

The Beth El Bulletin

January 2023
Tevet-Shevat 5783



Rabbinically Yours
By Rabbi Earl Kideckel



Togetherness

Every Friday evening as we begin our Kabbalat Shabbat services, we express our sense of joy in being together with one another. The words are quite familiar to us all: "*Hinei ma-tov uma-naim shevet achim gam-yachad*," "How beautiful and pleasant it is that we join together as brothers/sisters in unity!" Believe it or not, three years ago I joined together

with you for the first time, at Crossroads, where we began to examine the possibility of our journey together. As I write this article, while it does not seem as though it was yesterday, time has passed by rather quickly.

We have been through quite a bit together. As I am certain Judy will report in her article, I am honored that the executive board of our congregation has asked me to continue in this wonderful relationship. Together we have accomplished a great deal despite the limitations of not yet being housed in our own home. Hopefully, before we know it, we will be breaking ground and, not too long after, celebrating the walking of our *sifre Torah* into our new *shul*.

It takes a whole group of individuals to create a community; and a dedicated group of you that are overseeing the initial steps in making this happen. From site design to fundraising, it is that flame that keeps our congregational *shevat achim gam yachad*, our communal togetherness, more than just intact. And it takes more than simply what happens in a building that will continue to sustain our congregation. It is that sense of communal togetherness that inspires us to work not only for Beth El, but also for the other organizations within our Jewish Eastern Connecticut, that builds our hope for the future.

Todah rabbah for your confidence and commitment.

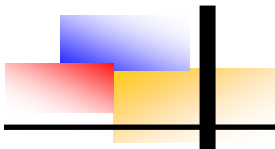
May we be blessed with many moments together to share and celebrate and to be there for one another at moments of challenge.

Respectfully,
Rabbi K

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SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In-person services are held at Temple Emanu-El on Shabbat mornings unless otherwise noted below. These services are also available via Zoom.

| Daily Services | Service | Candle Lighting | Shabbat ends | Daily Services |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Sundays and Fridays | Morning Service | | | 8:15 a.m. |
| Sunday-Thursday | Evening Service | | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday 1/6 | 7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Marcia Reinhard | 4:16 p.m. | | |
| Saturday 1/7 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at TEE & via Zoom | | 5:21 p.m. | |
| Friday 1/13 | 7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Cantor Paul Dorman | 4:23 p.m. | | |
| Saturday 1/14 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at TEE & via Zoom | | 5:28 p.m. | |
| Friday 1/20 | 7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Faye Ringel & Roz Etra | 4:31 p.m. | | |
| Saturday 1/21 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Jan. Simcha Shabbat Morning Svc. in person at TEE & via Zoom | | 5:35 p.m. | |
| Friday 1/27 | 7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein | 4:40 p.m. | | |
| Saturday 1/28 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at TEE & via Zoom | | 5:43 p.m. | |



Our Mission Statement: The mission of Congregation Beth El is to foster a welcoming, diverse, and egalitarian community within the framework of Conservative Judaism, and to enrich the lives of its members through worship, learning, fellowship, celebration and tikun olam—healing the world.

President's Message



Dear Congregants,

It feels strange to write this January bulletin article in early December, but the printer's schedule necessitates me to write this article earlier than usual. I apologize if anything I write is not relevant by the time you receive this bulletin.

I have the best news to share! Rabbi Kideckel and I have signed a new 3 year contract! I am so grateful that he will continue to be our spiritual leader for the next 3 1/2 years!

I appreciate the team that helped to make this process easy for us: Kathleen McFadden, Richie Simonson, Michael Cohen, Artie Dean &, Jeffrey Dubins all helped to make this happen.

There is lots to share on the building of our new shul. I should be able to share renderings of our new shul soon if I haven't already.

A Geo-technical Engineer has been retained. He will take several test borings and develop a report based upon the soil conditions so the appropriate foundation may be designed. *We are getting an estimate of the construction costs. We have not put the project out to bid yet, but are getting an estimate. We need to calculate how much we anticipate the project to cost, how much we can afford to spend and, of course, how much we will need to raise. You are all aware that our dues income does not cover our expenses. So, we have used some of those monies from the sale of 660 Ocean Avenue to cover our expenses. We are also being financially responsible by keeping some of those funds in reserve to continue to cover our expenses. I am, and will continue to be, completely transparent with you as we gather all of this data. Some people have asked about resale of this future building if we no longer need it sometime in the future. Our architect is designing the building with a possible resale in mind.*

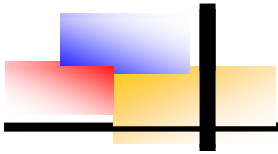
Some of you have asked about Congregation Beth El going to Beth Jacob, buying Crossroads Presbyterian Church, or even renting Niantic Cinema. I can honestly tell you that these have ALL been explored and have not been fruitful.

To help make this project a reality, there will be fundraising opportunities and a lot of sorting through our belongings. Our design committee will guide us as we sort through all of our belongings before we are in our new shul! Of course, our prized 15 foot long tapestry which was hand needle pointed by congregants, chuppah and many other sentimental pieces will be incorporated into our new home!

On two recent occasions, teams met at Beth Jacob to consolidate and move some items that we store there in order to make room for JFEC. This task took approximately 9+ hours to sort items to be shredded, brought to the trailer for the gift shop sale, moved to the bridal room, prayer books to be buried, or moved to Shaw Street. I can't thank the following people enough who assisted with this monumental task; Michael Cohen, Jeffrey Dubins, Ed Goldberg, Rabbi Kideckel, Kathleen McFadden, and Rachel Levy (JFEC), Ken Fischburg (JFEC), and Drew from JFEC. We could not have done the job without their help.

I appreciate the comments and questions that I have received to date and have done my best to answer them promptly. Please keep the comments and questions coming! If I don't know the answer, I will find out who

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JETI Talks

**Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom**

JETI Talks take place on the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

Congregation Beth El's program of Jewish Education, Theology and Information Talks (**JETI Talks**) continues on Tuesday, January 3 with Carol Goodman Kaufman, food columnist.

Carol Goodman Kaufman will discuss:
**"A History of the Bagel -
A Real Schmear Campaign"**

**Past talks can be viewed any time on our YouTube channel:
'Congregation Beth El of New London, CT'**

**If you would like to give a talk, please contact the Beth El office at
860-442-0418 or by email at office@bethel-nl.org**

Upcoming JETI Talks:

Feb. 7 - Dr. Robert Levin: My Grandfather, the Jewish Legion & Early Zionism

JETI
talks

President's Message cont.

does have the answers.

I hope you share my enthusiasm and rest assured that I am proceeding with caution with advice from many others more knowledgeable than I. Believe me, I do not make decisions on my own! I only move forward with the okay from the building committee and the Board of Directors! As President of Congregation Beth El, I preside over meetings and help to make lots of day-to-day decisions, but the big decisions are always approved and voted on at the Board of Directors meetings. As always, please feel free to call or email me.

Respectfully Yours,
Judy Engel, President



Beth El Book Club

Next Book Club meeting:

Wednesday, January 18th at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom



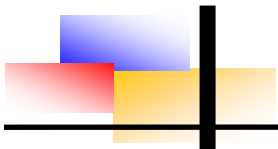
Waking Lions

by Israeli Author, Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Waking Lions is available on Kindle and several copies will be held and available at the Waterford Public Library. All are welcome. Please call or email the synagogue office for the Zoom link if you are not a member of Beth El.

"Dr. Eitan Green is a good man. He saves lives. Then, speeding along on a deserted, moonlit road in his SUV, he hits someone. Seeing that the man, an African migrant, is beyond help, he flees the scene. It is a decision that changes everything because the dead man's wife knows what happened. When she knocks at Eitan's door the next day, tall and beautiful, he discovers that her price is not money. It is something else entirely, something that will shatter Eitan's safe existence and take him into a world of secrets and lies. *Waking Lions* is a gripping, suspenseful and morally devastating drama of guilt and survival, shame, and desire. "

Waking Lions offers a commentary on privilege and otherness, challenging readers to confront their own blind spots and preconceptions. Trained as a clinical psychologist, Gundar-Goshen examines her characters with the same formidable gaze. Nobody emerges unscathed....Gundar-Goshen is adept at instilling emotional depth into a thriller plot, delivering the required twists and turns along with an incisive portrayal of her characters' guilt, shame and desire, fluidly shifting between their perspectives...*Waking Lions'* exhilarating, cinematic finale. Skillfully translated by Sondra Silverston, *Waking Lions* is a sophisticated and darkly ambitious novel, revealing an aspect of Israeli life rarely seen in its literature."—**Ayelet Tsabari, *New York Times Book Review***



Musical Shabbat

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Shir Shabbat Service

beginning at 7:00 p.m. on:

Friday, January 6th

with Marcia Reinhard

Friday, January 13th

with Cantor Paul Dorman

Friday, January 20th

with Faye Ringel & Roz Etra

Friday, January 27th

with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein

Tikkun Olam Initiative

Beth El Adopts a Family

This winter season (and throughout the year), please join Congregation Beth El in helping a family in our community.

As part of our commitment to *gemilut chesed*, performing kindnesses to others, we have adopted a family within our community who is in need. This particular family is a mother with two teenage children.

Our goal is to provide this family with gas cards (Stop and Shop gas is their preference), and gift cards for food and clothing (Walmart and Target). (Last year, when they reached out to us, we helped them in filling their oil tank. Thankfully, in the end, the fuel assistance program in our state came to their aid.) Donations can also be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, earmarked to our *Tikkun Olam* Initiative.

The mitzvah is *letaken et ha-olam*, to repair the world, both theirs and ours through our commitment to this family.

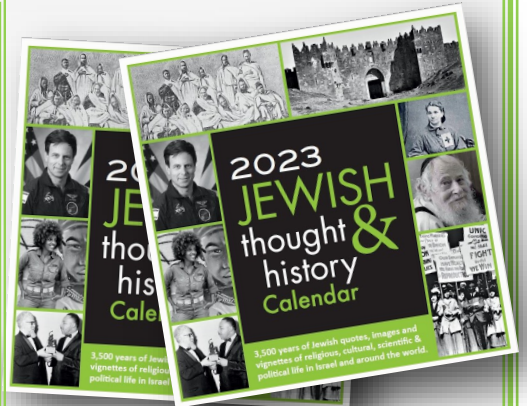
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Congregation Beth El has a YouTube Channel!

Look for “Congregation Beth El of New London, CT”
on YouTube.com or go to the link:

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCZbZ52vMnhP4doypS4MFzKQ/videos>

**Here you can view all of our past JETI Talks, our “Bring Your Own Bagel”
lectures and the Harold Juli Memorial Cantors Concert, as well.**



Next Simcha Shabbat - January 21st - In Person & Via Zoom

January 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El (29 Dayton Rd., Waterford).

If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, new child/grandchild, promotion, retirement or other happy event, let us know! If you would like to have an

*honor or would like to be a sponsor of the **January Simcha***

***Shabbat kiddush luncheon**, please contact the Beth El office at*

860-442-0418 or by email at **office@bethel-nl.org**.



The team that helped to renew Rabbi Kideckel's contract:
Kathleen McFadden, Richie Simonson, Michael Cohen,
Artie Dean &, Jeffrey Dubins...

and the people who assisted with the monumental task of
sorting through our belongings at Beth Jacob:
Michael Cohen, Jeffrey Dubins, Ed Goldberg,
Rabbi Kideckel, Kathleen McFadden, and Rachel Levy
(JFEC), Ken Fischburg (JFEC), and Drew from JFEC.



Email Rabbi Kideckel at:

rabbikideckel@bethel-nl.org.

Please feel free to call the office at (860) 442-0418
any time to make an appointment.

Beth El Office Hours

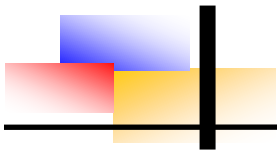
Monday—Friday 8 a.m.—3 p.m.

27 Shaw Street, New London, CT 06320 | (860) 442.0418

Your office personnel:

Merrill Mazzella—Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday

Melanie Brule—Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday



January Birthdays



Daniel Bendor
Melvin Coleman
Sandra Davidson
Sam Elprin
Beverly Evvard
Arielle Frommer

Rafael Frommer
Samuel Frommer
Rachel Goldstein
Helene Lamchick
Nadine Lipman
Martin Manley

Ruth Randolph
Eugene Sapozhnikov
Jerome Schwell
Richard Simonson

HAPPY *January* ANNIVERSARY to:

Sofiya & Iosif Agranovich
Beth & Garon Camassar
Robyn & Len Wolman

Thank you to our...
December Simcha Shabbat Service Sponsors:

Stuart & Sue Miller, in honor of Sue's "milestone" birthday
Diane & Gene Maran, in honor of Gene's Birthday

Blanket Making ~ A Mitzvah

Nancy Brand, Harriet Juli and Ruth Radin are once again making lovely blankets (small 14 x 14 with satin tabs) for children hospitalized at L&M Hospital and for adults in area nursing homes.

Any monetary donations to help cover the cost of materials for this mitzvah project would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, you don't need to be a seamstress, but if you have a machine and the motivation to do something wonderful for children who are hospitalized, join us!

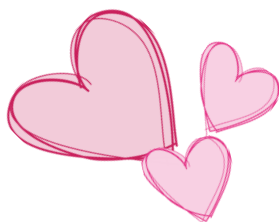
Call Harriet at (860) 442-8951.

Kindly send, or bring, donations to the Beth El office (P.O. Box 1310, N.L., CT 06320).

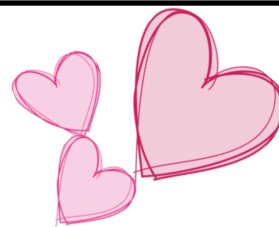
Thanks in advance for your support and generosity!

The Blanket Brigade,

Harriet Juli, Nancy Brand & Ruth Radin



Mazel Tov



to

*Emily Cohen & Micah Margolis
on their engagement.*

Emily is the daughter of Lisa & Michael Cohen.

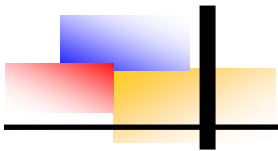


Contact: Bikur Cholim if you need assistance - meals, a ride, etc.

Volunteer: Offer to cook or drive!

Coordinator: Sema Stein 860-691-0654 semastein74@gmail.com
Nancy Brand 860-739-9733 nancyfriedmanbrand@gmail.com

Bikur Cholim



DONATIONS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Mazel Tov to Emily Cohen & Micah Margolis on their engagement

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Lisa & Michael Cohen

In memory of Musya Zilberman, Sophie & Boris Pais, and Frances Baratz

Elena Kabanova & Igor Roytfeld

TIKKUN OLAM INITIATIVE

We would like to thank all of those who have already made a difference with a donation to the Tikkun Olam Initiative. The family has expressed its appreciation to our congregation for our continuing support.

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Barbara Glider's sister

Beth & Garon Camassar

In memory of Dotti Gladstone's sister

Beth & Garon Camassar

In appreciation of Rabbi Kideckel for mi sheberach

Beth & Garon Camassar

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In memory of Libby Libo at yahrzeit

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Paul Turetzky

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Sylvia Kirsch

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In memory of Melvin Kirsch

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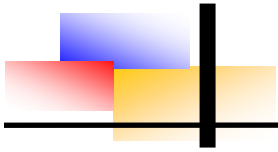


Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Kideckel

**1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
from 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays, January 5 & 19
at 12:00 via Zoom**

Zoom link will be sent with the weekly announcements



YAHREZITS

January 6, 2023

14 Tevet–January 7

Lester Agranovitch
Reuben Parker
Mary Rodensky

15 Tevet–January 8

Sol Bernstein
Sherman S. Clark
Oleg Elperin
Samuel Snider
Daniel Wein

17 Tevet–January 10

Elizabeth Lazerow

18 Tevet–January 11

Adella Dorothy Friedman
Rabbi Bernard Kimmel
Rivienne Rodensky
Abraham Rome

19 Tevet–January 12

Sam Nasser
Anne Primus
Kathleen Randolph

20 Tevet–January 13

Eva Glassman
Bertold Linz
Dora Nowak
Phillip Orenstein

January 13, 2023

21 Tevet–January 14

Adelaide Goldsmith
Abram Washton

22 Tevet–January 15

Harry Baron
Emanuel Gensburg
James Goldberg
Freyda Peck Koplow
Ruth M. Kronick
Harold Samuels
Sam Traystman

23 Tevet–January 16

Walter Baker
Isabelle “Mickey” Bemis
Naomi B. Eisenstein
Anna Katz
Solomon Schwartz
Minnie Shifreen

24 Tevet–January 17

Pauline Flom
Bessie Kornstein
Bernard C. Peck
Minnie Rutman

25 Tevet–January 18

Seena Cohen
Leah Rubin
Jack Steinberg

26 Tevet–January 19

Fanny Keitleman
Hannah Popkin

27 Tevet–January 20

Abraham Hymen
Mabel Rutman
Morris Thall
Harry Witkin

January 20, 2023

28 Tevet–January 21

Molly Kuchner
Izzy Resnikoff

29 Tevet–January 22

Charles Atlas
Max Bogad
Seymour Bogdonoff
Joseph Eisenstein
Nathan Frank
Philip Jacob Hendel
Irene Hillsberg
Eleanor Kopman
Jacob Mandel
Elizabeth “Betty” Manley
George Rosenfield

1 Shevat–January 23

David Porges
Jennie Selleck

2 Shevat–January 24

Joseph Birenbaum
Leon de Haaff
Eleanor Faith Gaines
Hyman Kierstein
David Lichter
Charles Phillips

3 Shevat–January 25

Hyman Marlow
Leonard Ribchinsky
Paul Sandrew

4 Shevat–January 26

Sally Lenchek
Herman Zeitlin

5 Shevat–January 27

Milton Green
Philip Lenchek
Pauline Levinson
Rhoda Reiser
Albert Tanenbaum
Rachel Weinstein
Gertrude Zuckerman

January 27, 2023

6 Shevat–January 28

Mina Gastfreund
Robert Moyal
Dora Nalibotski
Esther Seed
Betty Sokol

7 Shevat–January 29

Belle Jayson
George Krieger
Evelyn Mehlman
Kenneth Ritter
Anna Tanenbaum
Sylvia Yoselevsky

8 Shevat–January 30

Benjamin Dean
Lillian Korman
Bessie Pasternak

9 Shevat–January 31

Martha Pollack

10 Shevat–February 1

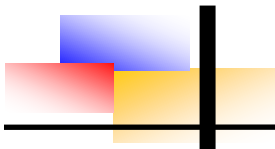
Max Elion
Lena Gottesdiener
Harry Jacobs
Benjamin Lapin
Gloria Slackman
Louis Taylor

11 Shevat–February 2

Sidney Dean
Jessie Dorsky
Rochel Greengrass
Cecelia Ort

12 Shevat–February 3

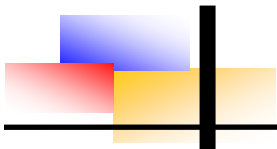
Morris Golden
Jack Steinberg



JANUARY 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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Donations Needed!

Now, more than ever, the New London Soup Kitchen is in need of donations as they continue to make and distribute meals to those in need. Congregation Beth El is accepting donations of tuna fish, penne pasta, and cans of cream of mushroom soup for the monthly meal served at the New London Soup Kitchen. Please contact the Beth El office to make arrangements to drop off your donations.



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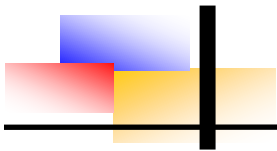
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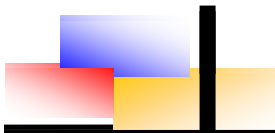
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