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~~Spring~~ is Coming!



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"Nevertheless, she persisted." By the time you read this, there will likely be other memes going around on other topics, but I have to admit that this one, spoken by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to Senator Elizabeth Warren as she tried to read a letter by the late Coretta Scott King, hit too

close to home. As a woman, as a Jew, as a parent of a child with a disability, I find myself "persisting" all the time. In different circumstances, perhaps, you do as well.

For Jews, persistence is an all too familiar refrain fundamental to so many of our holidays: "they tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat." It's central to this month's Purim celebration when we remember Amalek, the nation that attacked us as we left Egypt, and the Amalekite descendant, Haman, the "wicked, wicked man" who, like his ancestors, tried his hardest to do us in. We celebrate our persistence even more so next month, during *Pesach* (think 10 plagues and a 40-year desert walk's worth of persistence).

As Jews, we pledge our persistence not only to benefit us, but also the stranger. As we tell the *Pesach* story, we extend our "persistence" to the needy, opening our homes and our hearts to help the stranger. As we drown out Haman's name, we give gifts, not just to friends but also to those less fortunate. That's what we Jews do: remain persistent as we remember our past, celebrate our future, and work as God's partners to heal the world.

Whatever your thoughts about the current state of our government and country, now is the time to learn from our Jewish heritage and to be an *or lagoyim*, a light unto the nations. We will persist. We will fight for freedom, peace, safety and equality for all. Keep remembering, celebrating, sharing, and working as God's partners – and as each other's partners – to heal the world.

May you have a Happy Purim and a Festive Pesach!

★ Cantor's Corner Services & Song Cantor Joseph Ness



I was so happy to see so many of you in shul on *Shabbat Shira* (February 10-11)! We had a beautiful service on Friday night led by the fabulous

Neshama Carlebach, augmented by our wonderful children's choir and the congregation. On Shabbat morning, I felt a special energy and ambiance when we all sang through the *Musaf* service; the collective singing was honest and filled with warmth and *ruach* (spirit)!

This service confirmed for me that all of our services can be replete with song, where we participate with full voices and full hearts!

I am hoping we can be even more comfortable truly singing our

tefillah (prayers), so that wherever and whenever we gather to pray, those are moments of meaning, beauty, comfort, and a celebration of what we sing and who we are. I want us to work together to make that happen.

I invite all of you to participate, to add your full voice to our prayers. And I want you to sing even if you don't think you can sing well!! All of us, singing together, can and will make a huge difference in the *ruach* of our services.

When people visit synagogues in other communities and are impressed, what they tell me is: "I loved the singing and the energy that was in that synagogue."

We can have that same feeling here. But, like all that is worthwhile, it takes effort, it takes focus. When we venture outside

our comfort zone and become a congregation of singers, the rewards can be so much greater than anything we might anticipate. In this way, we can experience every Shabbat the warmth and love that permeated our sanctuary on *Shabbat Shira*.

Because this is a month of *shir* (song) at Beth El Temple, I invite all of you to join with your Beth El family on the weekend of March 10-11. My friend Cantor Jack Mendelson will be here to lead us in song and celebration. Saturday night (*motzei Shabbat*, the time immediately after Shabbat) is Purim, starting with the *Megillah* reading, followed by a Purim party with singing and a special comedy hour hosted by Cantor Mendelson, one of the finest Jewish humorists that I know. You'll find the full schedule on page 7. It will be fun!

★ Reflections from the President

*If you are not a better person tomorrow than you are today,
what need have you for a tomorrow?* ~ Rebbe Nachman of Breslov

Synagogue leadership does not exist without an eye on the future. Our Board of Trustees, along with our dedicated professional staff were presented with a solid initiative when approached with a plan to lease a portion of our building to Bright and Early, a state-of-the-art day care and pre-school. After much research, consultation on legal ramifications, and on-site visitations by numerous local and state officials, we came to realize that embracing this project would bring sustainability to Beth El and could also give a boost to our membership.

Following a unanimous vote of approval by our Board, two informational forums were held on January 18 and 25 to share details and address the questions voiced by our congregants. On Sunday



morning, January 29, we held a special meeting for the purpose of a congregational vote. 149 people cast their ballot and the final count was 140-9, indicating a clear decision to proceed.

I thank Joshua Gottfried for bringing this opportunity to our attention a year ago and to Executive Director Rabbi Sowalsky for his role in making it a viable and worthy plan-of-action. It is my personal privilege to work with a forward thinking Board of Trustees and gifted committee

chairs and members who deliberate decisions of the present that will impact the future. We cannot settle for complacency nor can we allow ourselves to be anything less than authentic.

Our founders were driven to establish a synagogue that would speak to each of us as a holy place, a sanctuary that was more than a space...a haven of learning, praying, experiencing, celebrating, and so much more. We are Beth El. We are blessed.

~ Diane Lieberfarb

The Promise of Possibility...
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
an Evening of Inspiration
JUNE 6, 2017 AT 7:00 IN THE EVENING
A PROGRAM HONORING NANCY AND RABBI JIM ROSEN
...FORMAL INVITATION COMING SOON

Editor's Note: The calendar grid will now be a separate document and can be downloaded from our website. Each month is a separate page, designed for legal-sized paper (8.5"x14"). Copies are also available in the office.

★ Recognizing our Volunteers

X-mas Day Mitzvah Day 2016: a great success!

We were 66 volunteers strong this year. Our BET members graciously gave of their time to help at five different locations in the Greater Hartford Area. We made new partners this year at Center Church, Waste Not Want Not, and the Salvation Army. We also had a great day returning to Hands On Hartford and Hoffman Summerwood. We look forward to working with all again next year.

To my Venue Coordinators, *thank you* so much for your help and commitment. It could not have worked as seamlessly without each of you. As for our Volunteers, THANK YOU!! You embraced this very special day and opportunity to serve the people in our community who need us. You always give so much and do it like it was the first time.

You made the people you served feel very special and they were very thankful for all of you.

It is my honor to say thank you to each of you. Once again you have shown that we are *A Community You Can Believe In*. I also want to say thank you to Marci Alter who helped field calls from our volunteers. (If there is anyone I may have missed, please accept my sincerest apologies. Please let me know so I can correct the error.)

~ Beth Brumberg

Center Church, Hartford

Ron Buckman, *Venue Coordinator*

Noa Mann-Falik	Barry Nemirow
Tom Falik	Ella Nemirow
Josh Gottfried	Mina Nemirow
Rae Gutcheon	Marge Swaye
Josh Hollander	Ricky Swaye

Salvation Army, Hartford

Beth Brumberg, *Venue Coordinator*

Sherri Pliskin	Jamie Hait Cohen
Hannah Pliskin	Estelle Hait Cohen
Claire Peikes	Marcel Hait Cohen
Josh Hollander	Bert Berlin
Isaac Hait Cohen	

Waste Not Want Not, Granby

Jeff & Robin Landau, *Venue Coordinators*

Abigail Kaufman	Arielle Landau
Josh Kaufman	Dylan Landau
Laurie Kaufman	Hilary Silver
Sidney Kaufman	

Hands On Hartford, Hartford

Bill & Myra Kleinman, *Venue Coordinators*

Craig Diamond	Sam Maidman
Clare Gatta	Ellen Sanders-
Lisa Karabelnik	Nirenstein
Harris	Jeffrey Nirenstein
Lois Koteen	Ross Nirenstein
Adam Maidman	Felix Springer
Andrew Maidman	Helen Springer
Mindy Maidman	

Hoffman Summerwood, West Hartford

Beth Brumberg, *Venue Coordinator*

Dan Cohen	Rayna Segelman
Jackie Cohen	Bernie Selig
Bob Gruskay	Lea Selig
Ruth Levy	Edith Sherman
Jacob Yontef Mathog	Lori Yontef
Noah Yontef Mathog	Abby Zittoun
Sharon Neiberg	Dan Zittoun
Florence Post	Ella Zittoun
Lance Reiser	Gwen Zittoun
Lori Reiser	Olivia Zittoun
Edie Schifman	



freedom, jews & jazz

sunday, april 2, 7pm

WE'RE CELEBRATING THIS SEASON OF FREEDOM WITH JAZZ

Giacomo Gates with his trio
Walter Gwardyak, Piano
Jeff Fuller, Bass
Carmen Intorre, Drums
Host, Cantor Joseph Ness
plus Beth El jazz vocalists

Another in a series of extraordinary jazz
concerts at Beth El; Wine bar & snacks.
IN KESSLER HALL/open table-side seating.
Get your tickets early, we might sell out!

PLUS: SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ SERVICE MARCH 31, 6PM

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Cantor Joseph Ness
and Noah Yontef Mathog. Join us for this hip and inspiring service!



Sponsored by the supporters of BEMA & The Cantor's Fund
For info go to: www.betheltemplemusic.com or contact: BEMA@betheltemplemusic.com

★ Worshipping Together - Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Fridays
6:00 - 7:00 PM

This standard Friday night service is held every week. On occasion, it may include a theme or different music. Some weeks, there may also be a second service with special programming or music.

Share Shabbat

Fridays, Mar 3 & 17

It's All About Relationships!

We look forward to evenings of great conversation, fun, and meeting new friends for the fourth round of this home-based program. If you'd like to host or be a guest for a special Shabbat experience in the coming months, please contact a committee member.

Be a part of Share Shabbat!

INFORMATION: BethElWestHartford.org/ShareShabbat
COMMITTEE: Meryl Danitz, David Hoff, Diane Lieberfarb, Lonni Schulz, Susan Wachtel

Shabbat Yoga

Sat, Mar. 18
10:30 AM - NOON



Wear yoga clothes (yes, to synagogue on Shabbat!) and bring a yoga mat if you have one. A Shabbat morning yoga experience for all levels; will include

chanting of some basic Shabbat morning prayers.

LEADERS: Adriana Matozzo, West Hartford Yoga, and Rabbi Garber

NOTE: free and open to the community

Friday Night Jazz Service

Friday, March 31
6:00 PM

Join Cantor Ness and Noah Yontef Mathog for a hip and inspiring service with some original jazz music. At this family-friendly service students are invited to help lead prayers!

NOTE: no charge, open to the community

Candle/Havdalah Lighting

Shabbat	Friday	Saturday
Mar 3-4	5:23 PM	6:24 PM
Mar 10-11	5:31 PM	6:32 PM
Mar 17-18	6:39 PM	7:40 PM
Mar 24-25	6:47 PM	7:48 PM
Mar 31-Apr 1	6:55 PM	7:56 PM
Apr 7-8	7:03 PM	8:04 PM
Apr 14-15	7:10 PM	8:11 PM
Apr 21-22	7:18 PM	8:19 PM
Apr 28-29	7:25 PM	8:27 PM
May 5-6	7:33 PM	8:35 PM

Daily Minyan

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

Evening
7:30PM Sun-Thu

Note: Special Times

April 2: 6:30 PM
April 23: 6:30 PM
April 10-18: see page 9 for a complete Passover schedule

Ongoing Student & Family Programs

FRIDAYS

Py Shabbat

UP TO AGE 5

Kids' ClubShabbat

AGES 5-8

Our youngest children love coming to synagogue in their PJs, singing songs, hearing stories, and marching in a Torah parade, all with Rabbi Garber. The older kids join Barbara Checknoff for a parallel program of Shabbat and other stories, songs, and prayers.

DINNER: follows for participants of both programs, chicken nuggets for kids and hors d'oeuvres for parents

No CHARGE, but participating families are invited to serve as sponsors in honor of their children

RSVP: requested for planning purposes, hrosenbaum@bethelwh.org, 860-233-9891



Mar 17, Apr 21
5:45 - 6:45 PM

SATURDAYS

Children's Playground

UP TO AGE 5

weekly
9:30 AM - NOON

A place geared for your energetic child.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

Birthday Shabbat

ALL AGES!

Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6
DURING SERVICE

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

Tumbling w/Torah

UP TO AGE 5

Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22
11:00 AM - NOON

A program of stories, songs, activities, a snack, and a chance to tumble on fun equipment. We end together on the *bima* for Kiddush and a treat.

LEADER: Barbara Checknoff

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

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

Shabbat Club

GRADES 1-5

Mar 25; Apr 11, 22
11:00 AM - NOON

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



CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

★ Celebrating Together - Shabbat & Purim



Artist-in-Residence

Friday & Saturday
March 10-11

Cantor Jack Mendelson

Join us for a fantastic Shabbat weekend experience with an international performer and leading cantorial master, Cantor Jack Mendelson, described as having "a voice that heralds a culture!"

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat **Friday, March 10**
SERVICES **6:00 PM**
SHABBAT DINNER **7:30 PM**

This service is a culmination of our Music University Series on the *History of Cantorial Music*. Celebrate Shabbat as we lift our voices together in prayer and song!

SERVICES: no cost or RSVP

INFO: bema@BethElTempleMusic.com

DINNER:

COST: \$20/person, \$10/child (10 and under)

RSVP: by 3/6, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,

dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

CO-SPONSOR: BEMA and Men's Club

Shabbat Morning Services **Sat, March 11**
Led by Cantor Jack Mendelson

SERVICES **9:30 AM**
LUNCH **NOON**

Come for our choirs, but stay for lunch, sponsored by the Taste of Shabbat Fund.

COST: no charge; no registration

Purim Begins! **Saturday, March 11**
Ma'ariv, Havdalah & Gantza Megillah
6:30 PM

We'll drown out Haman's name as we read the *Gantza* (whole) story.

Purim Party **Saturday, March 11**
& The Cantor's Couch **8:00 PM**

At a grown-up party, enjoy surprise desserts and Purim songs with Cantor Ness. Then it's Cantor Jack Mendelson's turn to take the stage with his hilarious, engaging one-man show.

This weekend is underwritten by the Gloria Goldenberg Music & Lecture Series Endowment Fund and the Leonard & Vicki Eisenfeld Endowment Fund.

Something for Everyone

Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12
Purim

A holiday with something for everyone: a king, two beautiful women, an evil overseer, an element of deception, plenty of suspense and ultimately the triumph of good over evil. It has costumes, gift-giving, noisemaking, special foods, and partying for all as the *Megillah* – the story of Purim – is read and the characters are cheered or booed.

The events surrounding Purim take place in Ancient Persia in the 4th century BCE. United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ.org) has several links that explain the story and offer a variety of ways to celebrate – from serious to silly:

tinyurl.com/USCJPurim

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 vegetarian-only foods. So there are lots of terrific eating options geared to non-meat palates:

tinyurl.com/VeganPurim

For more Purim recipes plus other fun stuff, check out Jamie Geller's "Ultimate Purim Holiday Guide." tinyurl.com/UlimatePurim

There are, of course, two Purim must-haves – kreplach and hamantaschen – both featuring Haman's "tri-corner hat" design. Jamie Geller offers several varieties of kreplach:

tinyurl.com/Kreplach

To learn about the tri-corner hat:

tinyurl.com/3CornerHat



Purim Festival **Sunday, March 12**
FAMILY CELEBRATION **11:15 AM**
CARNIVAL **NOON**

Come in costumes for a Purim story and brief Megillah reading; bring pasta boxes to use as groggers (noisemakers) – to drown out the name of the evil Haman during the reading of the story. Then, all the boxes will be donated to the Kosher Food Pantry. At noon, take your turn at the carnival games.

CARNIVAL COST: \$5 per person, at the door.

REFRESHMENTS: Hot dogs and more available for purchase

NOTE: Minyan with Full Megillah Reading at 8:45 AM

★ Celebrating - pre-Passover

JCL Community Seder

Tuesday, March 28
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Leave Egypt with us! Experience Passover with family and friends of the Jewish Association for Community Living (JCL).

RSVP: Bonnie Eisenberg-Greene, Judaic Coordinator of JCL,
beisenberg@jcl-ct.org

Women's Seder

Thursday, March 30
6:00 PM

The Mandell JCC is hosting this 4th community-wide event. Join women from all facets of the community to celebrate together. Friends, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and daughters will partake in the Passover Seder rituals and readings, enjoy a delicious dinner, and sing and dance with Michelle Citrin and her band.

LOCATION: Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr, WH
DETAILS/REGISTER: www.mandelljcc.org

Rabbits and Lettuce: The History of the Haggadah in Art and Text

with Dr. Joshua Kulp

Monday, April 3
7:00pm - 8:30 PM



There are more versions of the Passover Haggadah than any other book in Jewish history, including the Bible and Siddur. And many of them have pictures of rabbits! Come and learn how generations

of Jews made the Haggadah relevant to their lives. Learn how they adopted the symbols of the seder to the regions throughout the world in which they lived. Take home some new tidbits to impress your friends and family at your own seder!

COST: free and open to the community, all ages!
CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

★ Celebrating - Seder Ideas

Sharing in a Passover *Seder* (lit. order) – the festive meal – is one of the most widespread of Jewish celebrations. Once dry and rote, today's *Seders* take on many different flavors. We thought we'd share a few ways to spice up your *Seder* and **invite you to share your own ideas on our Beth El Facebook page.**

The first stop in revving up your *Seder* is the *Haggadah*, the Hebrew word for "telling." Yes, the Maxwell House *Haggadah*, born in 1932, is still around, but it now has hundreds of rivals. Even if you have one you love, it's worth buying a few others for new ideas. You can even make your own. Beth El's Sue Saidel created a *Haggadah* with a feminist spin which includes four daughters in lieu of sons. For more ideas, check out www.myjewishlearning.com/article/passover-pesach and also www.haggadot.com.

✧ What are some of the plagues we face today? Slavery? Hunger? Prejudice? Before each cup of wine invite your guests to discuss an element of social justice that is meaningful to them. Give your guests advance notice so they can come prepared.

✧ Try Bibliodrama: one child plays Moses, one child Pharaoh, etc., and have them act out the Pesach story. Or, ask each child questions and give him/her a chance to respond in character. For instance, ask Pharaoh, "How did you feel when your house was filled with frogs? What did you do?" Ask Miriam what it was like to lead the women through the sea, or

ask each of the four sons to act out their response. This works well for teens, too.

✧ Matzah ball lottery – put a white almond into one matzah ball; everyone cuts into their matzah ball and the winner gets a prize.

✧ Anita Levy, a teacher in our school, suggests: for those who have multi-cultural or multi-faith Seders, invite your guests to share a story about their culture and, if you can, prepare a dish that represents that culture. If you have kids, include plenty of finger foods (i.e. carrots, celery, even stuffed eggs), movement, and short kid-friendly stories.

✧ For Linda Stanger, having very young grandchildren means an active, multi-sensory Seder. They all pile into the playroom and using many props, enact the story of Pesach: chicken fingers and catsup become wild beasts and blood, and marshmallows become hail. Eat early, eat often and have fun are the guidelines for these *Sedarim*. It's a chance for everybody to be a kid again!



As you share the message of Pesach – freedom, optimism, faith, family, responsibility to the "other" – with friends and family, think how all of our senses – sight, sound, smell, taste and touch – can make the telling truly come alive.



★ Preparing - Passover

A mitzvah of Passover is the removal of all *chametz* (leaven), both physically and symbolically, and all that has had contact with *chametz*. Jewish law forbids eating (or even possessing) any food that can contain leaven.

According to Jewish law, instruments that are used throughout the year absorb leaven and may not be used on Passover. In traditional households, it is customary to have special dishes that are only used during the Passover festival. See the next page for the process of *kashering*.

Bedikat Chametz – Search for Leaven

In anticipation of Pesach, it is traditional to engage in a thorough spring cleaning. Then, a formal search takes place right after sundown on the night before Pesach. A blessing is said, and the search is done by candlelight or flashlight, with a small bag to sweep up the crumbs, usually with a feather. Since the house has already been cleaned thoroughly, it is customary to put crumbs in a few places where they can be easily found. The following morning, the leaven is burned (*biur chametz*). No *chametz* is eaten after this ritual until the end of Passover.

Passover Calendar

Monday, April 10

- 7:00 AM Fast of the First Born Service and Study Session, followed by breakfast*
- 9:00 AM Deadline to Sell *Chametz*
- 12:30 PM Mincha
- 7:06 PM Candle Lighting
- evening First Seder (no evening services)

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 12:30 PM Festival Mincha
- 8:07 PM Candle Lighting
- evening Second Seder (no evening services)

Wednesday, April 12

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 7:30 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv, & Havdalah
- 8:08 PM Havdalah

Sunday, April 16

- 7:13 PM Candle Lighting
- 7:30 PM Mincha, Festival Ma'ariv

Monday, April 17

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 7:30 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv
- 8:14 PM Candle Lighting

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:30 AM Festival Services
- 11:00 AM Yizkor (approximate time)
- 7:30 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv, Havdalah
- 8:15 PM Havdalah

★ Sponsored by Susan & Robert Gold in memory of Leo Gold z"l



Mekhirat Chametz – Transfer of Ownership

All *chametz* vessels (dishes, utensils, etc., and unopened food cartons or cans stored away during the Festival) should no longer legally be in one's possession.

How do we achieve this in accordance with Jewish law? An agent is empowered to enact a transaction with someone not Jewish. The sale has to take legal form, using a formal bill of sale. All *chametz* remains in that person's "ownership." At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted *chametz*. If ownership of the *chametz* was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this *chametz* is prohibited after the holiday as well.

You may indicate your desire to observe this mitzvah by signing the form below and returning it to the Beth El Temple office no later than **Monday, April 10, before 9:00 AM**. You might also consider donating unopened, nonperishable *chametz* to FoodShare.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact one of our Rabbis.



Jessie's Garden Horseradish

Horseradish is grown and prepared at Beth El and will be kosher for Passover. Place your orders early as we tend to sell out!

COST: \$5/5oz. Bottle

CONTACT: Dan Kulakofsky, dpk18@hotmail.com



Mekhirat Chametz – Transfer of Ownership

I hereby transfer to an agent, Rabbi James Rosen, all *Chametz* in my possession located at my home as of 9:00 AM on April 10.

Name _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please consider a contribution to the Passover Fund for the Needy (*Maot Chitin*). Please send your donation to "Beth El Maot Chitin" or to "Mazon." Send it to the Beth El Office, attn: Laurea Esau.



Guidelines for Permitted and Prohibited Items

PERMITTED FOODS may require a *Kosher le-Pesach* label, and it may differ if purchased before or during the holiday:

- ◆ NO label if purchased PRIOR to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives; sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see *Kitniyot*); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.
- ◆ NO label if purchased PRIOR or DURING Pesach: **fresh** fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see *Kitniyot*, right), eggs, fresh fish, and fresh meat.
- ◆ NEED label if purchased PRIOR or DURING Pesach: all baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices; canned tuna; wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, soda.
- ◆ NEED label if purchased DURING Pesach: **processed** foods (canned, bottled, or frozen): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish.

PROHIBITED FOODS include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

***KITNIYOT*:** Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list:

- ◆ rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas); however, string beans are permitted.
- ◆ Peanuts and peanut oil are permissible.
- ◆ We permit the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities also permit the use of all of the above.

◆ For an alternative perspective on the use of legumes, see www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf

MEDICINE: Chametz binders are used in many pills, but if required for life sustaining therapy, and general medical health, it may be used. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

Kashering Utensils for Passover

The process of kashering depends on how the utensils are used. According to *halakhah* (Jewish law), leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (*ke-voleo kakh polet*). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

◆ **EARTHENWARE** (china, pottery, etc.) may NOT be kashered. Exception: fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

◆ **METAL** (wholly made of metal)

- ◇ Utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible.
- ◇ Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water.
- ◇ Metal baking utensils can NOT be kashered.

◆ **OVENS AND RANGES:** Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it.

- ◇ Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle.
- ◇ Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

◆ **SMOOTH GLASS TOP ELECTRIC RANGES** should be cleaned thoroughly, and then turn on the coils to maximum heat until they are red hot. Carefully, pour boiling water on the entire surface area. **Note:** Some will not be able to be kashered.

◆ **MICROWAVE OVENS** which do not cook the food by means of heat should be cleaned, then a cup of water placed inside, and the oven turned on until the water disappears.

◇ **Note:** A microwave oven that has a browning element can NOT be kashered for Pesach.

◆ **GLASSWARE** requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach, or putting them through a dishwasher. Some also soak in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours.

◇ **Glass Cookware:** After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim.

◇ **Note:** Glass Bakeware, like metal bakeware, may NOT be kashered.

◆ **DISHWASHER** After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

◆ **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES** If the parts that come into contact with *chametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.

◇ **Note:** If the parts are not removable, the appliance can NOT be kashered.

◆ **TABLES, CLOSETS AND COUNTERS** If used with *chametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

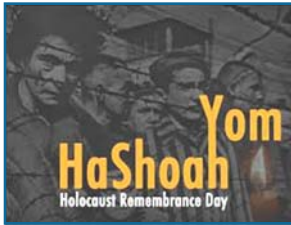
◆ **KITCHEN SINK** A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. Dishes may NOT be soaked in a porcelain sink.

◆ **CHAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS** Non-Passover dishes, pots, and *chametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

★ Observing Together - Modern Holidays

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day begins Sunday eve, April 23

We light a yellow candle (to be delivered by our Men's Club) and remember those who perished in the Holocaust. The full name is Yom HaShoah ve'HaGevurah – Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and Heroism – and that is indeed what it is. May the memories of those who perished in the Holocaust always be a blessing. And may we continue to honor those who bravely stood up to those who sought to destroy us.



Community Holocaust Commemoration of the Martyred Six Million

Sunday, April 23
CANDLE LIGHTING 6:00 PM
MINYAN 6:30 PM
PROGRAM 7:00 PM

Holocaust Remembrance Day, memorializing the six million Jews who perished as victims of the Nazis in World War II.

LOCATION: Beth El Temple

COST: Free and open to the community

How to Get a Yellow Candle



Candles are provided to Religious School families. They are also delivered to new members, people who have donated in recent years to the Yellow Candle program or who request them. They'll also be available for pickup in the office.

Donations can be made payable to Beth El Men's Club. (Please include mention of "Yellow Candles.") All profits go directly to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund.

Yom HaZikaron Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers begins Sunday eve, April 30



Unlike our Memorial Day in the U.S. with parades, sales, and BBQs, in Israel it is a somber day with ceremonies to honor those who fought to protect the State and People of Israel.

Everyone in Israel has lost someone in a war or terror attack, or knows someone who lost someone. Even the music on the radio is sad. Take time on this day to read about Israeli soldiers or to support a *chayal boded*, a "lone soldier" who made aliyah to Israel and fights for his/her adopted country.

Yom HaAtzmaut Israel's Independence Day begins Monday eve, May 1

Yom HaZikaron ends in true Israeli fashion: with the beginning of this special day of parties, parades, bonfires, and more – Israelis know how to celebrate. Wear blue and white, eat falafel, buy Israeli products, and make a donation to an Israeli charity as you celebrate Israel on this day.



A Shabbat in Celebration of Israel



Friday, April 28
SERVICES 6:30 PM
DINNER 7:45 PM
PROGRAM 8:30 PM

We will share in a celebration of Shabbat and the State of Israel with Beth David Synagogue. The service in the Sanctuary will be led by Cantor Ness, accompanied by an inter-congregational choir. A concurrent egalitarian service will convene in the Chapel. Everyone will then share together in a traditional, Israeli-style, Friday night Shabbat dinner. The speakers, El Al flight attendants and pilots from the acclaimed El Al Ambassadors program, will highlight the beauties and realities of daily living in Israel.

LOCATION: Beth David Synagogue, 20 Dover Road, West Hartford

COST: TBA

★ Doing Mitzvot

Charter Oak Project

March 5-6; April 2-3; April 30-May 1
COOK, SUNDAYS 9:00 - 11:00 AM
SERVE, MONDAYS 5:30 - 7:00 PM



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

food to Charter Oak. Donations are welcome.

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

CONTACT: Kerry Rausch, rausch.kerry@gmail.com, 860-232-3591, or Craig Diamond, 860-461-0263, craigpdiamond@yahoo.com

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen



Mondays, monthly
March 6; April 3; May 1
10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

The group prepares and serves lunch to approximately 80 clients.

LOCATION: Immanuel Church, Woodland St, Hartford

CONTACT: Ellen Solomon, ginky81434@hotmail.com

NOTE: generally 1st Monday of the month.

KNITzvah Group



Sundays, monthly
March 19, April 23, May 7
10:00 - 11:30 AM

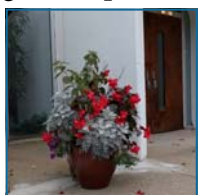
If you knit or crochet, this is a fun way to spend 90 minutes. We chat and schmooze, all the while creating something useful for people who need just a little "extra love." Our pretty works are donated to (mostly) local charities.

NOTE: bring #10 needles

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

Keeping Beth El Beautiful

Calling all green thumbs! Volunteers needed to tend the containers and in-ground plantings around our building:



planting, watering, and weeding. Commit to as little as ½ hour a week, or "adopt" a plant and tend to it for the season.

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



Mishloach Manot early March

Want to help assemble or deliver Mishloach Manot this year?

Contact us for details.

CONTACT: Marci Alter, mbajba1@gmail.com, 860-676-2248 or Amy Goldman, amygoldman@comcast.net, 860-232-0790



Jessie's Garden



Beth El is proud to be one of the founding partners in this network of community gardens established by

the Kostin family, longtime Beth El members, in memory of their daughter Jessica. Each spring and summer, our team of gardeners plants and tends lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, horseradish and other vegetables which are donated to the Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry. Before Passover, another team – which includes students from our school – prepares and sells the horseradish (*maror/chrein*), with proceeds going to buy seeds for the following year's plantings.

Jessie's Gardeners are looking for more volunteers (individuals, couples and families are all welcome – kids, too!) to help plant, water, weed, pick, and deliver the garden fresh produce. You can volunteer on a schedule that works for you. No experience is needed to enjoy this wonderful project and perform an important mitzvah.

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

Blood Drive Volunteers – January 8

Barbara Aaron	Susan Gluck	Amy Nulsen
BJ Diamond	Eileen	Ruth Stern
Ruby Gainen	McMurrer	Steve Szafman

Editor's Note: The calendar grid will now be a separate document and can be downloaded from our website. Each month is a separate page, designed for legal-sized paper (8.5"x14"). Copies are also available in the office.

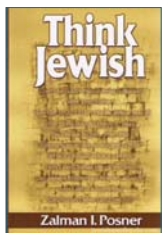
★ Lifelong Learning

LIBRARY CORNER Recollections and Thinking Jewish? ☆ Roberta J. Buland

Twenty years after their violent deaths on the Number 18 Bus in Jerusalem, the spirits of Matthew Eisenfeld and Sara Duker live through their own words in this collection of their writings, *Love Finer Than Wine: The Writings of Matthew Eisenfeld and Sara Duker*, edited by Rabbi Edward Bernstein. It offers a window into their souls through their reflections on love, Judaism, Israel, and the human condition.



In 2015, Beth El had the opportunity to hear Mike Kelly, author of *The Bus on Jaffa Road*, tell the story of Matthew Eisenfeld, BET member and JTS rabbinical student, and Sara Duker, his fiancée during their study abroad year. This new book complements their lives and legacies through their families, scholarship funds, babies born who were named after them, and personal reminiscences by people who knew or later heard about them. As Rabbi Vernon Kurtz of Illinois wrote, "My heart alternated between love of these two bright souls, and sorrow at what they might have become."



Think Jewish: Questions, Challenges, and Responses by Zalman I. Posner, is an eloquent, third (2005) edition of an eye-opening book of essays originally published in 1978 as *Think Jewish: A Contemporary View of Judaism, a Jewish View of Today's World*. The

new edition puts a more modern spin on such questions as *Can't I be good without being religious?*, *Wouldn't mankind be better off without labels that separate?*, *Aren't mitzvot restricting?*, *How can I pray if I don't really believe in God?* The answers, which seem to turn Western thought inside out, are down-to-earth and delivered in deftly polished prose slicing through the niggling conflicts that block a Jew from living Jewishly. When Zalman was 10 years old, he was sent to study in New York yeshivas. After the Rebbe Schneerson's arrival in New York in 1940, Posner was one of the first students of the newly founded United States branch of Tomchei Temimim, the Chabad run network of yeshivot.

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JTConnect – events for any and all in GRADES 7-12

Sunday, March 5, 1:00 PM – JTCares' social action program will be spreading the Purim joy to the residents at The Hebrew Center.

Friday, March 24 – Teen Shabbat dinner at UConn.

Sunday, April 9 – A jam packed day in NYC.

INFORMATION: jtconnect.org

CONTACT: office@jtconnect.org, 860-727-6110

Ongoing Weekly Classes / Programs

New participants welcome,
no registration necessary, no charge

Writing Workshop



Mondays
1:30 - 3:00 PM
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

NOTE: not meeting April 10, 17

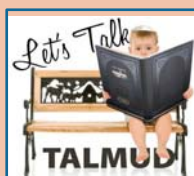
Lunch & Learn

Tuesdays
NOON - 1:00 PM

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

NOTE: not meeting April 11, 18

Talmud Study



Wednesdays
10:30 - 11:30 AM

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

NOTE: not meeting March 1; April 12, 19

NOTE: class time shifts to 10:00AM on April 26

Bible & Breakfast



Thursdays
8:00 - 9:00 AM

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

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

NOTE: no breakfast March 9 (Fast of Esther), special breakfast April 13 (Passover)

★ Supporting Beth El

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FOR THE YAHRZEIT OF

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IN APPRECIATION OF

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

★ Making Connections

Men's Club

Howard Sovronsky Sunday, March 5



MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM
BREAKFAST & PROGRAM 9:15 AM

A conversation with Beth El's own Howard Sovronsky, President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, who will speak about current trends and opportunities facing our local Jewish community and the changing role of philanthropy, outreach and engagement.

COST: no charge

RSVP: by 3/2, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,
dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

NOTE: open to the entire community

Package Yellow Candles Sun, March 26



MORNING MINYAN 8:45 AM

BREAKFAST 9:15 AM

PACKAGE 10:00 AM

Please help us as we package yellow candles for Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day. Helpers are also needed to deliver candles mid-April.

COST: no charge

RSVP: by 3/23, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878,
dr.EyesJoe@gmail.com

NOTE: open to the entire community

Walk Around the Reservoir Resumes April 13

every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:45 AM

Schmooze and exercise as we walk around the West Hartford Reservoir.

LOCATION: Meet in parking lot closest to Route 44

COST: no charge

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

Men's Club Breakfasts

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

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$36

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



Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life

Israeli Robotic Students Visit

Host Families Needed Mar 28 - Apr 3

Some 40 young, enthusiastic Israeli High School robot "engineers" are coming once again to participate in Trinity College's Annual Fire Fighting Robot Contest. Host families are needed for both students and teachers. Responsibilities include lodging, meals, transportation, etc.

CONTACT: Sharon Efron 860-559-4010,
sgredancer@yahoo.com

An Evening of A Cappella Music Fundraiser for Israeli High School Robotics Students Wednesday, March 29

7:00 PM

A special musical evening with *A Cafella & Voce di Coeli* (Hall High School) and *Be S#arp* (Conard High School). Enjoy mingling with our Israeli guests while enjoying refreshments after the concert.

LOCATION: Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr,
WH

CONCERT: \$10/adult, \$7/child

PIZZA DINNER: \$10/adult, \$7/child (before concert)

RSVP: by 3/24, Sharon Efron 860-559-4010,
sgredancer@yahoo.com

NOTE: open to the entire community

PAG: Mitzvot, Munchies and Meaning

Sunday, April 2

Noon - 1:00 PM

Right after Religious School, Pre-K, 1st-grade and 4th-grade students are invited to make activity bags for big and little kids who are staying at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. We'll nosh on bagels and engage in discussion of this meaningful mitzvah.

CONTACT: Room parent or the Religious School

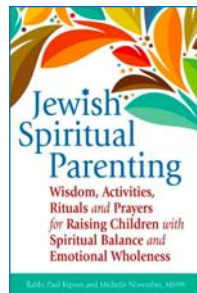
COST: no charge

RSVP: please RSVP using link sent by room parent

Jewish Spiritual Parenting

Saturday, March 25

11:00 AM



Parents of third graders join Rabbi Garber for a book discussion based on "Jewish Spiritual Parenting." Families received the book in February, marking an important milestone on the journey to bar/bat mitzvah and beyond.

CONTACT: Rabbi Garber, igarber@bethelwh.org

★ Making Connections



Hava Nagila Luncheon, Movie & Sing-a-long

Wednesday, April 26
12:00 - 3:00 PM

Hava Nagila – it's a song that automatically brings a tune to your ear. But do you know where it came from? This documentary will dance us through the history and meaning of this Jewish party song, featuring Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, and more. Cantor Ness leads the sing-a-long after the movie.

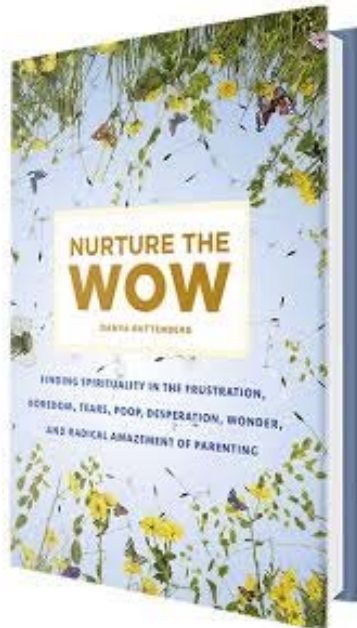


COST: \$12

RSVP: by 4/14, Jay Cudrin, 860-236-6706, or Florence Shakun, 860-233-2395

NOTE: open to the entire community

SPONSOR: Chai Society



Nurture the Wow Parenting as a Spiritual Practice with **Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg**

Wednesday, April 26
7:00 PM

The work of parenting – and living in connection with others in general – can be glorious, and amazing. And it can be, at least as often, frustrating and mind-numbingly boring. How can the riches of the Jewish tradition help us transform the most difficult daily moments with our children and the other people in our lives? And what do parents, deep in the trenches, teach Judaism about what spirituality is and can be?



Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg mixes spirituality with the gritty reality in her book, "Nurture the Wow." Don't miss this engaging evening!

COST: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door; register online at bethelwesthartford.org/womensnetwork

Books now available in the Beth El office for \$15. Please make checks payable to Beth El. If you would like to buy a book and have it delivered to your home, please email Beth at womensnetworkbethel@gmail.com

This event is presented by Beth El Temple Women's Network, in partnership with the Mandell JCC Jewish Book Festival, Early Childhood Center and Family Room, Solomon Schechter Day School, Mikveh Bess Israel, Pearl Society of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Hadassah Greater Hartford and Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood.

Empty Nester Moms* Game Night is Back

Tuesday, March 21
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Did you lose your last board game player when your youngest child left home? Come join other moms in the same situation. Bring your favorite game(s) or just come be part of the fun and conversation.

LOCATION: a home in Simsbury

RSVP: by 3/19 to get address

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

*NOTE: if your youngest child has left home, you are invited to join this group

New Havurah*

*Havurah, a small group of Beth El members with something in common who can celebrate, socialize, learn, and enrich Jewish lives together.

A new group is being formed for families with one non-Jewish parent.

CONTACT: Korine Ferraro, korinef@att.net, 860-584-0376

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★ Making Connections - Looking Ahead

The Plight of the Yazidis: 21st Century Genocide Thu, May 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

The film uses undercover footage and survivor inter-views to provide a chilling account of the atrocities perpetuated by ISIS upon the Yazidis, an ethno-religious group in northern Iraq. A brief discussion will follow the film.

NOTE: Content is not suitable for children
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20 (all funds to assist efforts to aid survivors)

RSVP: by 5/1, Sharon Efron 860-559-4010, sgredancer@yahoo.com

CO-SPONSORS: Israel Engagement Com, Men's Club, Women's Network

A Physician's Personal Experiences of the Six-Day and Yom Kippur Wars Sunday May 7, 9:15 AM

Dr. Itzhak Brook will share his experiences and challenges as a medic in the Six-Day War and a battalion physician in the Yom Kippur War. Book signing follows.

COST: no charge for breakfast/program
RSVP: by 5/4, Joe Springut, 860-676-9878, dr.Eyesjoe@gmail.com

BOOK: available for purchase now or at the event

SPONSOR: Men's Club

Mamele: Film and Sing-Along

Wednesday, May 17
7:00 PM

Come see Joseph Green's 1938 Yiddish film with new English subtitles; a sparkling gem with Molly Picon – Queen of the Yiddish Musical. To benefit the Library.

COST: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

CONTACT: Betty Hoffman, bhoffman3@comcast.net

CO-SPONSORS: Library, BEMA, Men's Club

Community Day with the Yard Goats vs. Akron Rubber Ducks Sun, May 21 1:35 PM

Pre-game BBQ at noon. Kids run the bases after the game!

TICKETS: \$18/adult, \$12/child (ages 4-13)

CONTACT: by 5/5, Dave Diamond 860-965-3157, davediamond2@comcast.net

CO-SPONSORS: Men's Club, Emanuel Brotherhood

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LOCATION: Camp Ramah in New England, Palmer, MA

CONTACT: David Offit, Dir. of Programming, CRNE, davido@camprahamne.org, 212-678-8953

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★ Making Connections - Welcoming Syrian Refugees

An Update on Our Syrian Family



The family has arrived here from Syria! This young, intrepid family left all their family and friends in a refugee camp to settle in West Hartford. Thanks to the on-going collaborative efforts between the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Solomon Schechter Day School, and Beth El Temple, the family of six has settled comfortably into their apartment in West Hartford.

Our group has found wonderful Arabic-speaking volunteers to help with their extensive interpreting needs while they learn English. The children have started school at Whiting Lane Elementary School, the parents have begun English lessons, and

some of their neglected medical and dental needs are already being addressed.



The children, who shivered in the cold the first day they arrived and had never used car seats, are already running outside without jackets and automatically buckling themselves up in cars, just like typical American children. They love their backpacks and English books and are learning new

English words every day. The three older children (ages 3, 5, and 7) have already learned to make snowballs, played at the JCC playscape, visited Westmoor Park, and experienced so much more around town.



Wonderful volunteers helped set up the family's home, drive them to appointments, and shop for food. We will continue to support their ongoing needs and help the young father find a job. He is hardworking and eager to work to support his young family. The family has already bonded with our community members and are appreciative and overwhelmed by the support and kindness from Beth El and Westminster.

COMMITTEE: Carrie Berman, carriieberman82@gmail.com
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Robin Landau, robinlandau2@gmail.com

Current Needs

Our committee has requested help with the following items.

- Gift cards to grocery stores (Shoprite, Target, Walmart preferred)
- Cash donations are always appreciated (see Rabbi Garber)
- Diapers - size 5 (any brand)
- Clothing for spring/summer:
 - ◇ girls size 5-7
 - ◇ boys 3T-4T
 - ◇ baby girl 12-18 months
- Volunteer drivers



Potluck Celebration

Sunday, March 19
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Come welcome and celebrate the family's arrival with the Beth El, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Solomon Schechter Day School communities. Bring your favorite vegetarian dish. Watch for more details.

LOCATION: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2080 Boulevard, West Hartford
CO-SPONSORS: Beth El Temple, Westminster Presbyterian Church

★ Enjoying Beth El - **USY** United Synagogue Youth

USY Lounge Nights **Tuesdays**
March 7, 21; April 4; May 2
7:30 - 9:00 PM

Rotating locations (TBA) among Beth El, Emanuel, and BTS. Themes include Hammentaschen Baking, Black out Night, Israel Independence Day, and much more.

COST: never a charge!

CONTACT: Jason, whusy18@gmail.com

USY Community Service Opportunity
Sunday, March 26
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Come and get your hands dirty as we help start up the gardens at The Emanuel Synagogue.

RSVP: by 3/23,
whusy18@gmail.com

Spring Extravaganza Shabbat Dinner
Friday, April 21
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Friends, food, and fun!

COST: \$10

LOCATION: home of Arielle & Jason Kay

RSVP: by 4/18,
whusy18@gmail.com

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

Music University: The History of Cantorial Music
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

February 22

Beginnings – The Cantorial Tradition, 1750-1850



March 1

Great Singers of the Golden Age of Chazzanut, 1850-1960

March 8

Traditional & Contemporary Sounds, 1930-2017

Cantor Ness will deliver evocative, educational, and inspirational musical lectures discussing the great cantors throughout the ages including Joseff “Yossele” Rosenblatt, Moishe Oysher, Moshe Koussevitzky, Richard Tucker *and more!* Highlights will include beautiful musical examples and pictures.

COST: no charge

NOTE: not necessary to attend all 3

RSVP: bema@BethElTempleMusic.com, for planning

SPONSOR: BEMA (Beth El Music & Arts)

Muffins and Music **Fridays**
Mar 17, 31; Apr 21, May 5
Following Minyan, 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Start your day on a musical note with an inspiring mini-music history course presented by Cantor Joseph Ness, plus a tasty breakfast ‘nosh.’

COST: free, no registration required

SPONSOR: Bob Gruskay

Freedom, Jews & Jazz: A Concert with Giacomo Gates
Sunday, April 2
7:00 PM



Another in a series of amazing jazz concerts featuring jazz artist Giacomo Gates and his trio: Walter Gwardyak (piano), Jeff Fuller (bass), and Carmen Intorre (drums). Cantor Joseph Ness hosts the evening, and he's joined by some of Beth El's special jazz vocalists.

COST: \$20, general tickets

NOTE: cabaret-style seating and an open wine bar

RSVP: bema@BethElTempleMusic.com

INFO: www.bethelwesthartford.org

SPONSORS: supporters of BEMA and The Cantor's Fund

NOTE: Evening Minyan at 6:30 PM

Adult Choir **Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Our Adult Choir is open to new singers! If you can carry a tune and read music, please think about joining!

CONTACT: Cantor Ness, jness@bethelwh.org

Kids' Choir GRADES 4-7 **Sundays, 11:30 - NOON**

Through our study of music, we also learn dedication, dependability, camaraderie, and teamwork. In choir, just like on any kind of team, every singer's contribution is valuable.

NOTE: open to all members by audition; meets weekly following the school calendar

NOTE: participate in specific Shabbat Services, a BEMA concert, and the High Holiday Services in the fall

CONTACT: Debbie, bema.wh@gmail.com

NOTE: no class 3/12, 4/9, 4/16

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