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topics

Jan.-Feb. 2018

Tevet-Shevat-Adar 5778

Scenes around SULAM Beth El

Photographers of our LEARNERS in ACTION have been removed for the online version of our newsletter.

Special Programs and Events

January

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| Sun | 7 | 9:15 AM | Gr. 7 ADL Program |
| Sun | 21 | 9:00 AM | Tu B'Shevat Program |
| Sun | 28 | 9:00 AM | Parent Coffee with Caryl |
| | | 9:30 AM | Parent Yoga |

February

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| Sun | 4 | 9:00 AM | Gr. 6 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Workshop |
| Sun | 25 | 10:00 AM | Gr. 3-4 Understanding Our Differences |

March

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| Sun | 4 | 9:15 AM | Gr. 5 ADL Program |
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No SULAM

(no Hebrew Reading Course, nor Men's Club's Post-Minyan Breakfast)

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| Sun | January | 14 |
| Sun | February | 18 |
| Tue | February | 20 |

Blood Drive
in honor of Abby Zittoun
Sunday, January 7
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Donating blood helps save lives – a true mitzvah! Beth El hosts a blood drive twice a year and this time we are helping one of our young members. Abby is a first-grader in SULAM and is in treatment for cancer.

Schedule your appointment to donate:

1-800-RED-CROSS

1-800-733-2767

www.redcrossblood.org



**American
Red Cross**

To volunteer at the registration table:

call the Beth El Office, 860-233-9696

While supplies last, donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts card.

Children's Choir
Informational Meeting for Parents
Sunday, January 21
12:00 PM

Under the direction of Cantor Joseph Ness, we are looking to restart a choir for children. At this meeting (which children may attend), we will assess the level of interest and availability of parents and children to attend practices and performances.

AGES: students in grades 3-7 attending any school

RSVP: Beth El Office, 860-233-9696

NOTE: if you are interested, but cannot attend, please let us know and we will contact you



Beth El and Torah Values

In Leviticus 19:14, the Torah states: "You shall not curse the deaf nor place a stumbling block before the blind..." This command (mitzvah) is relevant when it comes to the issue of fragrance sensitivity. Many are affected by fragrance sensitivity; exposure to fragrances can have serious health effects, and prevents people from attending services, classes, and other functions. So, next time, *before* you apply fragranced materials, please think of Torah and its implications for Jewish values and behavior.

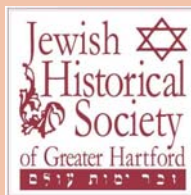
Let's keep the air we share
 healthy and fragrance-free for all.

All in the Family
The History of Local Jewish
Family Businesses
Tuesday, January 23
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Learn the rich history of family-owned Jewish businesses from the men who are keeping them thriving today, after more than 65 years. Each panelist has a wealth of knowledge, but more importantly, you'll leave even prouder to be a member of Greater Hartford's Jewish community.

Panelists:

- ✧ Harry Davidson, Pyne-Davidson Printers, founded 1930
- ✧ Howard Weiner, Woodland Auto Body, founded 1952
- ✧ Michael Wolf, Bloomfield Bicycle & Repair Shop, founded 1950



Co-SPONSOR: Jewish Historical Society (JHS)

COST: \$8/person in advance (\$10 at the door); \$5/ Men's Club/JHS members in advance (\$7 at the door)

Register: www.jhsg.org/calendar.html#jewishbusinesses

CONTACT: Lynn Newman, 860-727-6170,
Lnewman@jewishhartford.org

NOTE: refreshments included

Shabbat Across America
Friday, March 9

2 service choices: Shabbat LIVE! &
 (regular) Kabbalat Shabbat Service



BOTH SERVICES 6:00 PM
DINNER FOR ALL 7:00 PM

The unity Shabbat program, Shabbat Across America and Canada, is a synagogue-based program that encourages synagogue/Jewish center members to invite their friends, neighbors, and co-workers to participate in a joyous Shabbat meal and experience.

Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in this historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews – Shabbat! Everyone is invited: singles, couples, families – all ages.

*Turn an ordinary Friday night
 into something extraordinary!*

COST FOR DINNER: \$12/adult, \$8/child (ages 5-12)

REGISTRATION: required for dinner by noon, 3/7,
tinyurl.com/SAADinner

★ The Rabbis' Desks



Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes!

"Nothing changes like changes, because nothing changes but the changes."

Actor Gary Busey has it right, even if the above quote is a bit much!

Change is not easy. Whether the change is small or huge, at work or at home, involving our children, our diets, our cars, our routines...just about anything, change is challenging. Nobody likes change, unless it's the kind you can put in your pocket.

As we turn the page to January 2018, we embrace the secular New Year and all of the changes it might bring, may they all, God willing, be good. We adopt new exercise routines, new lifestyle choices, and maybe even new attendance habits at Beth El! We make promises that we hope will last beyond Groundhog Day. We enter the year with freshness, anticipation, and, above all, hope that this will be a great year. As Jews, we're so lucky to have this New Year experience twice!

Our rabbis in the Talmud taught: *m'shaneh makom m'shaneh mazal* – change your place (seat) and your

luck will change. How might we understand this today? Surely it goes beyond finding a different seat in the sanctuary! Perhaps we might expand this concept, especially in the New Year, to embrace perspectives that are new or different from our own. Change is an opportunity for growth. And, maybe, luck will follow.

The next several months at Beth El will bring change in so many ways: our SULAM educational program continues to evolve, our physical building will undergo significant updates as we move forward with the Bright & Early Daycare, and our programming and services, classes and committees, will all change and adapt and progress. We hope you'll join us on the journey and that you'll *m'shaneh makom* – embrace new perspectives - so that you too may *m'shaneh mazal* – increase your luck.

~ Rabbi Ilana Garber

Rabbi Rosen's Adult Trip to Israel

May 6-18, 2018

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

★ Supporting Beth El

Amazon Smile!



Beth El is now part of **AMAZON SMILE!** When you shop at **SMILE.AMAZON.COM**, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Beth El.

It's no charge to you! Just go to smile.amazon.com, type us in, and shop as you normally would!

GoodSearch

Change your default search engine to **GOODSEARCH.COM** and select Beth El as the non-profit you wish to support. It is powered by **YAHOO.COM**, and they will donate to Beth El for every search you do!



There's no reason not to.
You search... We give!

Even if you prefer a different search engine, try Yahoo – you might be surprised how well it works, and every search earns money for our synagogue.

Gift Cards

Buy **GIFT CARDS** from Beth El for your own shopping and dining. Use them in place of cash, checks, or credit cards for purchases you were going to make anyway! Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a six-page list of participating stores, restaurants, entertainment, and more. The Office stocks commonly requested cards, and can order others.

It costs nothing to participate, and Beth El benefits from your shopping!



AND THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

★ Reflections from the President



Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh – All Jews are responsible for one another.

Bemidbar Rabbah (10:5).

On October 25, 2017, Beth El honored Joe and Roz Rachlin with an inscribed leaf

on the synagogue's Tree of Life. The Rachlins were recognized for 55 years of service to the synagogue and the end of almost half a century with at least one member of the Rachlin family on Beth El's Board of Trustees. It is said that simply by virtue of being a Jew one is responsible for the well-being of other Jews. Through the course of their lives, the Rachlins have taken to heart these words and lived them by their acts of loving kindness.

The Rachlins can never be thanked enough for their lifetime of good deeds and service to our Temple. However, after the leaf was presented to the Rachlins with

appropriate and effusive gratitude, Roz said something particularly powerful. She proudly stated, "You do not need to thank me – to serve this Temple is an honor."

I have learned that the more involved you become in something, the greater your sense of belonging. For those who commit to helping the shul and our community, the more deeply invested you become in its growth and success. As our community flourishes as a comforting and thriving place, the more you will want to help to ensure its vitality for years to come. Of course, the relationships you generate in the process of volunteering and the tangible good you see as a result of your work is its own reward.

Which reminds me, we recently lost a member of our congregation

who left this world far too early. Joe Springut had a perpetual smile on his face and was always willing to lend a hand. He was a mensch of a man, and showed extraordinary commitment to our Temple. Joe DiMaggio famously said, "I'd like to thank the Lord for making me a Yankee." Well, I'd like to thank the Lord for making Joe a part of our team here at Beth El. He will be missed.

The success of our Temple is dependent upon individuals like the Rachlins and Joe Springut. Those who contribute by not only providing financial support, but helping whenever help is needed.

~ Jonathan Alter

Editor's Note: Sadly, Joseph Rachlin passed away shortly after this article was written.

★ Cantor's Corner - Featuring the Adult Choir

The Beth El choir rehearsed for a special Friday Night Service during Chanukah. If you are interested in joining this talented group, please contact Cantor Ness.



Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Havdalah, Pizza and Bingo

ALL AGES!

**Saturday, Jan 6
5:00 - 7:00 PM**



Join us for a casual and fun evening of pizza and bingo!

COST: \$8/person, free/3 and younger

RSVP: by noon, 1/3, tinyurl.com/BETPizzaBingo

QUES: PAGPresidentsBethElTemple@gmail.com

JCL Service

ALL AGES

**Saturdays
Jan 13, Feb 10
10:30 AM - NOON**

A joyous and exuberant service open to adults who have special needs as well as others who enjoy a meaningful service filled with *ruach* (spirit and energy).

LEADERS: Nancy Rosen with JCL Judaic Coordinators Susan Fried and Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene

STORYTELLER: Sara deBeer

NOTE: a light Kiddush lunch follows

Birthday Aliyah

ALL AGES!

**Saturdays
Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3
DURING SERVICE**

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

For all family and children's programming

QUESTIONS: Rabbi Garber, 860-233-9696,

igarber@bethelwh.org

RSVP: to the office, 860-233-9696

Friday, Jan 19, 5:45 - 6:45 PM

Shababa

BABIES THROUGH PRE-K

Join Rabbi Garber for songs, dances, a Torah parade, and more as we welcome Shabbat together.

Mini-Minyan

SHABABA GRADUATES

Join Morah Barbara Checknoff in welcoming Shabbat through prayers and songs. Includes a Shabbat story!



DINNER: follows for both programs, chicken nuggets for kids and hors d'oeuvres for parents; vegetarian or gluten-free by request
NO CHARGE, but participating families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children
RSVP: requested so we prepare enough food
NOTE: open to all

Saturdays, Jan 20, Feb 3, Mar 3; 11:00 AM - NOON

Mazel Tots

AGES 5 & UNDER

Celebrate Shabbat in a kid-centered, creative, crafty and totally cool way! Jennifer Schwartzman leads our youngest friends and their parents as Jewish traditions and stories come to life through play!



Shabbat Club

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGES

Beth El dads Jason Kay and Alan Tuvlin lead an interactive prayer service and Torah portion exploration. There's always fun, food, and friendship.



Weekly Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays, 6:00 PM

Our standard evening service. Some weeks offer an additional service (kid-friendly, musical, or guest speaker) at a different time.

Shacharit Service

Saturdays, 9:30 AM

The morning service.

Children's Playroom

Saturdays, 9:30 AM - NOON

A place geared for your energetic child (up to age 5); parents must supervise their children.

Mincha Service

Saturdays, 12:30 PM

The afternoon service. The Saturday evening service, *Ma'ariv* with *Havdalah*, is not regularly scheduled.

Sicha

Saturdays, 12:50 PM

After Shabbat services and Kiddush, join Rabbi Rosen for a conversation about current events in light of Jewish values and ideas.

Daily Minyan

Morning 7:00 AM Mon-Fri
8:45 AM Sun

Evening 7:30 PM Sun-Thu

Note: Special Times

Mon, January 1 9:00 AM

Shabbat & Havdalah Times

| Shabbat | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Jan 5-6 | 4:14 PM | 5:15 PM |
| Jan 12-13 | 4:21 PM | 5:22 PM |
| Jan 19-20 | 4:29 PM | 5:30 PM |
| Jan 26-27 | 4:38 PM | 5:39 PM |
| Feb 2-3 | 4:47 PM | 5:48 PM |
| Feb 9-10 | 4:56 PM | 5:57 PM |
| Feb 16-17 | 5:05 PM | 6:06 PM |
| Feb 23-24 | 5:13 PM | 6:15 PM |
| Mar 2-3 | 5:22 PM | 6:23 PM |

★ Making Connections

Micha Biton Movie



Micha Biton is the featured singer for our *Israel at 70 Concert* in June. Come see his story and hear his music in the documentary *Rock In the Red Zone*. Learn why 'Music is their Shelter' from the area near Gaza.

There will be an encore presentation of the movie on May 22, and then come see and hear him perform live on June 3.

COST: \$10; \$20 with CD (while they last)

CONTACT: Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com, Robin Santiago, drsantiago@drsantiago.net

SPONSOR: Israel Engagement Committee

**Tuesday, Feb 6
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

2017-2018 Music Series continues....

Sundays, 7:00 PM

HAYDN AND BACH March 18

A chamber concert featuring Haydn Cello Concerto in D; Bach Cantata with 16 choral singers; Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 5.

ISRAEL CONCERT June 3

An orchestral concert with the Beth El Choir in celebration of Israel's 70th anniversary, featuring Micha Biton.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$20/person; \$15/senior (62+) and students; FREE for children 12 and under

INFORMATION: betheltemplemusic.com

Music University 7:30 PM

Each of these lectures prepares you for an upcoming concert.

Point-Counterpoint Wed, Mar 14

A comparison of Baroque and Classical Forms.

Israeli Experience Wed, May 16 & 23

An exploration into music influenced by Israel.

Empty Nester Moms



If your youngest child has recently left home, you are invited to join in as we discuss this

new stage of our lives.

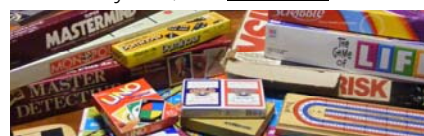
CONTACT: Lonni Schulz,
860-651-0072,
LonniSchulz@sbcglobal.net

Game Night

**Wednesday, Jan 24
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

A cold winter night is perfect for getting together with friends! Bring your favorite board or card games.


RSVP: by 1/2, for LOCATION



Walk & Talk

**Tuesday, Feb 20
6:15 - 7:30 PM**

LOCATION: Westfarms Mall
RSVP: by 2/18, for meeting point

 **United Synagogue Youth**
WeHa USY is programming for teens from The Emanuel Synagogue, Beth El Temple, and B'nai Tikvah Sholom.

MLK Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 15

USY joins other local interfaith youth groups to participate in this special program.

NOTE: watch email for details

USY & Jr. USY Israel-themed Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 19

GRADES 6-12

COST: \$15, PayPal to
whusy18@gmail.com, or cash

RSVP: by 1/16 to whusy18@gmail.com

Regional Neon Dance & Overnight

**Saturday, Jan 6
7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Join us for a night of dancing, while we raise money for Tikun Olam (USY's tzedakah fund), and have a great time with our friends from around the region.

LOCATION: Westport, CT

COST: \$25

REGISTRATION: www.tinyurl.com/hanefesh1718

Region Winter Convention – Host Families Needed

February 9-11, 2018

West Hartford is hosting another regional USY convention! This time, we are including USYers from the Boston area and expect more than 100 teens. Featured guest: Binghamton University's *Kaskeset*.

CONVENTION LOCATION: Emanuel Synagogue

HOST DETAILS & REGISTRATION: www.tinyurl.com/wehahost2018

For all USY and Jr. USY programs and events,
CONTACT/RSVP: Jason Kay, Penina, and Shoshi, whusy18@gmail.com

★ Worshipping Together - Tu B'Shevat

A Historical Refresher

This minor holiday wasn't always a festival. Instead, it was a key farming date that Jews marked in ancient times.

"When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten" (Leviticus 19:23).

The fruit a tree bore in year four was offered to the priests in the Temple, but the fruit of the fifth year (and all the ones after!) was for the farmers. The Rabbis established the 15th of the month of Shevat as the "birthday" for trees, regardless of when they were planted during the year.

The New Year of Trees begins the evening of January 30

A portion of Mishloach Manot proceeds go to the Jewish National Fund to plant trees. More on page 9.



Our Celebration of Nature

An increasingly popular way to celebrate is with a Tu B'Shevat seder (yes, Passover doesn't have a lock on the "seder"). The menu includes the traditional four cups of wine along with foods celebrating the *Seven Species* traditionally grown in Israel.



The seder is a great, tangible way to connect with Israel. We eat fruits that symbolize the life-sustaining power brought forth from the earth, the spiritual strength within each of us, the mystery of our world, and our study of Torah. Find details on how to lead the seder and where to find a Haggadah on our Pinterest board.



It's the start of spring in Israel...

...but here in CT we can settle for planting parsley (it'll be perfect for Passover!)



Another Way to Celebrate

If you're pressed for time, simply take a walk and appreciate nature's beauty. United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism also offers an easy-to-make smoothie. Together with this blessing, it will do the trick:

ברוך אתה ה' אלקינו מלך העולם
שהכל נהיה בדברו

Baruch atah A-donay, Elo-heinu Melech Ha'Olam shehakol nihiyah bed'varo.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, by Whose word all things came to be.

BANANA BERRY SMOOTHIE

Serving Size: 1-2

2 bananas
1/2 cup blueberries
1 cup plain yogurt

- ◆ Peel bananas, slice and place on a cookie sheet, put in freezer until solid.
- ◆ Place frozen banana slices in blender, add sliced berries, and pour in yogurt.
- ◆ Blend until smooth. Pour into glass and serve.

★ Worshipping Together - Purim

Sushi, Mochi, and Karaoke Party

NEXTGEN

Saturday, Feb 24

AGES: 20s, 30s, 40s

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Join our NextGen crew to usher in Purim with Sushi, Mochi Ice Cream and Karaoke! This fun night is open to all - feel free to bring friends!

COST: \$18/adult

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/BETKaraoke

QUESTIONS: Sharon Neiberg,

nextgenbethel@gmail.com

NOTE: free babysitting available @ Beth El if you let us know in advance

A Historical Refresher

The events surrounding Purim take place in Ancient Persia in the 4th century BCE. During the time of King Ahasuerus, one of his ministers, Haman (*booo*), attempted to destroy the Jews. Mordechai approaches his cousin Esther, the new queen, to have her intervene.

Esther, who had not revealed her Jewish faith publicly, prevails and Haman is hanged.

Four Mitzvot of Purim

- ☆ Hear the Megillah
- ☆ Eat a Festive Meal
- ☆ Give to Those in Need (*matanot l'evyonim*)
- ☆ Send Food Gifts to Friends (*mishloach manot*)

All-New Purim Fair

Sunday, Feb 25

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Celebrate Purim in costume! Have fun in the bounce house, learn to make hamantaschen, and enjoy other Purim crafts.

COST: no charge

Purim Begins

Wednesday, Feb 28

Gantza Megillah

6:15 - 7:45 PM

Reading

Welcome Purim with our (family-friendly!) gantza Megillah reading followed by evening services. Bring boxes of pasta to shake and drown out Haman's name, and then we'll donate them to the JFS kosher food pantry.

NOTE: this is our only Megillah reading this night

Purim Continues

Thursday, Mar 1

Megillah & Minyan

7:00 AM

Eats & Treats

Like all Jewish holidays, Purim has its own foods. It is believed that even in court, Queen Esther held fast to her Jewish identity, eating only vegetarian foods. So there are lots of terrific eating options geared to non-meat palates:

tinyurl.com/VeganPurim

For more Purim recipes, Mishloach Manot ideas, family costumes and more, check out Jamie Geller at the Joy of Kosher:

tinyurl.com/UltimatePurim



College Connection

Every year, Beth El sends *Mishloach Manot* to the children of our members away at school. Let us send a Purim gift to your college student; provide name and college address. All are invited to help assemble the packages.

RSVP: by 2/1 with addresses

PACKING: the week of 2/19

CONTACT: Beth Papermaster, bethpapermaster@yahoo.com

SPONSORS: the generosity of the Gavens Family College Youth Fund makes this project possible

*Mishloach Manot is
all new this year!*

WELL THIS SEEMS DIFFERENT!

THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS!
IT'S ALL NEW!

YAY! I LOVE
CHANGE!



No baking! No packing! No delivering!

You can still send Purim wishes to your Beth El friends, but instead of receiving goodies, members will receive personalized letters notifying them of the donations in their honor. Portions of the proceeds will benefit two meaningful causes that exemplify the meaning of Purim to Beth El.

- ☆ we will continue the tradition of donating to Jewish Family Services (JFS) in order to support members of our community during their personally challenging times
- ☆ in honor of Israel at 70, we will be using some of the funds raised to plant trees in Israel

We hope you will continue to support our Purim Project, as it has been a mainstay of Beth El for over a decade now.

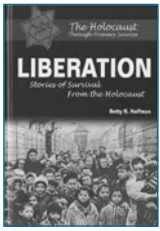
NOTE: information will be mailed in January

QUESTIONS: Marci Alter, mbajba1@gmail.com;

Amy Goldman, amygoldman@comcast.net

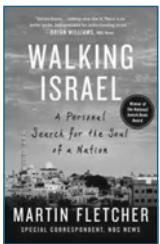
★ Lifelong Learning

LIBRARY CORNER The Shoah and Modern-Day Israel ☆ Roberta J. Buland



Liberation: Stories of Survival from the Holocaust by Beth El member and author Betty N. Hoffman, Ph.D., details stories of survival from the Displaced Persons camps to the founding of the State of Israel. The last of a series of six books, available in the BET Library, *The*

Holocaust Through Primary Sources features Greater Hartford survivors: the Zukerman and Lazowski families, Roza Lundina, Dora Rytman, Henry Levy, and Bernard Ostfeld. The stories are laid out attractively on the page with letters, photographs, and sidebars. The large font makes them easy for people of all ages to read. These accounts are of those fortunate enough to have found freedom after their previous lives were destroyed by the Nazis. They had to rebuild, often from nothing: no homes, no jobs, and no family. One youngster, taken in by a family in the ghetto, lost track of them until after the war when he was reunited with their daughter whom he eventually married. As one survivor said, "Freedom! Freedom! We lived to see it." A comprehensive index and list of resources for further study are included.



In *Walking Israel*, Martin Fletcher, the longtime NBC News bureau chief in Tel Aviv, walked the length of Israel from the Lebanese border to Gaza. His trek took him from Galilee to Achziv and a surviving kibbutz, Acre to Haifa and Herzliya, Tel Aviv-Jaffa to Ashkelon, and finally a sighting of Gaza

City. Though exceedingly difficult both physically and mentally, the trip provides an engaging portrait of an Israel for which the author cares deeply. Fletcher candidly observes cultural and geographical diversity in a disputed and disputative place. He encountered many likable and articulate people along the way – Arabs and Jews, Muslims and Zionists, Palestinians and Israelis – and Shoah survivors. They all emerged from simple stereotypes to reveal the complex character of the Holy Land, along with the spectacular geography and unrivaled history. He writes that the norm is coexistence, and mosques, churches and synagogues are neighbors that are not *always* at odds.

Library Corner provides information about non-fiction books housed in our library. New and old books are reviewed rather than critiqued. Books may be borrowed for your enjoyment and education. To request that a book from our library's collection be reviewed, please contact rjbuland@comcast.net.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course

**Sundays (most)
11:00 - NOON**

Sidra Sperling is teaching beginning Hebrew, with a focus on the Shabbat morning service and Havdalah.

Drop in any time.

COST: free

CONTACT: info@bethelwh.org

NOTE: class meets following SULAM's schedule and will not meet 1/14, 2/18



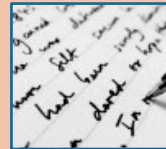
Ongoing Weekly Classes

New participants welcome, no registration, no charge

Writing Workshop

Tuesdays

10:30 AM - NOON



Open to all Beth El fiction and non-fiction writers. Write, read, discuss, and improve your craft in a supportive, friendly atmosphere.

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

Lunch & Learn

Tuesdays

NOON - 1:00 PM



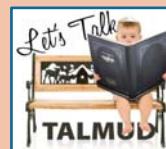
Rabbi Rosen explores the Hebrew Bible. He has been going through the entire book, chapter by chapter. He is continuing in the Book of Isaiah.

NOTE: bring a brown-bag, dairy lunch

Talmud Study

Wednesdays

10:30 - 11:30 AM



This is a self-led, interactive study, in English, and all participants are invited to contribute. We will be studying Tractate Sanhedrin, focusing on questions of jurisdiction, criminal law, and punishments.

CONTACT: Steve Stier, steven.stier@hotmail.com

Bible & Breakfast

Thursdays

8:00 - 9:00 AM



After *Minyan*, we discuss the weekly *Torah* portion. Led by our Rabbis during the school year.

NOTE: not meeting 3/1

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

★ Doing Mitzvot

KNITzvah Group

Sundays
January 14, February 11, March 11
10:00 - 11:30 AM

If you knit or crochet, this is a fun way to spend 90 minutes. We chat and schmooze while creating something useful donated to local charities for people who need a little "extra love."



NOTE: bring #10 needles

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

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

Mondays
February 5, March 5
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM



The group prepares and serves lunch the first Monday of each month.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, ginky81434@hotmail.com

NOTE: not meeting in January

Charter Oak Project January 14, 16;
February 4, 5
COOK, SUNDAY 9:00 - 11:00 AM
SERVE, TUES/MON 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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

Donations welcome.

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

CONTACT, COOK: Craig Diamond, 860-899-4918,

craigpdiamond@outlook.com

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860-508-3672,

mwkleinman@outlook.com

★ Recognizing Our Volunteers

We read in *Pirkei Avot*, Ethics of our Ancestors, "don't separate yourself from the community."

It is something we at Beth El take very seriously. As a large synagogue, we are able to offer many opportunities to meet people, make friends, get involved, and give back.

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

see above; meets the 1st Monday of most months.

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Charter Oak Project

see above; meets monthly

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| <u>Cooking</u> | Myra Kleinman | Mina Nemirow |
| Craig Diamond | Joy Rothschild | Michelle Patchen |
| Doreen Fundiller-Zweig | Rayna Segelman | William Patchen |
| Barry Gordon | <u>Serving</u> | Jeremy Rausch |
| Pam Gordon | Rae Gutcheon | Kerry Rausch |
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| | Myra Kleinman | Nancy Weinberg |

Veterans Day Shabbat

co-sponsored by Chai Society and BEMA

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| Meryl Danitz | Al Greenspoon | Diane Lieberfarb |
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| Allan Geetter | Alan Kaufmann | Roberta Smith |

Jessie's Garden

in our own backyard

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| Betty Hoffman | Michele Kostin | Joanne Rome |
| | Dan Kulakofsky | |

Craft Gallery

see page 14; open most Sundays during the school year

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| Shelley Barker | Sharon Gorlick | Lori Reiser |
| Judy Borus | Cheryl Hinz | Sue Saidel |
| Jackie Cohen | Jill Jones | Irma Wallin |
| Sharon Efron | Leah Katz | Bonnie Weiner |

Men's Club

too many programs to list!

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| Stu Bernstein | Ruth Ann | Sharon Levine-Shein |
| Dave Diamond | Graime | Bruce Shein |
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Food Donations

food is collected year-round (bin at the front entrance) and delivered to the JFS Food Pantry

Lois Koteen Sharon Levine-Shein

Turkey Drive

see page 14 for additional information

Beth Brumberg Alison Demarest Sheila Diamond

★ Engaging Generations

ReJEWvenate Membership Campaign

Help grow Beth El

As a Beth El member, you can earn Member Dollars by referring a friend, or simply sharing a name with us, during our Winter ReJEWvenate membership campaign. If you know someone who might enjoy being part of our wonderful community – a *Community You Can Believe In* – or if you are someone looking for a warm, supportive, engaging, intellectual, and spiritual Jewish community – please be in touch.

New Member Promotion – January 2018!

Join in January at our already discounted new member rate AND be paid through June 2019! It's 18-months for the price of 12! And the member making a referral will get a Member Dollars credit on their dues bill!

This is the perfect time to join Beth El!

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

New Members

Joshua Lambert & Sara Kippur, with Asher and Noemi

Congratulations

Ellie Jainchill, Carol Starr and Gary Starr, on marriage of granddaughter/daughter, Jessica Starr to Alexi Praskin
Drs. Julie & Robert Malkin, on engagement of daughter Melissa to David Ruben
Katie & Paul Schaeffer, Rabbi Howard & Dory Sowalsky, and Clara Sowalsky, on birth of son/grandson/great-grandson, Asher Neil

Update on our Syrian Family

It is hard to believe that our Syrian friends are coming up on their one year anniversary in January. They continue to make progress with their English and acclimating to life here. However, they do miss their large, loving, extended family who are scattered throughout Jordan, Syria, and Germany.

The children have been learning about the American holidays in school and enjoyed Thanksgiving. Like many of our families, the children struggle with the attention that is given to Halloween and Christmas. I've had conversations with the children about the fact that not all people in America celebrate Christmas. It is interesting to see all the similarities between Judaism and Islam. The family eats only food that is Halal, which is similar to Kashrut, and their eight-year-old daughter can already recognize the kashrut markings to make sure that their food is appropriate. Like American kids, the favorite foods of choice for the children is pizza, hot dogs, and ice cream (*buza* – my first Arabic word).



Ebrahim has completed driving lessons and is now practicing for his road driving test. Helping the family acquire a car will be one of the last major financial supports from our sponsorship. A car is the only way that they can be financially independent – so we'll be looking for a used mini-van for them. Donations and



ideas about car acquisition are greatly welcome!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with driving, playdates for the kids on the weekends, and gift cards. We also need a babysitter for Wednesday mornings for the cutest eighteen-month-old you've ever met! She loves doing errands.

Thanks to Lisa Levin for taking the children for a fun Winding Trails and pizza outing Thanksgiving weekend – they had a blast! Thanks to the Landau family for cooking them an authentic Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks to Stu Bernstein who has become a regular driver to ESL on Wednesday mornings and who is also adored by their four-year-old son who pronounces Stu's name with a slight Arabic accent.

Notice the photo of the baby wearing her sweater made by our very own KNITzvah group!

~ Carrie Berman



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Many thanks for all the Gift Cards to The Crown (they can eat kosher meat!) and other stores. The family knows the gifts come from Beth El members, and they are so appreciative of our *Caring Jewish Community*.

★ Engaging Generations, cont.

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Rabbi Ilana Garber & Adam Berkowitz, in honor of 10th wedding anniversary
Bienstock family, in honor of Joanne & Ken's special anniversary
Maria & Eric Brown, in honor of daughter Isabel's Bat Mitzvah
Korine & Ron Ferraro, in honor of their special anniversary
Kimberly & Jeremy Kempner, in honor of daughter Julia Evelyn's baby naming
Bobby & David Klau, in honor of baby naming of granddaughter Iris Sydney, daughter of Meghan & Nathan Klau

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Klau & Cohen families, in honor of David Klau's and Michael Cohen's birthdays
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Katie & Ben Levy, in honor of Judy Levy's special birthday & baby naming of daughter Alexandra Beatrice
Michelle & Greg Patchen, in honor of Will's Bar Mitzvah
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Rosen & Zwarick families, in honor of Elsie Farber's birthday
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Moshe Schreiber, father of Pinchas
Dr. Joseph Springut, husband of Honey Sue
Kenneth Sussman, father of Reed
Edith Szafman, mother of Steven
Herbert Toback, father of Lori Lubetkin



Gertrude Sucoll z'l, wife of Dr. Sidney Sucoll z'l, will be remembered for her 25 years of teaching at Beth El Religious School, and she loved doing so. She also tutored for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and took great pride in seeing her students on the bima. She was known to be energetic and totally devoted to her craft.

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

★ Supporting Beth El

Turkey Drive

On November 19, 2017, we collected 83 frozen turkeys and more than \$1,200 for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services. We are so grateful to be able to help our community, especially during the holiday season! Thank you for the turkeys and tzedakah.

Volunteers are listed on page 11.

#Giving Tuesday

Beth El celebrated #GivingTuesday 2017 with SULAM and Children's Reading Partners of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Our volunteers enjoyed a fun-filled morning reading to very eager young readers at the Bloomfield Early Learning Center. Online donations benefitted SULAM, and we look forward to enriching our educational program thanks to our generous donors (see list below).

Laptops for SULAM

Thank you to Judy and David Rosenthal for connecting SULAM with the accounting and consulting firm BlumShapiro, where David is a partner. The firm donated six gently-used laptops to SULAM.

We deeply appreciate the following Thoughtful Contributions.

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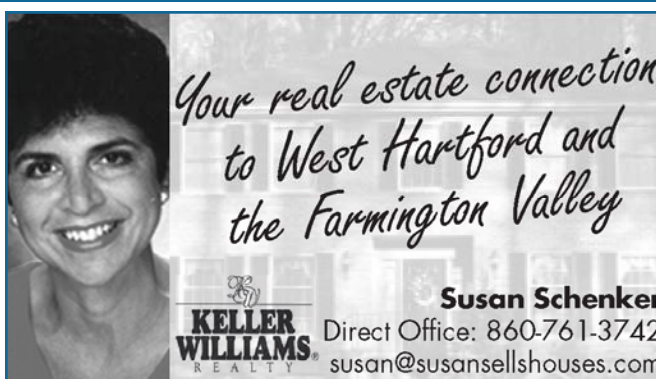
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IN HONOR OF

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Jonathan Alter's inspiring speeches – **Arthur Freedman**

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IN MEMORY OF

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IN HONOR OF

Grandchildren Mira, Ethan, James, Alex, Hannah & Eli – **Alys & Jack Krichavsky**
Howard Weiner, an all-around great guy – **Jerry Leshem**

Marriage of Jessica Starr, daughter of Carol Starr & Gary Starr, granddaughter of Ellie Jainchill, to Alexi Praskin – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Joseph Springut, husband of Honey Sue – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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FOR THE

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IN HONOR OF

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IN MEMORY OF

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mort Schenker, father – **Susan & Michael Schenker**

Laurie & Marshall Shakun Family Fund

IN HONOR OF

35th wedding anniversary of Laurie & Marshall Shakun – **Lisa Shakun**

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IN MEMORY OF

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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Nathan Sweedler, husband – **Ruth Sweedler**

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★ Making Connections – Men's Club

World Wide Wrap XVIII Sunday, Feb 4
LEARN TO WRAP, WITH RABBIS 8:45 AM
MORNING MINYAN 9:00 AM
BREAKFAST & PROGRAM follows

A joint program with SULAM Beth El for the 6th grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah class.

COST: no charge

RSVP: by 2/1, Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366,

eaglewars@aol.com, for planning purposes

NOTE: open to the entire community



Breakfast Program - Package Yellow Candles
Sunday, March 4
MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM
BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 9:15 AM

Join us as we package yellow candles for Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

RSVP: by 3/1, Jacob Kovel, 860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com

Men's Club Breakfasts

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

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

INFORMATION: Bruce Shein, 860-677-8300,
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Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:45 AM

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LOCATION: meet in parking lot closest to the street

COST: no charge

CONTACT: Stu Bernstein, 860-232-2012,
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Post-Minyan Breakfast Sundays (most)
MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM
BREAKFAST 9:15 AM

On Sundays without a speaker program, come support Minyan, and stay for a little nosh. If Sunday mornings don't work for you, consider picking a different day of the week to attend Minyan and support your fellow congregants as they say *Kaddish*.

NOTE: follows SULAM's schedule, and breakfast will not be offered 1/14, 2/18