

Chanukah starts
EARLY!!

(First night is Sunday,
November 28th)

- S'more Havdalah on
November 20th



- Donate Frozen Turkey for
Annual Turkey Drive
(Morning of Nov. 21st)



- Chanukah with Beth El
+ Sports Night
(Wednesday, December 1st)



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



SULAM began on a sunny autumn morning with learners, parents, and educators assembled in the Grove. With the singing of *Hinei Ma Tov*, greetings from Rabbi Zerin, and the *Shehechyanu* blessing, we welcomed our learners back to

SULAM excited to be in person after an 18-month online hiatus.

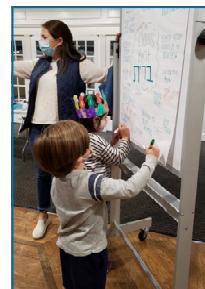
Learners, returning and new, were happy to be together, evident in their smiling eyes, and light-footed eagerness to enter Beth El and discover their new learning spaces. Every airy, sizable space of our synagogue has been set up to accommodate socially-distant classes in large rooms: Kessler Hall, the Community Room, Hoffman Hall, and the East Wing. Joyful sounds of exciting learning emanated through the building throughout the morning.

A fabulous first day back at SULAM!

B'vracha, *Michelle*



K-2nd grade learners fill their supply boxes, decorate kippot, and sign a class brit (agreement) – class rules and expectations learners suggested to and with their educators.



One of the first day activities was creating a collaborative banner with the statement:

אֵין הַתּוֹרָה נִקְנֶיֶת אֶלָּא בְּחִבּוּרָה

Torah is best learned in the company of others.

These learners are working on illustrations to affix to the banner.



SULAM learners wrote their Hebrew names and decorated their name tags.



6th and 7th graders engage in lesson discussions.

★ Enjoying Beth El



Veterans Day Shabbat

Saturday, November 6
10:00 AM - NOON

We return to our annual tradition of honoring our living veterans at a regular Shabbat Service. Join us for a

CONTACT: Allan Geetter,
allan.geetter@gmail.com
SPONSOR: Chai Society
REGISTER: for Veterans:
tinyurl.com/VetatBET



Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Sunday, November 21
9:00 AM - NOON

Last year, Beth El Temple delivered **more than 200 turkeys** plus nearly \$3,000 to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at JFS. We are determined to help **even more families** this year! Drop off a frozen turkey (kosher or non). Together we can make this a memorable Thanksgiving for our neighbors in need.

CHECKS: made out to Jewish Family Services with "food pantry" in the memo line
LOCATION: volunteers will be at the main entrance



Congregational Chanukah Celebration: Songs, Sufganiyot & (ESPN's) Schaap

Wednesday, December 1 🕒 5:30 - 7:30 PM



5:30 PM Dinner

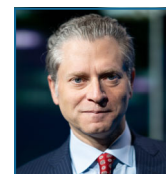
6:00 PM Outdoor Chanukiah Lighting,
Sing-a-long, and Sufganiyot

6:30 PM Programs for all ages!

- ★ Family-friendly crafts
- ★ Jeremy Schaap on Great Jewish Athletes, and Sports' Place in Human Rights and Social Justice.



Jeremy Schaap is a sportswriter, television reporter, author, and 13-time Emmy Award winner. Joining in 1994, he is one of ESPN's most respected and longest-tenured storytellers. He has traveled the world covering a wide array of sporting events ranging from the Olympics to cheese rolling. But he is best known for his reporting on worldwide issues, especially those at the intersection of sports and society.



COST FOR DINNER: \$12/adult, \$8/child age 5-12,
FREE for ages 4 & younger
(\$30 max for immediate family members)
NO CHARGE: for Crafts or Speaker
REGISTER: by 11/28, tinyurl.com/Chanukah2021,
to attend any part of the evening's programs

QUESTIONS:
Dinner or Family Fun:
Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org
Speaker:
David Sabino, dnsabino@gmail.com, 917-453-2553
SPONSORS: Beth El Temple, SULAM, Men's Club

USY - United Synagogue Youth

Sat, Nov. 13	Havdalah and Blanket Making for Project Linus
Fri, Nov. 19	Friendsgiving Shabbat dinner
Wed, Dec. 1	USY helps out at Beth El's Community Chanukah Celebration
Sat, Dec. 4	Shabbat Hangout
Sun, Dec. 12	Rock Climbing
Fri, Dec. 17	Shabbat Dinner

LOCATION: alternates Beth El Temple and The Emanuel Synagogue
COST: no charge for most programs
CONTACT: Cara Levine, whusyadvisor@gmail.com
AGES: grades 6-12

College Connection

Calling all parents of college students! Please send us your child's email and their address for the school year, even if it's your home. A High Holiday e-card was sent and our next initiative will be for Chanukah.

CONTACT: Mina,
betcollegeconnections@gmail.com
SPONSOR: the Gavens Family College Youth Fund

★ From the Rabbi's Desk

Why I Revere Torah



The following is being printed by request. It was the sermon of October 2, 2021.

Each year when we reach the beginning, the start of the Torah cycle where we focus on Genesis, I find myself with an almost giddy kind of excitement. Part of it, of course, is the opportunity to visit some old friends. The power of the Creation Epic, the ever-evolving meaning of the Garden of Eden, Noah, the Flood, the Patriarchs, the Matriarchs. We've all spent a lot of time together and they still have so much more to teach.

But more than anything else, I realize that the start of the Torah cycle all over again reminds me of just how much I revere that scroll, this book, and all of the millions of pages that have been written based upon these passages.

I'd like to share just a part of that reverence with you today; it's a kind of credo if you will. You need not agree with me, of course. But hopefully, you might find yourself wondering if, maybe, there just might be some of the same feelings within you.

I revere Torah because it gives me a vision of life. It provides for me an answer to the three questions Rabbi Jonathan Sacks says every sensitive person

should ask: Who am I? What is my purpose? How then shall I live?

Torah tells me that like everyone else in this room, everyone else in this world, we are of infinite value because God created us all in the Divine Image. And my purpose is to reflect that image in living a life of ethical and spiritual striving. And that every day and every moment is filled with the possibilities of significance as a result.

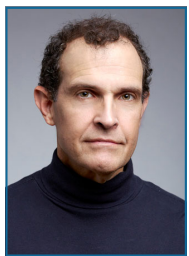
I revere Torah because it tells us that we are here to embrace a notion of radical equality. "Why," said the sages, "did God create a single human being?" To demonstrate that all of us trace our ancestry to that initial person. No one's blood is redder than anyone else's. No one can claim superiority to anyone else. No Pharaoh, no dictator, no monarch.

I revere Torah because it tells me I should seek ethical excellence in life. Thirty-six times we are told to respect, care for and love the stranger. The orphans and widows, the vulnerable are my business. I don't know if they would be on my radar nearly as much without these texts.

I revere Torah because it reminds me as unique and precious as every individual is, we live in community. That in the musical skills of life our culture does fine with Do - Re - Mi [me], but it doesn't tend to get

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★ Cantor's Corner - What is Trope?



שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ-הוֹנָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ-הוֹנָה | אֶחָד:

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad*

*Hear O Israel the Lord is our God,
the Lord is One*

This first verse is perhaps the central text that speaks to the core of our belief.

The verse שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל (Hear O Israel) and the following 3 paragraphs, all from the Torah, are recited twice a day, in the morning and evening services. It is also found in other sections of the prayer service and recited as the final prayer of Yom Kippur.

When we recite the *Sh'ma* and the three paragraphs that follow, we can sing through all of it. If you look at the Hebrew of the *Sh'ma* and those three Torah portions that follow the *Sh'ma*, you will notice of course, that the text has vowels underneath and on top of every word, but additionally there are other markings below and above the text:

וְאֶתְּהִי אֶת יְיָ-הוֹנָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ

Those markings are called *ta'amim* (tropes), and they tell us how to chant the melody for these words. Tropes are found in our liturgy as early as the 6th century from Babylonia. But in that time there were no visible markings.

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★ Reflections from the President



The leaves have turned. The days are shorter. And this year Chanukah starts on the Sunday night of

Thanksgiving weekend. It is a convergence of two special holidays.

Chanukah, the miracle of the oil. The festival of lights which occurs during the longest, darkest days of the year.

Thanksgiving, the blessing of families gathering around the table together.

Faith that allowed Jews to light the first day of oil, knowing there was not enough to last for eight days and rededicate the Temple.

Faith in the future spawned the first Thanksgiving.

As we gather for Thanksgiving and Chanukah, we at Beth El are also celebrating beginnings and faith in the future.

We have already begun to gather together at Beth El for services in-person as well as online. We have broken bread at a Chai Society luncheon, Men's Club's annual dinner in the Sukkah, the Distinguished Service Award dinner honoring Barbara and David Klau, and the luncheon following Rabbi Rosen's Lake Norden Badger presentation.

SULAM is holding in-person classes.

Committees are meeting at the Temple.

Through the efforts of outstanding clergy and staff, with the selfless help of many volunteers, we have made it through what appears to be the worst of the pandemic and are coming out the other side stronger than before.

People are engaging at Beth El.

Membership has increased for the first time in several years.

SULAM enrollment is up.

Women's Network and Men's Club memberships are up.

We are moving forward, one step at a time.

We have so much to be thankful for. To me this feels like a miracle.

~ Steve Rabb

(Cantor's Corner continued)

These tropes were learned by ear from generation to generation and aided by the use of chironomy (hand signals) used by a knowledgeable person to show the Torah reader whether the melody for the text would ascend or descend. These *ta'amim* not only show the melody but how the words in the text should be accented, and they even dictate how the phrase structure of the text is to be followed.

There were three main sources for these tropes:

- 1) the Babylonian
- 2) the Palestinian
- 3) the Tiberian

The first two systems were the oldest. The Tiberian manner of marking their tropes (10th century) is more similar to the markings we use today.

Over the course of time, the Jewish people migrated to various corners of Europe, including the Eastern (Ashkenazic) areas, to Spain and Morocco (Sephardi) and even to Italy; all these areas carried their own flavor of melodies – the tropes that would be used for

reading the Torah, haftarah and the various *megillot* (scrolls):

- 1) Shir Hashirim on Passover
- 2) the Book of Ruth on Shavuot
- 3) Eicha on Tisha B'Av
- 4) Kohelet on Sukkot
- 5) the Book of Esther on Purim
- 6) and even a different trope for the Torah and Haftarot on the *Yamim Noraim* (High Holydays)

These *megillot* would have different melodies for the various holidays to emphasize the overall ideas and themes of each holiday.

What a deep, beautiful, and rich tradition we have to glean from! We, at Beth El, are committed to bringing these traditions to you and for those who would like to learn more about these "*ta'amei hamikra*" we would love to hear from you!

~ Joseph Ness

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Shabbat Services – Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat

WEEKLY, 6:00 PM Zoom or in-person

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



Shababa

DECEMBER 17

5:45 – 6:45 PM no Virtual Option

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Zerin, rzerin@bethelwh.org;
Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org
REGISTRATION: tinyurl.com/ShababaDec17;
TARGET AGE: children 8 and younger (and siblings, parents, and grandparents)
RSVP: by 12/14, to enable us to plan for dinner.

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

Who Wants S’more Havdalah

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00 PM no Virtual Options

LOCATION: Beth El Patio

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay,
engagement@bethelwh.org

REGISTER: by 11/16, tinyurl.com/BETSmores

Families with children ages 0-18 are invited to join us for Havdalah, a campfire, s’mores, and singing. We hope you will share with us as we mark the transition from Shabbat into the rest of the week!

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times; plus Havdalah Service Time

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday	
	Candle	Havdalah	Service
Nov 5-6	5:23 PM	6:20 PM	6:40 PM
Nov 12-13	4:15 PM	5:12 PM	5:30 PM
Nov 19-20	4:09 PM	5:07 PM	5:25 PM
Nov 26-27	4:05 PM	5:03 PM	5:20 PM
Dec 3-4	4:03 PM	5:01 PM	5:20 PM
Dec 10-11	4:02 PM	5:00 PM	5:20 PM
Dec 17-18	4:04 PM	5:02 PM	5:20 PM
Dec 24-25	4:07 PM	5:06 PM	5:25 PM
Dec 31-Jan 1	4:12 PM	5:11 PM	5:30 PM

Shabbat Services – Saturday – weekly

Shabbat Morning & Torah Service

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Livestream or in-person

A traditional service, although slightly abbreviated during this time.

Children’s Playroom up to age 5

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

NOTE: children must be supervised by a grownup

A place to take a break with your energetic child.

Youth Shabbat Services

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

no Virtual Options

LOCATION: moves outside to the Grove, weather permitting (see weekly Shabbat e-blast)

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, engagement@bethelwh.org

★ Mazel Tots

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



★ Shabbat Club

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



USY (gr. 9-12) & Jr. USY (gr. 6-8)

MONTHLY

NOTE: details on page 3

Shabbat Mincha & Ma’ariv

The afternoon and evening services for Shabbat are on pause.

Havdalah

LOCATION: Home

Zoom

NOTE: see chart for timing; it follows sunset

We transition from Shabbat to the new week with this brief service using the traditional symbols of a burning candle, a spice box, and wine. Mourner’s Kaddish is recited at the beginning.

Egalitarian Services

Our congregation invites broad participation, within the limits of social distancing. Congregants of all ages and genders read *Torah*, chant the *Haftarah*, and lead our services along with our clergy. Many women choose to wear a *tallit*, and head coverings for women vary between *kippot*, hats, headbands, doilies, and no covering (unless they go on the *bima*).

★ Worshipping Together - Daily

Mincha & Ma'ariv

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Chapel Zoom or in-person

Our daily *minyan* (prayer service with at least 10 Jewish adults) includes *Kaddish* for those in mourning or observing *yahrzeit* (the anniversary of a person's passing).

Shacharit

SUNDAYS 8:45 AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 AM
LOCATION: Chapel Zoom or in-person
NOTE: Thu, Nov 25 @ 9:00 AM

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

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

★ Observing at Home - Chanukah

Lighting the *Chanukiah* (Chanukah Menorah)

A *Chanukiah* takes nine candles, eight at the same level and one *shamash* (guardian) that stands taller and is used to light all the others. Place the candles in the *Chanukiah* right-to-left (as Hebrew is written and read), but light them left-to-right so that the new candle is lit first.

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



The 1st night of Chanukah this year is **Sunday, November 28**.



Chanukah Candle Lighting

Weeknights (Sun-Thu) after dark;
Friday before Shabbat candles;
Saturday after Havdalah.

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

- ☆ who made us holy through Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.
- ☆ who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those ancient days at this season.
- ☆ for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season.

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

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

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

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam...

- ☆ asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.
- ☆ she-asah nisim la'avoteinu (v'imoteinu) ba'yamim ha'haim bazman ha'zeh.
- ☆ shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel

The four Hebrew letters stand for *Nes gadol haya sham*, "A great miracle happened there."

1. Each player starts with the same number of game pieces (buttons, gelt, m&ms, anything!)
2. At the beginning, and whenever the center "pot" is empty, each person puts one piece in the middle.
3. Each turn, spin the dreidel once, and give or take according to the letter landing face up.
4. Play until one person has all the pieces.



How to play →

נ *Nun*
do nothing

ג *Gimel*
take all

ה *Hey*
take half

ש *Shin*
put in 1

A Historical Refresher

In 168 BCE, Syria's King Antiochus marched into Jerusalem to end Jewish worship in his kingdom. His soldiers desecrated the Temple and killed thousands of people. Three years later, Judah, a son of Mattathias the Kohen (priest), led a rebellion and re-took Jerusalem. His search for pure, untainted 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.

★ Engaging Generations

Welcome to New Members

Lindsay & Daniel Chozick
Magda & Eric Cohen, with Ethan and Ilana
Roberta Daniels, with Rowan Daniels and Richard Cuff
Alan Grant
Debby Wiesen Kelly
Judith Rothschild
Justin Starr & Cara Leiderman

Congratulations

Marci & Jonathan Alter, on engagement of son Jordan Alter to Arielle Panthauer
Hilary & David Silver, on birth of grandson, Ezra Meyer Langer

Appreciation for Sponsoring a Grab and Go Kiddush

Lois & Chuck Koteen, in honor of all the September birthdays
Kaufman family, in honor of Abigail's Bat Mitzvah
Lowy family, in honor of Samara's Bat Mitzvah
Simmons family, in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah
Bauman family, in honor of Eben's Bar Mitzvah
Gelles family, in honor of Jordan Cipriano's Bar Mitzvah
Men's Club, in honor of Men's Club Shabbat

Of Blessed Memory

Elaine Bursack,
aunt of Ayelet Chozick
Marilyn Cohen,
mother of Jo Cohen
Dr. Seneca Erman,
father of Dr. Spencer Erman
Dr. David Geetter,
brother of Harold Geetter
Linda Kahan,
sister of Nancy Asnes
Doris Konover,
founding member
Bernice Helen Cohen Kovel,
mother of Jacob Kovel
Florence Portnoy
Edythe Sussman,
mother of J. Bruce Sussman
Roslyn Volvovitz,
mother of Marlene Alfin

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

★ From the Rabbi's Desk, cont.

beyond it. It's "me" it's "mine" it's "my freedoms," iPad, iPhone, I everything. Selfie photos and self-absorption.

Along comes Torah and says the real scales of life are not Do - Re - Mi [me] but rather, "Go, Say, We." Speak the language of others and their needs. Get comfortable with "us." Government cannot tell you that you have responsibilities as a citizen to others beyond rights. But religious tradition does. No school can force you to feel a debt to the past or the future. We have Matzah, Maror, Yizkor, a yearning for the Messiah, they are part of our DNA. We are the bridge between past and future.

I revere Torah because with it I am never alone. I know that at any given moment thousands of Jews around the world are studying the same passages I am looking at. When I pick up a text I literally am reading the words of those who lived in a dozen different places over 1000 different years, all talking and arguing with each other. And I get to join them.

I revere Torah because its heroes are weak and vulnerable. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, King David, King Solomon they are all filled to overflowing with faults. And still they become great. If they can rise to the heights of leadership, surely I can scale a small hill.

I revere Torah because it tells me that nothing about today is forever. We can be agents of change. Our business is that of Tikkun. Of healing, of fixing the hurt of repair. That's why Jewish communities rush in to support each other when we are under attack, send in rescue teams throughout the world when there is an earthquake or a hurricane or when an apartment complex collapses in Florida. That's what Israel does. It's a Jewish imperative.

I revere Torah because it reminds me that sometimes the greatest challenges in life are not overcoming external obstacles but our own internal demons. Our reptilian brains want us to go and grab whatever we want and have it whatever way we want it. Even if it hurts others. I read BF Skinner and I think it's because of environment, just change that and things will be fine.

I read Paige Harden I think it must be genes. I listen to Officer Krupke from West Side Story, and I think it's both.

Then you open to Genesis and read (in a free translation) Sinning, missing the target is always a close-by temptation? But if you try you can conquer it. And so, beyond genes and environment, there remains human will and accountability.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations



Gabriel Zeisler **November 13, 2021**

Gabe, son of Bella & Jonathan Zeisler, brother of Eliza and Benjamin, grandson of Hanna & Guy Bismuth of Eastchester, NY, and Barbara z"l & Paul z"l Zeisler, is an 8th grader at Sedgwick Middle School.



Leah Isabel Berey **November 20, 2021**

Leah, daughter of Susan & Warren Berey of West Hartford, sister of Evan, granddaughter of Rita Baclaski z"l from West Hartford, Edward Cheffetz from Avon, and Judy & David Berey from New York, is an 8th grader at King Philip Middle School. Leah has been working in the Temple's gardens.



Marley Alexandra Bloom **November 27, 2021**

Marley, daughter of Allison & Michael Bloom of West Hartford, sister of Sam, granddaughter of Marge Miles z"l from Florida, Michael Miles from Florida, and Ruth & Fred Bloom from Maryland, is a 7th grader at Bristow Middle School.



Jacob Andor Gottfried **December 4, 2021**

Jacob, son of Shanna & Joshua Gottfried of Hartford and Laura & Tony Marshall of Ledyard, brother of Rafael and Lillian, grandson of Nancy & Dennis Gottfried, Diane z"l Gottfried, and Jean & Ken Michener, is an 8th grader at Montessori School of Greater Hartford. He is planting and maintaining gardens in Bushnell Park.

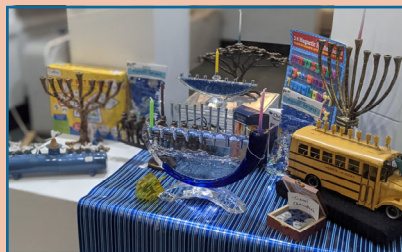
BETH EL TEMPLE CRAFT GALLERY

The craft gallery has been busy during the past year in meeting the needs of our community. Shoppers have been able to come into our safe environment, by personal appointment, and find items for their particular occasions. Customers remark that seeing and touching tallit, kippot, and special gifts, before purchasing, is a much more satisfying experience. If you have Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding or religious holiday to shop for, please call us to schedule your time to visit the gallery.

HOURS: open on Sundays when
SULAM is in session

BY APPOINTMENT:
Shelley Barker, 860-232-6468;
Jill Jones, 860-922-7300

NOTE: proceeds benefit the
synagogue and we are staffed
through the generosity of our
volunteers



Coronavirus

As you are aware, our building is open for all services (except Havdalah) and the office is staffed during daily office hours. But this is still a time for caution and prevention, as COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") continues on a very fluid basis. Please check our website for guidelines about coming to Services, the procedures we are asking you to follow, and what we are doing to keep the building safe and secure.

www.bethelwesthartford.org/coronavirus

(Rabbi's Desk continued)

I revere Torah because it comforts me when I am sad.
Telling me how much we have all been there before.
And that pain and loss are never forever.

I revere Torah because I find traces of God on every
page making it a book unlike any other.

Designer Roy Austin had a large book collection and
had the spine of every book turned inward so that you
only saw a sea of white pages. He liked the uniform
look this presented.

I can't imagine this encouraged anyone to pick up a
book and read it. Torah would have us see the spines

facing us – to pick up the book. More importantly
Torah would have us live with our spines turned
outward to live a life that is countercultural, that is
rich and meaningful challenging and dynamic.

We are .002% of the world's population. But this is
our way. This is our vision. This is what has kept us for
thousands of years and always will if we learn it and
live it.

Just a few reasons why I revere Torah. And I truly,
truly hope as we continue along the journey again this
year, you will too.

~ Rabbi Jim Rosen

★ Doing Mitzvot

Chesed (Kindness) Committee Supporting Our Members

COORDINATOR: Leah Katz, lckatz@comcast.net

MEAL TRAIN: Barbara Checknoff,
barbarachecknoff@aol.com

Beth El is a community that cares. We are prepared to provide assistance to our members, especially during periods of illness or the passing of a loved one, with a friendly phone call, preparing meals (Meal Train), or doing errands, such as grocery shopping or for other essentials.

Contact us if you are need of assistance or if you want to be part of our volunteer corps.

KNITzvah Group

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 21
DECEMBER 19

10:00 – 11:00 AM

CONTACT: BJ & Fran,
knitzvahgrp@gmail.com



The KNITzvah Group continues creating lapghans and other knitted/crocheted gifts to donate to organizations working with people who can use the extra love that is woven into our creations.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome as

we make *strings into things* to warm the hearts of the recipients.



KNITzvah group making beautiful creations on a beautiful day

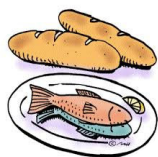
Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon,
gingy81434@hotmail.com

SCHEDULED: first Monday of the month

During this time of COVID, the Beth El community is still supporting this program in Hartford. We can no longer prepare or serve the food, but we do purchase and deliver the food on our usual day.

To make a donation, contact Ellen.



3-Season Opportunities

Garden Club News

*Gardening has been shown to
lengthen your life!*

CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939;

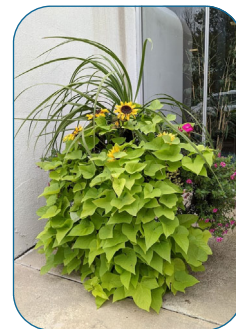
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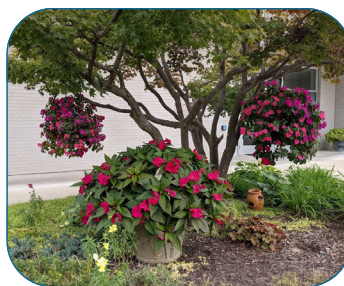
Donations: of gently used garden tools, or the funds to purchase them, are gratefully accepted



The Garden Club did well this season. Our previous years of planting and nurturing perennial plants, which come back every year, paid off in spectacular flowers and less work! Of course, we had to do battle with serious and copious amounts of weeds, and we hope next year they will not return!

Special thanks to Sheila Fox for her magnificent planters and all those gorgeous potted plants around the entrance and walkways, which she shared with us for the High holiday season.

We were delighted to have Leah Berey help us as part of her Mitzvah Project! Volunteers are always welcome for an hour or two, once or weekly! No experience needed! As the weather cools, we are prepping the gardens for winter, and pulling more weeds! So please join us!



We'd also like to thank Jose and his crew for helping us water, and for hauling away all those weeds!

Thank you for letting us make BET the beautiful showpiece it is!

Jessie's Community Garden at BET

Fresh organic produce for area food banks

CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky, dpk18@hotmail.com

After leading this project for many, many years, Betty Hoffman is stepping back for a well-deserved rest. Watch for notices in the early Spring when Dan will be looking for volunteers!

Both of these outdoor activities make great bar/t mitzvah projects. Volunteers are invited to come with friends, as a family, or solo.

★ Lifelong Learning

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

Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

New participants welcome!
No registration, no charge.

Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS

12:00 – 1:00 PM Zoom

BYOL: lunch during class is optional

Now in its 28th year, Rabbi Rosen invites you to join us as we explore the Hebrew Bible together. We will continue to study the main teachings of the Writings this year.

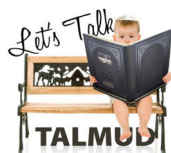


Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM Zoom

CONTACT: Beth El Office



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

Bible & Breakfast

THURSDAYS

8:00 – 9:00 AM Zoom

QUESTIONS: Michael Schenker,
msschenker31@gmail.com



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

Pirkei Avot Study

FRIDAYS

1:30 – 2:30 PM Zoom

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



Ongoing Monthly Adult Class

Musical Chat with Cantor Ness

MONDAYS, 1:00 – 2:00 PM Zoom

NOVEMBER 22 Chanukah Holiday of Lights

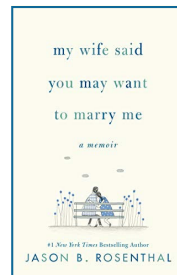
JANUARY 10 Psalms and their Interpretations



Library Corner

A Forever Love Memoir ☆ Roberta J. Buland

In the inspiring memoir, *My Wife Said You May Want to Marry Me*, Jason B. Rosenthal discusses life, love, loss, and new beginnings about his life with his wife, Amy Krouse Rosenthal. It is based on a “modern love” story she wrote for the *New York Times*, *You May Want to Marry My Husband*, that appeared ten days before her death from ovarian cancer. It is a heartbreaking, wry, honest, and creative play on a personal ad – in which a dying wife encouraged her husband to find happiness after her passing.



Jason describes his commitment to respect Amy's wish, even as he struggled with her loss. Surveying his life before, with, and after Amy, he wrestles with love, the pain of watching Amy suffer, and what it means to heal – how he and their three children manage to go on. His emotional journey offers insights on dying, death, and the excruciating pain of losing a soulmate, illuminating the lessons he has learned.

Jason's detailed reflection on Amy's gift to him of a fresh start also describes how he continues to honor Amy's life and her last wish. He struggles to appreciate every day and live in the moment while trying to help others coping with loss. It is a poignant, unreserved, and inspiring story of a great love and the aftermath of a marriage ended too soon.

The memoir is a must read for anyone who is coping with loss and seeking ways to heal and help others in the process.

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

★ Israel Engagement Committee

The Arava Institute

As the world reels from drought, fires, volcanic eruptions, low winds in Europe and other disruptive power supply chain issues, the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) stands out as an environmental leader and peace builder, located at Kibbutz Ketura near Jordan.

Jordanians, Palestinians, Israelis, and participants from around the world benefit from the unique opportunity to learn from leading professionals while forming friendships and developing skills that enable them to lead in solving today's most pressing environmental challenges.

Their Mission: to advance cross-border environmental cooperation in the face of political conflict. Nature knows no borders.

- The shared environmental resources of the region will be protected from further degradation & loss.
- Scarce environmental resources will no longer be a source of conflict.
- Environmental cooperation will become a model for cross-border cooperation in all other areas of the conflict.

Founded in 1996 as a center for environmental leadership in the Middle East, it now offers degree programs in Environmental studies at Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University.



In 2001, AIES launched a series of valuable research programs, including the Biodiversity Program, a joint



Israeli – Jordanian research program studying the biodiversity of the Arava Valley and the impact of human settlement on the ecosystem in both countries; the Center for Sustainable Agriculture to study desert crops and trees, as well as four research concentrations: Renewable Energy, Sustainable Agriculture, Transboundary Water Management, and Long-Term Socio-Ecological Research.

In August 2008, Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed (as of August the new Director of the AIES) started the new Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation, an integral partner in the Arava region's rapid progress to become Israel's "Silicon Valley" in research, development, and technology of renewable energy.



Leveraging the Arava Valley's specific climatic conditions and the high solar radiation levels, The Center's research focuses on energy policy, solar fuels, photovoltaic technologies, biomass, wind and solar thermal energy, innovative building construction techniques to conserve energy in desert climates. Other projects include self-cleaning solar panels, biogas technology, solar-powered desalination, and more.

The Renewable Energy Workshop, established in 2015, develops off-grid, small-scale technologies for rural and marginalized communities, while the Arava Center for Sustainable Development provides research, training, and services to the developing world. The Arava Alumni Programs Department builds cooperative alumni initiatives, enhancing Jewish-Arab networking in the Middle East, and generously sharing their knowledge with the world.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com

Robin Santiago, Robin@rsantiagodmd.com

★ Recognizing our Volunteers - High Holidays

Another interesting High Holiday season. Many came in-person to services and others observed via livestream.

Rabbi Rosen's visit to Lake Norden Badger returned, and the special

lunch was creatively packaged for safety.

But one thing never changes – our community of volunteers take on tasks big and small, and all are important!

We thank those listed below; if we inadvertently left you off the list, please let us know. We try to cover everything, but don't always get there.

Todah Rabah. Thank you very much.

Torah Readers, Teens and Adults

We continue our tradition of teens reading the majority of the Torah portions during the Holy Days. They receive a portion after their bar/bat mitzvah, and it is theirs until they go to college.

Esther Aronson	Simon Levy	Nancy Rosen
Pauline Golder	Jacob Yontef	Russ Selzer
Joel Harris	Mathog	Eliana Simmons
Ellie Kay	Ella Nemirow	Lily Temkin
Dan Kulakofsky	Alex Patt	

Preparing the Sanctuary

Tending to our ritual objects by cleaning the silver adorning our Torahs.

Michelle Kunzman Judy Rosenthal

Lay Service Leaders

We are blessed to have many congregants capable of leading our services and allowing us to offer different options.

Susan Gold Jason Kay

High Holiday Choir

This year's choir was understandably small, but their voices added to the majesty and beauty of our High Holiday observance.

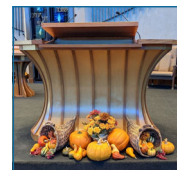
Dan Cohen	Elisa Wagner	Davyn Gottfried
Lexi Curtin	<i>Soloists</i>	Lance Reiser
Bruce Friedman	Alyssa Barzach	Elisa Wagner
Allan Geetter	Ilana Brown	<i>Music Librarian</i>
Lance Reiser	Lexi Curtin	Joshua Rosenfeld

Shofar Blower at Services

Jeffrey Bourke Lance Reiser
Ron Buckman

Bima Decorations for Sukkot

Alison Demarest
Michelle Kunzman



Ushers

Many people chose to join services from home via livestream, but for those in-person, our ushers kept services running smoothly.

Sharon Levine-Shein,	Sharon Efron	Abbey Kreinik
Andrew Schoolnik,	Tom Falik	Deborah Rosenfeld
<i>co-chairs</i>	Harley Graime	Ron Salm
Stephen Aronson	Lois Koteen	Stuart Wachtel

Garden Beautification

Tending to the garden beds and potted plants all around our building.

Alison Demarest Robin Santiago
Sheila Fox

Special Lunch for Lake Norden Badger

A specially-themed lunch, beautifully and cleverly packaged for safety, to accompany Rabbi Rosen's annual story.

Howard Meyerowitz,	Herbert Hoffman	Denise Order
<i>chair</i>	Michal Klau-Stevens	David Rosenthal
Carolyn Bernstein	Neil Kochen	Judith Rosenthal
Stuart Bernstein	Lois Koteen	Gary Rubin
Beth Brumberg	Daniel Kulakofsky	Jane Rubin
Tom Falik	Judith Kulakofsky	Stacey Shore
Harland Graime	Susan Meyerowitz	

Yizkor Booklet and High Holiday Greeting Card

The staff produces the booklet, and this team proofreads this very important list of names. This year, to prepare for virtual services, the booklet also had to be stuffed, stickered, and mailed, along with the annual Greeting Card.

Deborah Rosenfeld, Lois Koteen
chair Michelle Kunzman
David Diamond Judy Rosenthal
Myra Kleinman Sharon Levine-Shein
Bill Kleinman Francine Stier

Food Drive Sorting

Once again, our Community came through for our annual Food Drive for the Kosher Food Pantry at JFS.

Sharon Levine-Shein, <i>chair</i>	Betty Hoffman	Maura Nemirow
Alison Demarest	Michelle Kunzman	Denise Order
Marilyn Grody	Eileen McMurrer	Deborah Rosenfeld
	Beth Melnick	David Rosenthal



Judy Rosenthal
Abby Rothstein
Dan Rothstein
Jake Rothstein
Tara Rothstein

★ Supporting Beth El

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- ✧ This list reflects contributions received and processed through September 23, 2021.
- ✧ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be received in the office by November 18, 2021.

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Rabbi Sowalsky – Sherri Pliskin

IN HONOR OF

100th birthday of Dr. Norman Mann; bar mitzvah of Benjamin Goldstein, son of Laurie & Seth, grandson of Fredda & Jon – Harriet & Robert Berland

Marriage of Rebecca Lewis, daughter of Bonnie & Paul, to Michael Stoll – Carolyn & Stu Bernstein

Carolyn & Jeff Gitlin's great work on behalf of the Jewish community – Robin & David Gelles

80th birthday of Rebecca Gould – Fredda & Jon Goldstein

Zachary Kluger, grandson – Virginia & Jeffrey Kluger

Wedding anniversary of Amy & Jim Goldman – Ida Ressler

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Cantor Ness receiving the "Max Wohlberg Award" – Annette Gavens

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Edna Turkenitch, aunt – Lorraine & Farrel Vogelhut

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Rabbi Zerin, to welcome her to the Beth El family – Naomi & Michael Cohen

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Our Aliya on Yom Kippur – Lynn & Marc Estra

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

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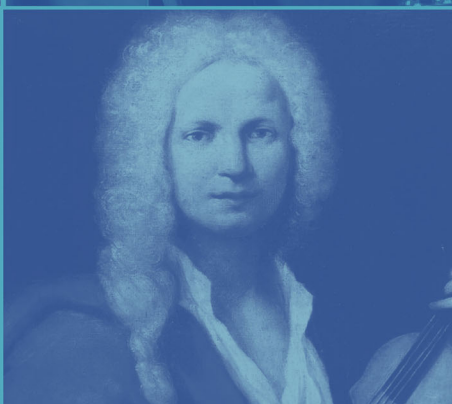
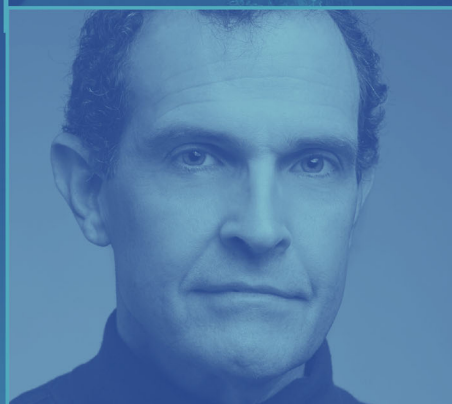
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