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

What We @ SULAM Did On Our Summer Vacation

- ✧ Wrote a new primary grades curriculum focusing on *Beresheet* (Genesis)
- ✧ Hired educators, paraprofessionals, and teen *madrichim* (aides)
- ✧ Created a new structure for Hebrew education for ALL grades, including our unique *Tefilot* (prayers) *on the SULAM* (ladder)
- ✧ Bought new laptops, kid-sized tables, and rolling white boards thanks to the generosity of some of our SULAM families
- ✧ Moved our SULAM office to the Alcove in Hoffman Hall so we can be closer to SULAM in action
- ✧ Attended NewCAJE to learn about alternative techniques of Jewish education – and Rabbi Garber presented in several workshops about SULAM successes
- ✧ Planned a calendar full of family engagement, Israeli emissary visits, baking, library visits, ADL workshops, and more!
- ✧ Updated our award-winning 7th grade curriculum about social justice
- ✧ Developed new curriculum including:
 - ◇ *Parshanut* (Torah study) for grades 3, 4, 5
 - ◇ *Etgar Yesodi* for grades 4 & 5
 - ◇ and yet-to-be-named studies in immigration, lifecycles, *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Sages) and more for grades 6 & 7
- ✧ Redesigned our Hoffman Hall weekday learning spaces to accommodate our new approach to individualized and small-group Hebrew learning
- ✧ Rested (a bit) and rejuvenated and got ready for Year 2 of SULAM!

Learning Spaces

As the daycare construction comes to a close (finally!), we are anxious to resume occupancy of our primary grade classrooms in the lower level. Our upstairs learning spaces in Hoffman Hall and East Wing will be enhanced by new equipment and dedicated technology. Thank you to our generous SULAM families who helped us with these purchases.

Commission on Jewish Education & Leadership (CJEL)



In our inaugural year, SULAM received 3 awards from CJEL at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

The Innovative Family Program Award was presented to Rabbi Ilana Garber, for the *Sixth Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah & Beyond Series*. This new approach engaged and educated our Bar/Bat Mitzvah aged learners and their parents. Families strengthened their connection to our Beth El community, and the learners created a more meaningful connection to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah liturgy, their individual Torah portions, and mitzvah projects.

The Innovative Program Award was presented to Anita Levy, SULAM educator, for *Sharing the Dream*. This new curriculum for 7th grade learners successfully connected the teachings of Torah, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, and our Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Kessler (who marched with King and Heschel) to real life situations. Learners were able to personally experience the meaning of the Torah by doing *g'milut chasidim* (good deeds) and connect these lessons to the civil rights movement.

The Uniquely Effective Teen Aide award was presented to Jordan Oberstein, who has served as a *madrich* (teen aide) for several years. He worked with the 7th grade, helped manage the open learning space model, demonstrated flexibility and problem-solving skills, and was the go-to guy for anything involving technology.

Tzedakah

In lieu of traditional monetary *tzedakah* this year, we are promoting an “item of the month” collection to benefit the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry, as follows:

- ✧ September – canned beans
- ✧ October – tuna
- ✧ November – pasta (gluten-free and regular)
- ✧ December – toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ✧ January – deodorant
- ✧ February – canned peas, corn and beets
- ✧ March – cereal (gluten-free and regular)
- ✧ April/May – shampoo & conditioner

★ Enjoying Beth El

Back to Beth El Carnival & Community Celebration

Wednesday, September 5

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Celebrate our wonderful community organizations with inflatables, pizza, magic, and games.

Please bring a can of tuna fish for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at JFS.

Free and open to everyone!

Off the Wall: How the Kotel (Western Wall) Changes Lives

Wednesday, September 5

7:50 PM

We are honored to welcome Rabbi Arnie Bender of Kehillat Yaar Ramot in Jerusalem to update us on the Masorti (Conservative) Movement and current events in Israel. He will share stories of people visiting and being transformed by the Kotel. When our congregants choose to have their child's bar or bat mitzvah in Israel, our clergy direct them to Rabbi Bender.

SPONSOR: Israel Engagement Committee

Men's Club Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Banquet

Sunday, October 7

5:00 – 8:15 PM



Honorees: Dave Diamond and Phil Schulz for their many years of devoted service



Keynote Speaker: Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman

Special Tribute: Dr. Joe Springut z"l

MC: Jonathan Alter, Beth El Temple President

COST: \$50

RSVP: by 9/24, Bruce Shein, 860-677-8300, bruceshein@comcast.net

SPONSORS: invitation and ad/sponsor information has been mailed to all Beth El members



Just Two Pianos

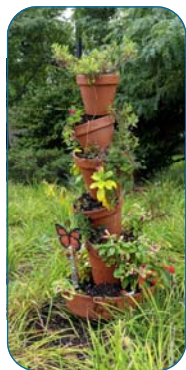
Sunday, October 28

7:00 PM

An autumn concert featuring Beth El's two baby-grand pianos with the music of Brahms, Brubeck, Stravinsky, Gershwin, and Bartok.

COST: \$25; \$20 seniors (62+) & students, FREE to children 12 & under; available at the door or in advance in the Temple office

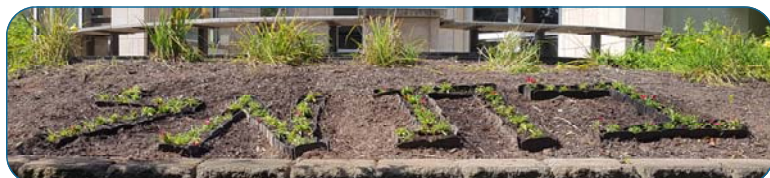
SPONSORSHIPS/DEDICATIONS: available by contacting bema@betheltemplemusic.com



Plantings around Beth El

Stop and smell the roses! Take a moment to look around the outside of our building. There are in-ground plantings on all sides, and some wonderful potted plants at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

Along the driveway leading out, there are plants spelling out *Beth El* in Hebrew!



See page 15 to get involved.

CONTACT: Sheila Fox, 860-828-3939

Heavenly Student Voices at Beth El

Sundays, when SULAM meets

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Do your kids like to sing? Do they want to learn about Jewish music? Here is the answer for ALL Beth El kids, in grades 3-7.

The Children's Choir, under the direction of Cantor Joseph Ness, is expanding to include grade 3 – and continues to be for all Beth El members. The choir is scheduled to participate in the following services/programs:

MON, OCTOBER 1	Simchat Torah, evening
SAT, NOVEMBER 10	Veteran's Day Shabbat Morning
SAT, JANUARY 26	Youth Shabbat, morning
FRI, MARCH 1	Shabbat LIVE! Across America, evening
FRI, MAY 17	Show Off Shabbat, evening

CONTACT: Debbie, bema.wh@gmail.com, to join the fun

NOTE: Your carpool have non-singers? Let us know and we will help make arrangements.

★ A Rabbi's Desk - Tuning up the Rosh



As we count down to the start of *Rosh Hashanah* (lit: *head* of the year), let's take a moment to explore the word *Rosh*. Why that particular word?

Our rabbis have taught us that the head is the key to not just our body's, but equally important to our soul's, survival. Without the head, there is no us, physically or spiritually. Rosh Hashanah is the time annually when we both renew and recharge our "spiritual heads," a time where we rededicate ourselves to the ways we will serve each other and God.

Our liturgy points to this renewal in the *Musaf* service on both days of the holiday, with three special segments within the framework of the day's prayer. In the first, *Malkhuyot*, we express our humble acknowledgement of God's sovereignty. A more familiar way of looking at this is the teaching "know before whom you stand" – which happens to be inscribed above the ark in the chapel. Understanding that during each moment in our lives we always stand in front of God, can have a huge impact on what we say *and* what we do.

The second service, *Zikhronot*, reminds us that God remembers our deeds and all that has happened in our lives. Of course, we have *Yom Kippur* to try and

effect forgiveness for our wrongdoings, but knowing that there is a "divine ledger" being kept on our lives should again humble us in our daily actions.

Lastly, *Shofarot* culminates with the nervous anticipation of the future. Again, if we go forward with the Jewish teaching that "we put God in front of us at all times," then we can prepare to help and serve in a better way. The blasts of the Shofar, done 100 times on each day of Rosh Hashanah (except on Shabbat), is meant to awaken us physically and spiritually, helping us realize that our lives going forward must be better than our lives over the past year.

All of these messages combine to prepare our head, our *rosh*, for the coming year. We need two days (not just one) to prepare our heads, bodies, and souls for the 360 (or so) days until this renewal can help us again the next year. We need to be reinvigorated with the strength to carry us to do only good in this world, especially with the adversity that we face every day.

May Rosh Hashanah 5779 fill all our heads with the *koach* (strength) that we may need to see us through any difficulties and to do good deeds, helping each other throughout this new year.

~ Rabbi Howard Sowalsky
Ritual and Executive Director

★ Camp Ramah in New England



Our Temple is well represented at Camp Ramah! We have dozens of campers attending each session, several college students on staff, and special visits by our clergy and other adults. And it isn't easy to get them together for pics, especially our older campers as they have more off-campus programs.



We look forward to welcoming back ALL



of our campers, summer youth trip participants, and more, at our Shabbat Shuva (the Shabbat of Return) service on

September 15
(see page 6).



↖ A Side, grades 3-7

B Side, grades 8-11 ↗



★ Reflections from the President



Recently, Rabbi Rosen and I attended a community event entitled “Responding to the Trauma of Children at our Borders.” The speakers were excellent; the stories heart-wrenching. As I listened, I was reminded of a presentation by a Holocaust survivor named Ruth

Weiner. Ruth was just 8 years old when she escaped from Austria during the Holocaust.

Along with her own account, Ruth told the story of Mickey Goldman. Mr. Goldman testified at the trial of Adolf Eichmann (one of the Holocaust’s main architects). At the trial, Mr. Goldman told his own story of survival, recalling being beaten 80 times by

the Nazi commander of the Przemysl labor camp. However, he said the worst blow of all was “the 81st blow” – the fact that there were those who did not believe his story or did not empathize with his plight.

We all know that Judaism teaches us to love our neighbor as our self. Ruth’s presentation reminds us that Judaism is not just based on lofty ideals, but based also on deeds and acts of kindness. Let us not be the caster of the 81st blow through our indifference. As we approach the New Year, let’s try to think of how we can see beyond ourselves to ways we can contribute toward making our world a more loving and caring place for all of us.

~ Jonathan Alter

★ Cantor’s Corner - On Composing a Piece of Music



It is a somewhat daunting task to begin to write a piece of music. I occasionally get questions like, “How do you write music, and from where do

you get the ideas?”

Well, I don’t know exactly how it’s done, but I am pretty sure that to compose a piece of music, or to write a text and proceed with a creative gesture, one should allow oneself to be open to any and every possibility that might give meaning to the creative intention.

For example, if I were to write a song to be used for Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, or even a wedding, I would try to find a combination of notes and rhythms that would elicit feelings of joy and celebration; but how do the notes make their appearance???

The most important part for me, in thinking of the music, is to try to look at every possible parameter. So, for a wedding: Who is the couple? What is my relationship to them and their families? What is my relationship to the world surrounding me at the

time I am writing this music?

This is followed by moments of “letting it come to me.” I can’t really describe these feelings except to say that those moments include an abdication, a surrender, to the creative spirit, and a feeling of trust that the time ahead will be guided by a belief in “the honesty of the moment.”

Only then do the notes start to fall into a structure that can become something meaningful. Ultimately, it is a process of making a statement that is personal, one that has significance and relevance for me as the composer. This is the point at which the composition has the potential to be worthwhile and significant to the active listeners.

I would like to think that this creative process might be a paradigm as to how we can look forward to the New Year, visualizing it as a clean sheet of writing paper, with nothing written on it yet, but having the potential to be the masterpiece that is our lives, our community and our dreams...

Shanah Tovah u’metukah!

(lit: a good and sweet year!)

~ Cantor Joseph Ness

BEMA POWER

Welcome to the newly re-energized 2018-19 Beth El Music & Arts committee!

We are looking forward to another spectacular year of enjoying music together; see page 3 for descriptions and dates of our concerts and Music University Series.

Thank you for your continued support, through both contributions and by attending our events.

Where Else Can Music Be This Heavenly!

Cantor Joseph Ness, *artistic director*
Rich Lieberfarb, *co-chair*
Elisa S. Wagner, *co-chair*

Heather Bienstock	Deborah
Kenneth Bienstock	Rosenfeld
Diane Dolin	Joshua
Alexandra Flowers	Rosenfeld
Robin Gelles	Russell Seltzer
Alison Gittleman	Tamara Stein
Jennifer Kabakoff	Jared Stevens
Jeanne Kleinman	Melissa
Kimberly Margolis	Weinstock
Shari Roth	Anne Wolf

For additional information, or to become a supporter, please visit us online at betheltemplemusic.com.

★ Worshipping Together - Daily & Shabbat

Fridays – recurring programs

Shababa

(Babies through Pre-K)

Mini-Minyan

(Shababa graduates)

SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 19

5:45 – 6:45 PM

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

NOTE: in Sept, *Under the Stars!*
and dinner in the Sukkah



Family Service & Dinner

OCTOBER 12, FEBRUARY 8

6:00 PM Service

6:45 PM Dinner

COST: \$12/adult; \$8/child (5-13)

Led by our children.

Weekdays – recurring

Healing Circle

MONTHLY, ON ROSH CHODESH (THE NEW MONTH): OCTOBER 9, NOVEMBER 8, DECEMBER 9, JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 7, MAY 5, JUNE 4

6:30 – 7:30 PM

All are invited to our monthly gathering of prayer, chanting, healing, and hope.

Shabbat Shuvah & Lake Norden Badger

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

DURING MORNING SERVICES

FOLLOWED BY: a uniquely-themed lunch

Rabbi Rosen's annual tribute to small town mid-west Jewish communities. With a "welcome back" *Aliyah* for all kids/teens that were at camp or in Israel!

Saturdays – recurring programs

Birthday Aliyah (All ages)

SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 6,

NOVEMBER 4

DURING MORNING SERVICES



Brand New

Women's Shabbat Circle

SEPTEMBER 22, JANUARY 5,

MARCH 30

11:00 AM – NOON

Mazel Tots

(Birth – Kindergarten)

WEEKLY, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

10:30 AM

NOTE: with parents (all ages are welcome)

BRING: a small, kosher, nut-free snack

New format

Learner's Service

OCTOBER 6, NOVEMBER 17,

JANUARY 12, MARCH 23

10:30 AM – NOON

An exploration of themes in prayer.

Shabbat Yoga

OCTOBER 20, FEBRUARY 2, APRIL 13

10:30 AM

CO-LED: Rabbi Garber & Adriana Matozzo from WH Yoga

Torah & Tefilah

OCTOBER 27, DECEMBER 15, MAY 25

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Torah study, all levels

10:15 AM – NOON

Shabbat Morning Service

Shacharit = morning *Mincha* = afternoon *Ma'ariv* = evening

Shabbat – Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 PM

Shabbat – Saturday

Pirkei Avot Study 8:30 AM

Shacharit, Torah, and Musaf Services 9:30 AM

Children's Playroom 9:30 AM – NOON

Mincha Service 12:30 PM

Additional programming is listed above and on our website.

Daily Minyan

Shacharit 7:00 AM Mon–Fri
8:45 AM Sun

Ma'ariv 7:30 PM Sun–Thu

Note: Special Times

Mon, Sep 3 9:00 AM
Sun, Oct 28 6:30 PM

Note: Shofar blowing during Elul

The shofar is blown in morning services, August 12 through September 7, with the exception of Shabbat morning.

Candle Lighting & Havdalah Times

<u>Shabbat</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Aug 31–Sept 1	7:06 PM	8:05 PM
Sept 7–8	6:55 PM	7:53 PM
Sept 14–15	6:42 PM	7:41 PM
Sept 21–22	6:30 PM	7:28 PM
Sept 28–29	6:18 PM	7:16 PM
Oct 5–6	6:06 PM	7:04 PM
Oct 12–13	5:54 PM	6:53 PM
Oct 19–20	5:41 PM	6:42 PM
Oct 26–27	5:39 PM	6:32 PM

★ Observing Together - Holidays

Selichot – Angel on My Shoulder

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15 PM Program/Film

10:00 PM Selichot Service

LOCATION: B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Rd,
Bloomfield

REFRESHMENTS: free popcorn and soda

A classic film about the challenges of repentance, starring Paul Muni, Claude Rains, and Anne Baxter. It is a dark comedy about a murdered criminal who makes a deal with the Devil in hopes of winning eternal leniency. Can he outwit the Devil when he returns to earth? Is *teshuvah* (atonement) really possible after a life of crime? Find out in this witty and timely tale.

Additional information and detailed descriptions of all programs can be found on our website.

PALS (Play and Learn @ Synagogue)

SUNDAYS: SEPTEMBER 23 Sukkot
DECEMBER 9 Chanukah
JANUARY 13 Tu B'Shevat
MARCH 10 Purim

10:00 – 11:30 AM

COST: \$5/family, at the door

Songs, art projects, snacks and socializing; target age is 2-4, but all are welcome. Open to community.

★ Sukkot - The Ultimate Together Holiday (just outside)

As soon as Yom Kippur ends, the build-up to Sukkot begins. This week-long holiday starts just five days after Yom Kippur. It is named for the huts, or booths, where Jews are required to “dwell” during the festival. One of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, Sukkot celebrates the Fall harvest. Never built a sukkah? The Internet has all the info you need to get started!

You'll find Beth El's sukkah in the Ceremonial Court off of Hoffman Hall. Outside the synagogue, you'll find them in backyards across our community. We “dwell” in the sukkah during the holiday, eating our meals and, for the hearty among us, sleeping in them as well. A sukkah can be

made out of a variety of materials, but the roof must consist of natural materials (i.e. tree branches) which allow you to see the sky and stars at night.

Historically, the sukkah represents the farmers' huts that were built in the fields of ancient Israel during the Fall harvest, and the dwellings of the Israelites in the wilderness of the Exodus. It is by definition a flimsy structure, symbolizing the fragile nature of life and our dependence on God's protection.

As with all Jewish festivals, services at Beth El play a key role in our communal celebration of Sukkot. We ask God to save us (*hoshana*, from which we get the English word *hosanna*). During the

Progressive Open Sukkah

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

2:00 – 3:00 PM Snacks & Dips

Nancy & Rabbi Jim Rosen
168 West Ridge Drive, WH

3:00 – 4:00 PM Desserts

Rabbi Ilana Garber &
Adam Berkowitz
185 West Ridge Drive, WH

INCLEMENT WEATHER: cancelled

All Members are invited!!

Hoshana prayers, we march around the sanctuary holding the lulav and etrog. The seventh and last day of the festival is called Hoshanah Rabba, the *Great Hoshana*.



Decorate your sukkah with paper chains, string lights, fabric garland, children's artwork -- anything goes!

★ Finding the Magic of the High Holidays

The High Holidays – the Days of Awe – are a time of repentance, but also of gratitude, togetherness and joy. But hours of services or fasting doesn't always help us convey those feelings to our youngest members. Don't worry – there are so many ways – at home and at Beth El – that you can share this special time of the year with your family.

☆ Need a break? Our Community Room and Library are always open!

There you'll find books, puzzles, games, and a cozy spot to relax and meet new friends. At every service location you will find "The Information Station" – a table with books, games, pipe cleaners, wikki stix, and stickers. While electronics are prohibited, we invite our youngest children to keep their hands busy while singing with us.

☆ Tashlich MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Gather together for a ceremony by the creek. Children will feel at home in the backyard for this brief service. Bring crumbs or bread to toss into the flowing water, symbolically casting off our sins as a community.

LOCATION: 25 Huntington Drive, West Hartford

☆ Neilah WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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. The service ends with Havdalah and the children filling the bima with the light of glow sticks.

New tradition this year: last year's Bar and Bat Mitzvahs will usher in Havdalah with a candlelit ceremony!



☆ Erev Simchat Torah MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Come at 5:45pm for our fun Simchat Torah LIVE! Torahs are passed around as we sing and dance, a truly joyful service to celebrate the ending and beginning of reading the Torah. First graders (and new-to-Beth El second graders) receive their own mini-Torah! We'll unroll the entire scroll... and help you find your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Torah portion!

☆ Simchat Torah TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Services continue in the morning, as we dance around the sanctuary and bless our youngest members – all the babies born in the last year!



We're on Pinterest! Find ideas for holiday magic at your home on our Rosh Hashanah board! Search "Beth El Temple West Hartford" to find us!



- ☆ Make your own shofar
- ☆ Host an apple and honey tasting
- ☆ Print coloring pages for kids of all ages
- ☆ Prepare for the fast (and break!) with Yom Kippur tips & recipes
- ☆ Check out our Library for new cookbooks and holiday meal ideas

★ Lifelong Learning - Holidays

What is it all about? ~ Questions & Answers about our traditions.

Why do Jews donate money to their synagogue at the time of High Holidays? The High Holidays are a time when Jews – regardless of their level of engagement or observance – feel most connected to their Jewish selves. During the month of Elul preceding Rosh Hashanah, it is customary to increase the giving of charity, as well as ask forgiveness from people one may have wronged. It is a time when Jewish organizations of all kinds seek to inspire Jews to step up their involvement and, yes, to also increase their charitable giving.

Why do we visit the cemetery before Yom Kippur? It is a traditional time of remembrance and recalling loved ones who have passed.

Why is the Havdalah service different on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? All festivals and Shabbat conclude with *Havdalah* prayers, recited at the end of *Ma'ariv*. On Rosh Hashanah and other festivals it is modified and does not include the spices or flame. But, since Yom Kippur is described in the Torah as *Shabbat Shabaton Hee Lachem* (Sabbath of Sabbaths it will be for you) a full Havdalah is recited at the end of *Neilah* (similar to Shabbat each week).

Why do we wear white and sneakers on Yom Kippur? White is a sign of purity. Shoes without leather (some sneaker brands) are worn so as to have no luxury - leather is considered a luxury.

Why is a Tallit worn at night only on Yom Kippur? Yom Kippur is considered one full day of prayers, starting with *Kol Nidrei*. We continue to wear the *tallit* through *Neilah*, the end of the full day. The *tallit* is not worn during *regular* weekday evening services.

Why is Neilah such a special service at Beth El? 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. At Beth El, everyone, including non-Jewish relatives, is invited to stand for a private moment at the open Ark.

What are the special honors on Simchat Torah? There are three special *aliyot*, and to receive one during the Torah reading is a great honor at all synagogues. For the first, we read the last section of the Torah, when Moses passes away. The second goes back to the beginning with the story Creation and the establishment of Shabbat. The third is a portion that precedes the Haftarah reading for the day – the first chapter of Joshua, which is the book that immediately follows the Five Books of the Torah. The honors are called *Kallah* or *Chatan*, “bride or bridegroom” of the Torah, which reflects on the specialness of these honors. At Beth El, each of the honorees is brought to the *bima* under a *chuppa*, signifying the “wedding-like” atmosphere of the moment, with special blessings recited over the honoree.

What does it all mean? ~ Terms used during the Holidays, and year-round

Aliyah/Aliyot (pl) ~ lit. “going up,” an honor to ascend the bima

Amidah ~ the central prayer in all services, generally recited while standing

Bima ~ the pulpit

Chatan ~ lit. “bridegroom”

Diaspora ~ a scattered population whose origin lies within a particular geographic locale; or the movement of a population from its original homeland. In particular, the term refers to all Jews who live outside of Israel

Erev ~ lit. “evening,” commonly used to denote the eve on which a holiday or Shabbat begins

Havdalah ~ a ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat or a holiday. On Shabbat it involves wine, spices, and a braided candle. On most holidays, just wine.

Kabbalat Shabbat ~ the service that welcomes in Shabbat, recited on Friday evenings

Kallah ~ lit. “bride of”

Ma'ariv ~ the name of the evening service that commences each new Jewish day

Mincha ~ the name of the afternoon service of each Jewish day

Musaf ~ the additional service added on Shabbat and many holidays, and is greatly extended on the High Holidays

Shabbat ~ the Jewish Sabbath, a period of rest each week which commences on Friday night just before sundown, for a 25 hour period. It begins with candle lighting, and ends with Havdalah.

Shacharit ~ the morning service each day

Shofar ~ a ram's horn that is used to make a blast of noise like a trumpet, and is used in Rosh Hashanah services and at the end of Yom Kippur.

Yom ~ lit. “day”

★ Israel Engagement Committee

Israel's Modern Water Miracle: From Drought to Surplus

Overcoming the challenges of an arid climate (Israel is 60% desert!) and scarce natural water reserves is a vital necessity for Israel's population and economy. Continuous improvements in Israel's water sector, through innovations in technologies, practices, long-term plans, and conservation are key elements of this miracle.

Israel annually requires almost a billion cubic meters per year (MCM/year) more water than natural replenishment provides. Amazingly, annual sustainable natural water consumption has been achieved, via innovations that overcome engineering, biological, and logistic challenges.

Innovations include:

- ✧ A visionary, nationwide water conveyance system, National Water Carrier, built 1955-64, to deliver water from the north (location of 80% of natural water resources) throughout Israel
- ✧ Treatment and reuse of almost all domestic waste water for agricultural irrigation
- ✧ Highly advanced and very efficient irrigation methods
- ✧ Development of new crop strains with 10 times higher yield from the same amount of water
- ✧ Pioneering work in drilling exceptionally deep wells
- ✧ Large-scale desalination of seawater and brackish groundwater
- ✧ Controls of algae blooms in reservoirs for reused water

- ✧ Innovative water safety methods, early warning systems, etc.

- ✧ Innovative methods for minimizing non-revenue water loss

Government policies throughout Israel's history have ensured a continuous supply of potable water for all citizens and promoted sustainable national water

at an impressive 86%! All while still conserving and protecting natural water resources. (Spain is second at 17%).

Desalination techniques made great leaps forward in the last decade, at considerable cost savings due to novel membrane technology. Five plants along the Mediterranean Coast have led the way to this amazing surplus.



Water is also an area of collaboration between Israel and her neighbors. Israel supplies 7% of Jordan's water needs, at cost. Collaboration between Israel's and Palestine's water management companies continues even in times of conflict.

consumption. Innovations and technology are given priority through the creation of the NewTech Program, which supports private sector start-ups in the area of water management.

Agricultural production has continuously grown, despite the drastic decline in agricultural water consumption over the past decades. Israel exports approximately 80% of its products with the highest ratio globally in crop-yield/m3 of water. (OECD Observer)

Today Israel has a water surplus! She leads the world in water reuse

Israel shares her knowledge and techniques around the world – from India to Africa and here in the US. Many people have a lot to thank Israel for! Water management is one more indication of Israeli ingenuity and foresight. Long range planning, conservation, support of novel ideas, persistence, and dedicated problem solving are the hallmarks of Israel's existence and make us justly proud.

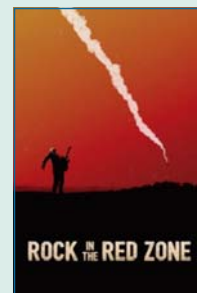
COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Sharon Efron, sgredancer@yahoo.com, and Robin Santiago, drsantiago@drsantiago.net

Sderot follow-up

For those who missed our screening, and asked about it.... **Rock in the Red Zone** was released this summer!

For iTunes, visit <http://radi.al/RockInTheRedZone>, or search by title at smile.amazon.com.

NOTE: the film is unrated, but may not be appropriate for all children.



★ Making Music at Beth El

WHAT A SEASON! Announcing the 2018/19 BEMA Calendar

JUST TWO PIANOS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7PM

BRAHMS • BRUBECK • STRAVINSKY • GERSHWIN • BARTOK

MA'ALE ADUMIM YOUTH SYMPHONY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7PM

SPECIAL GUESTS: A YOUNG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FROM ISRAEL

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DRAMA

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 7PM

FOSS • MOZART • MUSICAL THEATER & MORE

THE POWER OF MUSIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 7PM

RACHMANINOFF • LIADOV • SINATRA • QUEEN • BEATLES



MUSIC UNIVERSITY

JOIN US TO LISTEN & LEARN

Emotions & Music I

*Music has the power to capture
the depth of our emotions*

Wed., October 17, 7:50 pm

Mon., October 22, 12 noon*

Emotions & Music II

Wed., November 14, 7:50 pm

Mon., November 19, 12 noon*

Beethoven Intensive I

*He took classical form to the
utmost of personal expression*

Wed., February 20, 7:50 pm

Mon., February 25, 12 noon*

Beethoven Intensive II

Wed., March 6, 7:50 pm

Mon., March 11, 12 noon*

Music of the Ages I

*Epic hits: Popular music
from biblical to modern times*

Wed., May 1, 7:50 pm

Mon., May 6, 12 noon*

Music of the Ages II

Wed., May 15, 7:50 pm

Mon., May 20, 12 noon*

**Encore presentations repeat
the preceding Wednesday lecture*

BEMA Sponsorships available now:
go to betheltemplemusic.com
or inquire in the Temple office

These programs are brought to you
by Cantor Joseph Ness and
the Beth El Music & Arts Committee

★ Making Connections

Torah Fund – USCJ Women's League

DONATION LEVELS FOR PIN: \$180/Benefactor; \$300/Guardian

NOTE: donations of all amounts are appreciated

CHECK PAYABLE TO: TORAH FUND

MAIL TO: Bobby Klau, 40 Ironwood Rd, West Hartford, 06117,
860-651-8962, bsklau@gmail.com

The Torah Fund supports the men and women who study to be our clergy and teachers.



Music University with Cantor Joseph Ness

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 7:50 PM Emotion & Music I
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 NOON Encore Presentation

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 7:50 PM Emotion & Music II
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 NOON Encore Presentation



Almost every moment in a person's life is underscored by music – from our birth to our death, our celebrations, our wars, and our victories. From a call to prayer, or somebody at the door, music is there. Music is ancient, visceral, and linked to emotions, a fact that allows composers to access and dialogue with their audience at a deep level. Such is the influencing power of the composer.

The 70 Faces of Israel

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 –
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**

PRICING AND RESERVATIONS: Rabbi Howard
Sowalsky, 860-233-9696,
hsowalsky@bethelwh.org

Beth El women and friends are invited to
Rabbi Garber's third *Women's Journey to
Israel!*



West Hartford
United Synagogue Youth

Opening Social Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: The Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr
RSVP: by 9/18

A fun night with music, an inflatable obstacle course,
and dessert. Bring your Jewish friends.

Social Action Programs

SUNDAYS: OCTOBER 7, NOVEMBER 18, JANUARY 27, MARCH 10

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Themes will include food and homelessness, interfaith,
Jewish lobbying in politics, working with children from
Hartford, and more.

Regional Opening Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:00 – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park,
Orange, CT

COST: \$28, details to follow

Trampolines, ninja course, ropes, and more with high
schoolers from all over CT and Western MA.

Shabbat Dinners around the World

FRIDAYS: OCTOBER 26	Morocco
DECEMBER 7	Japan
JANUARY 11	Mexico
FEBRUARY 22	India
MARCH 29	Cuba
MAY 3	Israel USY Shabbat

10:00 – 11:30 AM

COST: \$12/person, inc. with Premier

A series of dinners with around-the-world
themes.

Additional Social Programs

SUNDAYS: DECEMBER 16, APRIL 16, MAY 19

A pure social experience for you to be with
your Jewish friends.

DUES: \$40/year; \$90 for Premier Membership
(includes all Shabbat dinners)

INFORMATION: www.tinyurl.com/whusymembership

QUESTIONS: Jason Kay, 609-651-0891,
whusy18@gmail.com

*This year's programming is thanks,
in part, to a grant from USY.*

★ Making Connections

Chai Society

Persona Non Grata – Exclusive Film Screening

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:00 – 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Univ. of St. Joseph, WH

COST: \$10; \$8/Seniors; \$5/Students,

PURCHASING/RSVP: TBA

CONTACT: Eliane Freund, 860-233-7157

elianefreund@sbcglobal.net

Reception: cross-cultural refreshments



This biographical drama honors the heroic deeds of Japanese Diplomat Chiune Sugihara. It is estimated that his visas saved over 6,000 Jewish refugees during the Holocaust.

Additional information and detailed descriptions of all programs can be found on our website.

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. Next event coming in November.

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



Men's Club

Breakfast & Bankshot Basketball

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Jonathan's Dream Playground, at Mandell JCC

COST: no charge

RSVP: by 9/6, Jacob Kovel,

860-651-9366,

eaglewars@aol.com



A Family Event! This is a non-aggressive sport – players do not play against but along-side one another, it is non-running and accommodates wheelchair players, the physically and cognitively challenged, and all ages. For additional info, see www.bankshot.com.

8th Annual Sukkahfest: Beef & Beer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:00 – 8:30 PM

COST: \$20

RSVP: by 9/21 with check, Jacob Kovel,

860-651-9366, eaglewars@aol.com



We will discuss, with a local expert, and taste kosher craft beers.

Minyan on the Mountain & Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 AM Meet at BET to carpool

LOCATION: private home in Avon

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5

RSVP: by 10/9, Dave Diamond, 860-965-3157,

daviddiamond2@comcast.net

CO-SPONSOR: Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood

Rabbi Rosen leads the Minyan.

Kick-Off Breakfast with Art Shamsky

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:15 – 11:15 AM

COST: \$14 (\$7, MC members)

RSVP: by 11/1, Jacob Kovel,

860-651-9366,

eaglewars@aol.com

SPONSOR: Family of Stanley Wiesen, in his memory



Art Shamsky was the right fielder for the 1969 World Champion NY Mets.

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EXTRA INNING: Join Art Shamsky for a private (limit 10 people) dinner on Saturday, November 3.

CONTACT: Dave Diamond, 860-965-3157,  
daviddiamond2@comcast.net

### **Walk Around the Reservoir**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

**9:45 AM** (time change, was 9:15 AM)

LOCATION: Route 44 Reservoir, meet in parking lot closest to the street

CONTACT: Dave Klau, 860-651-8962,  
daklau747@gmail.com

### **Post-Minyan Breakfast**

**EVERY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – JUNE 30**

**8:45 AM** Minyan

**9:15 AM** Breakfast

NOTE: except when there is breakfast program

### **To help sponsor a breakfast program:**

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

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

# ★ Lifelong Learning

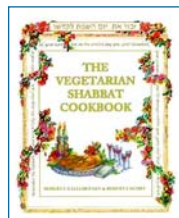
## Library Corner

**Cooking Jewishly** ✧ **Roberta J. Buland**



As one opens the book, *A Taste of Challah: The Ultimate Challah and Bread book*, by Tamar Ansh, aromas being to permeate one's soul. The book could well be titled "A Taste of Honey," and serve as a guide to

baking for Rosh Hashanah. It is for seasoned bakers, novices, and everyone in between. Find interactive challah demonstrations, cooking classes, step-by-step cookbooks, and a wealth of information about the mitzvah of challah. And, it is one of the three most important *mitzvot* given specifically to women. The book brings the lost art of home challah and bread baking back to where it is meant to be – in the home. Clear instructions and step-by-step, full-color photos will help you successfully master each recipe. This book goes far beyond tasty challah; it includes sample breads from around the world, such as rye and flax seed, oatmeal raisin, bagels, hot pretzels, and more. Replete with numerous tips and sound advice, *A Taste of Challah* ensures that all your bread baking will come out perfect and tasty every time.



Authors Roberta Kalechofsky and Roberta Schiff of *The Vegetarian Shabbat Cookbook* believe that "celebrating Shabbat with vegetarian food continues the revolutionary spirit in which Shabbat was first conceived of as a gift of freedom. It becomes a gift

for all the creatures which God blessed." Included are recipes for eggless challahs, vegetarian cholents, vegetable loaves, white bean stew with caramelized onions, various stuffed cabbages, dips and spreads, savory toppings, Shabbat and everyday soups, and desserts reflecting the cultural spread of Judaism from Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and North America. The authors provide meticulous explanations and descriptions of terms and ingredients involved in this healthful way of cooking and eating, such as seitan (a high protein food which can take on the flavor of meat), various sweeteners, flour substitutes, beans, grains, spices, and herbs. The authors' indirect message is that we are all involved in Tikkun Olam as we prepare and enjoy these dishes. Cooks will find themselves satisfied both physically and spiritually. A thorough index provides answers to any questions.

Library Corner provides information about non-fiction books housed in our library; books are reviewed rather than critiqued. To request that a book be reviewed, please contact [rjbland@comcast.net](mailto:rjbland@comcast.net).

## Ongoing Classes for Adults

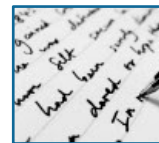
New participants welcome, no registration, no charge (except where noted).

### Writing Workshop

**TUESDAYS, WEEKLY**

**10:30 – NOON** Resumes October 9

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman,  
860-233-4853, [bhoffman3@comcast.net](mailto:bhoffman3@comcast.net)



### Lunch & Learn

**TUESDAYS, WEEKLY**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** Resumes October 9

BYOL: bring your own dairy lunch, optional



### Talmud Study

**WEDNESDAYS, WEEKLY**

**10:15 – 11:15 AM**

CONTACT: Steve Stier, [steven.stier@gmail.com](mailto:steven.stier@gmail.com)



### Bible & Breakfast

**THURSDAYS, WEEKLY**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM**

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

### Talmud Class Part Two

**THURSDAYS, WEEKLY**

**1:45 – 3:00 PM**

An ongoing, advanced class for those with prior familiarity with Rabbinic texts.

### Pirkei Avot Study

**SATURDAYS, WEEKLY**

**8:30 – 9:30 AM**

No prior knowledge necessary.



### Hebrew Reading Course

**SUNDAYS, WEEKLY**

**10:30 – 11:30 AM**

INSTRUCTOR: Sidra Sperling  
NOTE: meets only when SULAM is in session



Sept/Oct/Nov: Hebrew Reading Basics, 9 sessions, free. Each of the following months will focus on particular prayers, and there will be a nominal fee.

**Additional information and detailed descriptions of all programs can be found on our website.**



# ★ Doing Mitzvot

## Jessie's Garden

**ONGOING**

**LATE SEPTEMBER** Final Garden Clean-Up

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



Jessie's Gardeners produce fresh, organic vegetables for the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services.



Volunteers include:

Herb (head gardener) and Betty (logistics) Hoffman

David Brown

Dan Kulakofsky

Ava and Harold Geetter

Karen Marcus

Carol Johnson

Rothstein family

Dane and Michelle Kostin

## KNITzvah Group

**SUNDAYS: OCTOBER 7, NOVEMBER 11**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

CONTACTS: Annette Gavens, sygavens@aol.com, or  
Norma Jean Sternschein, jnsternschein@comcast.net

**The Book of Numbers** ..... well, not exactly.

It was another wonderful, productive year for the KNITzvah Group. The numbers we write about are truly quite impressive. Thanks to Rabbi Rosen and the group of Beth El'ers who traveled to Israel, there are now 102 lap-afghans being enjoyed there. In general, there are about 10 local charities who receive some of our handy-works. New for us is the UCONN NICU Unit in Farmington. Kol hakavod, Ladies.

Now, having completed 16 years, OUR version of "the book of numbers." WOW! We have delivered:

|                 |                   |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 621 lap afghans | 6 infant sweaters | 5 shawl/capes    |
| 325 hats        | 5 adult sweaters  | 3 child's purses |
| 29 mittens      | 3 shrugs          | 8 wristlets      |
| 24 scarves      | 2 booties         | 1 little doll    |

## Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

**MONDAYS: MONTHLY, RESUMES NOV 5**

**10:00 AM – 12:45 PM**

LOCATION: Immanuel Church,  
Woodland St, Harford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, ginky81434@hotmail.com



## Charter Oak Project

**MONTHLY**

Call for upcoming dates

**9:00 – 11:00 AM SUNDAYS**

Cook at Beth El

**5:30 – 7:00 PM MONDAYS**

Serve at Charter Oak Cultural Center

CONTACT: Craig Diamond (cook), 860-899-4918,  
craigpdiamond@outlook.com; Myra Kleinman, (serve)  
860-508-3672, mwkleinman@outlook.com

## Annual Kol Nidrei Food Drive

**THRU TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, KOL NIDREI EVENING**

Refer to the High Holiday issue for complete details, including list of requested items.

JFS serves families facing financial setbacks, isolated elderly, and disabled adults living on meager incomes. Please help make a difference in their lives! For your convenience, paper bags will be located by the front door on Rosh Hashanah.



## Sorting Food Drive Donations

**Sunday, September 23**

**9:00 AM**

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



The Kosher Food Pantry continually needs to be restocked. Throughout the year, when coming to shul, please bring a can of vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, or a bag of groceries. Place your donations in the box at the entrance by the Community Room.

## Plantings around Beth El

**ONGOING**

CONTACT: Sheila Fox,  
860-828-3939

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

Volunteers

include:

Sheila Fox, *chair*

Barbara

Checknoff

Dan Cohen

Alison Demarest

Ava Geetter

Gary Jones

Lois Koteen

David Silver



## Car for our Syrian Family

CONTACT: Carrie Berman,  
carrieberman82@gmail.com

We are working to acquire a minivan for our "adopted" Syrian family. This will give them much needed independence and enable the parents to pursue better paying jobs. Monetary contributions of any amount are appreciated, and can be sent to Rabbi Garber's Discretionary Fund, with Syrian Family in the memo. In addition, gift cards to ShopRite, Target, and the Crown are always welcome.

## Beth El is Concerned about the Environment

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



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

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

## ★ Engaging Generations

### New Members

Jaime Kramer  
Scott Kluger & Katharine Ortiz, and  
Penelope Iacobucci  
Linda Weinberg

### Congratulations

Rivka Dvorin & Arthur Freedman,  
on their engagement  
Judy & Frank Resnick on birth of  
granddaughter Edith Helen Resnick

### Mazal Tov! and Appreciation for Sponsoring a Kiddush or Lunch

Taste of Shabbat  
Lubetkin Family, in honor of son  
Joshua's Bar Mitzvah

### Of Blessed Memory

Ruth Berson  
Frances Feltman, wife of Philip  
Sidney Larowitz, father of Shery  
Bober

Alvin Mishkin, father of Joan Shapiro  
Ronald Moquin, brother-in-law of Bruce  
Shein  
Irma Lubetkin Edelson, mother of Beth  
Kranc  
Ruth Sachs, sister of Norma Bursack  
Ernie vonRichthofen, husband of Stacey  
Ziona Weber Kaplan, founding member,  
mother of Theodore Kaplan  
Lawrence Wilion, brother of Felicia  
Wilion

### Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

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

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



# ★ The EveryOne Annual Appeal

## 2017-2018/5778

***We did it!!*** Thank you once again to all of our members who participated in the ***EveryOne Annual Appeal!*** Whether your generosity was through our *High Holiday Appeal* and/or *Spring No Event*, or you made a contribution to one of our Beth El funds, we surpassed our fundraising goals for the year!

Thank you for continuing to make this endeavor a great success. At Beth El, we believe every member and every gift matters!

The *EveryOne Appeal* is a unified effort to raise funds that began with the High Holiday Appeal in 2017 and ended with our fiscal year on June 30, 2018. The Appeal is cumulative, recognizing all of your tax-deductible contributions to Beth El, including your annual gift.

These Circles of Honor represent the various cumulative giving opportunities.

Pillar of  
Righteousness  
Zachs Family Foundation

Pillar of Mitzvot  
Maureen & Steven Fast  
Lois & Chuck Koteen  
Joyce & Richard Leibert  
Leshem Family  
Judie & Coleman Levy  
Janet & Harold Moskowitz

Pillar of Strength  
Robin & David Gelles  
Deborah & Steven Kleinman  
Gayle & Steve Temkin

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Oremland Family

Double Chai Circle  
Sharon & Robert Efron  
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Amy & James Goldman  
Phyllis Greenberg  
Doris Konover  
Michele & Dane Kostin  
Karen & Morris Later  
Helen Lewtan  
Ellen & Jeffry Nestler

Faith & M. Bruce Parker  
Stephen Rabb  
Nancy & Rabbi James Rosen  
Deborah & Glen Rosenfeld  
Robin & Rafael Santiago  
Dora & Rabbi Howard Sowalsky  
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Paula D. Steinberg  
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Morton Weinstein  
Carolyn & Jeffrey Weiser

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Lisa & Peter Fishman  
Annette & Seymour Gavens  
Suzanne & David Goldberg  
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Claudia & Joel Goodman  
Barbara & Robert Green  
Beverly & Arnold Greenberg  
Zadelle Krasow Greenblatt &  
Arthur N. Greenblatt

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Sharon & Neil Kochen  
Abbey M. & Stephen z"l Kreinik  
Alys & Jack Krichavsky  
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Diane & Richard Lieberfarb  
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Beth & Daniel Papermaster  
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Jennifer & Steven Wolfberg

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 Lorraine Wiesen

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**Youth Activities Fund**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Lawrence Wilion, brother of Felicia – **Barbara & David Brown**

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**General Unrestricted Endowment Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**

Birth of Adalyn Jane Koteen, granddaughter of Lois & Chuck – **Francine & Steve Stier**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Herbert Jones, father of Gary; Celia Kavalier, mother of Bernard – **Annette & Sy Gavens**

Fran Feltman, wife of Phil – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

Abe Weinberg; Julius "Yuddie" Wachtel, husband of Shirley, father of Stuart; Janet Zimmerman, wife of Richard – **Francine & Steve Stier**

**Alter Family Fund**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Herbert Jones, father of Gary – **Marci & Jonathan Alter**

**Bert & Ruth Berlin Fund in loving memory of our daughter Ellen**

**IN HONOR OF**

80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Diane Davidson – **Ruth & Bert Berlin**

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**FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Sarah Kurnitsky, mother; Terezia Drechsler, Holocaust remembrance – **Naomi & Michael Cohen**

**Sharon & Bob Efron Family Fund**

**IN HONOR OF**

Birthday of Bob Efron – **Lois & Chuck Koteen**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Ronald Moquin, brother-in-law of Bruce Shein – **Sharon & Bob Efron**

**Leonard & Vicki Eisenfeld Endowment Fund**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Julius "Yuddie" Wachtel, husband of Shirley, father of Stuart – **Ellen Stoltz**

**Friends Fund for Members in Need**

**IN APPRECIATION OF**

Michael Cohen's service as President of JFS – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

**IN HONOR OF**

Marriage of Riayn Rosenstock, daughter of Elise & Jerry to David Lavoie – **Carolyn & Stuart Bernstein**

Birth of granddaughter, Aviva Pearl – **Alys & Jack Krichavsky**

Judy Rosenthal, for exceptional volunteerism in the JETS program – **Lorraine & Farrel Vogelhut**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Herbert Jones, father of Gary; Alvin Mishkin, father of Joan Shapiro – **Judy & David Rosenthal**

**Gavens Family College Youth Fund**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Susan Gavens, daughter-in-law of Annette & Sy – **Francine & Steve Stier**

**Susan & Marvin Grody Family Fund**

**IN MEMORY OF**

Dr. Marvin Grody – **Delores & Paul Falk**

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## Anna Heineman Memorial Fund

### IN APPRECIATION OF

Francine & Steven Stier – **Barbara Green**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Frank Heineman, father – **Francine Stier**

## Eleanor Weinberg Jainchill Family Fund

### IN MEMORY OF

Abe Weinberg – **Barbara & Bob Green**

## Ruth & Harry Kleinman Endowment Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Special birthdays of Myra & Bill Kleinman – **Ellen & Jerry Margolis**

### IN MEMORY OF

Fran Feltman, wife of Phil – **Jeanne & Dan Kleinman**  
Julius "Yuddie" Wachtel, husband of Shirley, father of Stuart;  
Lawrence Wilion, brother of Felicia – **Myra & Bill Kleinman**

## Koteen Family Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Birth of Adalyn Jane Koteen, granddaughter of Lois & Chuck –  
**Judy Borus, Annette & Sy Gavens, Abbey Kreinik**  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ron Ferraro – **Ruth Ann & Harley Graime**

## Diane & Richard Lieberfarb Endowment Fund

### IN HONOR OF

80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ron Ferraro – **Diane & Richard Lieberfarb**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Albert S. Davis, father – **Diane Lieberfarb**

## Laurie & Marshall Shakun Family Fund

### IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Marshall Shakun – **Florence Shakun**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Mildred Kurtz, sister – **Florence Shakun**

## Ludgin Family Endowment Fund

### IN HONOR OF

50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Fredda & Jon Goldstein – **Karen & Rob Ludgin**

## Kreinik Family Endowment Fund

### IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Kreinik, husband of Abbey – **Morris Banks**

### FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

Belle & Arthur A. Miller, parents; Arthur Kreinik, father-in-law –  
**Abbey Kreinik**

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#### **IN APPRECIATION OF**

Rabbi Howard Sowalsky – **Diane Biegel & Joel Pachter, Barbara Green, Nancy Schwartz, Lea & Bernie Selig**

#### **IN HONOR OF**

Bat mitzvah of daughter, Eliana – **Elizabeth & Adam Simmons**

#### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

Donald S. Day, brother-in-law – **Clara Sowalsky**

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#### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

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#### **FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF**

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## ★ Adorning our Building

Beth El is honored to have been gifted two sculptures by Ann Rosow-Lucchesi. In her words, “Beth El is in my core, in my upbringing, which has helped form my being and soul and I feel deeply attached to our Temple. My husband, Bruno, makes beautiful sculptures and I wanted to share his magnificent gift of creating with our Beth El Community.”



### “Promised Land” 2018

“Promised Land” depicts the time when Moses lead the Exodus of Israelites out of Egypt and shows Moses before he died, pointing to the direction of Israel, the Promised Land.

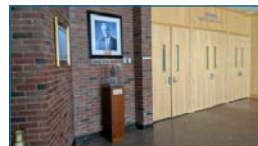
The location of the sculpture’s installation was chosen to give first hand viewing and compositional balance with the architecture. Members can now sit, relax, reflect, and enjoy looking at “Promised Land” on the nearby benches.



### “Scholar” 1960

“Scholar” is a terracotta sculpture that was created in 1960. It was gifted two years ago to honor Rabbi Kessler, whom Ann admires, loves, and wishes to thank for all he has done for her and Beth El Temple.

It is located in the lobby outside our Sanctuary, and is positioned under Rabbi Kessler’s portrait.



### About the Artist

The artist of both sculptures is Ann’s husband, Bruno Lucchesi. He came to America from Italy in 1960, has taught at the National Academy of Design, at The New School in New York City for years, and has held many workshops across the country. Today, his works are in various museum collections: Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Museum of the City of New York, Brooklyn Museum, Dallas Museum, Smithsonian Hirshhorn Washington Museum and more. Bruno’s art is also collected and made exclusively for corporations, institutions, and universities. He is a member of the National Sculpture Society, National Academy of Design, Artists’ Fellowship and other fine art associations. He has been honored with numerous outstanding awards in the United States and abroad. Bruno is represented by Cavalier Galleries of Greenwich, CT, NYC, and Nantucket, MA.

Published books include: *Bruno Lucchesi: Celebrating the Beauty in Everyday Life*; *Bruno Lucchesi*; *Bruno Lucchesi, Sculptor of the Human Spirit*; *Modeling the Head in Clay*; *Terracotta*; and *Modeling the Figure in Clay*.

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