

# Temple Topics

## Be★ Social Action

Bring a turkey (kosher or not) and other donations on November 20

Donate food to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services



**In this season of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, show your gratitude by giving to others. Get involved with our social action programming.**

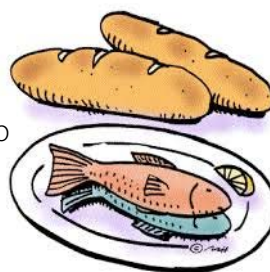


Harvest Jessie's Garden with vegetables donated to the Kosher Food Pantry



Knit or crochet small blankets for people in need of a little "extra love"

Serve food at the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen.



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

Sign up for Xmas Day Mitzvah Day to bring joy to members of our extended community



Prepare and serve dinner to schoolchildren and their families at the Charter Oak Cultural Center



## Be★ Music

**BROADWAY & FRIENDS!**  
**NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY, 7PM**

**THE ASIAN INFLUENCE**  
**DECEMBER 4, SUNDAY, 7PM**

Detailed concert information can be found on the back page. And visit [BethElTempleMusic.com](http://BethElTempleMusic.com)

# ★ From the Rabbi's Desk

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## Worth A Thousand Words ★ Rabbi Ilana Garber

As you well know by now, we launched our new Beth El website just before the High Holidays. A labor of love for several years, we are indebted to our members who have been so dedicated to this project. It shows, in a snapshot or two, who we are and how we are a *Community You Can Believe In*. We believe our website will propel us forward for years to come.

In the process of updating our image, we were encouraged to create a Beth El account on Instagram, the online mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing, and social networking service. I tried to upload pictures that might be meaningful, that might send messages, and that might convey the true beauty of our Beth El community. But it was not easy! By mistake, the first picture I posted was of my first Starbucks pumpkin spice latte of the season. While it was a *Shehecheyanu* moment, I did not intend to share it with the world.

If I could have used Instagram ([beth.el.temple.wh](http://beth.el.temple.wh)) during the month of October, here's what I would have shared with the world:

- ★ Hundreds of members and their guests entering the Community Room on Rosh Hashanah, greeting officers and board members, smiling at each other.
- ★ Three services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – each room full of eager participants, beautiful singing, and friendly conversations.
- ★ Children, children, children! Everywhere! Learning, praying, making connections, making lifelong friends.
- ★ Reunions of all kinds. Beth El alumni finding their pictures on the East Wing wall. Friends who have moved away sharing in memories and catching up on their lives.
- ★ Apples, honey sticks, candy, and more! Thanks to our Men's Club & Women's Network for your support.
- ★ The open Ark at Neilah – definitely my favorite moment, and not just because the service is almost over! Each year as you ascend the bima, we clergy hold your stories in our hearts. I cry with you – as you've cried with me. I celebrate with you – as so many of you celebrated with me this year. It is a powerful experience for all.
- ★ Our beautiful sukkah, covered in children's artwork, filled with more singing, more food, and more celebrations. We shared together in a wonderful *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* as well.

Indeed, these are just a few of the pictures of the High Holidays at Beth El Temple. Better than Instagram, these images will remain with us forever. And each one represents how we are delving deeper into becoming a *Community You Can Believe In*. And that is a picture worth a thousand words.

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving & a Healthy 2017!

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

# ★ Reflections from the President

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not giving it.*

~ William Arthur Ward

I believe each of us was touched both spiritually and emotionally by our meaningful and stimulating High Holiday services. As I had the opportunity to view and experience all three of our offerings, I was overcome with appreciation and awe. How very fortunate we are to be a part of a synagogue that honors choice, respects ritual in a variety of formats, and has professionals and lay leaders who put their heart and soul into prayer.

I am grateful for the expertise, energy, enthusiasm, and incredible efforts exemplified by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky, and Susan Gold and Jason Kay. The orchestration of the High Holidays was conducted beautifully by our hardworking ushers under the guidance of Sharon Levine-Shein and Karyn Schwartz, those who

volunteered to be present at the Honors table, and the Greeters from the Board of Trustees Executive Board. Special appreciation to Rabbi Rosenbaum for outstanding children's programming throughout our holidays. With much appreciation to our devoted office staff and custodial staff for their patience and concern for our congregants.

*Hakarat hatov* – recognizing the goodness. A simple and effective way to practice gratitude is by making the act of giving thanks part of your everyday life. Our prayers of gratitude begin when we awaken and continue throughout the day. Some of you may have a personal Gratitude Journal, a book where you can enter a daily sampling of those things for which you are most grateful. Studies have shown that people who express

gratitude are not only happier but also healthier. They begin to see the world as a place of wonder rather than a web of worry! Their relationships improve and looking outside of themselves presents a kinder view of possibilities.

For some of us, our 'gratitude meter' encompasses the joy we receive in expressing our gratitude to God and in doing so we have explored opportunities for *Torah* and *Talmud* study. In an atmosphere supported by our rabbis and encouraged by fellow congregants, we have made gratitude our attitude! I urge you to see the promise of tomorrow by embracing all that you have right there in front of you...what truly matters...what makes you whole! I am grateful to Beth El for bringing you into my life!

Diane Lieberfarb

## ★ Cantor's Corner



### Beth El's Choirs ★ Cantor Joseph Ness

The Beth El Adult and Kids' Choirs have fun learning great music of all types, both liturgical and secular; I have the privilege and honor of directing them. The choirs are musically involved in weekly rehearsals

and participate in classical and popular concerts during the year, occasional Shabbat services, and special events including the High Holidays.

Adult choir rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings, and if you love to sing and can read music, we want you! For more information, please email [bema@betheltemplemusic.com](mailto:bema@betheltemplemusic.com) or call me at the Temple, 860-233-9696, ext. 107.

The Kids' Choir is open to all Beth El members, from any school, in grades 4-7. My class with them is on Sunday mornings during Religious School. For more information, please email [bema.wh@gmail.com](mailto:bema.wh@gmail.com). Additional practices for both group are required on the days before concerts and holiday participation.

*Coming up! See the back page for more details.*

**Nov:** Since the beginning of "Broadway" as we know it, Jewish composers, lyricists, and performers have left their indelible marks on American musical theater. Beth El members Mat Saidel and Jeanne Kleinman will present a Broadway inspired concert with music created by Jewish artists. Cantor Ellari Mirabel, a former Beth El Choir member, will join us for the whole weekend, beginning with an inspirational Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night service, in which she will chant with the congregation and members of our Kids' Choir.

**Dec:** Our *Asian Influence* concert will feature three exciting soloists including our wonderfully talented baritone friend Chai Lun Yueh with The Kang Hua Singers of Greater Hartford (Chinese Choir). Cantor Ness will also premiere his Ballet about the Jews of Kaifeng. There will be a fascinating pre-concert lecture presented by Michael Lestz from Trinity College. This is an evening you will not want to miss!!



# ★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

## Shabbat with Cantor Ellari Mirabel & Kids' Choir Friday, November 4, 6:00 PM

See BEMA, back cover, for details.

## Veteran's Day Celebration Shabbat Service Friday, November 11, 7:30 PM

See Chai Society, page 18, for details.

## Family Service Friday, December 2, 5:45 PM

A favorite among school families. Students lead prayers with their classes and those who play a musical instrument can accompany a prayer (please connect with Rabbi Garber if you'd like to play).

NOTE: Shabbat hors d'oeuvres follow services

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org, and

Rabbi Rosenbaum, hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org

COST: no charge



**Saturdays, Nov. 12, Dec. 10**  
**11:00 AM - NOON**  
**GRADES 1-5**

### Shabbat Club

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

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

## Semi-Regular Programs

### Shabbat Yoga Saturday, Dec. 17 ALL AGES 10:30 AM - NOON

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

NOTE: This is free and open to the community

### JCL Service Saturday, Dec. 17 ALL AGES 10:30 AM - NOON

This joyous and exuberant service is open to adults who have special needs as well as other worshippers who enjoy an abbreviated, meaningful service filled with *ruach* (spirit and energy). The service typically includes the singing of prayers, storytelling by Sara deBeer, a *Torah* parade, and Shabbat-appropriate activities based on the Parshah.

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

NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows the service

## Ongoing Student & Family Programs

### FRIDAYS

#### PJ Shabbat Nov. 18, Dec. 16 UP TO AGE 5 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, hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9891

SPONSOR, Nov. 18: Sharon & Bob Efton in honor of their grandchildren, Zachary and Braelyn Gilbert.

### SATURDAYS

#### Children's Playroom weekly UP TO AGE 5 9:30 AM - NOON

A place geared for your energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

#### Birthday Shabbat Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 ALL AGES! DURING SERVICE

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

#### Tumbling with Torah Nov. 12, 26; Dec. 10, 24 UP TO AGE 5 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 treat.

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

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

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

★ Enjoying Beth El

# **BROADWAY & FRIENDS!**

**NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY, 7PM**

**MARY CANTONI-JOHNSON**

**ELLARI MIRABEL &  
THE BETH EL CHOIR  
MAT SAIDEL, PIANO**

**PLUS SHABBAT WITH CANTOR ELLARI MIRABEL  
& CANTOR JOSEPH NESS**

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

# **THE ASIAN INFLUENCE**

**DECEMBER 4, SUNDAY, 7PM**

**SEOLYEONG JEONG, PIANO**

**KANG HUA SINGERS OF GREATER HARTFORD**

**CHAI-LUN YUEH, BARITONE & CONDUCTOR**

**CANTOR JOSEPH NESS & THE BETH EL ORCHESTRA**



# ★ Celebrating Holidays - Chanukah

## What are we celebrating?

In 168 BCE, Syria's King Antiochus marched into Jerusalem to end Jewish worship in his kingdom (he was not a Freedom of Religion kind of guy). He destroyed Jewish ritual objects and decreed that Jewish practices were punishable by death. Three years later, Judah, a son of Mattathias the Kohen (priest), led a rebellion and re-took Jerusalem. His search for pure, undefiled olive oil to light the menorah – thus rededicating and returning Jewish practice to the Temple – netted enough for only one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight. Oh yes, Judah *Ha Maccabi* means Judah, *The Hammer*. He must have been one tough guy.

## Lighting the *Chanukiah* (Chanukah Menorah)

A *Chanukiah* takes nine candles, eight at the same level and one *shamash*, or guardian, that stands taller and is used to light all the others. We practice according to the teaching of the rabbinic scholar Hillel, putting the candles in the *Menorah* right to left (as Hebrew is written and read), but lighting them left to right so that the new candle is lit first.

We light candles after nightfall, EXCEPT on Shabbat when we light before dark and before we light Shabbat candles.

Each night you say the first two blessings shown below, and on the first night you add the third blessing. After you say the blessings, you light the candles.

The 1<sup>st</sup> night of Chanukah this year is **Saturday, December 24.**

**Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,**

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,

who made us holy through Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו  
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav

v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those ancient days at this season.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

she-asah nisim la'avoteinu (v'imoteinu)  
ba'yamim ha'haim bazman ha'zeh.

for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season.

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם  
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu  
laz'man hazeh.

## Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay...

*Dreidel* is a Yiddish word that means *spinning top*. Its Hebrew name is *sevivon*. The dreidel dates back to Syrian-Greek times when Jewish children had to hide their study or face death. They kept spinning tops handy, bringing them out to play games should the authorities come on the scene.

One Hebrew letter is written on each of the four sides for the saying, *Nes gadol haya sham*, a Great Miracle Happened There.

Today, children use coins, nuts, or candy to play. To begin, each person puts one coin into the pot. On his/her turn, the person spins the dreidel, and plays according to the letter facing up:

**Nun** = *nisht* or "nothing."  
Do nothing.



**Hey** = *halb* or "half." Take half of the pot (half plus one if an odd number).



**Gimmel** = *gantz* or "everything." Take everything in the pot.



**Shin** = *shtetl* or "put in." Add a piece to the pot (some add 3 pieces).



## How do you Spell (C)Han(n)uk(k)a(h)?

### Chanukah, Hanukkah or Hannuka?

Translation is easy – the word means "dedication." But the transliteration (changing letters and words into corresponding characters of another alphabet or language) of a Hebrew word into English can be confusing.

In Hebrew, the first letter is a "chet" which has a guttural "ch" (think J.S. Bach). The English alphabet does not have a matching letter; this accounts for some of the spelling variants.

Although there is no official spelling, Chanukah and Hanukkah are the most widely used and accepted.

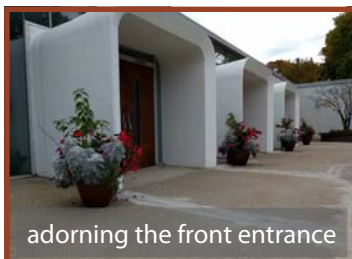
# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## Turkey Drive for JFS Kosher Food Pantry Sunday, Nov. 22 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM



Volunteers are needed throughout the morning to receive the turkeys (kosher and non-kosher) and cash donations from our generous donors.

LOCATION: Religious School entrance



adorning the front entrance

## Gardening – all around our building

Perhaps you have noticed the containers in the front of the building and the memorial garden, as well as the ground flower plantings.

Our member, Sheila Fox, has taken on this project, and would appreciate help from some other gardening fans to keep it going.

You could sign up to help once or more often. At this time of the year, light weeding and pruning is needed. In the early spring, help is needed to design and plant the containers around the building. During the season from April to May, light pruning, weeding, and regular watering are the tasks involved.

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

DONATIONS: will be matched by the Fox family, up to \$500.



Sheila Fox,  
Gardner-  
in-Chief



plantings by the Sukkah

## Charter Oak Project

**Cook  
Serve**

**Sundays  
Mondays**

**Nov. 6-7, Dec. 4-5**

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

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Prepare and serve dinner for Hartford school children and their families. Volunteers also needed to shop and deliver the food to Charter Oak.

Donations are welcome.

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, craigpdiamond@yahoo.com, 860-461-0263

NOTE: monthly

## Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
November 7, December 5  
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM**

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com

NOTE: not meeting January 2, 2017

## KNITzvah Group

**Sundays, monthly  
Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8  
10:00 - 11:30 AM**

If you knit or crochet, this is a fun way to spend 90 minutes. We chat and schmooze, all the while creating something useful for people who need just a little "extra love." Our pretty works are donated to (mostly) local charities.

NOTE: bring #10 needles

CONTACT: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com, Norma Jean Sternschein, njsternschein@comcast.net

## Xmas Day Mitzvah Day Sunday, December 25

Please join us for another day of giving at this year's Xmas Day Mitzvah Day. It is a rewarding way for the members of our Beth El Family to demonstrate their ongoing support for West Hartford and surrounding communities.

### Center Church

60 Gold Street  
Hartford

**8-12 volunteers**

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Cook, serve dinner, and then help clean-up.

### Summerwood

160 Simsbury Road  
West Hartford

**5-10 volunteers**

Time TBD

Spend time playing bingo, bridge, and singing with the residents.

### Hands On Hartford

55 Bartholomew Ave  
Hartford

**25 volunteers**

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM

Cook, serve, and then help clean-up.

**Additional locations** waiting to be confirmed. Please check the Shabbat leaflet and watch your mail for more information.

RSVP: by 12/16, [xmasmitzvah2016@gmail.com](mailto:xmasmitzvah2016@gmail.com),

Beth, 860-601-8624

NOTE: volunteer spots are limited and tend to fill up early.

Please reply as soon as possible to get your first choice.

# ★ Recognizing Our Volunteers

## High Holidays

Making our High Holidays enjoyable for all takes a true community: many, many Beth El members volunteer each year in a variety of ways. Some tasks are more visible than others; many are behind the scenes. Some jobs are bigger than others, but all are important to keep things running smoothly.

We thank those listed below. If we left you out, please let us know. We try to cover everything, but don't always get there.

*Todah Rabah. Thank you very much.*

## Preparing the Sanctuary

Cleaning our ritual objects

### Torah Mantels & Binders

The Reiner family –  
Al, Gail, and James

### Silver adorning our Torahs

Ellie Jainchill  
Ellen Sanders-Nirenstein

## Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card

Betty Hoffman

## Yizkor Booklet

Proofreading this very important list of names takes a village under a very tight deadline. The 8 volunteers who have been doing this wish to remain anonymous.

## Honors Coordinators

Susan Gold, *chair*

Stephen Aronson	Sharon Efron	Michael Schenker
Beth Brumberg	Len Eisenfeld	Linda Stanger
Ron Buckman	Loren Gelber	Bruce Stanger
Stuart Cohen	Bob Gold	Francine Stier
Meryl Danitz	Neil Kochen	Bruce Sussman

## Service Leaders

We are fortunate to have lay people to lead our many services.

Susan Gold	Peter Levine
Jason Kay	Al Reiner

## Torah Readers, Teens and Adults

Charlotte Apter	Isabel Kaufman	Claire Peikes
Shayna Aronson	Marissa Kaufmann	Jonathan Peikes
Hannah Bash	Neil Kochen	Sarah Rosenfeld
Sasha Bash	Dan Kulakofsky	Rachel Selzer
Ahna Bielik	Marissa Lazinsk	Russ Selzer
Benjamin Covici	Sarah Lazinsk	Jordan Shefsky
Rebecca Gold	Mark Leder	Samm Smith-
Elijah Gottfried	Maya Oberstein	Rapaport
Lucy Gottfried	Noah Yontef	Noah Stanton
Max Harris	Mathog	Sophie Tulchinsky
Dara Hechter	Avi Patt	Sydney Weiser
Sam Katz		

## Shofar Blowers

Al Reiner	Lance Reiser	Noah Yontef Mathog
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## Choirs and Soloists

<u>Adult Choir</u>	Shelly Rosenberg	Daniel Rosenfield
Daniel Cohen	Joshua Rosenfeld	Sean Shekman*
Diane Dolin	Mat Saidel	Eliana Simmons
Allan Geetter	Reuel Stoltz	Caroline Stein
Harold Geetter	Elisa Wagner	Jared Stevens
Robin Gelles	<u>Kids' Choir,</u>	Alyssa Temkin
Susan Gold	<u>grades 4-7</u>	Lily Temkin
Joel Goodman	Ella Brown*	Maya Winkleman
Eva Kaplan	Ilana Brown	<u>Teen Soloists</u>
Melinda Kaufmann	Isabel Brown	Heather Beinstock
Jeanne Kleinman	Tessa Brown	Zachary Herz
Robin Lazinsk	Estelle Cohen	Isabel Kaufman
Peter Levine	Marcel Cohen	Jordan Lazinsk
Richard Lieberfarb	Davyn Gottfried	Sadie Margolis
Melissa Mentzer	Jordan Lang	Sydney Weiser
Lance Reiser	Benjamin Priest	

\*Ein Keloheinu soloists

## Greeters

Diane Lieberfarb, <i>chair</i>		
Jonathan Alter	Jerry Leshem	Ellen Sanders-
Meryl Danitz	Judy Rosenthal	Nirenstein
Sheila Diamond		Stuart Wachtel

## Ushers

Sharon Levine-Shein & Karyn Schwartz, <i>co-chairs</i>		
Stephen Aronson	Leonard Guthart	Deborah Rosenfeld
Carrie Berman	Jeremy Kempner	Judith Rosenthal
Stuart Bernstein	Jacob Kovel	Ron Salm
Ronald Buckman	Abbey Kreinik	Ellen Sanders-
Roberta Buland	Justin Kudler	Nirenstein
Alan Cetel	Lois Koteen	Marshall Shakun
Stuart Cohen	Rachel Leventhal-	Bruce Shein
Scott Dolin	Weiner	Sandy Stanfield
Eliane Freund	Sharon Neiberg	Gary Starr
Josh Gottfried	Fred Pliskin	Stuart Wachtel
Harley Graime	Steve Rabb	Carolyn Weiser
Albert Greenspoon		

## Madrichim

Teen helpers in the classrooms and children's programs

Ahna Bielik	Max Harris	Jordan Oberstein
Ruby Eisler	Dara Hechter	Lilly Shakun
Liana Eisler	Marissa Lazinsk	Jordan Shefsky

## Shabbat Shuvah Lake Norden Badger Lunch

Howard Meyerowitz, head chef

Ahna Bielik	Susan Gold	Jane Rubin
Beth Brumberg	Susan Meyerowitz	Gary Rubin

## Bima Decorators for Sukkot – Women's Network

Beth Brumberg	Jeanne Elman
Alison Demarest	Lori Reiser



# ★ Religious School Happenings



Building *ruach* (spirit) on the first day of school!



Young Emissaries  
Noam and Eliav

Fun and learning around the school



Grade 7 preparing for JCL service

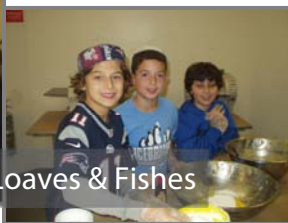
Doing Mitzvot in our school



Sorting food drive donations



Baking cookies for Loaves & Fishes



Grade 1 with decorations



All About Sukkot



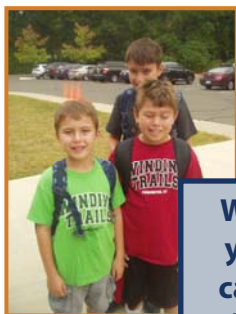
Grade 3 with model sukkot



Nursery students



Wear your camp t-shirt to school



# ★ November - December 2016

## Cheshvan - Kislev - Tevet 5777

# השנה - כסלו - טבת

### Sunday

### Week Days

### Friday

### Saturday

<b>October 30</b>	28 Tishrei	<b>Mon, October 31</b> <b>Tue, November 1</b> Rosh Chodesh 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Continues <b>W 2</b> Rosh Chodesh <b>Th 3</b> 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah	<b>November 4</b> 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Ellari Mirabel	<b>November 5</b> <i>Parsha Noach</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Eli Kabakoff	4 Cheshvan
<b>November 6</b> Daylight Saving Time ends Mitnick Educators' Conference – <b>no RS</b> 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking 11:00 AM <u>NEXTGEN</u> Ninja Warrior Party <b>6:30 PM Evening Minyan</b> <b>7:00 PM BEMA Broadway &amp; Friends Concert</b>	5 Cheshvan	<b>M 7</b> 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Dinner <b>Tu 8</b> 7:30 PM <u>USY</u> Iron Chef <b>W 9</b> <b>Th 10</b> 6:45 PM Board of Trustees Mtg	<b>November 11</b> 7:30 PM <u>CS</u> Veteran's Shabbat Program	<b>November 12</b> <i>Parsha Lech-Lecha</i> 11:00 AM Shabbat Club 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah 4:25 PM B/M George Wirpel	11 Cheshvan
<b>November 13</b> 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group	12 Cheshvan	<b>M 14</b> <b>Tu 15</b> <b>W 16</b> <b>Th 17</b> 7:00 PM Empty Nester Moms	<b>November 18</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' ClubShabbat	<b>November 19</b> <i>Parsha Vayeira</i> 9:30 AM B/M Alec Leshem 4:15 PM B/M Jared Flaks	18 Cheshvan
<b>November 20</b> 8:30 AM Thanksgiving Turkey Drive 9:15 AM <u>MC/LIBRARY</u> Breakfast Program	19 Cheshvan	<b>M 21</b> <b>Tu 22</b> <b>W 23</b> No Religious School <b>Th 24</b> Office Closed 9:00 AM Morning Minyan	<b>November 25</b> 24 Cheshvan	<b>November 26</b> <i>Parsha Chayei Sarah</i> 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah	25 Cheshvan
<b>November 27</b> No Religious School	26 Cheshvan	<b>M 28</b> <b>Tu 29</b> <b>W 30</b> <b>Thu, December 1</b> Rosh Chodesh	<b>December 2</b> 5:45 PM Family Service	<b>December 3</b> <i>Parsha Toldot</i> Birthday Shabbat 9:30 AM B/M Elliott Greenblatt 8:00 PM <u>USY</u> Bowling, Silver Lanes, Htfd	3 Kislev
<b>December 4</b> 9:00 AM Charter Oak Cooking 6:00 PM <u>BEMA</u> The Asian Influence Lecture <b>6:30 PM Evening Minyan</b> <b>7:00 PM BEMA The Asian Influence Concert</b>	4 Kislev	<b>M 5</b> 10:00 AM Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Charter Oak Dinner <b>Tu 6</b> 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah Continues <b>W 7</b> <b>Th 8</b>	<b>December 9</b> 9 Kislev	<b>December 10</b> <i>Parsha Vayeitzei</i> 9:30 AM B/M Sari Eisen 11:00 AM Shabbat Club 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah	10 Kislev

Nov. 18-20 – USY Hanefesh Region Fall Kinnus – Camp Ramah

Candle Lighting: 4:08 PM

Havdalah: 5:07 PM

Candle Lighting: 4:03 PM

Havdalah: 5:03 PM

Candle Lighting: 4:00 PM

Havdalah: 5:00 PM

Candle Lighting: 3:59 PM

Havdalah: 4:59 PM



Sunday	Week Days				Friday	Saturday
<b>December 11</b> 9:15 AM <u>MC</u> Breakfast Program 10:00 AM KNITzvah Group	<b>M 12</b> <b>Tu 13</b> 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah 6:45 PM Board of Trustees Mtg <b>W 14</b> 7:00 PM <u>WN</u> Lift a Glass to <i>Lift and Separate</i> <b>Th 15</b> 7:45 PM Chai Mitzvah				<b>December 16</b> 5:45 PM PJ Shabbat & Kids' ClubShabbat  Candle Lighting: 4:01 PM	<b>December 17</b> <i>Parsha Vayishlach</i> 10:30 AM JCL Service 10:30 AM Shabbat Yoga 8:00 PM <u>USY</u> Total Black Out Night, at Emanuel Synagogue  Havdalah: 5:01 PM
<b>December 18</b> 12:00 PM <u>PAG</u> Mitzvot, Munchies, and Meaning	<b>M 19</b> <b>Tu 20</b> <b>W 21</b> <b>Th 22</b>				<b>December 23</b> 23 Kislev  Candle Lighting: 4:04 PM	<b>December 24</b> <b>Chanukah – 1 candle</b> <i>Parsha Vayeishev</i> 11:00 AM Tumbling with Torah  Havdalah: 5:04 PM
<b>December 25</b> <b>Chanukah – 2 candles</b> No Religious School <div>Xmas Day Mitzvah Day</div>	<b>M 26</b> <b>Tu 27</b> <b>W 28</b> <b>Th 29</b>	<b>Chanukah – 3 candles</b> Office Closed <b>Chanukah – 4 candles</b> No <u>RS</u> <b>Chanukah – 5 candles</b> No <u>RS</u> <b>Chanukah – 6 candles</b>			<b>December 30</b> <b>Chanukah – 7 candles</b> Rosh Chodesh  Candle Lighting: 4:08 PM	<b>December 31</b> <b>Chanukah – 8 candles</b> <i>Parsha Mikeitz</i>  Havdalah: 5:09 PM
<b>January 1</b> No Religious School	<b>Mon, January 2</b> <b>Tu 3</b> 10:00 AM Chai Mitzvah <b>W 4</b> <b>Th 5</b>				<b>January 6</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>  Candle Lighting: 4:15 PM	<b>January 7</b> <i>Parsha Vayigash</i> Birthday Shabbat  Havdalah: 5:16 PM

**Daily Minyan Service Schedule**

unless otherwise noted in **bold** in the grid

**Mornings** 7:00 AM Monday – Friday  
 8:45 AM Sunday  
**Evenings** 7:30 PM Sunday – Thursday  
**Shabbat שבת**  
**Friday** 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
**Saturday** 9:30 AM Shacharit, Torah Service, Musaf  
 12:30 PM Mincha (Afternoon Service)  
 NOTE: There are no regular evening services on Saturday nights.

Please note the use of the following abbreviations:

<u>BS</u>	Religious School	<u>BEMA</u>	Beth El Music & Arts
<u>WN</u>	Women's Network	<u>USY</u>	United Synagogue Youth
<u>MC</u>	Men's Club	<u>PAG</u>	Parent Action Group
<u>CS</u>	Chai Society	B/M	Bar or Bat Mitzvah

**Ongoing Weekly Programs**  
 new participants welcome; no registration required  
 Mon. 1:00 PM Writing Workshop (resumed 10/31)  
 Tu/Th 9:45 AM MC Walk around the Reservoir (through 11/22)  
 Tue. 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn (not 12/27)  
 Wed. 10:00 AM Talmud Study  
 Thu. 8:00 AM Bible & Breakfast (not 11/24)  
 Sat. 9:30 AM Children's Playroom

**Multi-Week Classes**  
 pre-registration and/or payment required  
 Mon. 1:30 PM Topics on Death & Dying (begins 11/7)  
 Mon. 7:00 PM Ulpan (not 12/26, 1/2)  
 Wed. 8:00 PM Grandparents Circle (not 11/23)  
 Thu. 7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 Sun. 11:15 AM Kids' Choir (not 11/27, 12/25, 1/1)

**Religious School ~ Special Activities**  
 Sun. 11/13 10:30 AM **GAN** Class Family Program  
 Sun. 12/4 10:30 AM **DALED** Class B/M Workshop #2  
 Sun. 12/4 10:30 AM **HAI** Class JCL Program  
 Sun. 12/18 NOON **PAG** Mitzvot, Munchies, and Meaning  
**No School:**  
 Sunday, 11/6  
 Wednesday, 11/23  
 Sunday, 11/27  
 Sunday, 12/25 – Sunday, 1/1

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# ★ Engaging Generations

## Welcome to New Members

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Steven & Pam Borer, Sophia and Emma  
Joel & Melissa Bauman, Eben and Jude  
Josh & Jillian Feldman  
Arthur Freedman  
Bruce & Meryl Freedman  
Ruby Gainen  
Michael & Sara Goldfarb, Gabrielle and Rose  
Michael & Lauren Goldman  
Cecily Grable  
Phyllis Grinspan  
Anna & Seth Huttner, Sydney and Jack

Stephen & Tali Kest, Nava, Rafi and Ilan  
Lawrence Kushner  
Ruth Levy  
Eric & Christi Miller, and Maxwell  
Daniel & Lauren Rosenfeld, Samantha and Jack  
Herman & Devorah Rubin  
Nathan & Barbara Schilberg, and Justin  
Stacy & Kelvin Schleif, Aliza and Levi  
Jim & Debbie Shmerling  
Bruce Stein & Lori Greenwald, Joshua, Benjamin, Emma and Mariel  
Reed Sussman & Jodi Moses, Leo and Maylin  
Todd & Barbara Zachs, and Kyle

## ★ Supporting Beth El, cont.

### Herman Family Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Dr. Ron Buckman for the Brit Milah of son, Neil Jennings Tucker  
– Ian Tucker

### Michael & Susan Schenker Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

70<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Susan & Michael Schenker – Hedyth Fishman,  
Barbara & Bob Green, Susan & Charles Kohn, Abbey &  
Stephen Kreinik, Jill & Martin Mass, Judith & Frank Resnick,  
Helene & Felix Springer, Gery & Jerry Stein  
95<sup>th</sup> birthday of Leo Novarr, father of Susan Schenker – Barbara  
& Bob Green  
Bar mitzvah of Miles Satlof, son of Heather & Josh, grandson of  
Judy & David – Susan & Michael Schenker

#### IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Albert Geetter, brother of Harold; Lola Herz, mother of  
Roman – Susan & Michael Schenker

### Sussman Families Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Edythe Sussman – Roberta Wasserman

#### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Paul G. Sussman, father – J. Bruce Sussman

### Amy E. Toyen Endowment Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Henry Robert Rosenberg, first great-grandchild of Lillian  
– Bernard Kavalier

#### IN MEMORY OF

Amy E. Toyen – Alison & Alan Gittleman, Marilyn & Alan  
Rothstein

### Sowalsky Gabbai Rishon Endowment Fund

#### IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Howard Sowalsky – Myra & Bill Kleinman, Susan Miller

#### IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Sowalsky Brody – Michael Albert, Shirley K. & David  
Brody, Jan Glassman & Joel Sowalsky, Iris Meltzer, Clara  
Sowalsky, Jessica & Adam Sowalsky  
Joshua Max Hoffman, father – Herb Hoffman

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Clara & Isadore Sowalsky, in-laws; Donald Day, brother-in-law –  
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# ★ Engaging Generations, cont.

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The Kaufmann Family, in honor of Branden's Bar Mitzvah  
Taste of Shabbat, in honor of Lake Norden Badger  
The Ehrlich Family, in honor of Seth's Bar Mitzvah  
The Stier and Heineman families in honor of Francine's birthday  
Myra & Bill Kleinman in honor of the Beth El Community;  
Susan Schenker in honor of Michael's Simchat Torah honor

## Of Blessed Memory

Shirley S. Brody  
Jeffrey Etkind, brother of Debbie Shmerling  
Anne Fabian  
Shirley Ginsberg Levin, mother of Alan Levin  
Morris Goodman  
Lewis Harris  
Lola Herz, grandmother of Randy Herz  
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Thelma Lieberman, mother of Stephen Lieberman  
Harry Meier, father of Debbie Kleinman  
David Allen Nemirow, father of Barry Nemirow  
Paula Oifer, grandmother of Jodi Schwartz  
Jody Robbin, wife of Bruce, mother of Tammy & Emily  
Roslyne Rosenfield  
Natalie Stein, mother of Josh Stein  
Michael Wolpert, brother of Hilary Silver

## Congratulations

Sapora & Michael Bogatz, birth of son, Caleb Philip  
Bobby & David Klau, on the birth of granddaughter, Iris Sidney Klau  
Alys & Jack Krichavsky, on the birth of grandson, Eli Krichavsky  
Sherry & Dan Lohr, on the birth of grandson, Jacob Richard

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

## Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

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



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# ★ Lifelong Learning

## Writing Workshop

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Weekly, Mondays

Resumed October 31

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

NOTE: new participants welcome, no charge

## Topics on Death & Dying with Rabbi Sowalsky

10 Mondays

1:30 - 2:45 PM

Beginning November 7

An in-depth study of the history, subjects, and reasoning regarding Jewish views, rituals, and laws on death and dying. We will survey these subjects from end-of-life issues, through *yahrzeit* and annual remembrances.

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

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

TEXTBOOK: one book will need to be purchased

RSVP: Rabbi Sowalsky, hsowalsky@bethelwh.org

## Ongoing Weekly Classes / Programs

New participants welcome, no registration necessary, no charge

### Tuesdays

### Lunch & Learn

NOON - 1:00 PM

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

NOTE: not meeting December 27

### Wednesdays Talmud Study

10:30 - 11:30 AM

This is interactive study, in English, and all participants are invited to contribute. We will be studying Tractate Megillah, interesting aspects of Esther, Purim, and other related topics.

TEACHER: our Rabbis

### Thursdays

### Bible & Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00 AM

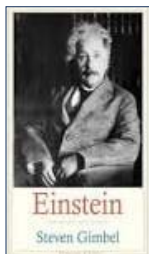
After *Minyan*, we discuss the weekly *Torah* portion. Led by the Rabbis during the school year; during the Summer, members of our community facilitate.

NOTE: not meeting November 24

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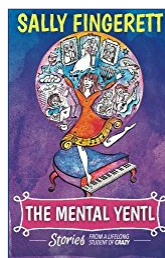
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Steven Gimbel's *Einstein: His Space and Times* presents Albert Einstein in the context of the world he lived in, offering a fascinating portrait of a remarkable individual who remained actively engaged in international affairs throughout his life. This revealing work

not only explains Einstein's theories in understandable terms, but it also demonstrates how they directly emerged from the realities of his times and helped create the world we live in today. The commonly held view of Einstein is of an eccentric genius for whom the pursuit of science was everything. But actually, the brilliant innovator, whose Theory of Relativity forever reshaped our understanding of time, was a man of his times, always politically engaged and driven by strong moral principles. An avowed pacifist, his mistrust of authority and outspoken social and scientific views earned him death threats from Nazi sympathizers pre-World War II. To him, science provided not only a means for understanding the behavior of the universe, but also a foundation for considering the deeper questions of life and a way for the worldwide Jewish community to gain confidence and pride in itself.

*The Mental Yentl*, by Sally Fingerett, includes 44 hilarious heartwarming tales in which she documents the stories behind her best loved songs. Viewing the world through her own whack-a-doodle viewfinder, she celebrates her personal goofs and flaws, holding her domestic, artistic, and professional life up to the light, with love, humor, and heart. As a working mother, step-mother, wife, sister, friend, dutiful daughter, and free spirited touring musician,



she loves to "study the nutty" and "figure-out outrageousness." She celebrates the insanity of the ordinary and the angst of the extraordinary. She honors the medicated Matriarchs, who handed down to her their love of family, big thighs, and whack-a-doodle DNA. In addition, the text includes

family (secret!) recipes and her song lyrics. Each one follows the story that motivated her songs:

*Greetings From the Land of Lime Jello and Really Bad Sanka, What Married Women Want To Hear, My Medicated Women, J-Date and the Internet Dating Pool, Bones as a Currency of Love, and What's Up With Jewish Composers and Christmas Hits?*

Included is a Yiddish glossary, just in case....



## ★ Making Connections - One-time Programs

### Veteran's Day Celebration Shabbat Service

Friday, November 11, 7:30 PM



Salute the veterans of our Beth El Temple family as we commemorate the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII with a Roll Call, Honor Guard, participation from Religious School students, Oneg Shabbat, and sing-along around the piano.

Veterans! Register for the Roll Call: tell us when and where you served; wear your service hat and bring your memorabilia.

RSVP: none needed to attend

REGISTER: Veterans! by 11/7, Marvin Sperling, 860-523-4703

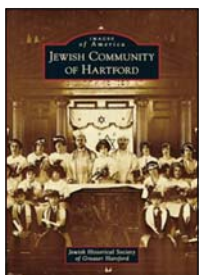
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### Images of America – Jewish Community of Hartford

Sunday, November 20

MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM

BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 9:15 AM



This most recent book from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford highlights some of the people, organizations, and institutions that have helped to shape this remarkable community. Included are interesting

facts about notables such as Sophie Tucker, Norman Lear, Sol LeWitt, and Kid Kaplan. Our program will include remarks from Estelle Kafer, Exec. Dir. of JHSGH, and Beth El members who grew up in Hartford: Naomi Cohen, Bobbi Klau, Bill Kleinman, and Steve Wolfberg.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5 (no charge for Men's Club members)

RSVP: by 11/17, Betty Hoffman, 860-233-4853,

bhoffman3@comcast.net

NOTE: the book will be available for purchase

NOTE: open to the entire community

SPONSORS: Men's Club and Library Committee

TURKEY DRIVE: bring a turkey, or other food donations, for the collection on behalf of the Kosher Food Pantry

### The Capture of Saddam Hussein

*Insights from 30 days of Interrogation*

Sunday, December 11

MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM

BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 9:15 AM



Egyptian-born Colonel Ahmed Beermann-Ahmed was the commander of the highly classified "Special Missions Unit" responsible for the capture of Saddam Hussein, Iraq's former dictator. Col. Beermann-Ahmed led the

interrogations and will share his experience in the Iraq war, plus words of wisdom from Saddam Hussein regarding Iran.

COST: no charge

RSVP: by 12/8, Steve Rabb, 860-231-1339,

steverabb2863@att.net

NOTE: open to the entire community

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### Lift a Glass to Lift and Separate!

Wednesday, December 14

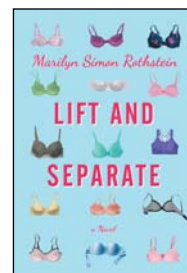
7:00 PM

Congregant Marilyn Simon Rothstein is now a published author! She will read from her hilarious, heart-warming, debut novel, *Lift and Separate*. An evening of guaranteed laughter, followed by refreshments.

COST: no charge

RSVP: womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com

SPONSOR: Women's Network



## ★ Making Connections - Travel

### Eat, Pray, Learn: A Jewish Women's Journey in Israel with Rabbi

Ilana Garber

Sunday, February 26 - Friday, March 10



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

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

# ★ Making Connections - Students & Families

## Iron Chef

**Tuesday, November 8  
7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Take a break from the news, show off your prowess in the kitchen, and cook up some patriotic delicacies.

CONTACT: Jason Kay, [jason@hanefesh.org](mailto:jason@hanefesh.org)

COST: free

SPONSOR: USY



## USY Fall Kinnus & Kadima Jr. Jam

**GRADES 9-12**

**GRADES 6-8**

**Fri-Sun, November 18-20**

This fun-filled and ruach-filled weekend with other teens from CT and MA will be incredible. The theme of Broadway will guide us through amazing programs, meals, sessions, and fun activities. The traditional dodge-ball tournament on Saturday night is a don't-miss.

LOCATION: Camp Ramah New England, Palmer, MA

CONTACT: Jason Kay, [jason@hanefesh.org](mailto:jason@hanefesh.org)

COST: \$220 by 11/2; \$235 by 11/7

REGISTER: [www.tinyurl.com/hanefesh1617](http://www.tinyurl.com/hanefesh1617) and choose *Fall Kinnus* or *Junior Jam*, accordingly

## USY Winter Regional Convention

**Fri-Sun, January 27-29**

Beth El Temple is excited to host a USY convention! We are looking for volunteer families to:

- ★ host USYers to sleep at your home
- ★ serve meals on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday morning
- ★ be a chaperone on Saturday night

CONTACT: Jason Kay, [jason@hanefesh.org](mailto:jason@hanefesh.org)

## Ninja Warrior

**AGES 5-10**

**Sunday, November 6**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Enjoy fun obstacle course challenges for kids on a morning without Religious School.

LOCATION: USA Ninja Challenge, 405 Sullivan Ave., South Windsor

RSVP: Sharon Neiberg, 860-857-2020,

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

COST: \$20/child, ages 5-10

NOTE: adult, younger or older siblings, are not allowed in the gym; will have snacks in the party room

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**(and high school boarding schools)**

It is never too early to begin thinking about Purim!

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This is a special way to let our young members know we are thinking of them and for us to share some Purim joy. We would love to send a Purim gift to your student!

Please email the following, for each child: student's name, school address, year of graduation.

CONTACT: Beth Papermaster, [bethpapermaster@yahoo.com](mailto:bethpapermaster@yahoo.com)

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# ★ Making Connections - Ongoing Programs

## Grandparents Circle

**How Jewish Will My Grandkids Be?**

**Wednesdays**

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

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**



The Grandparents Circle is designed to help Jewish grandparents of intermarried children pass their heritage on to the next generation.

NOTE: series of 5 educational and support sessions

REGISTRATION: [cdeer@bethelwh.org](mailto:cdeer@bethelwh.org)

QUESTIONS: Laura Kinyon, [LKinyon123@aol.com](mailto:LKinyon123@aol.com)

COST: \$15 materials fee

FACILITATOR: Laura Kinyon, MSW, LCSW, Mothers

Circle and Grandparents Circle Leader

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## Empty Nester Moms

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Did you lose your last board game player when your youngest child left home? Come spend an evening in conversation and board games with other moms in the same situation.

LOCATION: a home in Simsbury

RSVP: by 11/14 to get address

CONTACT: Lonni Schulz, [LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net), 860-651-0072

## Men's Club Walk Around the Reservoir

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

Schmooze and exercise at the West Hartford Reservoir.

LOCATION: Meet in parking lot closest to Route 44

NOTE: ending Nov. 22 for the winter

CONTACT: Dave Klau, 860-651-8962, [daklau747@gmail.com](mailto:daklau747@gmail.com)



## ★ Enjoying Beth El - BEMA (Beth El Music & Arts)

### ***Kabbalat Shabbat***

**with Cantor Ellari Mirabel**

**Friday, November 4**

**6:00 PM**

Cantor Ellari Mirabel returns to her home at Beth El Temple to lead us in chanting and song for this very inspirational service. Our Kid's Choir will join her on the *bima* for a few prayers.

### ***Broadway and Friends***

**Sunday, November 6, 7:00 PM**

The first concert of the season has a Broadway theme and features Cantor Ellari Mirabel, The Mat Saidel trio, Jeanne Kleinman, and Floyd Higgins. In addition to the Adult and Kids' Choirs, there will be talented soloists from Beth El Temple: Jamie Hait Cohen, Dan Cohen, Diane Dolin, Robin Gelles, Allan Geetter, Jessa Saidel Katan, Cantor Joseph Ness, Lance Reiser, Michele Rosenberg, Reuel Stoltz, and teens Sydney Weiser and Sadie Margolis.

### ***The Asian Influence***

**Sunday, December 4**

**PRE-CONCERT LECTURE 6:00 PM**

Michael E. Lestz, Professor of History at Trinity College, discusses the Jewish Refugees of Shanghai, 1938-1945, their relocation to the Hongkou "ghetto," the survival of that neighborhood, and the meaning of this episode for modern Chinese history.

**CONCERT 7:00 PM**

Artistic Director Joseph Ness conducts the Beth El Orchestra and

- ♪ SeolYeong Jeong on piano in Prokofiev's 3<sup>rd</sup> Piano Concerto
- ♪ Chi Li on violin in Glazunov's Violin Concerto in A minor
- ♪ Chai Lun Yueh, baritone, and The Kang Hua singers of Greater Hartford

Plus, the premiere of an original composition by Cantor Joseph Ness in a style representing the Jews of Kaifeng.

### ***Shabbat Weekend***

**with Neshama Carlebach**

**Friday-Sunday**

**February 10-12, 2017**

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