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

From our Director



SULAM is unique – an educational experience that brings learners together to explore, examine, and engage in our Jewish tradition and the world around us. SULAM is flexible – able to adapt and transform without compromising quality and content of

instruction. Our mission:

- ☆ to lay a foundation of Jewish learning
- ☆ to inspire our learners to embrace Judaism as a meaningful part of their lives
- ☆ to fulfill our vision: today's children, tomorrow's adults, living engaged Jewish lives.

The mission is as relevant today as it was three years ago when we launched SULAM.

Measurable learning goals of a Jewish educational program include acquiring skills for participation in Jewish community and synagogue life: Hebrew and Siddur skills, familiarity with Torah, Jewish history, rituals, and holidays. This SULAM provides. But deeper still is the education of our learners to make choices in their ethical lives informed by Jewish values and our obligation to repair the world, *Tikkun Olam*.

This COVID-19 pandemic has turned our world on its head; we are confronted daily with ingrained

inequities in the fabric of our social structures. We are challenged, constantly trying to balance family needs with work requirements, often neglecting the self-care necessary to survive and prosper. Our children are caught in this milieu of uncertainty, worry, stress, instability.

There is a Jewish approach to living in these times.



For the 2020-2021 academic year, SULAM will begin with virtual instruction. SULAM was designed to be flexible in ways that meet each individual learner's needs, so moving from on-site to virtual is a natural transition. We've been

conducting virtual one-on-one Hebrew/prayer lessons since mid-March, and our learners are excelling. This will continue.

On Sundays, and perhaps at other times during the week depending on family preferences and availability, our educators will offer online lessons to groups of learners. Our curriculum themes will focus on the Jewish values that will help us navigate these challenging times, values such as *sukkat shalom* (shelter of peace) and *ometz lev* (inner strength, sense of calm).

We are exploring ways to safely bring our SULAM learners together in outdoor "gatherings at-a-safe-distance" where our learners and their families can engage as a community for learning and celebration.

The months ahead are filled with uncertainty, but SULAM brings a strong, consistent community of learning and care. May we all go from strength to strength, supporting one another in these trying times.

Stay safe.

Michelle Konigsburg
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Meet SULAM Director Michelle Konigsburg

Michelle is a pragmatic idealist. It's one reason she chose education as her life's work. She believes we bring positive change to our world by reaching the children who will inherit it. Michelle harbors great optimism every time she sits with children to help them learn.

When she first joined SULAM as an educator, Michelle felt right at home with the engaging, experiential, relevant learning that is central to our program. She enjoyed working with our educator team because each is committed to nurturing our children and modeling *kavod* (respect) for each learner.

Michelle looks forward to the challenges of heading up SULAM during these COVID-19 times, and the parent-educator partnership that will bring Jewish learning and Jewish values to the children and families of Beth El Temple. As she tells everyone she can, "It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the SULAM team."

Back to Beth El SULAM CAR-nival

Sunday, September 13th
9:30-10:30am



Drive thru to say hello to your SULAM family, pick up your free **Chagim to Go**, have High Holiday fun & drop off your High Holiday Food Drive donation!



SULAM weekdays begin Tuesday, September 15.
SULAM Sundays begin October 18.
Please register via your membership portal.

★ Preparing for the Holy Days

Messages for the Month of *Elul*

Elul is the final month of the Hebrew calendar and takes us into the High Holy Day season. Beginning in mid-August, and continuing until Rosh Hashanah, our clergy and professional staff are delivering a series of brief video messages of encouragement and hope.

NOTE: announced daily via email.

Prayers in a Pandemic *How the Days of Awe can help us meet the future*

Monday, September 14
1:00 – 2:00 PM

In this pre-Rosh Hashanah class, we will revisit the words and melodies of the season to bring forth new meanings in this challenging era.

COST: no charge, Zoom

High Holiday Drive-Thru

Sunday, September 13
11:00AM – 1:00 PM

Let the Beth El High Holiday Celebration begin! Feel the glow of your community and perform mitzvot to ready your hearts, souls and minds for the upcoming Days of Awe! All are invited to Drive-Thru our parking lot to:

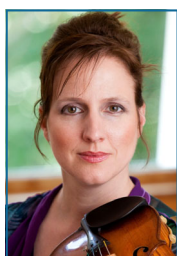
- ✧ Drop off your donation to the Annual High Holiday Food Drive; see p. 14 for details.
- ✧ Pick up your pre-ordered, *Chagim to Go* tote
 - ◆ 1 jar of honey and a honey dipper
 - ◆ 1 Havdalah candle for our BET community Havdalah celebration
 - ◆ a loaned copy or two of the *Machzor* (prayer book) for High Holiday services
 - ◆ and more to enrich your High Holidays



RESERVE: no cost, by Wed, 9/9, at noon, via the member portal: BethElWestHartford.org/Member

SPONSORS: The Blumberg Family: Ellen, Matthew and Carolyn Blumberg Walter; Lois & Chuck Koteen; Steve Rabb; Judy & David Rosenthal; The Men's Club; The Women's Network; and In-Kind Donations from Members

★ Enjoying Beth El



Musical Treasure Trove Wednesday, October 7 12:00 – 1:00 PM

With performances worldwide, acclaimed classical violinist Katie Lansdale and pianist Tamila Azadaliyeva will delight us with a variety of spirited violin and piano duets and solos. As a special treat, Cantor Joseph Ness will be composing an original piece for the event!

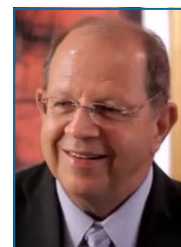


COST: no charge, virtual only
RSVP: by 10/2, Sue Wachtel, 860-658-2116, suewachtel@yahoo.com
SPONSOR: Chai Society, ChaiSociety@bethelwh.org

Using the Emotion Roadmap to Enhance Your Life

Sunday, October 18
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Chuck Wolfe will explain Emotional Intelligence: the gift that keeps on giving! Learn to enhance relationships, manage emotions and learn the power of empathy. Since 1999, Chuck has been helping people worldwide apply Emotional Intelligence to their everyday life.



COST: no charge, virtual only
RSVP: by 10/14, Sue Wachtel, 860-658-2116, suewachtel@yahoo.com; David Diamond, 860-965-3157, daviddiamond2@comcast.net
CO-SPONSORS: Chai Society, Men's Club

Beth El Softball Team

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Only Beth El Team members identified: FRONT Row: Jill & Alan Cetel
BACK Row: Jake, Vintage, and Dan Kovel; Murray Wellner; Zach Rosenberg

★ From the Rabbi's Desk



A New Year Together with Hope and Blessing

It's customary at times of new and precious moments to recite the Hebrew prayer *Shehecheyanu*. "Thank you God for keeping us in life and enabling us to reach this special moment." That, of course, is what the

new year is supposed to be. A precious landmark that notes the beauty of beginnings.

This year, our embrace of beginnings is not a simple one. The pain, the loss, the uncertainty of the pandemic has altered our lives in countless ways.

We at Beth El have worked tirelessly in order to help our entire congregational family cope with this challenge and I write to assure you that we are here for you and that we will continue to support you and to enrich your spiritual lives in whatever ways we can.

There are so many people to thank in this endeavor and at a future time I will do so in greater detail. We are the mark of a genuine community of care and concern based upon Jewish values.

In the meantime, please know this. Some of you have been personally struck by COVID-19. Some in our community have perished from this disease. We have seen your anguish and we embrace you with our love.

So many have had to endure funerals of loved ones without the comforting presence of family and friends. A virtual hug and a Zoom box of faces help,

but go only so far. We see the anguish in your eyes still visible even on your masked faces.

So many of you have long planned for special and happy moments. A baby naming or a Brit, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding. We know how disappointing it has been to temper your joy with the necessary physical absence of dear ones, of the need to make radically different plans.

Although all these precious moments involve social distancing, please know that we will continue to help bridge any gap to maintain that important sense of human and spiritual closeness.

We often say that Rosh Hashanah marks the change of seasons and is the season of changes. Together we are helping each other to become resilient, sensitive, caring partners in lifting each other up, learning together, maintaining contact with each other, helping each other.

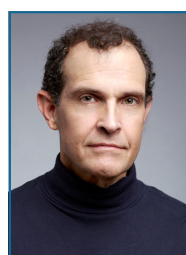
As the Psalm we recite during this penitential season says, "the Lord is my light and my source of redemption." We will help each other share that light.

And please God, let the change we all crave come about soon. A world without disease, where our caring, learning, and growth continue to enable us all to live lives of deep and abiding blessing.

To the entire Beth El family, let this be a truly healthy and sweet new year.

~ Rabbi Jim Rosen

★ Cantor's Corner



Dearest friends,

It has been a difficult spring and summer season, and I am often at a loss to come up with ways to see through these foggy times. But with all that, I have found that we somehow do find the humanity in all of this...

TO ALL the wonderful kids who have worked so hard this year to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah, you have learned to accept the limitations of our times with a maturity and elegance that is certainly acknowledged by this congregation and your loved ones, as well as being moving and inspiring to me.

TO ALL the members of our synagogue who are working so tirelessly to make Beth El a place that brings relevance to our lives...

TO ALL who are caring for the special individuals who need our help and attention, because we acknowledge that each and every person is an essential and beautiful part of who we are as a community...

TO ALL those who are in need of warmth, understanding, and tenderness because of a loss, or because life just offers those impediments that at times seem unsolvable...

TO ALL those who reach out from within and by that action change the lives of those whom they encounter...

TO ALL who are in need of food and shelter and don't have the means to provide for themselves...

TO ALL who dig deep within ourselves and work to make ourselves better through study and dedication

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★ Reflections from the President



A New Year Like No Other

With the High Holidays right around the corner, we all are thinking about and

wondering what our experiences will be like this year. From the many responses we received to our survey, we appreciate that you are willing to be flexible in the ways you bring your Jewish experiences home. We want to thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we keep the safety and comfort of all of you and our clergy at the forefront of all our planning.

One thing that I think is fair to say is that we all want some amount of *familiarity*. We all desire to see the familiar faces of our clergy, our family, our friends. But our collective health considerations must come first. Still, just because

we cannot gather in person for communal prayer inside the synagogue and enjoy traditional meals and shared cultural experiences, we can still celebrate the New Year in Beth El-style. With the help of our High Holiday Task Force, we are planning very special worship and learning experiences for every member of our Beth El family. Services and activities will be customized, interactive, and innovative with programming for all age groups.

The Beth El website, www.BethElWestHartford.org, is the central location to learn about all that has been planned. Special activities have already begun, so take a minute, now, to check it out.

Though we have physical limitations, we will provide our valued Beth El members and their families with learning, resources,

community-building, and opportunities to perform mitzvot. And if you have any questions about accessing our services and programs, don't hesitate to call. We have a team that's ready to help you log on.

We are being very creative, inclusive, and accessible to our members near and far. We want you to feel the togetherness of celebrating at Beth El. So remember, this is a time for us to put our arms around each other (virtually), and spread the hope, love, and peace for our spirit and well-being.

David and I wish all of you a sweet New Year filled with good health, safety, and peace. May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Chag Sameach and L'Shana Tovah!

~ Judy Rosenthal

Cantor's Corner - continued

with the purpose of making our lives and those around us rich and meaningful...

TO ALL who have derived great pleasure making music and art and now find ourselves not able to freely create with others...

TO ALL who are kids, somehow finding out who we are and encountering this world of ours with a freshness that is part of our age...

TO ALL who are a bit older and are wondering how time has a way of speeding up as the years increase...

TO ALL who have looked for those places where we can be with the people that we love, whether it is in a backyard, a FaceTime call, a walk with a friend (with social distancing), or a virtual service, trying as hard as we can to sing and celebrate with each other...

... I am moved by your ability to handle the hurdles and challenges brought on during this season. It has been a difficult spring and summer season and I find myself often at a loss to come up with ways to see through these foggy times. But with all that, I have seen that we somehow do find the humanity in all of this.

~ Cantor Joseph Ness

Summer Kabbalat Shabbat

Special THANK YOU to all who participated in and enhanced our Friday Night Services!

Guest Cantors and Speakers from all over North America:

Cantor Elise Barber
Cantor Aaron Bensoussan
Micha Biton
Rabbi/Cantor Neil Blumofe
& Reverend Daryl Horton
Neshama Carlebach
Cantor Sanford Cohn
Cantor Don Gurney
Rabbi/Cantor Idan Irelander
Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner
Cantor Jacob Mendelson
Rabbi/Cantor Ellari Mirabel
& daughter Mia
Cantor Talya Smilowitz
Cantor Faith Steinsnyder
& Cantor David Perper
Cantor Gideon Zelermyer
Cantor Michael Zoosman

And from within our community:

Annette Gavens
Richard Gutcheon
Lance Reiser

And children, too:

Ilana Brown
Davyn Gottfried
Lily MacDermott
William MacDermott
Sarah Neiberg
Ella Nemirow

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat & Daily

Shabbat and Daily Services

We are an egalitarian congregation and invite broad participation. Within the limits of social distancing, congregants (adults and teens, men and women) 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*).

Weekday Ma'ariv

SUNDAYS-THURSDAYS 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Home Zoom

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).

Weekday Shacharit

SUNDAYS 8:45 AM

MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 AM

LOCATION: Chapel Zoom or in-person

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

Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAYS 6:00 PM (through 9/25)

LOCATION: Home Zoom

NOTE: timing TBA as the sun sets earlier in October

We welcome Shabbat with joyous song led by Cantor Ness and d'var Torah from Rabbi Rosen.

Shabbat Morning & Torah Service

SATURDAYS 10:00 – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Sanctuary Livestream or in-person

A traditional service, although slightly abbreviated during this time.

Shabbat Mincha & Ma'ariv

The afternoon and evening services for Shabbat are on pause.

Havdalah

SATURDAY EVENINGS

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.

As you know, this is a time for caution and prevention, as COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") continues on a very fluid basis. At the time of this printing, our weekday and Shabbat Services are partially opened, as indicated in the column to left.

Please check our website for guidelines about who can/cannot come 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



Beth El and Inclusiveness

Inclusiveness is one of our core values at Beth El. We do everything we can to allow those with disabilities or special needs to participate in services, classes and programs. Examples include the synagogue elevator, hearing devices, and periodic special services for those with disabilities.

In addition, we're responding to an increasing number of people with fragrance sensitivities, which can include severe allergic reactions.

Many institutions, businesses, and a growing number of houses of worship, have enacted Fragrance Free policies. In order to assure that affected individuals are able to participate and enjoy Beth El, we request that you avoid wearing not only perfumes and colognes, but any scented products.

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

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times; plus Havdalah Service Time

	Friday	Saturday	
Shabbat	Candle	Havdalah	Service
Sep 4-5	7:00 PM	7:56 PM	8:15 PM
Sep 11-12	6:48 PM	7:44 PM	8:15 PM
Sep 18-19	6:36 PM	**	**
Sep 25-26	6:24 PM	7:20 PM	7:45 PM
Oct 2-3	6:12 PM	**	**
Oct 9-10	6:00 PM	**	**
Oct 16-17	5:49 PM	6:45 PM	7:00 PM
Oct 23-24	5:38 PM	6:35 PM	7:00 PM
Oct 30-31	5:29 PM	6:26 PM	6:45 PM

NOTE: service and additional candle lighting times for all the High Holidays, marked **, can be found on page 12 or forthcoming e-blasts.

★ Israel Engagement Committee

Israel in Times of Corona



Israel is called the Can-Do Nation for her innovation, resourcefulness, and persistence. Right now, her talents are being

called upon to help invent and adapt technologies to ease the COVID-19 burden. Israeli researchers, scientists, doctors, and investors are using collaboration, repurposing, AI and telemedicine in new and creative ways.

Companies such as **BATM**, the **Technion-Israel Institute of Technology**, and **diagnostics.ai's** R&D group are working diligently to improve and accelerate testing to quickly identify infected and at-risk individuals without sacrificing accuracy.

Sharply accelerated by the highly infectious nature of the coronavirus, telemedicine is the wave of the future. Israeli technologies providing these services include **MyEleanor**, **KHealth**, **VocalZoom**, **RADLogics**, **TytoCare**, **Mittwoch** and **Air Doctor**, with the latter delivering access to medical care for travelers in over 42 countries.

For infected patients who do not need hospitalization, **Datos Health's** Telemedicine Program or **Biobeat's** Wearable Vital Sign Monitor are both recognized for their accuracy. **EarlySense**, an under-mattress sensor, monitors patients' breathing patterns for signs of respiratory distress.

Geneyx is working to determine whether certain genetic mutations may affect individual COVID-19 infections. **Sweetch's** AI-powered Mobile Health Platform helps in remote monitoring for COVID-19 patients with chronic diseases.



At a time when it seems that the entire world is in need of healing, **Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem** is providing extraordinary patient care to victims of COVID-19 in Israel,

searching for treatments and cures, and sharing its pioneering protocols with countries around the globe.

Mental health is a very real concern and **XRHealth** provides specialized therapeutic apps delivered through virtual reality (VR) headsets for quarantined coronavirus patients to provide a variety of needed therapies.

To help the healthcare system respond more effectively to COVID-19, Israeli companies have

developed numerous apps, including **TeleICU** technology from **Clew Medical** and **Kryon's** robotic process automation (RPA) which allows for accurate automated reporting of testing results.

New effective treatment modalities and vaccines are what we are all anxiously anticipating. The **Israel Institute of Biological Research**, **MIGAL Galilee Research Institute**, **MigVax** and **TransAlgae** are working hard to make this a reality.



Until we have a vaccine, prevention is the key. Chemical engineers from the **Technion-Israel Institute of Technology** are developing smart disinfectants that not only destroy the coronavirus infection mechanism but remain active over time.

Of course, none of this is free – Israeli venture capital firms are stepping up to help see that promising innovative R and D gets funded.

This is the Israel we all love and admire – the Can-Do nation industriously working and innovating for the benefit of all people. To paraphrase the Talmud, "One who saves a life, saves the world entire." Amen

Fruit of the Vine Israeli Fruit Wine Tasting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 4:00 – 5:00 PM Zoom

COST: \$10, class only; \$75, class & 3 top-selling wines

PROCEEDS: a portion will go to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services

RSVP: tinuyurl.com/BETFruitWines

Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com,

Robin Santiago, robin@rsantiagodmd.com

Join us, virtually, to taste the newest generation of fruit wines, without any grapes! A unique Israeli winery, Morad, is taking nature's bounty of fruits, and even vegetables and herbs, to create fine Kosher wines and liqueurs. The hour will include tasting notes on a pre-selected offering of wines, descriptive presentation of the process of creating the wines and how they differ from traditional grape-based wines, and recipes for beverages and meals. (Not only does their range of flavors make them perfect for drinking and cooking, but they'll last longer in your fridge, too.)

★ Lifelong Learning

Ongoing Weekly Adult Classes

New participants welcome!
No registration, no charge.

Watch your email and check the website for announcements when live classes can resume.

Lunch & Learn

TUESDAYS Resumes Sep. 8

12:00 – 1:00 PM Zoom

BYOL: lunch during class is optional



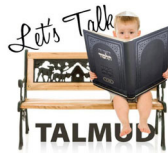
Now in its 27th year, Rabbi Rosen invites you to join us as we explore the Hebrew Bible together. We will continue to study the main teachings of the Prophets this year.

Talmud Study

WEDNESDAYS

10:15 – 11:15 AM Zoom

CONTACT: Beth El Office



We are a self-guided group of learners following in the tradition of Dr. Eliot Barron who led our class for years. At present we are studying the tractate Sanhedrin, using the Steinsaltz Hebrew-English text which may be purchased online (a free version in a slightly different format is available online). 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



Enjoy a light breakfast and an energetic exchange about the weekly parsha. Guided by our rabbis, participants share their viewpoints and insights. 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

Resumes Oct. 16

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, resumes after the holidays

1:00 – 2:00 PM Zoom

CONTACT: Beth El Office

NOTE: was a weekly class during the summer



Cantor Ness leads a discussion on various aspects of Jewish music, both culturally and liturgically; a link to the music will be provided before class.

Library Corner

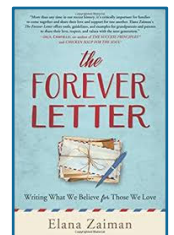
How to Write a Forever Letter

★ Roberta J. Buland

Connecting to family and friends by a letter is almost a lost art. Yet, it is a way to live on forever. The recipient may consider the letter a “gift that keeps on giving.” Rabbi Elana Zaiman presented an interactive breakfast workshop to over 100 participants at Beth El in February 2020 on her book, *The Forever Letter: Writing What We Believe for Those We Love*. She explained that, inspired by the centuries-old Jewish tradition of the ethical will, a forever letter is a perfect way to share your most precious possessions: your values, wisdom, and love with the people who matter to you most. And you do not have to do it alone. Through empowering stories, sample letters, and writing tips, Zaiman’s book serves as your companion on a journey of self-discovery and deepening relationships.

Zaiman explained that you begin with the intention to communicate. Second, set aside some time, about two hours. Third, write or type the word “Dear” on the page. Then add the name of the person you are writing to. Fourth, begin to write. Let your ideas flow; do not edit at this point. Fifth, write to share your values, wisdom, appreciation, and love, to ask for forgiveness and to forgive, to either admit the struggle in your soul or to reach out to someone whose soul is in pain. Write to express your belief in or your admiration for, to acknowledge, and to uplift someone you hold dear.

Writing a *Forever Letter* takes time, fortitude, and emotional presence. But it is worth it. If you put time and commitment into writing the letter, you can come to better know yourself and connect more deeply with the person(s) you are writing to. This book helps you through 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 rjbuland@comcast.net.

★ Doing Mitzvot

3-Season Opportunities

Garden Beautification Committee

***Gardening has been shown
to lengthen your life!***

CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939;
Alison Demarest, 860-810-2084,
alisonsupermom@comcast.net; Robin Santiago,
860-490-7661, robin@rsantiagodmd.com

NOTE: no experience necessary

DONATIONS INVITED: garden tools you are no longer using: wheel barrows, trowels, hoses, pots, and garden decorations – in good condition please!

Looking for something to fill your time? Happily, we can go outside and social distance on Beth El's beautiful grounds. Weeds have not taken a COVID vacation, alas. While the custodial staff has been very helpful and diligent, more remains to be done. We are open to all helpers – whatever you can do is always welcome: watering, planting, weeding, and more. Just call or email.



Jessie's Community Garden at BET

VOLUNTEERING/SCHEDULING: Betty Hoffman,
860-233-4853, bhoffman3@comcast.net

GARDENING: Herb Hoffman, 860-233-4853,
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NOTE: no experience necessary; we teach

Jessie's Gardeners have been hard at work planting, watering, weeding, picking and delivering organic vegetables to various food distribution sites.

This year because of COVID-19 limitations – despite the enormous need for food – the food banks have not been able to process the food as in the past. However, we have found several new places, including the Town of West Hartford, the Unitarian-Universalist Church soup kitchen, and St. Thomas Church, that need food.

All have expressed their gratitude for our large contributions. If you have a few hours to help break up the garden and prepare it for winter, get in touch with Betty (see above).

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

Monthly Programs

All these meetings are currently suspended. Watch your email for announcements when we are able to resume our work in person.

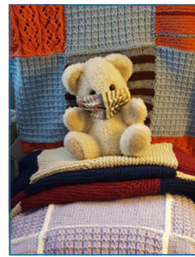
KNITzvah Group

***We make strings into things
one stitch at a time.***

CONTACT: BJ & Fran, knitzvahgrp@gmail.com

SCHEDULED: one Sunday each month; 10:00 - 11:30 AM

The BET KNITzvah Group continues to create "lapghans" that we donate to organizations serving people in need of extra love both locally and in Israel. We have given our lapghans to veterans hospitals, nursing homes, as well as agencies serving individuals of all ages.



During this time of limited social gathering, we knitters (and crocheters) are working from home, creating squares that we put together for each blanket.

Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome to join us. Up until now, we have met one Sunday each month to create and commiserate. When things get back to "normal" we look forward to resuming our monthly meetings at Beth El.

Whether or not you are a knitter, we welcome any recommendations of local organizations where you have a connection that might be interested in our handmade gifts. Please let us know.

Charter Oak Project

CONTACT:

Cook: Adam Schuyler, adam.d.schuyler@gmail.com;

Serve: Myra & Bill Kleinman, 860-508-3672,

mwkleinman@outlook.com, wnkleinman@gmail.com

NOTE: children 12+ are welcome with an adult

SCHEDULED: monthly: Sundays, 9-11 AM, cook at Beth El;
a weekday, 5-7 PM, serve at Burr Elementary School

We provide meals for children participating in an after-school music program and their families.

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, gingy81434@hotmail.com

SCHEDULED: first Monday of the month;
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

A group from Beth El helps prepare and serve a meal in conjunction with the soup kitchen. It's a chance to share our bounty and spend time with our Hartford neighbors. We welcome new participants.

★ Engaging Generations

New Members

Debby Wiesen Kelly
Andrea Rundgren

Congratulations

Miriam & Steven Bleich, on birth of son Bradley Noah
Fran Gurtman & Rich Goldberg, on birth of grandson Max Goldberg
Elke Webb & Noah Jablow on birth of daughter Natalie
Samantha & Dominic Mendolia, on birth of daughter Zarina Zena Mendolia
Diane Biegel & Joel Pachter, on upcoming marriage of daughter Eve Pachter and Elliot Koenigsberg
Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen, on 40th wedding anniversary

Leigh Newman & Gary Starr, Carol Starr, and Ellie Jainchill, on birth of grandson/great-grandson Asher Joseph Praskin

Beatrice Sussman, on marriage of grandson Dr. Ian Brownstein and Dr. Rebecca Reitz

Elisa Wagner & Stephen Weinstein, on upcoming marriage of son Max Wagner Weinstein and Dr. Clarisse Ann Myers

Of Blessed Memory

Annette Elbaum, mother of Robin Oremland

Gloria Galin, grandmother of Kimberly DiBella and Mindy Jason
Gisella Gurtman, mother of Frances
Leon Handler, grandmother of Julie Winick

William Levine, father of Peter Roslyn Lutt, mother of Howard Carol Jeanne McMurrer, mother of Eileen

Fay Poles

Janice Roland, mother of Philip David Rosen

Marilyn Schwedel, wife of Alan Edith Drapel Rutstein Shapiro, mother of Steven Rutstein

James Harold Tuvin, father of Alan Irma Wallin, mother of Justin Kudler
Janice Wasserman

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

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

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

High Holidays and New Year 5781

Along with synagogues across Connecticut and the nation, Beth El will be following state and federal protocols and welcoming the High Holidays with virtual services. Our clergy, staff, and volunteers have been working tirelessly to create an experience that is dignified and meaningful.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us as we worship separately but together singing the prayers, reciting the blessings, and calling out the Shofar's notes to welcome our new year, 5781.

★ High Holidays - Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Plus



**National
Selihot
Program**
**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
8:30 PM**
Livestream/
Zoom

The Conservative Movement comes together to learn, sing, and connect as a community. Over 60 rabbis and cantors will present and a variety of Selihot services will be offered throughout the evening. We will usher in the High Holiday season focusing on:

- ☆ *Teshuva* Repentance: If I Am Not For Myself, Who Is For Me?
- ☆ *Tefilah* Prayer: And If I Am Only For Myself, What Am I?
- ☆ *Tzedakah* Righteous Acts: And If Not Now, When?

☆ *Shema Koleinu* Hear our Voice, Accept our Prayer

REGISTRATION: opens 9/1; full schedules and zoom links provided to all who register

SPONSOR: Conservative Movement High Holiday Task Force, a partnership among the Cantors Assembly, Jewish Educators Assembly, North American Association of Synagogue Executives, Rabbinical Assembly, and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Tashlich

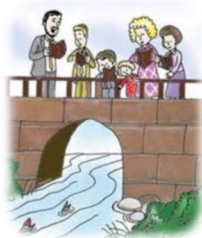
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 5:00 PM

25 Huntington Dr, West Hartford
No virtual option

During the High Holiday period we symbolically “cast off” our sins by tossing pieces of bread – representing our sins – into a natural body of water. This simple, brief, but meaningful ceremony can take place on either day of Rosh Hashanah, but not on Shabbat.

You can do this on your own, or join Rabbi Rosen at a socially distanced gathering.

NOTE: bring your own bread or bread crumbs, and your mask; canceled if it rains.



Shabbat Shuvah

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 10:00 AM

Sanctuary, Livestream

This Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, also called the Shabbat of Repentance or Shabbat of Return, gets its name from the opening word of the special *Haftarah* (portion of prophets) read that day in the morning service.

This year we will honor the doctors, nurses, emergency and front line workers, first responders, police, teachers, and parents who have worked so hard to keep our communities and families safe. We will also honor our many Beth El volunteers. When we call you to help, you don't hesitate. And for that we are so very grateful.

Rabbi Rosen's annual report on life in *Lake Norden Badger* will be given later in the year.

NOTE: limited to 100 people, masks required

Neilah

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6:00 PM

Ceremonial Court, Livestream

Literally, the closing of the gates. This is the final service on *Yom Kippur* and the Ark is open for about an hour. While it is open, we have one last chance to seek repentance and be sealed in the Book of Life. *Neilah* services provide a true moment of awe during the Days of Awe. Go up to the Ark as a family and take a moment to find peace and share the beauty of the Torah with your loved ones.

At Beth El, everyone, including non-Jewish relatives, is invited to stand for a private moment at the open Ark. This year, to comply with social distancing guidelines, an Ark with Torahs will be set up outside, near the Sukkah. Your family will enter through the Community Room and be directed by ushers to the Ark. After your family's moment, you will be directed to leave through different doors.

SNACK: as you leave, collect a break fast snack, sponsored by the Women's Network

NOTE: if it rains, the service will take place indoors and be livestreamed, but **without congregants** and without Ark visitations

★ High Holidays - Service Schedules

Tickets/Access: Please see page 15 for the Ticket/Access Policy to connect to the Livestream/Zoom options for all services as indicated below. Links will be emailed during the week before each service. For security reasons, do NOT forward the links; they are connected to your Beth El account.

In-Person: When it is an option to attend the service, the location is listed below; masks are required.

NOTE: Any outdoor service will be canceled in the event of rain.

No Receiving Line: To comply with all social distancing guidelines, it will not be possible to personally greet the clergy at any service.

Candles/Havdalah Timing: as listed.

National Selihot **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**
8:30 PM Program (see p. 11) LIVESTREAM/ZOOM

Rosh Hashanah, Erev **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**
4:00 PM Family Experience ZOOM
6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv ZOOM

6:36 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**
10:00 AM Sanctuary Service LIVESTREAM
10:30 AM Kessler Hall Service LIVESTREAM
6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv LIVESTREAM

7:34 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
10:00 AM Sanctuary Service LIVESTREAM
11:00 AM Outdoor Family Experience —
5:00 PM Tashlich Ceremony —
7:30 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah ZOOM

BET PARKING LOT

25 HUNTINGTON DR, WEHA
(masks required)

7:30 PM HAVDALAH CANDLE

Shabbat Shuvah **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
10:00 AM Traditional Shabbat Service LIVESTREAM SANCTUARY
(NOTE: our annual visit to Lake Norden Badger is postponed until later in the year.)

Cemetery Service **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
10:30 AM Cemetery Service — BETH EL CEMETERY
(NOTE: socially distanced, no tent, wear masks) JACKSON ST, AVON

Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
1:30 PM Pre-Yom Kippur Mincha ZOOM CHAPEL
4:00 PM Family Experience ZOOM
6:00 PM Sanctuary Service LIVESTREAM
6:30 PM Chapel Service LIVESTREAM

6:20 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
Light Yizkor candle first

Yom Kippur, Day **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
10:00 AM Sanctuary Service LIVESTREAM
10:30 AM Kessler Hall Service LIVESTREAM
5:15 PM Festival Mincha LIVESTREAM
6:00 PM Neilah LIVESTREAM CEREMONIAL COURT
7:20 PM Havdalah & Final Shofar Blast LIVESTREAM

Havdalah & Final Shofar Blast
7:20 PM Use your *Chagim* to Go Havdalah candle at home as we close, together, our Yom Kippur worship.

★ High Holidays - Multi-Service Distinctions

All these services will be Livestreamed. Only Neilah allows for an in-person moment as detailed on page 11.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 AND SAT, 9/19 Yom Kippur - Day MON, 9/28

- ✧ Sanctuary Services: traditional service led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness; accompanied by instrumentation and virtual choir.
- ✧ Kessler Hall Service: led by Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky, without the organ or choir.
- ✧ **YIZKOR** is recited in both services on *Yom Kippur*.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 SUN, 9/20

Both are available to the community!

- ✧ Sanctuary Service: Traditional service led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness; the organ is not played.
- ✧ Outdoor Family Experience: Families with children under 13 are invited; see below for details.

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei SUN, 9/27 (Opening evening service)

- ✧ Sanctuary Service: led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, accompanied by instrumentation and virtual choir.
- ✧ Chapel Service: led by Rabbi Garber and our member Susan Gold, without the organ or choir.

Yom Kippur - Neilah MON, 9/28 (Concluding evening prayers)

- ✧ This year, the service will take place in the Ceremonial Court and will be led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, socially distanced from the Ark.
- ✧ As the symbolic Gates of Heaven are closing, we welcome all who wish to come up to the open Ark for personal moments of reflection and prayer.
- ✧ In case of rain, the service will be livestreamed from indoors, but **without congregants**, and without Ark visitations.

SIGN-UP: see p. 14 for more details

★ High Holidays - Family Programs and Services

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Family Experience FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 4:00 PM

Zoom

Join us for Rosh Hashanah songs, a story, a craft, and a chance to say hello to each other. Everyone is welcome though programming is geared toward our 0-13 year-olds and their parents.

LEADERS: Rabbi Garber, Michelle Konigsburg
REGISTER: for access; may want 2 devices for the separate, age-appropriate breakout rooms

Outdoor Family Experience SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 11:00 AM

Beth El Parking Lot, no virtual option

Happy Birthday to the World! It's time to party like it's 5781 – 'cuz it is! We'll sing, pray, wave at each other, and hear the shofar sounds (bring your own)! Bring a piece of bread to toss as we symbolically cast away our sins for *Tashlich*. We'll remain socially distanced while spiritually close.

LEADERS: Rabbi Garber, Rabbi Sowalsky
NOTE: drive or bike to our lot and park only in lined spaces, leaving an empty space between cars.
REGISTER: for our planning purposes, please

Pre-Yom Kippur Family Experience SUNDAY, SEPT 27, 4:00 PM

Zoom

Let's prepare for Yom Kippur in a Zoom filled with familiar melodies and faces! We welcome our families into this special, brief, interactive experience.

LEADERS: Rabbi Garber, Rabbi Sowalsky
REGISTER: for the link; only 1 device necessary

★ Additional Information

Halacha and Technology

The use of computer technology on Shabbat and Holidays raises certain questions of *Halacha*, Jewish Law. We are planning our services consistent with the interpretations of the relevant issues within the context of Conservative Judaism. For additional information, please be in touch with Rabbi Rosen.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Sat, Oct 3 10:00 AM *Sukkot*
Sat, Oct 10 12:30 PM *Shemini Atzeret*
Mincha with Yizkor

NOTE: watch your email for additional details; all will be LIVESTREAMED

★ High Holidays - “Fine Print” (Guidelines)

Safety – COVID-19 Precautions

- ✧ All attendees to in-person services must wear a mask: please put it on as you exit your car and keep the mask on during services and while at outdoor programs.
- ✧ If you feel you might have any illness – a cold, sniffles, cough, fever, sore throat, any nasal or bronchial congestion – please stay home and consult your healthcare provider.
- ✧ In the two weeks prior to the holiday, if you have travelled outside of CT or been exposed to COVID-19, check and follow the State of CT guidelines for quarantine. You must remain asymptomatic before coming to any services or programs.
- ✧ Please use hand sanitizer when you arrive at the Temple; sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.
- ✧ For the services congregants may attend, seating in both the Chapel and Sanctuary will be at least six feet apart, although family members may stay together.
- ✧ The Temple will NOT provide kippot, tefillin, or tallit for your use. Please bring your own.
- ✧ We ask you to greet others as our clergy greet: with a wave or a hand to the heart. No handshakes or kissing.
- ✧ This year, we will not offer a receiving line with the clergy at any service.

Neilah (if in-person)

- ✧ Please be respectful of all usher directions.
- ✧ There will be a **SignUp Genius** for members to choose their time slot for their Ark visitation. Watch your email for more details.
- ✧ After your family finishes your moment in front of the Ark, you will be directed to exit the area.
- ✧ Please do not approach the clergy. As much as they also want to greet you, it just isn't possible at this time.
- ✧ *In the event of rain*, the service will take place indoors and be livestreamed along with the final shofar blast, but **without any congregants** or Ark visitations.

Online Options

- ✧ Links for Zoom and Livestream will be emailed during the week before each service.
- ✧ **For security reasons, do NOT forward the links;** they are connected to your Beth El account.
- ✧ Family Programs (p. 13): registration information will be emailed, or you can visit the online calendar and follow the links.
- ✧ Additional Children's videos with stories, songs, and crafts created by Rabbi Garber will be available “on demand.”

★ High Holidays - Mitzvah

Annual High Holiday Food Drive for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services (JFS)

Requested items

- Non-perishable food
- Canned fruits, veggies, soup, broths
- Pasta, rice, sauces
- Tuna fish, sardines
- Peanut butter, protein bars, nuts, beans, mayo, oils
- Toiletries
- Bathroom/Kitchen cleaning supplies, paper products
- Diapers, Depends

Please do not include

- Cheerios
- Expired food
- Passover items



JFS serves families facing financial setbacks, isolated elderly, and disabled adults living on small incomes. Please help make a difference in their lives!

Although we won't be providing bags this year, we hope you will still participate in our annual food drive. Bags can be dropped off at the synagogue beginning Wednesday, September 9 and the collection will end on **Sunday, September 13** at the *Chagim to Go* event, see page 3.

The Food Pantry prefers food items that have a hechsher symbol indicating that the item is kosher.



THANK YOU! in advance for your support of this important Mitzvah.

Sorting Food Drive Donations

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:30 AM**

CONTACT: Sharon Levine-Shein, ms.lib@comcast.net

Help sort all those bags of donated items before they are delivered to the Food Pantry.



★ High Holidays - Member Portal

Test your Online Access through the Member Portal

A “test” video will be available on our website for all members to test their ability to watch and hear services and programs from their computers. If you have not availed yourself of any online Beth El services or programs during the recent months, it is very important that you test it now, before the Holiday season begins.

You must test and report any problems between Monday, September 7 and Monday, September 14. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to resolve any difficulties reported after the **deadline of September 14**.

★ High Holidays - Online Access Policy

Online Access is restricted for:

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1	SAT, 9/19
Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei	SUN, 9/27
Yom Kippur - Day	MON, 9/28

Members of Beth El Temple

★ Online Access information for ALL services, both restricted and those open to the public, will be e-mailed to members in good standing^o during the week before each holiday.

- ★ Each household, will be given its own Access, connected to a Beth El membership account.
- ★ Your children, ages 18-24, will automatically be given Access. Please contact the office to be sure their current email address is in our database.
- ★ Your adult children, ages 25-29, if not members on their own, may purchase Access at a reduced rate.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1	\$50
Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur	\$50
Both Holidays	\$85

Welcoming the Greater Hartford Jewish Community

- ★ We are pleased to open the following services to the Greater Hartford Community. Online Access will not be restricted for:

Rosh Hashanah - Both Evenings and Day 2
Yom Kippur - Mincha and Neilah

- ★ Interested parties will need to contact the office or visit our website to receive Access information.

NOTE: All monies collected from Ticket/Access sales support membership dues for those in need.

Guests

- ★ Members may purchase Access for relatives and friends, ages 25 and up, who live outside Hartford County.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1	\$108
Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur	\$108
Both Holidays	\$180

- ★ A completed guest form is required in order to receive Access. The form is posted on our website and is available from the office.
- ★ **Young Adults (18-24), local college students, and active military personnel over 24:** Access is complimentary; please contact the office.
- ★ Guest Access is not available to former Beth El members who have a residence in Connecticut.

Reciprocal Tickets/Access

- ★ We participate in the reciprocal ticket program where members in good standing^o at any synagogue may receive complimentary Tickets/Access to another synagogue.

For your guests:

- ★ Please have them ask their synagogue to e-mail/fax a *Reciprocal Ticket/Access Request Form/Letter* to Beth El.
- ★ It must include the names of both our member and the guest(s), and which day(s) they will be joining us.

If YOU are traveling:

- ★ If YOU are spending any part of the holiday at another synagogue and you need a ticket, please call our office to have a *Reciprocal Ticket/Access Request Form* sent on your behalf.

^o MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING have paid their dues in full, or have returned their completed membership form with their first payment.

★ Making Connections

College Connections

We are expanding our Beth El College Connections program beyond Purim! We will be sending the college student community a High Holy Day e-card this year. Last winter many of the students' personal emails and mobile phone numbers were collected. If you did not provide it, there's been a change, or your student is a new freshman, please share to the email below.

CONTACT: Mina Nemirow,
betcollegeconnections@gmail.com
DEADLINE: 9/13
SPONSOR: Gavens Family College Youth Fund



West Hartford
United Synagogue
Youth

Exciting programming (local, regional, and international) coming soon for Fall 2020. Local in-person and virtual regional programming will bring lots of excitement in a time when we all need it. We are in the planning phase – more information to come.

AGES: 8-12th graders
SPONSORS: Beth El Temple,
The Emanuel Synagogue
ADVISOR: Tamar Mor, whusyadvisor@gmail.com



★ Cemetery Update

Sadly, it has been busy at our Beth El Temple Cemetery. We mourn the loss of all too many members and friends during this time of COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers go to all in our Beth El family whose loved ones have passed.

The Cemetery Committee voted recently to increase rates for cemetery plots and interment, along with headstone and footstone foundations. These rates have remained steady since 2014 despite vendor price increases to us. Effective January 1, 2021, the rates will be as follows:

CONTACT/QUESTIONS: cemetery@bethelwh.org,
hsowalsky@bethelwh.org
DEADLINE: plots may be purchased before the rate increase
NOTE: to receive Member Pricing, members must be in good standing in a full dues category (does not include *Friends of Beth El*)

Men's Club

Tequila & Tacos in the Sukkah 10th Annual Sukkahfest

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 6:00 – 8:30 AM

COST: \$25

RSVP: by 10/2, with check payable to *Beth El Men's Club*

INFORMATION: Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com

Enjoy beef and chicken tacos; a local expert will discuss the various kosher tequilas we'll taste.

Walk Around the Reservoir

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:15 AM

LOCATION: Reservoir 6, Albany Ave; meet in parking lot

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

Distinguished Service Award Banquet Honoring Bobby & David Klau

POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING

Synagogue Softball League

SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER

9:30 AM

LOCATION: CIGNA Fields, Bloomfield

CAPTAINS: Alan Cetel, 860-232-9515, ACJCTC@aol.com;

Jake Kovel, 860-651-6166, EagleWars@aol.com

NOTE: open to all, no cost

The Synagogue Softball League is still going with players safely social distancing on and off the field. Join your fellow congregants for fun and action-packed co-ed softball games. Experienced and new players are invited!

See our team
picture on
page 3!



	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Price per grave	\$2,000	\$4,000
Interment cost (at time of passing)	\$2,000	\$4,000
Member's relative's interment cost:	\$3,000	
Footstone Foundation:	\$600	
Headstone Foundation:	\$650 - \$1,200 depending on size	

★ Making Connections

Women's Network

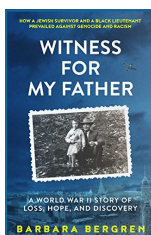
Book in the Sukkah via Zoom
with Barbara Bergren, author,
Witness for My Father

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:00 – 8:30 PM

COST: no charge, Zoom

CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com

Ms. Bergren, a local Holocaust educator, will discuss with us her extraordinary tribute to her father.



Update



Watch your emails for details of new programs we are developing, but which will be a mix of traditional – a book discussion with the author in October (see above) – and new – women's leadership training and

discussions of current topics relevant to our lives right now. We welcome any ideas for topics or suggestions for books or speakers, as well as women to join our planning team. We want to make sure that we are focusing on programs of interest to as many of the women in our community as possible, so don't be shy!

On July 22 we hosted a very well-attended virtual program: *Confronting Implicit Bias & Becoming Stronger Allies for Racial Justice*, featuring Yavilah McCoy, a high-profile consultant, anti-racist activist, and advocate for Jews of Color. She was enlightening, thought provoking, and inspirational as she shared her personal experiences and her thorough knowledge gained through more than 20 years of social justice work. If you missed it, or would like to watch it again, please ask!

On August 18 we hosted another virtual program featuring SULAM Director Michelle Konigsburg, *How to Survive the Back-to-School Transition*. Michelle shared her insights on how our Jewish tradition provides us with the resources and foundation to find resilience in these challenging times. She gave us some concrete, practical tips on transitioning from summer to school, remaining flexible, and preparing for the academic year ahead. This was also recorded, and Michelle's presentation is available for all SULAM families.

CONTACT: Michelle Kunzman, 860-729-4201,
michellekunzman1@gmail.com

Torah Fund

Pandemics come and go (hopefully), but traditions carry on! Our Women's Network Torah Fund campaign on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America continues. A donation in any amount is appreciated, and supports the programs, scholarships, and students at the Seminary.

Donors at the Benefactor or Guardian levels receive as a *Thank You* the new Torah Fund pin, pictured here. The pin says *B'Yachad* – TOGETHER.



Since 1942, the modest contributions of thousands of individuals to this grassroots fundraising effort called *Torah Fund* have helped to educate and train each generation of rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, summer camp directors, chaplains, campus Jewish life staff, and committed lay leaders. These are the people who guide and teach, and console and uplift our people, one soul at a time.

DONATIONS: no minimum required, pins given to:
Benefactor, \$180; Guardian, \$300

CHECKS: payable to *Beth El Temple*,
with *Torah Fund* in the memo line

QUESTIONS: Bobby Klau, bsklau@gmail.com

Beth El Temple Craft Gallery

Come browse our collection of hand-selected items from some of Israel's top artists as well as artisans throughout the United States.



From menorahs to mezuzahs, jewelry to Judaica, tallit to tzedakah boxes, the Craft Gallery is here to support your needs.

APPOINTMENTS: Shelley Barker, 860-232-6468;
Jill Jones, 860-236-7895

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

★ Supporting Beth El

We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

- ✧ This list reflects contributions received and processed through July 21, 2020.
- ✧ For the next edition of Temple Topics, contributions need to be received in the office by September 22, 2020.

Camp Ramah Fund

IN HONOR OF

Birth of Jackson Cayden Herman & Molly Rose Gartenlaub, grandchildren of Carol & Barry Rosenberg, great-grandchildren of Irv Rosenberg – **Annette Gavens**
Rabbi Garber – **the Shefsky family**

IN MEMORY OF

Gerard Brisman, father of Michelle Brisman-Gladstein – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**
James Tuvin, father of Alan – **Linda & Bruce Stanger**

Education Fund

IN HONOR OF

Birth of River Ethan Hotes, grandson of Andrea – **Janet & Joel Miller**

IN MEMORY OF

Jason Rothstein, brother of Alan; Fred Dannhauser, husband of Harriet, father of Robin Lazinsk – **Barb Barshay**
Ruthann Sokolow, daughter of Muriel & Stan – **Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein**
Irma Wallin, mother of Justin Kudler; James Tuvin, father of Alan – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Sheila Saxe, sister – **Bill Gartner**

Friends of Ari Santiago Temple Accessibility Fund

IN HONOR OF

Robin Santiago for all her good work with the Israel Engagement Committee & Gardening at BET – **Sharon & Bob Efron**

Bat mitzvah of daughter, Sydney & her volunteer work with Vermont Adaptive ski program – **Anna & Seth Huttner**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Brian Mark, brother; Vincente Santiago, father – **Robin & Rafi Santiago**

Cantor's Music Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Cantor Ness for the bat mitzvah of daughter, Sydney – **the Huttner Family**
Cantor Ness' Zoom minyan – **Dorine & Marty Toyen**

A lovely Shabbat dinner – **Ted Zachs**
Cantor Ness – **Marilyn T. Cremer**

IN HONOR OF

Bar mitzvah of Nathan Melnick, grandson of Allan Geetter – **Sue & Bruce Bergman**
Graduation from Boston University of Stephanie Gold, daughter of Susan & Bob – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz**

IN MEMORY OF

William Levine, father of Peter – **Meryl & Mitchell Danitz, Michele & Dane Kostin, Phil Post, Robin & Rafi Santiago, Ruth & Gilbert Small, Leigh Newman & Gary Starr, Francine & Steve Stier**

Fred Dannhauser, husband of Harriet, father of Robin Lazinsk – **Sheila & David Diamond, Heather & Joshua Satlof**
Lorraine Wiesen – **Jeanne & Marshall Elman**

Ruth & Gilbert Hershman, parents of Sandra Rulnick – **Barbara & David Klau, Roberta & Marvin Smith**

Leo Kaplan, husband of Bilha – **Jared Zerman**

FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Joshua Hoffman, father – **Herb Hoffman**
David Alan Nemirow, husband – **Maura Nemirow**

Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Rosen – **Ayelet & Bruce Chozick, Anna & Seth Huttner, Candis Roth, Ellen & Stu Roth, the Shakun Family, Muriel & Stan Sokolow, Dorine & Marty Toyen, the Wasserman Family, Carolyn & Jeff Weiser**

IN HONOR OF

Bat mitzvah of great-granddaughter, Sophia Bergman – **Jeanne & Marshall Elman**

Wedding of Stephanie Belsky, daughter of Patti & Howard Weiner, and Jeff Stombaugh; 75th birthday of Faith Parker – **Fredda & Jon Goldstein**

50th wedding anniversary of Sandra & Marshall Rulnick – **Holly & Jerry Swirsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Fred Dannhauser, husband of Harriet, father of Robin Lazinsk; Florence Shakun, mother of Harlan, Marshall & Mitchell, sister of Joel Weisman; Fran Weiner, mother of Howard – **Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein**

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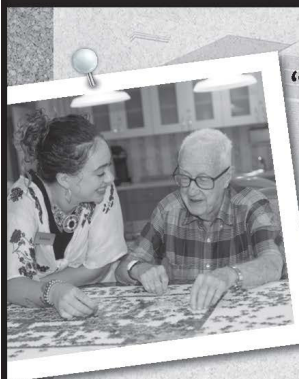


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