The Beth El Bulletin





We all know the words "Hinei ma tov umanayim, shevet achim gam yachad." It is one of our favorite melodies that we enjoy singing as we begin services. And the words remind us how wonderful it is that we, as a community and congregation, can join together to celebrate and experience different moments in our own personal lives, in the Jewish calendar and in the secular calendar.

The month of May brings us many different opportunities to enjoy each other's company:

For the first time since I have been here as your rabbi (and that is going on three years), we will join together for an erev Shabbat service on Friday evening May 19^{th} , *in person* at Temple Emanu-El, followed by a Shabbat dinner. At that time we will say a *todah rabbah* on behalf of our congregation to Oma and Omer, our *shinshinim* (emissaries), for their work in our community. We will also celebrate the completion of study of our students in our religious school. It seems quite odd that it has taken three years to finally enjoy a Shabbat meal and services together under one roof, but I am hoping that we will be able to find many more such occasions as our plans for our own shul building come into fruition. Marcia Reinhard will be joining us as well, and for the first time, she and I will be leading services together in person.

Our Jewish community will join together on Thursday evening May 25th for a most interesting Shavuot discussion at Temple Emanu-El. The topic will be "Dirshuni," ("Interpret Me") where we will study texts that need reinterpretation in a woman's voice. The discussion will revolve around the texts associated with Lot's wife turning to a pillar of salt, and how we can understand the text through a woman's eye and how perhaps she was punished for unfair charges. We will also have breakout sessions where we will have the opportunity to take a male oriented midrash and reclaim it in a female voice. We will also have the opportunity to schmooze over some Shavuot dairy snacks.

On Friday morning, May 26th, we will reconvene at Congregation Beth Jacob, in Norwich, where as one congregational voice we will join together to celebrate Shavuot and recite Yizkor.

On Memorial Day Weekend Shabbat morning, we will join again at Temple Israel (Park St. shul across from Ocean Beach) for Shabbat morning services. During that service we will pause to reflect upon the bravery and service of the many men and women who have served in our Armed Forces and have passed away as we commemorate Memorial Day as a congregation.

I look forward to your joining us for these wonderful opportunities.

Respectfully, Rabbi K

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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 Sunday-Thursday	Morning Service Evening Service			8:15 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday 5/5	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Lance Reiser and the Honorable Judge Carl Schuman	7:31 p.m.		
Saturday 5/6	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at TEE & via Zoom		8:37 p.m.	
Friday 5/12	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein	7:39 p.m.		
Saturday 5/13	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at <u>TEMPLE ISRAEL</u> & via Zoom		8:45 p.m.	
Friday 5/19	***6:00 p.m. Beth El Family Dinner & Shir Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El with Marcia Reinhard	7:46 p.m.		
Saturday 5/20	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Simcha Shabbat Morning Svc. in person at TEE & via Zoom		8:53 p.m.	
Thursday 5/25 EREV SHAVUOT	7:00 p.m. Community Shavuot Celebration <u>at Temple Emanu-El</u> (see flyer for details)			
Friday 5/26 SHAVUOT	10:00 a.m. Shavuot Morning Service & Yikzor at <u>Beth Jacob Synagogue</u> & via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Kideckel (Zoom)	7:52 p.m.		
Saturday 5/27	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at <u>TEMPLE ISRAEL</u> & via Zoom		9:01 p.m.	

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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,

In the next few weeks you will be getting a capital appeal brochure in the mail with many details of our new religious home. Our fundraising committee dedicated many hours to the wording of the brochure. We could not have accomplished it without the expertise, patience, and guidance of Ruth Radin though. Please donate as generously as you can. All donations matter and each one will be appreciated.

Our building committee will review the final plans before they are submitted in June to the town of Waterford for approval. While the plans are being reviewed, we will start the construction bids in order to expedite the process. We hope to break ground by the end of this year. The building committee has gone to great lengths to cover all the details we could think of. There will be room for the 15 foot long handmade tapestry and the chuppah, the kitchen will be smaller than the one at 660, but sufficient. We've taken so many details into consideration even with this first stage of the process. In all my travels, I've even looked and taken photos of many restroom fixtures that are attractive and functional. I'm saying that we are trying to think of everything! Please give generously and I hope to see you soon!

Respectfully Yours,
Judy Engel
President, Congregation Beth El



Beth El Family Shabbat Dinner - Friday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m.

Join us on <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 19th</u> at Temple Emanu-El for services led by Rabbi Kideckel and Marcia Reinhard, together with the students from the Beth El religious school as a culmination of their year's study. We will also say *todah rabbah* and honor Omer and Uma for their work in our school and congregation. Dinner (by RSVP), prepared by Omer and Uma and a select group of volunteers, will follow the service. It will include Israeli chicken schnitzel and a falafel dinner for vegetarians. Dinner cost is \$18/person and the <u>RSVP deadline is Monday</u>, May 15th. Email your RSVP to **office@bethel-nl.org**. or call 860-442-0418.



JETI Talks

Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Congregation Beth El's program of Jewish Education, Theology and Information Talks continues on Tuesday, May 2nd with Marjorie Meekoff, Founder & President of Pollinator Pathway, East Lyme.

Marjorie Meekoff will discuss "The Importance of our Native Insects & Bumblebees"



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





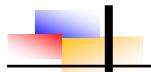
Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Kideckel

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

Thursdays, May 4 & May 18 at 12:00 via Zoom

We will be continuing our discussion on "Judaism Disrupted".

Zoom link will be sent with the weekly announcements.





Beth El Book Club



Next Book Club meeting: Sunday, May 21 at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom

<u>Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country On Earth</u> by Noa Tishby

<u>Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country On Earth</u> by Noa Tishby is available on Kindle and may be found in paperback form through Connecticut libraries, though not through interlibrary loan. Amazon also has used hardcover and paperback copies available.

This would be an excellent book for high school students, college students and young adults who have little knowledge of Israel's history or current circumstances. It is also fine for older adults and something for our non-Jewish friends, as well.

All are welcome. Please call or email the synagogue office for the Zoom link if you are not a member of Congregation Beth El, (860) 442-0418 or office@bethel-nl.org.

Next Simcha Shabbat - May 20th - In Person & via Zoom

Saturday, May 20th 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 May Simcha Shabbat kiddush luncheon, please contact the Beth El office at 860-442-0418 or by email at office@bethel-nl.org.

Musical Shabbat SERVICES IN MAY

Shir Shabbat Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. on:

Friday, May 5th

with Lance Reiser and the Honorable Judge Carl Schuman

Friday, May 12th

with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein

Friday, May 19th

with Marcia Reinhard, (6:00 p.m., in person at TEE)

Friday, May 26th

with Rabbi Kideckel

COMMUNITY-WIDE SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

An evening of JEWISH LEARNING on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

at TEMPLE EMANU-EL

29 Dayton Rd., Waterford

- . Shavuot Evening Services, including the Mourner's Kaddish
- . Study based on "Dirshuni" A woman's perspective on the story of Lot's wife being transformed into a pillar of salt.
- Midrash Making based on a second text related to the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai
 - . Tai Chi
 - · Drumming
 - . Dairy Refreshments



Mazel Tov to

Judí Goldberg

on her recent retirement!

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Tierney & Cameron Backus

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Email Rabbi Kideckel at:

rabbikideckel@bethel-nl.org.

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Mimi and Milton Seed in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary, Mimi's birthday and the birth of their twin great-grandsons;

Ed and Judi Goldberg in honor of Judi's retirement.

Thank you also to the family of Mike Sherb who sponsored the kiddush luncheon on April 1st in honor of Mike's birthday,



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May 30-10 Sivan

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May 31–11 Sivan

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June 1-12 Sivan

Sarah Hornung Louis Markow Rubin Opotowsky David Simonson Barbara Slosberg Ida Wax

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MAY 2023

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