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Rabbínícally Yours By Rabbi Earl Kideckel



Just the other day, I walked into a local store wearing the blue ribbon that the Jewish Federations throughout North America have provided us. The woman behind the counter asked me why I was wearing a blue ribbon. I shared with her that it is in solidarity with Israel, reminding people about the tragic terrorist attack against the State and people of Israel. I then added that it is a statement against inaccurate news reporting. She immediately stopped me and said "we are not going to discuss this issue." Another man standing next to me looked down at his shirt and pointed out the

blue pens he had in his shirt pocket and then said, I guess then I'm supporting Israel too.

I thought for a moment what was the best way to handle the person behind the counter. My first thought was that I don't need to shop here. But then I realized that by walking out of the locally owned store, I was making a different statement, one that might be taken somewhat differently than I intended. And this person was not the owner, just one of the staff. I decided to give her the benefit of the doubt, since I'd had pleasant dealings with her in the past. Perhaps she did agree with the statement, but didn't feel this was the place to even make such a statement. I could accept that fact.

Then again, Jewish history and the current reaction of too many tell me not to make that assumption. For example, in Boston, comedian Dave Chappelle, at the TD Garden criticized Israeli actions in Gaza, calling them "war crimes." More than two hundred of his "no longer" fans stood up and walked out of one of his sold-out shows. Chappelle is just one of the many who deserve to be criticized. As he denounced the roving truck outside of Harvard (and now outside of Columbia University) that lists the names of those at Harvard who have signed a letter deploring Israel, his name and other's now rightfully gain that same infamy.

Here locally, in Groton, one of our congregants just informed me that, in his neighborhood, "FBI, state and local police canvassed our neighborhood today looking for someone with outside cameras who might have recorded a vehicle that last night tossed messages on residential lawns and driveways near us." The message was from the Nationalist Social Club which in all caps described the group as a "PRO WHITE, STREET-ORIENTED FRATERNITY DEDICATED TO RAISING AUTHENTIC RESISTANCE TO THE ENEMIES OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA. THIS TAKES THE FORM OF NETWORKING, TRAINING, ACTIVISM, OUTREACH AND ALL ABOVE ALL, ACTION."

Just the other day I was asked: "How do you define Judaism? Is it a religion or a nationality?" I had to think on how to respond and decided to begin with the fact that I consider myself an American/Canadian Jew.

I waited to see how the person might respond, and while they were taking in what I answered, I continued that the noun is my identity. I am a Jew, part of a worldwide group of individuals and community that believe that being Jewish is more than being



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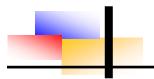
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Daily Services	Service	Candle Lighting	Shabbat ends	Daily Services
Sundays and Fridays	Morning Service via Zoom			8:15 a.m.
Sunday-Thursday	Evening Service via Zoom	•••	•••	7:30 p.m.
Friday 11/3	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Roz Etra & Faye Ringel	5:23 p.m.		
Saturday 11/4	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at Temple Emanu-El & via Zoom		6:23 p.m.	
Friday 11/10	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Kideckel and TBA	4:15 p.m.		
Saturday 11/11	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Veterans Shabbat Morning Svc. & Sponsored Kiddush Luncheon in Memory of Carole Sandrew in person at Temple Emanu-El & via Zoom		5:16 p.m.	
Friday 11/17	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Kideckel and TBA	4:09 p.m.		
Saturday 11/18	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Simcha Shabbat Morning Service in person at Temple Emanu-El & via Zoom		5:11 p.m.	
Friday 11/24	7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein	4:04 p.m.		
Saturday 11/25	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service in person at Temple Emanu-El & via Zoom		5:07 p.m.	



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President's Message



Dear Beth El Congregants,

I have to say that I've been dreading writing this month's President's Message because I can't see how I could be saying "the right things" after such horrific news coming out of Israel following the brutal, genocidal, antisemitic, terror attack of Oct 7. Such platitudes as "my thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this senseless violence" or "I stand with Israel" are just too weak and impersonal to really help. I have to say that I'm very much comforted by the outpouring of support,

especially as was on display at the JFEC-organized intercommunity event at Beth Jacob on Oct. 15. Another show of support, for our community, was evident in the combined Beth El/Temple Emanu-El Saturday evening Havdalah solidarity programs. However, I am deeply disappointed and at the same time enraged by the level of support for Hamas, either actively, through protests in many cities around the world, or passively, by those who were quick to issue statements condemning the killing of George Floyd, Putin's war on Ukraine and recent decisions by the US Supreme Court, but who are nonetheless eerily silent about this tragedy. My first thoughts turn to the impassioned plea to Hashem that we invoke immediately following opening the door for Eliyahu during the Pesach seder: "Pour out thy wrath on the nations that know thee not, and upon the kingdoms who invoke not thy name; for they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his beautiful dwelling."

My thoughts also turn to the response of Israel's allies, such as the historic trip that President Biden made to Israel, and even countries in western Europe who have stood up against supporters of Hamas by prohibiting pro-Palestinian protests, due to the inevitable violence. But I also have to say that I am sick of hearing about Israel's right to defend herself without any substance behind such sentiments. What do they mean? If you and your family are threatened by an armed mugger in a dark alley, are you allowed only to repulse the mugger's attacks, but restrained from taking sufficient action in order to eliminate his threat? And what about "proportionate response"? Have you noticed that this phrase is only used when Israel is involved. And what does this mean? Are we to tally up all the murders, rapes, beheadings, torture and kidnappings, and then inflict that exact amount on some innocent citizens of Gaza? Such absurdity galls me.

No, the actions of Hamas require a severe response from the State of Israel, and, in fact, the entire civilized world, to eliminate their capability to ever do this again. I'm certainly no expert in the geopolitics of the middle East and I can't claim any knowledge whatsoever of military strategy. For this, I rely on the words of our siddur in the Prayer for Israel, asking Hashem to "Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph."

For our community, I sense that this is a time for us to come together. I have already heard several people express this sentiment. I have found this to be true. With all the pain and confusion, it's so important to be with other Jews and commune with our thoughts and feelings. I ask, therefore, for you to come to the various programs that we have going on, and call into the daily minyan and/or come to Shabbat services. You need this as much as the rest of the congregation does.

Respectfully yours, Michael Cohen, President



Rabbinically Yours
By Rabbi Earl Kideckel
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a member of a religious entity. Being Jewish is being a part of an evolving religious civilization that has withstood time, all the way back to the time of Abraham and Moses. While other civilizations may have grown, they mostly have crumbled. Despite the fact that we have been exiled from the land of Israel, until the re-establishment of the State of Israel, we have remained intact, no matter what country we have lived in.

Being Jewish is both being part of a religion and a nationality. And, for that reason, the pain that we all feel deep within at this moment is a feeling that no other group can understand or feel. No one can understand how deeply committed we are both to the State of Israel and to the people of Israel. History tells us that being Jewish is an identity deep within our kishkas. No one can understand the important role Israel plays for the Jewish people throughout the world – not only as a homeland, but also as a place of safe haven. As anti-Semitism has now, once again, risen to a level of profound concern, as Jews in America, we need Israel, as much as those who live in Israel need Israel.

Needless to say, we must tell our story and not let others take away that story. Today we learn that fact not only from the *Shoah*, but also from the current situation in Israel.

Dear God, protect the State of Israel, our homeland, the people of Israel, the Israeli Defense Forces, Jewish people wherever we choose to call home, and please bring home the hostages from Gaza, safely and speedily. Please teach the world that Israel has the right not only to defend itself and provide secure borders, but to seek a reckoning from the Arab world and specifically from Hamas. As we read in the Torah, Hamas, like Amalek, must be thoroughly wiped off the face of this earth.

Dear God, the world must never permit such a heinous crime by a terrorist organization, any white supremacist, or any organization, religion or country, to murder in cold blood innocent Jews (or for that matter anyone else), to not provide us with the protection from hatred, bigotry and actions that may lead to the unspeakable.

And while our minds are so rightfully preoccupied with Israel at this moment, may we remember that we must not allow those who are our enemies to take away our soul. In that regard, please join us to honor our Military Veterans during services on November 11th. We are grateful for their service not only for our country, but for democracy everywhere. Lastly, let me wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. May you find comfort and joy with the family and friends at that time.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Rabbi K



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Kideckel

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

This month:
Thursdays, November 2 & 16
at 12:00 via Zoom

Zoom link will be shared via email prior to event.



VETERANS SHABBAT & SPONSORED KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

on Saturday, November 11, 2023



On Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. Congregation Beth El will honor veterans who have served or are currently serving, our country or Israel. If you are a veteran of our military or Israel's, please contact the Beth El office to let us know so that we can acknowledge your service at the Veterans Shabbat, 860-442-0418.



Also on Saturday, November 11th, the grandchildren of Carole Sandrew will be sponsoring the kiddush luncheon in Carole's memory. All are welcome to attend.

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Come join us!

Sunday, December 3rd,11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Beth El office - 27 Shaw Street, N.L.

The holidays and winter months are right around the corner and many of our community neighbors are in need of outside winter basics. **Knitzvah - New London** will be knitting/crocheting hats, scarves & mittens for women and children for **Safe Futures - New London**.

To participate or for questions, please contact the Beth El office at **office@bethel-nl.org** or **(860) 442-0418** or Nancy Brand at **nancyfriedmanbrand@gmail.com**



THE BREAKFAST CLUB IN PHOTOS



On October 22, 2023 Beth El congregants gathered at the Waterford Senior Center for a bagel breakfast. Jerry Fischer, former Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Eastern CT spoke about the War In Israel.



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

Volunteer: Offer to cook or drive!

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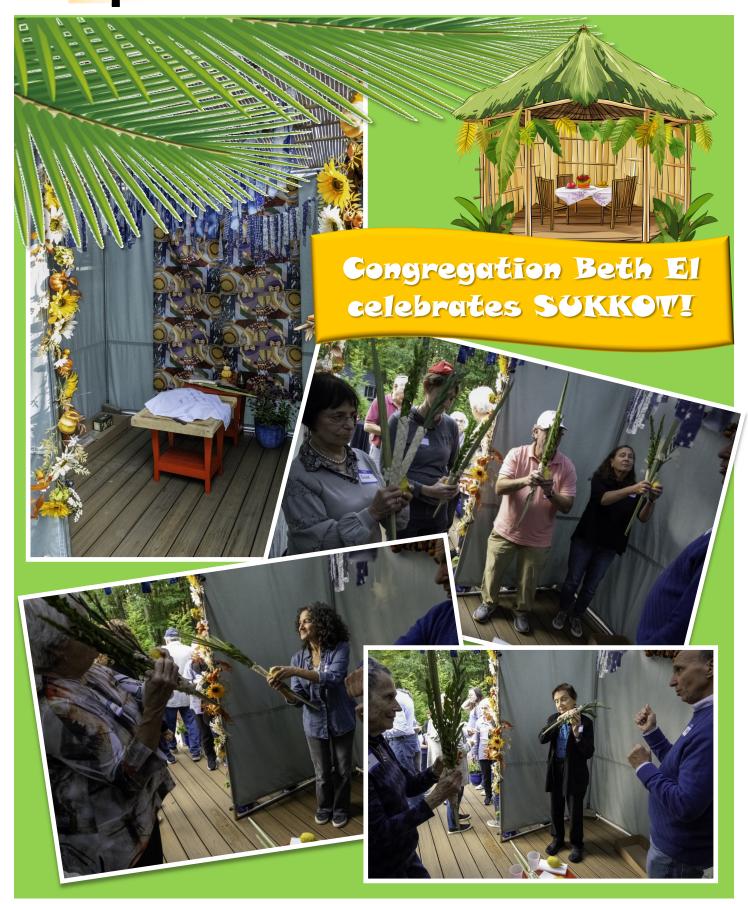
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Friday, November 10th with Rabbi Lideckel and BA

Friday, November 17th with Rabbi Kideckel and IBA

Friday, November 24th with Cantor Michelle Rubenstein











SHABBAT DESSERT RECIPES

Do you have a favorite dessert recipe you are willing to share with the congregation? We are looking for:

- Your favorite recipe
- Dairy or Pareve
- One that can be made in advance and/or frozen

Email your recipe(s) to <u>office@bethel-nl.org</u> or mail them to Congregation Beth El, P.O. Box 1310, New London,







Monday, November 27, 2023 from 1-3 p.m.

to help make assorted desserts for Shabbat





To sign up contact the Beth El office at (860) 442-0418

or email us at office@bethel-nl.org.





Beth El Book Club



Next Book Club meeting:

Sunday, December 3rd at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom

Be on the look out in the weekly announcements for the December meeting book selection!

Next Simcha Shabbat - November 18th - In Person & via Zoom

Saturday, November 18th 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 November Simcha Shabbat kiddush luncheon, please contact the Beth El office at 860-442-0418 or by email at office@bethel-nl.org.







Judy & Kirk Engel for hosting Pizza in the Sukkah Artie Dean for organizing our Breakfast Club event at the Waterford Senior Center

Jerry Fischer for speaking at the Breakfast Club Judi & Ed Goldberg for hosting Dinner & Daven

Lisa & Michael Cohen, Judy & Kirk Engel, Judi & Ed Goldberg, Richie Simonson & Phyllis Holtzman, and Gabe Stern & Kathleen McFadden for their donations which helped us to purchase a new keyboard.



Sue & Stuart Miller in honor of Stuart's birthday and their daughter-in-law, Liza's birthday.



Congregation Beth El warmly welcomes our new members:

Alan & Leslie Crane





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Alan Pollack, Arlene Pollack &

Sandra Davidson

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Merrill Lozanov

on the passing of his wife

Joan Lozanov

We offer our condolences to

Cheryl Lozanov

on the passing of her mother

Joan Lozanov



November Birthdays



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Beth Camassar

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Jay Ginsberg

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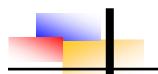
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November 3, 2023 20 Cheshvan-November 4

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21 Cheshvan-November 5

Belle Ethel Freidman
Fay Labell
Frances Perry
Alfred Salzman

22 Cheshvan-November 6

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23 Cheshvan-November 7

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Clara Gilman Jean Ratnowsky

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26 Cheshvan-November 10

William Nathan Lissauer Theodore Salsburg Geraldine Zelson Frances Baratz

November 10, 2023

27 Cheshvan-November 11

Daniel Hendel Barry Sherb Harry Traystman

28 Cheshvan-November 12

Ida Black
Raymond Clark
Eugene Frank
Ethel Lerner
Nathan Mandrick
Lester Winick
Judith Bendor

29 Cheshvan-November 13

Tlija Kamenetsky George Lipman Norma Spitz

01 Kislev-November 14

Hortense Frank
Harvey Gladston
Israel Hecht
Leonard Kosakow
Samuel Selleck
Max Sokarl

02 Kislev-November 15

Samuel Pasternack Roberta Popkin Joy Resnikoff

03 Kislev-November 16

Marvin Gross Morris Horowitz

04 Kislev-November 17

Rudolph Feinberg
Gedale Pais
Nick Stein
Sam Turetzky

November 17, 2023 05 Kislev-November 18

Rachel Dean Esther Hochman Sylvia Irwin Lee Shacter

06 Kislev-November 19

Elsie Greenhouse Leiba Libo Joseph Moskowitz Hyman Smith

07 Kislev-November 20

Lottie Lazarus Pauline Peck

08 Kislev-November 21

Abraham Agranovich Saydelle Agranovitch Haya Amelkina Wendy Clark Esther Hecht Julius Levin Louis Shifreen

09 Kislev-November 22

Edith Resnick

10 Kislev-November 23 Lawrence Felsenberg

Barnet Gordon
Isaac Hellman
Caroline Hillsberg
Julius Jaffe
Nathan Jaffe
Simon Jaffe
Jacob Jaffee
Harry Rachleff
Julius Sheriff
Robert Thompson
Esther Turetzky

11 Kisley-November 24

Marion Aronson Charles Glassenberg Louis Wool

November 24, 2023

12 Kislev-November 25

Shirley Gershon Hyman Shepatin Yekutiel Zeevi

13 Kislev-November 26

Ruth Belgrade Myron Hendel Eva Shepatin Bessie Stein

15 Kislev-November 28

Ethel Beit Henry Kalmann

16 Kislev-November 29

Burton Federman Clara Goldstein David Weinberg

17 Kislev-November 30

Rosalyn Braverman Emanuel Elfenbein Alma Krieger

18 Kislev-December 1

Jacob Fishman Leya Sheyser Minnie Smithline





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Roz Etra & Faye Ringel	
			7:30 p.m. Evening Service	7:30 p.m. Evening Service	Candle Lighting 5:23	Candle Lighting 6:23
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12 8:15 a.m. Morning Service	13	14	15	16	17 8:15 a.m. Morning Service	18 10:00 a.m. Simcha Shabbat Service at Temple Emanu-El & via Zoom
					7:00 p.m. Shir Shabbat with Rabbi Kideckel and TBA	
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7:30 p.m. Evening Service	7:30 p.m. Evening Service	7:30 p.m. Evening Service				



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