: on June 7, our Children’s Choir accompanied by a harp will lead the evening services, and on June 14, our Adult Choir will perform part of the service with our wonderful organ. We hope that you will support our talented and hard-working Beth El Choirs. Please come and participate with us in both of these wonderful services!

~ Cantor Joseph Ness

Adult Choir

OPEN TO: all members, post Bar/Bat Mitzvah
CONTACT: Cantor Ness, jness@bethelwh.org

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

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Fridays

Show Off Shabbat Family Service & Dinner

MAY 17

6:00 PM

COST/DINNER: \$12/adult; \$8/Child (age 5-12);
no charge age 4 & younger

REGISTRATION: tinyurl.com/SOShabbat

Join us as we celebrate the SULAM year and our learners "show off." Please invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to join us as every child will shine on this special evening.

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Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Kids Choir with Harp

JUNE 7

6:00 – 7:00 PM

A special addition to our traditional service.

Forum & Oneg Shabbat

*The Humpty Dumpty Syndrome:
Fixing Broken Faces*

JUNE 14

7:00 PM Late Friday Night Service,
with organ & choir

8:00 PM Forum & Oneg

SPONSOR: Chai Society



Morton Goldberg, MD, DMD, will share stories of maxillofacial surgery from his fifty years of experience as a physician-dentist-surgeon.

Shababa (for all) & Potluck Dinner

JUNE 21

5:45 – 6:45 PM

LOCATION: Eisenhower Park

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

REGISTRATION: tinyurl.com/ParkShababa



Shabbat – Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 PM

Shabbat – Saturday

Pirkei Avot Study

8:30 AM

Shacharit, Torah & 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.

Saturdays

Birthday Aliyah (all ages)

MONTHLY: MAY 4, JUNE 1, JULY 6

A group Aliyah and a blessing from the rabbi.



Mazel Tots (birth – K, with parents)

WEEKLY

11:00 AM – NOON

LEADER: volunteer parents

NOTE: all ages are welcome

BRING: a small, kosher, nut-free snack



Pre-Teen/Teen Learning (ages 9+)

MAY 4 12:30 – 1:30 PM

MAY 18 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, with parents)

MAY 11

11:00 AM – NOON

NOTE: all are welcome

JCL* Service (all ages)

MAY 11

10:30 AM – NOON

* Jewish Association for Community Living

LEADERS: Nancy Rosen with Susan Fried and

Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene, Judaic Coord. of JCL

NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows

This joyous service is open to adults who have special needs as well as others 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.

Shabbat Club (grades K-5, with parents)

MONTHLY: MAY 18

11:00 AM – NOON

LEADER: volunteer parents

Shabbat Club
K-5th Graders

Shabbat Yoga (all ages)

JUNE 1

10:30 AM – NOON

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



★ Observing Together - Modern Holidays

Yom HaZikaron Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror begins Tuesday eve, May 7



Unlike Memorial Day in the U.S. with parades, sales, and BBQs, in Israel it is a somber day with ceremonies to honor those who fought to protect the State and People of Israel. Everyone in Israel has lost someone in a war or terror attack, or knows someone who lost someone. Even the music on the radio is sad. Take time on this day to read about Israeli soldiers or to support a *chayal boded*, a "lone soldier" who made aliyah to Israel and fights for his/her adopted country.

In the Community

Yom Ha'Zikaron Ceremony

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford

CONTACT: Tali Bass, 860-231-6333, tbass@mandelljcc.org

In Israel it is customary to attend the ceremony in a white shirt.

Tekes Ma'avar (Transition Ceremony): **Yom HaZikaron Commemoration to Yom Haatzmaut Celebration**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Hebrew High School of New England,
300 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford

Contact: Rabbi Tuvia Brander, Rabbi@youngisraelwh.org

Co-Sponsors: Young Israel of West Hartford, HHNE,
Hebrew Academy of GH

Yom HaAtzmaut

Israel's Independence Day begins Wednesday eve, May 8

Yom HaZikaron ends in true Israeli fashion: with the transition to this special day of parties, parades, bonfires, and more – Israelis know how to celebrate. Wear blue and white, eat falafel, buy Israeli products, and make a donation to an Israeli charity as we celebrate Israel on this day.



In the Community

Yom Ha'atzmaut **Mesiba** (Celebration) & Torch Lighting Ceremony

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave,
West Hartford

CONTACT: Tali Bass, 860-231-6333,
tbass@mandelljcc.org

Yom Yerushalayim Jerusalem Day

begins Saturday eve, June 1

Celebrating the 1967 reunification of Jerusalem is a national holiday in Israel but obviously one put on the calendar very



recently! The rabbis have ruled it to be a day to thank God for the victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of *Next Year in Jerusalem*. Sing Jerusalem songs, watch the "Kotel-cam" (the 24-hour video surveillance of the Western Wall), and start to plan your next trip to Jerusalem!

Daily Minyan

Shacharit 7:00 AM Mon-Fri; 8:45 AM Sun

Ma'ariv 7:30 PM Sun-Thu

Note: Special Minyan Times

Sun, June 2; Wed, June 5; Tues, June 11 6:30 PM

Sunday & Monday, June 9 & 10 see Shavuot

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

<u>Shabbat</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
May 3-4	7:31 PM	8:32 PM
May 10-11	7:39 PM	8:40 PM
May 17-18	7:46 PM	8:47 PM
May 24-25	7:53 PM	8:54 PM
May 31-Jun 1	7:59 PM	8:59 PM
Jun 7-8	8:04 PM	9:04 PM
Jun 14-15	8:07 PM	9:08 PM
Jun 21-22	8:09 PM	9:10 PM
Jun 28-29	8:10 PM	9:10 PM

Service names:

Shacharit = morning

Mincha = afternoon

Ma'ariv = evening

Havdalah = end of
Shabbat or a holiday

★ Worshipping Together - Spring Holidays

Lag Ba'Omer

Wednesday-Thursday, May 22-23

Lag Ba'Omer, a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, is a festive day. It falls on 18 Iyar, the 33rd day of the Omer count. The Hebrew letters *lamed* and *gimel* which make up the acronym “Lag” have the combined numerical value of 33. This day is an occasion for happiness during an otherwise mournful period.



The Omer counting period, seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot, is a relatively somber time: we do not permit weddings, and many Jews do not listen to live music or get haircuts. This is because of a plague that wiped out many of the students of Rabbi Akiva, one of the greatest rabbis of the Talmud.

We are told that the plague stopped on the 33rd day of the Omer, so that day is one of celebration, picnics, bonfires, and outdoor fun. In Israel, they also plant trees. Grab some friends and enjoy!



Shavuot

Shavuot is one of those holiday gems that seems to get lost. Everyone knows Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Chanukah and Pesach. But what is

Shavuot and why is it considered one of the “biggies” in Jewish life?

Coming seven weeks (*Shavuot* is Hebrew for *weeks*) after the second Passover Seder, Shavuot celebrates not one but two important events: Spring's first harvests and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Once out of Egypt and settled down, our ancestors brought to the Temple the first and best fruits of their spring harvest. With everyone coming together, it was a perfect opportunity to also honor God's historic giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, marking the covenant between God and the Jewish people. It's a joyous festival that lasts for two days.

During Shavuot we read the beautiful story of Ruth, who, after the death of her husband, followed her also-widowed Jewish mother-in-law Naomi back

Shavuot Calendar

Saturday, June 8

Evening to be scheduled
9:04 PM Candle Lighting

Sunday, June 9

9:30 AM Festival Services
9:30 AM Children's Playroom
7:30 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv
8:05 PM Candle Lighting

Monday, June 10

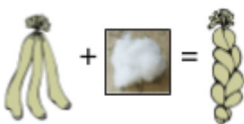
9:30 AM Festival Services
9:30 AM Children's Playroom
11:00 AM Yizkor (approx. time)
7:30 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah
9:05 PM Havdalah

Tips for a Meaningful Family Shavuot

- ☆ Re-enact the Israelites waiting at the base of Mount Sinai by camping out (or in, if it's raining!) Pitch a tent or build a fort and tell stories about the Torah and Ruth.



- ☆ Shavuot marks the end of the grain season. Try your hand at baking your own challah! If wheat isn't your thing, opt for challah made from pantyhose! Little ones can enjoy it all week long.



- ☆ Shavuot comes with the tradition of decorating your home or the synagogue with beautiful flowers. Go for a nature walk or find flowers outside to inspire a bit of nature at home.



to her homeland of Canaan. This is the origin of the beautiful speech that begins, “whither thou goest, I will go, where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, thy God my God.” Her steadfast loyalty – and ultimate conversion to Judaism – was rewarded: Ruth's offspring gave birth to King David. We will read the Book of Ruth during morning services on the 1st day of Shavuot.

Shavuot is also known as the dairy holiday; we eat blintzes or cheesecake. Why dairy? One reason, the sweetness of Torah is often compared to the sweetness of honey and milk. Another, Moses received the Torah on Shavuot – including the laws of kashrut – but the people had not yet internalized what was and wasn't allowed. Eating dairy was a safe bet.

★ Celebrating Beth El

Tonight for Tomorrow: Strengthening Our Foundation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 ~ 7:00 PM

Celebrate Beth El's 65th Anniversary, an evening honoring our vibrant Jewish future, with Reflection, Resilience and Affirmation.



The Jewish way in this world has always been marked by the embrace of challenge and response with a way of life celebrating hope and courage. I'm delighted that we will be able to join together for an evening that honors not just a thriving Beth El but also our enduring Jewish spirit.

~ Rabbi Jim Rosen



Keynote Speaker

Historian, Author, and Professor, **Deborah E. Lipstadt** is world-renowned. The New York Times Book Review gave high acclaim to her newest book, *Antisemitism: Here and Now*, which she wrote prior to the horrific incident that occurred in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

The Stanley M. Kessler Award

We honor **Abby Weiner** z"l, whose life serves as a beacon for human rights and social justice for all. In his memory, we are challenged and inspired to live the lives of unbending principle.

(pictured here with his family)



5:30PM Cocktail & Dinner Reception with Dr. Lipstadt
(for *Pillar of Righteousness through Mitzvah* sponsorship levels)

7:00PM Program begins in the main Sanctuary,
followed by a Gala Dessert Reception
(included with all tickets)

INFO & TICKETS: bethelwesthartford.org/65Years;
Temple office, 860-233-9696; Judy Rosenthal,
judithrrosenthal@gmail.com; and at the door

This evening is being underwritten by the
**Leonard & Vicki Eisenfeld
Endowment Fund,**
**Gloria Goldenberg Music & Lecture
Series Endowment Fund,**
and **Amy E. Toyen Endowment Fund,**
named funds within
The Endowment Fund of Beth El Temple.

100 Acts of Kindness – a small sampling

- #3 Attend morning minyan 3x/month
- #5 Donate gently-used clothing to Tara's Closet at JFS
- #27 Volunteer at Jessie's Garden
- #88 Leave a surprise for your mail carrier or newspaper person
- #97 Donate diapers to a shelter

Check out the full list at
tinyurl.com/BET100Acts

We are also celebrating all that our members – past and present – do for the community with **100 Acts of Kindness**. These 100 simple ideas represent a small part of the reason we are *A Community You Can Believe In*.

Let us know how you choose to give of yourself; each reported act of kindness adds a gold star to the poster in the Temple's foyer. This is voluntary, and you can remain anonymous.

Let's fill it up together!

INFORMATION: tinyurl.com/BET100Acts
TELL US YOUR ACTS: Marci Alter, mbajba1@gmail.com,
Diane Lieberfarb, diane.lieberfarb@gmail.com
DEADLINE: contact Marci or Diane by May 22

★ Making Connections

The Wartime Sisters

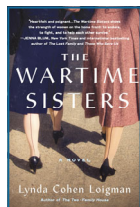
Women's Network Lunch
with an Author

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

12:00 – 1:30 PM

COST: \$18 (free for WN members)

RSVP: by 4/24, womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com



You loved her first novel, *The Two Family House*. Now author Lynda Cohen Loigman returns to Beth El to discuss her new novel about two estranged sisters, raised in Brooklyn and each burdened with her own shocking secret, reunited at the Springfield Armory in the early days of WWII.

Movie & Munchies

Above and Beyond

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

2:00 – 5:00 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5 at the door

RSVP: by 5/6, chaisociety@bethelwh.org, Marvin Sperling, 860-523-4703, sidramarvin@gmail.com, Allan Geetter, 860-651-8022, allan.geetter@gmail.com

SPONSOR: Chai Society

DESSERT: sponsored by the Beth El Temple Endowment Committee who will share inspiring information about legacy gifting

This documentary film tells the story of a band of ragtag former Allied World War II pilots who volunteered to fight for Israel in the 1948 War of Independence. This fledgling group laid the groundwork for the birth of the Israeli Air Force.



Calling All Beth El Softball Players

SUNDAY MORNINGS, MAY – MID-AUGUST

9:30 – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: CIGNA (in Bloomfield off Simsbury Rd.)

CAPTAINS: Alan Cetel, 860-232-9515, acjctc@aol.com, Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com

NOTE: not playing June 9, July 21, August 11

Beth El's Softball Team is ready to come out of winter hibernation and take to the softball diamonds. We play in the Greater Hartford Synagogue Softball League, a 6-team co-ed slow pitch league – year 26!



We are always on the lookout for new players to fill our depleted roster, especially women. If you would like to renew your athletic career, it isn't too late to get in on the fun this season.



West Hartford
United Synagogue
Youth

Shabbat around the World Dinner Series – Israel Edition

FRIDAY, MAY 17 (NOTE: date change)

6:00 PM Services with the congregation

7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner

LOCATION: Emanuel Synagogue

COST: \$12/student, grades 6-12 (inc. with Premier membership); \$8/below grade 6; \$15/adult; family max is \$45

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, whusy18@gmail.com

REGISTER: www.tinyurl.com/whusyshabbat

All USYers, JR USYers, and their families are invited to this amazing culmination of our year-long journey around the world. Come out and experience the culture and flavors of the Jews of Israel.

This year's programming is thanks, in part, to grants from USY and the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

Camp Ramah in New England, **Palmer, MA**

Ramah Family Camp

FRIDAY-MONDAY, MAY 24-27

CONTACT: Simon Luxemburg, 781-702-5290 x111, simonl@campramahne.org

NOTE: childcare is provided throughout the weekend

This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your family to the Ramah experience. Participate in spirited and age-appropriate prayer services, fun and engaging family programming, nighttime activities for adults, and all of the fun camp has to offer.

Prospective Campers Days

SUNDAYS, JULY 14 OR AUGUST 4
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

CONTACT: Lori Fish Bard, 781-702-5290, lorib@campramahne.org



VISIT camp in session, MEET staff, TOUR the facilities, JOIN in a sample of camp activities, LEARN how we create a joyous Jewish experience, and DISCOVER for yourself how a few weeks at Ramah will enhance your child's life forever!

Men's Club

Saving a Life

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:45 AM Minyan

9:30 AM Breakfast & Program

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

RSVP: by 5/1, Jacob Kovel,

860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com



Beth El's own Joshua Rosenfeld will share his story of saving a man's life in an airport in Singapore.



A certified instructor from the American Heart Association will provide a one-hour session on hands-only CPR.

4th Annual Dan Miller Men's Club Membership Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

6:30 – 8:30 PM

QUESTIONS: Tom Falik, 860-206-9605, tfalik@comcast.net

Invitations were mailed to all Men's Club members!

8th Annual Tour de Shuls Connecticut Community Bike Ride

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM – NOON

RSVP: by 5/19 for registration

discount; onsite registration also available

INFORMATION/REGISTER/SPONSOR/DONATE:

www.tourdeshulsct.org

QUESTIONS: Dave Diamond, 860-965-1357,

daviddiamond2@comcast.net



Community fundraiser to benefit Camp Eisner's Chazak program and Ramah's Tikvah program.

The Retreat

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 – SUNDAY, JUNE 16

LOCATION: Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA

COST: \$140/person, \$75/first-time attendees; includes all meals and bunk lodging

QUESTIONS: Phil Schulz, 860-726-6118, philschulz@sbcglobal.net

REGISTRATION: www.nerfjmc.org/theretreat

NOTE: cost has been subsidized \$100 from each Beth El Men's Club and the FJMC-CT Valley Region

The Retreat is a long weekend of fun, spirit, and learning for Jewish Men; using music both in worship and socializing; emphasizing building leadership and increasing knowledge and skill regarding Israel and anti-Semitism. Scholar-in-Residence is Rabbi Lev Friedman.

Distinguished Service Award Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SAVE THE DATE

Honorees: Marci & Jonathan Alter

Walk Around the Reservoir

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9:45 AM

LOCATION: Reservoir #6 on Route 44, meet in parking lot (change effective 4/2)

CONTACT: Stu Bernstein, 860-232-2012, scbernste@aol.com

To help sponsor a breakfast program:

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

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

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program

TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM: please mail a check, payable to *Beth El Men's Club*, or donate on-line at tiny.cc/YellowCandles

NOTE: donations received after July 1 will be allocated to next year's program

Donations for our Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, in any amount, are welcome. Please consider a gift that is a multiple of *chai*. The word *chai* means life and the numeric value of the Hebrew letters that spell *chai* add up to 18. Symbolically, gifts in multiples of \$18 show that we celebrate the ongoing life of our people, even as we remember those who perished in the Holocaust.

Funds in excess of program costs are donated to Beth El's Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund, which helps to provide an outstanding Jewish summer camp experience to our Temple's youth.

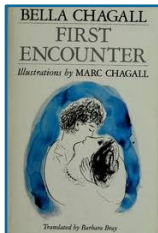


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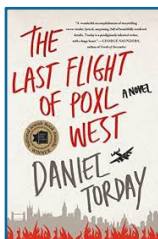
Library Corner

Jewish Art and History Come Together

★ Roberta J. Buland



While most people are familiar with Marc Chagall's famous art, few know much about his life partner, Bella Chagall. *First Encounter* introduces us to Bella, her life growing up in the Russian shtetel and after meeting her first love, the famous artist. As explained in a Kirkus review, "Bella recalls meeting 'an artist' at the home of a schoolmate – finding him spellbinding yet frightening (I couldn't tell whether he was going to talk to me or bite me with those sharp white teeth), feeling undone by his teasing remarks . . . yet quickly discovering utter joy while being painted (in soon-famous fashion) by her new sweetheart." The youngest of seven children in a wealthy Hasidic family, Bella studied theater and art at the University of Moscow, an option usually denied to Jews, let alone females. The Chagall's life and their love were often portrayed in her husband's painting and to some extent in her writing: "When you did catch a glimpse of his eyes, they were as blue as if they'd fallen straight out of the sky. They were strange eyes long, almond-shaped, and each seemed to sail along by itself, like a little boat." Famously, he often depicted himself and Bella flying together, as if their shared joy had such physical force it countermanded the law of gravity itself. The story is remarkable because the Chagalls experienced so much history first-hand. Readers seeking a nostalgic portrait of pre-Revolutionary Bolshevik well-to-do Russian/Jewish life will find this work vivid and richly detailed. Sadly her life ended before she reached 50.



The Last Flight of Poxl West, by Daniel Torday, can be compared to Philip Roth or Michael Chabon in the quality of the novel. It is a richly layered, beautiful story about war, revenge, and loss. All his life, Elijah Goldstein has idolized his charismatic Uncle Poxl. Intensely magnetic, cultured and brilliant, Poxl takes Elijah under his wing, introducing him to opera, art, and literature. But when Poxl publishes a memoir of how he was forced to leave his home north of Prague at the start of WWII and then avenged the deaths of his parents by flying RAF bombers over Germany during the war, killing thousands of German citizens, Elijah watches as the carefully constructed world his uncle has created begins to unravel. As Elijah discovers the darker truth of Poxl's past, he comes to understand that the fearless war hero he always revered is in fact a broken and devastated man who suffered unimaginable losses from which he never recovered.

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

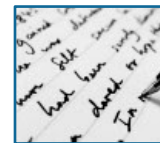
Ongoing Classes for Adults

New participants welcome!
No registration, no charge.

Writing Workshop

TUESDAYS, WEEKLY
10:30 – NOON

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



Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS, WEEKLY
12:00 – 1:00 PM

BYOL: bring your own dairy lunch, optional
NOTE: last class until Fall is 6/18



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.



Parent Meeting for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class of 2022

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

OR 10:00 AM
6:30 PM

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

Step one! This begins Beth El's bar/bat mitzvah process for our children born in the year 2009.

★ Doing Mitzvot

Jessie's Garden

Opening Day

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:00 AM

All are invited to the post-winter cleanup and vegetable planting.



Jessie's Garden

ONGOING: MAY-OCTOBER

VOLUNTEERING/SCHEDULING:

Betty Hoffman, 860-233-4853,

bhoffman3@comcast.net

GARDENING: Herb Hoffman, 860-233-4853,

hhoffman1@comcast.net

We grow and deliver nutritious, organic vegetables to feed the hungry through the Anya Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services.

We need more volunteers throughout the summer – both experienced and newcomers – to water, weed, pick, and deliver the vegetables to JFS. This can be a one-day project on opening or closing day, a commitment for the same day every week or a specific task, or volunteer to fill in when we need extra help. Whatever fits your interest and schedule will work for us! You don't need to have gardening experience as Herb is always ready to answer questions.

You can sign up as an individual, family, or group of friends. If you are looking for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project, Jessie's Garden welcomes you.

Jessie's Garden was established by the Kostin family, longtime Beth El members, in memory of their daughter, Jessica. Thanks to the vision of the Kostin family and the efforts of our devoted volunteers, this was one of four synagogue projects from around the nation to receive the Centennial Schechter Yesode- Foundation Award in 2013. This prestigious award recognized our garden's success in creating a sense of community while teaching Jewish values and having a positive impact in the greater community.

The Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry

LOCATION: JFS of Gr. Hartford,
333 Bloomfield Ave,
West Hartford

CONTACT: Susan Fried, sfried@jfs Hartford.org

There is need within our community, all year long. Please consider donating food, hygiene products, and/or cleaning supplies.



Plantings and Flower Beds

ONGOING: SPRING, WINTER, FALL

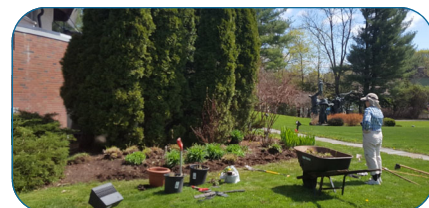
CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939,

Alison Demarest, alisonsupermom@comcast.net

Our beautiful plantings and potted plants that adorn the outside of the building need daily watering, ideally in the morning. Come once a week, or once a month, we need you!

DONATION WISH LIST:

- ◇ Rakes
- ◇ Broom
- ◇ Spades
- ◇ Hoe
- ◇ Shed
- ◇ Bird Bath
- ◇ Planters
- ◇ Your TIME



Monthly Programs

Charter Oak Project

MONTHLY, JUNE 2-3

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, 860-899-4918,
craigpdiamond@outlook.com;

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

We provide meals for low-income families in Hartford. No experience necessary.

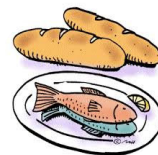
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

MAY 6, JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUGUST 5

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

LOCATION: Immanuel Church,
Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon,
gingy81434@hotmail.com



KNITzvah Group

SUNDAYS, MONTHLY: MAY 5, JUNE 2

10:00 – 11:30 AM

CONTACTS: Annette Gavens,

sygavens@aol.com,

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."

★ Israel Engagement Committee

Now in America – Six Israeli TV Shows To Enjoy

Fauda (Netflix) means “chaos” in Arabic. The show is partly based on the Israeli army experiences of creator and star Lior Raz serving in the Duvdevan Unit, famous for its undercover operations. The main character rejoins his old unit in an effort to capture a notorious terrorist. As he goes deep undercover and the operation progresses, reality gets muddier and it becomes hard to differentiate the hero and the villain.



Hostages (Netflix), *Bnei Aruba* in Hebrew, stars Ayelet Zurer as a successful surgeon, wife, and mother of two, who is about to get the gig of a lifetime. She is scheduled to operate on the Israeli prime minister, but the night before the procedure, masked men break into her home taking her family hostage. They want is to make sure the prime minister does not survive his operation. A melodramatic nail-biter, with stunning performances from the entire cast.



Mossad 101 (Netflix), or *Ha'Midrasha*, is about an intelligence unit – but not what you'd expect. Think “Quantico” meets “Police Academy.” It stars one of Israel's best comedians, Hana Laszlo, as well as legendary Israeli actor and singer Yehoram Gaon. About an unorthodox (and fictional) training course for Mossad agents, the class starts with 13 trainees, including one with MS and some immigrants from countries like Iran and Brazil, along with the wife of an assassinated Mossad agent.



Srugim (Amazon Prime) is considered by some to be an Orthodox version of “Friends.” This series revolves around the lives of a group of single religious men and women living in Jerusalem. *Srugim* is a frank, moving and sometimes hilarious look into the dating lives of young religious people in Israel, with all of its challenges and pressures. It broaches a breadth of topics, from losing faith to divorce to feminism and even homosexuality.



Mekimi (Amazon Prime) is a fascinating show based on an autobiographical story by Noa Yaron-Dayana, a former TV and radio personality who joined the Breslov

Hasidic sect. Alma is a young radio & TV star who feels disconnected from her wildly successful life surrounded by artists and creatives. She meets and falls for Ben (played by the Israeli singer Muki) when he moves into her shared apartment. Ben, a film student and surfer, seems lost. While



on a trip to the Sinai with their friend Brenner, a fellow wild surfer who is turning religious, Brenner gives Ben a book by Rabbi Nachman of Breslov. So begins Ben's love affair with religion, which at first tears him and Alma apart, then brings them back together. Incredibly moving.

Prisoner of War (Hulu), *Hatufim* in Hebrew, is the original Israeli TV series that is the basis for Showtime's wildly successful “Homeland.” It follows the life of two captured Israeli soldiers who are returned to Israel after 17 years in captivity in Lebanon along with the remains of a third soldier who was captured with them and chronicles their attempts to readjust and reintegrate into Israeli society and deal with the trauma of captivity. After a military psychiatrist finds discrepancies in their stories, an investigation is launched – and things get really interesting. Differing from its American counterpart, there is no strong female protagonist; instead, the show deals with a sort of broken macho pride that comes with being captured and having to reintegrate. The cultural differences between the U.S. and Israel – where prisoners of war have a more prominent place in society – give the original version a much different feel. Nonetheless, *Prisoner of War* is just as excellent as the American version – maybe even better.



This story, “6 Israeli TV shows to Binge-Watch Now” was written by Lior Zaltzman. Read more: <https://forward.com/schmooze/359285/6-israeli-tv-shows-to-binge-watch-now/>

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★ Recognizing our Volunteers

Deeds of kindness weigh as much as all the commandments. ~ Talmud

We are blessed to have a bounty of amazing volunteers to nourish our active community's Jewish soul! Thanks to their hard work, we celebrated a wonderful and meaningful Purim – together. We laughed at Temple Trivia Throwdown, cried through horseradish preparation, and will honor victims of the Holocaust – together. Thank you to all our volunteers, a true

Community We Can Believe In.

Loaves & Fishes

Ellen Solomon, <i>chair</i>	Sheila Ment Harold	Sara Rosenblatt Ronit Shoham
Bert Berlin	Moskowitz	Ruth Stern
Sharon Efron	Nancy Myerson	Steve Szafman
Nancy Gershman	June Rosenblatt	Sue Wachtel
Karen Later		

Temple Trivia Throwdown

Jonathan Alter	Sharon Neiberg	Dave Sabino
Dave Diamond	Judy Rosenthal	Sue Saidel
Diane Lieberfarb		

Packaging Yellow Candles for Yom Hashoah

Ruth Ann Graime	Hannah Kovel	Jesse Samuels
Roberta Buland	Jacob Kovel	Susan Samuels
Dave Diamond	Shari Kovel	Mark Schmidek
Sheila Diamond	Lev Kropsky	David Silver
Tom Falik	Howard	Linda Stone
Harley Graime	Meyerowitz	Alan Tuvin & children
Janice Hechter	Connie Mindell	Sue Wachtel
Lester Hechter	Steve Rabb	
Herb Hoffman		

It's All About The Drama, BEMA concert

Dan Cohen	Dan Kleinman	Deborah
Diane Dolin	Jeanne Kleinman	Rosenfeld
Alexandra	Diane Lieberfarb	Shari Roth
Flowers	Rich Lieberfarb	Russell Selzer
Alison Gittleman	Lance Reiser	Jared Stevens
Ellie Jainchill	Joshua Rosenfeld	Elisa Wagner

Horseradish Helpers

Dan Kulakofsky, <i>chair</i>	Nina Narins Michelle	Steve Szafman SULAM Learners, grades 4-7
Ron Buckman	Kunzman	
Alison Demarest		

Men's Club Shabbat – Lunch

Stu Bernstein	Tom Falik	Howard Meyerowitz, <i>Director, Fearless Leader</i>
Dave Diamond	Steve Rabb	

Purim Faire Extravaganza

Jonathan Alter	Samuel	Mina Nemirow
Marci Alter	Goldsmith	Steve Rabb
Evan Berey	Debbie Goldstein	Amy Raider
Warren Berey	Sari Goldstein	Judy Rosenthal
Alle Bloom	Dara Hechter	David Sabino
Ali Bluestone	Jaime Kramer	Rachelle Saffran
Noah Bluestone	Justin Kudler	Diane Salm
Sam Borden	Sophie Kudler	Phil Schulz
Pam Borer	Rachel Leventhal-	Limor Shefer
Jeff Bourke	Weiner	Samantha Shifrin
Meryl Danitz	Anita Levy	Paula Steinberg
Edith Denes	Janel	Marge Swaye
Marlena DeRosa	MacDermott	Sarah Wayne
Dave Diamond	Natalee Martin	Stacey Wayne
Joelle Dinerstein	Jacob Yontef	Ilana Waynik
Arthur Freedman	Mathog	David Weiner
Pauline Golder	Christi Miller	Emily Weiner
Shera Golder	Sharon Neiberg	

Purim Mishloach Manot Packers

Marci Alter*	R. Ilana Garber	Lisa Roland
Shelley Barker	with Noam	Sharon Gorlick
Ron Buckman	Betty Hoffman	Royer
Alan Cetel	Herb Hoffman	Jodi Sellinger
Shelley Cetel	Myra Kleinman	Honey Sue
Dan Cohen*	Jaime Kramer	Springut
Donna Cohen	Janel	Paula Steinberg
Jackie Cohen	MacDermott*	Alan Tuvin with
Meryl Danitz	William	Rami, Shira, and
Bruce Deitch*	MacDermott	Tali
Sheila Diamond	Beth Melnick	Susan Wachtel
	Lori Reiser	* also delivered

Purim Mishloach Manot Deliverers

Jonathan Alter	Jeremy Kempner	Barbara Samberg
Carrie Berman	Dennis Koppel	Gale Shapiro
Stuart Bernstein	Gina Koppel	Larry Shapiro
Alison Demarest	Lois Koteen	Leslie Silvers
Marlena DeRosa	Justin Kudler	Theodora Sirota
Dave Diamond	Dan Kulakofsky	Marvin Sperling
Nancy Erman	Robert Malkin	Sidra Sperling
Ruby Gaines	Sharon Neiberg	Gary Starr
Annette Gavens	Leigh Newman	Paula D.
Sy Gavens	Lisa Nollman	Steinberg
Allan Geetter	Karen Polinsky	Amir Tulchinsky
Susan Gluck	Phillip Roland	Howard Weiner
Amy Goldman	Dave Rosenthal	Patti Weiner
Lori Goodman	Judy Rosenthal	Lori Yontef
Sharon Gorlick	Kim Roth	And members of
Lisa Harris	Ila Sabino	the Beth El
Leah Katz	Ron Salm	Office Staff

★ Engaging Generations

New Members

Rachel & Spencer Glantz, and Ayelet & Tova

Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Stein Family, in honor of Mark Stein's Bar Mitzvah Men's Club

Kochen Family

Congratulations

Jessica Bergman & Daniel Aschaffenburg, birth of daughter, Hailey Brooke Aschaffenburg

Ahuva & Tony Ceretelli, birth of daughter, Dafna Tikva Ceretelli

Caryl & Len Goldberg, engagement of daughter, Hannah to Ross Barman

Shanna & Josh Gottfried, Janet & Joel Miller and Dennis & Nancy Gottfried, birth of daughter/granddaughter, Lillian Noa Gottfried

Bud & Charlotte Jason, birth of granddaughter, Isadora Ruth Farrelly

Of Blessed Memory

Joseph David Biegel, brother of Diane Biegel

Georgann Stuck, mother of Suzanne Goldberg

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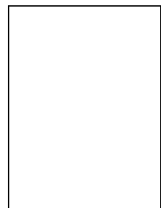
Beulah Posnak, mother of Rhona Roffer

Milton Rulnick

Howard Sorgen, father of Audrey Sorgen Walker

Steven Weinreb, husband of Cynthia Heller

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrations



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

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.

Beth El Is Concerned about the Environment

We are front and center when it comes to environmental concerns. Did you know that in most cases, scents present in fragranced beauty products are artificial, and represent complex formulations of chemicals (typically petroleum byproducts)?



The potential health effects of these chemical cocktails have not been comprehensively studied, but we do know that they adversely affect millions of people. Please avoid wearing products with fragrances when you come to Beth El.

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

★ Recalling Events & Programs

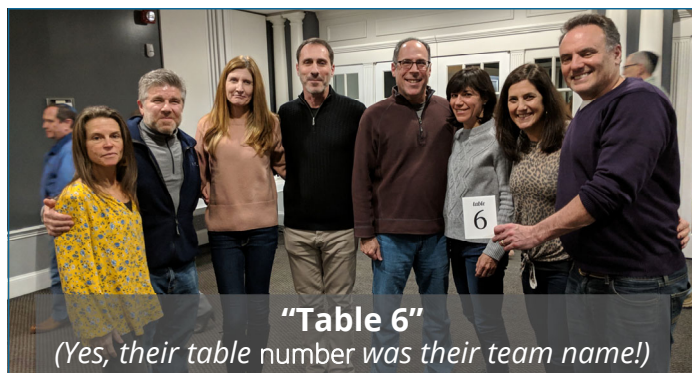


There were 122 people on 18 teams and it was a true multi-generational event. The evening started with a brief and beautiful Havdalah Service, led by Rabbi Garber and Sharon Neiberg. Both Rabbi Rosen and Rabbi Garber participated in the contest.

The trivia contest had 5 rounds with 10 questions each and lasted about 2.5 hours. The topics were varied and covered a bit of everything: music, history, geography, politics, pop culture, sports, etc.

Some Tough Questions

1. What's the name of Kim Kardashian's and Kanye West's 2nd child?
2. What territory became part of Canada in 1999?
3. In the Steve Miller song "Take the Money and Run", what was the name of the detective?
4. How many holes are there in a Ritz Cracker?



There was a cash prize for the winning team, and they donated it right back to Beth El!!

(l-r) Becky & Jeff Azia, Elaine & Jerry Lesham, David & Lori Wetsman, Jayne & Chet Rotter



Each round had a bonus question. DJ Rob played a song for each team to identify the artist. The songs, covering primarily the 60s-90s, were recognizable to most people, but the names of the artists proved to be particularly challenging. There was definitely a correlation between the demographics (ages) of each table and the ability to identify the artists.

Some of the Songs – and a hint

1. Drift Away (the original) – stumped even the baby boomers
2. Breakfast at Tiffany's – Generation X & Yers nailed this one
3. We're an American Band – stumped many, but Rabbi Rosen surprised some of us by knowing the answer!
4. Sail On, Sailor – may have been most challenging, even after a hint that the artist had many hits in the 60s, 70s, and 80s



The team name that got the most laughs was the *Alta Cockers*. Until he was corrected (after several rounds), Rob called the team the *Alter Crackers*.

Answers to "tough questions"

1. Saint
2. Nunavut
3. Billy Mack
4. 7

Identity of the songs' Artists

1. Dobie Gray
2. Deep Blue Something
3. Grand Funk Railroad
4. Beach Boys

★ Supporting Beth El

- ★ This list reflects contributions received and processed through March 19, 2019.
- ★ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be **received** in the office by May 21, 2019.
- ★ The minimum donation for each listing is \$10.

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We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

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70th wedding anniversary of Shirley & David Brody – **Linda & Paul Brody**

IN MEMORY OF

Clara Sowalsky, mother of Cheryl Rodrick, Joel Sowalsky, Rabbi Howard Sowalsky, grandmother of Kathryn Schaeffer – **Sheila & Ted Fox**

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Birth of Sydney Chorney & Eliana Manno, granddaughters of Sally & Harris Chorney – **Ava & Harold Geetter**

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70th birthday of Arthur Freedman – **Alison & Edward Demarest**

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Elaine Zachs, wife of Ted, mother of Todd – **Andrew Swartz**

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IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Konigsburg leading morning Minyan – **Barbara Green**

In Honor Of:

Engagement of Hannah Goldberg, daughter of Caryl & Len, to Ross Barman – **Jennifer & Steven Wolfberg**

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Sylvia Sirkis, sister of Marvin Sperling – **Shelley & Michael Barker**
Gerald Berg, brother of Denese Mann; Naomi Charlip, mother of Judy Kulakofsky; Alvin Diamond, father of David; Mitzi Einstein, grandmother of Ivy Patt; Philip Feltman; Herbert Jones, father of Gary; Bryan Oppenheimer, husband of Andrea; Daniel Shichman, father of Steven; Laurel Swaye, mother of Ricky; Hank Weber, father of Patti Weiner; Abby Weiner, husband of Bonnie, father of Gayle Temkin; Walter Wertheim, father of Marsha Fisher – **Ron Buckman**
Abby Weiner, husband of Bonnie, father of Gayle Temkin – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**
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Cantor's Music Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness – **Linda & Steven Blotner, Debbie & Richard Gutcheon**

IN HONOR OF

Sam Cohen on his retirement – **Bobbe Basch**
Birth of Farrah Geetter-Segal, granddaughter of Ava & Harold Geetter – **Annette & Sy Gavens**
Cantor Joseph Ness for his cantorial Glantz Project recently performed in Russia & Lithuania – **Lorraine & Farrel Vogelhut**

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Steven Gutcheon, brother of Richard – **Ellie & Mel Feldman**
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Abby Weiner, husband of Bonnie, father of Gayle Temkin – **Robin & David Gelles, Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld**
Elaine Zachs, wife of Ted, mother of Todd – **Roberta & Marvin Smith**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Lillian Friend, mother – **Roberta Buland**

Library Fund

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Lois Johnson, mother – **Carol Johnson**

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Chai Society

IN HONOR OF

70th birthday of Arthur Freedman – **Rita & Martin Epstein**

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Rosenfield, mother of Sandra Goldberg – **Shelley & Alan Cetel**
Abby Weiner, husband of Bonnie, father of Gayle Temkin – **Barbara & Robert Green**

Alvin Diamond, father of David; Abby Weiner, husband of Bonnie, father of Gayle Temkin; Elaine Zachs, wife of Ted, mother of Todd – **Roz Rachlin & family**
Sylvia Sirkis, sister of Marvin Sperling; Clara Sowalsky, mother of Cheryl Rodrick, Joel Sowalsky, Rabbi Howard Sowalsky, grandmother of Kathryn Schaeffer – **Roberta & Marvin Smith**

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Bat mitzvah of Caroline Stein, daughter of Tami & Josh, granddaughter of Claudia & Joel Goodman – **Tammy Levine**
70th birthday of Arthur Freedman – **Lynn & Joel Malkoff**

95th birthday of Lorraine Wiesen – **Andrea Rundgren & Debby Wiesen Kelly**
80th birthday of Marshall Rulnick – **Holly & Jerry Swirsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Brian Bander, son of Carin Buckman – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz, Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld, Beth & Bernie Schilberg, Linda & Bruce Stanger**

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The Craft Gallery invites you to come in and browse through our collection of hand selected items from some of Israel's top artists as well as artisans throughout the United States.



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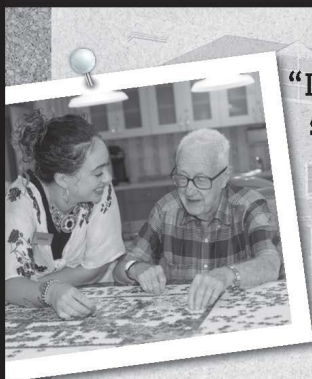
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TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:30 PM EVENING MINYAN

7:00 PM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

8:00 PM SPECIAL DESSERT RECEPTION

Let your voice be heard and cast your vote as we elect the officers and Trustees for 2019-2021.

The Nominating Committee is proud to recommend for nomination the following congregants to serve as Officers and Trustees.

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