



Dear Friends of Adult Education.

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2023-2024 season of learning together at the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning at Beth El. You will find so many diverse and engaging programs that are sure to delight, inform and enrich you all through the year.

I would like to welcome Co-Chairs, Roz Kurman and Cherie Stewart, who will join Marcia Boonshaft leading the Adult Education

Committee. I am also pleased to welcome Robert Slatkin and Kerry Stewart as the new Israel Affairs Committee Co-Chairs. These two dedicated committees have collaborated to bring our learners so many more learning opportunities.

Be sure to join us as we begin our new 1st Wednesdays@BethEl concerts with a stunning pre-holiday concert that will prepare us for the High Holy Days. I will be joining musicians Yonatan Grinberg on violin and Evan Drachman on cello and look forward to sharing this meaningful concert with you.

Antisemitism is rising all over the world and especially on school campuses and in Jewish communities. In October, Avi Goldwasser will address this important issue with a virtual discussion. Carly Gammill from StandWithUs will facilitate an in-person program in December directed to antisemitism on college campuses and Michelle Magner from the Anti-Defamation League will be at Beth El in April to share an event with additional antisemitic issues on campuses.

You will enjoy a new series that will bring you important and thought-provoking documentaries every month. Tuesday@TheFlicks will be moderated by professionals who will make these films meaningful and memorable.

Enjoy the new Israel Affairs Film Series. We have four new, interesting and entertaining films that will delight you with their Israeli themes.

I want to express my gratitude for all of the support our programming has received from the Beth El community and the community at large. It is your enthusiasm and involvement that makes these programs possible and we are thrilled to be able to offer these opportunities. You can sponsor any of our programs or concerts for \$54 any time during the year. Thank you for your consideration.

Please join us for all of our wonderful programs, concerts, events and more. We look forward to seeing you at the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning.

Wishing you a dynamic year here with us at Beth El filled with happiness, joy and self-fulfillment.

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Director, The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning at Beth El Congregation

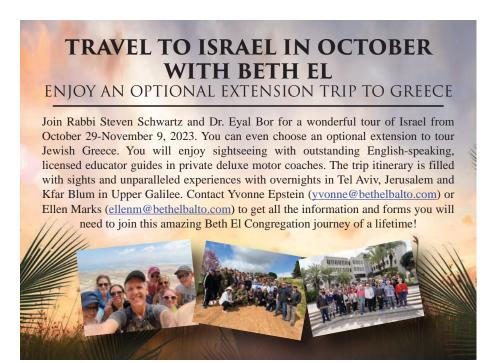
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### The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center For Lifelong Learning At Beth El Congregation Was Established In Loving Memory Of Rabbi Emeritus Mark G. Loeb

Our mission is to perpetuate Rabbi Loeb's passion for knowledge by providing educational and cultural learning experiences for our congregants and for the community at large.

> Eyal Bor, PhD, Director Ellen Marks, Administrator

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Robert Slatkin and Kerry Stewart, Israel Affairs Committee Co-Chairs

Hon. Bruce Friedman, Beth El Congregation President

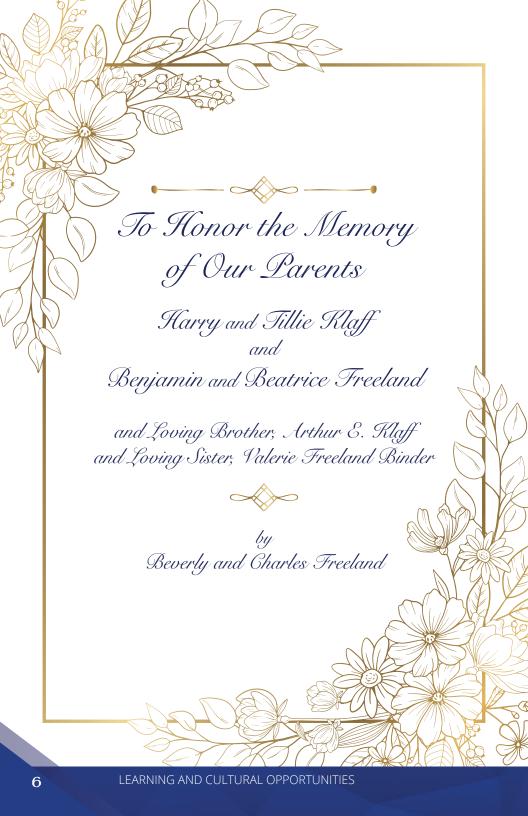
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## 2023-2024 ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING REGISTRATION FORM

Please register for all programs you plan to attend, even those with no charge. The number of participants will determine whether programs wil take place. Unless classes are cancelled by Beth El, there will be no refunds; other classes can be substituted or a Beth El account credit will be issued. Complete the required information in the appropriate spaces. You are welcome to sponsor multiple programs or events throughout the year from September to June; \$54 per program. Use this quick and easy link to register and pay online with a credit or debit card: <a href="https://www.bethelbalto.com/adult-education-registration">https://www.bethelbalto.com/adult-education-registration</a>. You can also register using the form below and include a check payable to Beth El Congregation.

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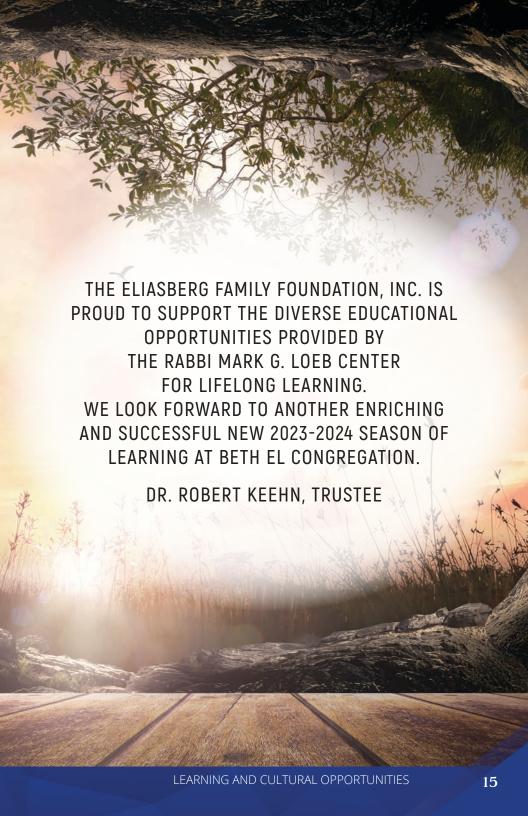
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### DRAWING: FROM REALISM TO CUBISM

with John Viles

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17

#### TIME

10:00 a.m.-noon

#### **LOCATION**

Art Studio, Room 207, Berman-Lipavsky Religious School Wing

#### FEE

\$150 Beth El Congregation members, \$170 non-members. All materials are included in the fee.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Using charcoal and pastels, students explore an exciting change in the art world through drawing. At the beginning of the 20th century, some artists moved away from traditional art seeking new horizons. The Cubists began to introduce geometric shapes and monochromatic colors. Students will follow that journey in their own drawings. Presented with historical examples as a guide, rich and innovatie self-expression is the focus.

\* Registration is required.



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#### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El

Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This Mah Jongg class is designed for beginners. Geri will teach you everything you need to know to play and enjoy the game. We offer Mah Jongg every month. Check the dates to see which session is best for you. Participants are welcome to register for this class as many times as desired and pay for each four-week session chosen. Each class will take place with a minimum of four players. In the event the class does not take place, registrants are welcome to join a class another month upon availability of space.



### CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **TIME**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Now you can learn to play Canasta! Join Geri Willen as she shares her love of this game with you. It's easy to learn and fun to play. Canasta is offered monthly through May. Select the session that works best for you. Participants can register for as many Canasta classes as desired and pay for each group of four classes chosen.

\* Registration is required.

#### **CANASTA PLUS**

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, September 6, 13, 20, 27

#### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This four-week Canasta series is available to anyone who has completed the four-week "Canasta For Beginners" classes at Beth El and has an understanding of "The Rule of Five."



### **1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS**

A PRE-HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FEATURING EYAL BOR, PHD,

#### DATE

Wednesday, September 6

#### TIME

7:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium

#### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Let's celebrate the coming High Holy
Days together with stunning, inspirational,
beautiful and meaningful music performed
by Eyal Bor, PhD on clarinet, Evan
Drachman on cello, and Yonatan Grinberg
on violin. Enjoy such pieces as "Nigun" from
Baal Schem Suite, "Serenade" by Dauber,
Beethoven's "Trio Opus 11 for Clarinet, Cello
and Piano and "Tefiloh" by Yoel Chayut for
clarinet. You will also enjoy "Prayer for Solo
Cello" by Gregor Piatigorsky and "Prayer
from Jewish Life for Cello and Piano" by
Ernst Bloch.

To show your support for the learning opportunities provided for you by the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center, please consider contributing to the First Wednesdays and Cultural Programs Fund. Your donation will allow these free concerts to continue for the community. You can also consider sending a \$54 sponsorship along with your registration for classes.

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#### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, September 7, 14, 21, 28

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

\$10.00 per class

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for one week or as many weeks as you would like.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

#### TALMUD STUDY

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, September 7, 14, 21, 28

#### TIME

4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

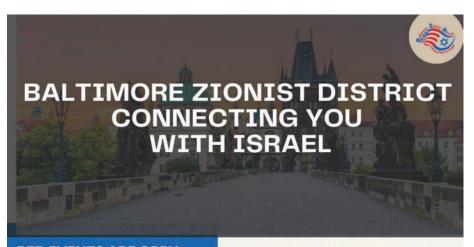
#### **FFF**

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.



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## THE MUSIC OF JEWISH COMPOSERS, DARIUS MILHAUD AND KURT WEILL

with Seth Kibel

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, September 13, 20, 27

#### TIME

10:00-11:30 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

At first glance, these two 20th century composers might not seem to have much in common. Nonetheless they were both Jewish composers who escaped the terrors of the Nazis in Europe to find new homes and new careers in the United States. They're also both underrated composers whose work to this very day transcends simple categorization, straddling the worlds of "classical" and "popular" music. This course will examine the fascinating and often quite dramatic lives and careers of these great composers. New and old recordings, as well as "live" performances from the instructor, will keep this course lively and engaging.

\* Registration is required.

### RABBI HILLEL SAYS,

"If I am not for me, who will be for me? And when I am for myself alone, what am I? And if not now, then when?"

- Pirkei Avot 1:14

#### **BRUSH UP BRIDGE**

with Dennis Serpico

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7

#### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-noon

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$120 Beth El Congregation members, \$150 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Brush Up Bridge is a natural follow-up course to the Intermediate Bridge Course. Brush Up consists of hand play; each session typically covers 7-8 hands. After each hand is played, auctions, declarer hand play and defensive approaches are discussed.

\* Registration is required

We are proud to support
The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong Learning.

Congratulations to Dr. Eyal Bor, Ellen Marks and The Adult Education Committee for providing interesting, spiritual, stimulating and diverse programming for our learning community.

**Paula and Bobby Jandorf** 

## ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FILM SERIES

This film series is presented by Beth El's Israel Affairs Committee in partnership with the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center and is supported by the Irving M. Kolker Fund at Beth El established by the Kolker-Saxon-Hallock Family Foundation.

# "PROSECUTING EVIL: THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD OF BEN FERENCZ"

In English, 1 hr 25 min

#### DATE

Wednesday, September 27

#### TIME

7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Myers Auditorium

#### **FFF**

\$36 Beth El Congregation members and non-members for all 4 films, OR \$10 per film, Beth El Congregation members and nonmembers.

#### DESCRIPTION

Although few people today have heard of Ben Ferencz, this portrait of the 98-year-old lawyer, directed by Festival veteran Barry Avrich, couldn't be more relevant. Racism, antisemitism, and the alt-right (just a euphemism for neo-Nazis) are on the rise and long-standing international alliances predicated on common values and notions of justice are now endangered.

\* Registration is required

#### SHAMMAI SAYS,

"Make your Torah fixed, say little and do much, and receive every person with a pleasant countenance."

- Pirkei Avot 1:15

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### TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE BETH EL CONCERTS AND CULTURAL FUND.

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

#### "FOUR WINTERS: A STORY OF JEWISH PARTISAN RESISTANCE AND BRAVERY IN WW2"

90 minutes, in English

#### DATE

Tuesday, October 3

#### **TIME**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

#### DESCRIPTION

Shattering the myth of Jewish passivity in WW2, these last surviving Partisans tell their stories of resistance against the Nazis and their collaborators. Personal photographs, letters, journals, rare archival film footage, historic war records, photographs and artifacts weave together many strands to tell this layered story that shatters the myth of Jewish passivity. The film celebrates the soulful bravery, cleverness and leadership of the Partisans.



#### THE BOOK OF GENESIS AND THE OLD MASTERS

with Nora Hamerman

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24

#### **TIME**

7:00-8:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The stories of Genesis shared by Christians and Jews were so familiar that they offered a unique opportunity for artists to express truths about the human condition. The class will look at the works of all the Old Masters in relation to the texts which inspired them and across national boundaries from the 15th to the 17th century.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.

#### **OUTRAGEOUS GUARANTEES, PART I**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rosann Catalano, PhD

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25

#### TIME

10:00-11:30 a.m.

#### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FFF**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In both the Tanakh and the Gospels, God offers outrageous guarantees concerning the most fundamental needs of the human heart . . . a promise of land, offspring more numerous than the stars in the heavens and the sands on the shore, life raised up, thirst quenched, and sight restored. Join us as we explore these . . . and so many more of God's outrageous quarantees!

#### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 2

#### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 nonmembers. The fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

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#### **CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS**

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25

#### TIME

11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

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#### **CANASTA PLUS**

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#### **TIME**

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#### LOCATION

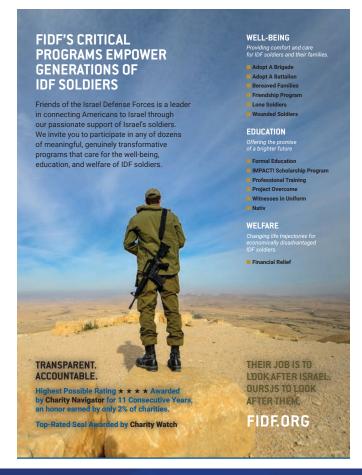
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## 1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS

#### THE HOTEL PARADISE ORCHESTRA

#### DATE

Wednesday, October 4

#### **TIME**

7:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium

#### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

THE HOTEL PARADISE ORCHESTRA is a 12-piece big band specializing in early jazz, swing and sweet dance tunes from 1920 to 1935. Their look is authentic to the period, and their music is bright, sweet, jazzy, fun, old-fashioned and danceable.

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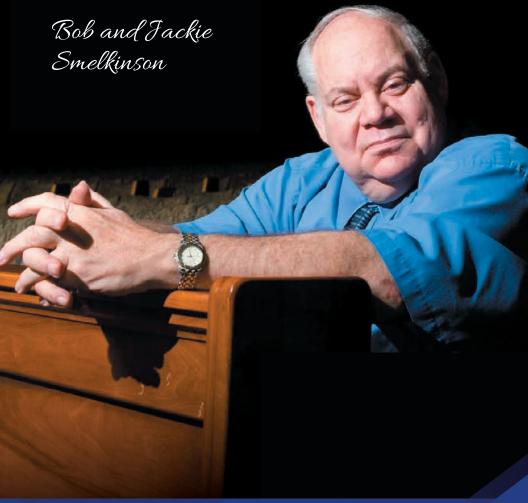
"It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

- Pirkei Avot 1:16

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#### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

#### **DATES**

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26

#### **TIME**

10:00 -11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

\$10.00 per class.

#### DESCRIPTION

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for one week or as many weeks as you would like.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

#### TALMUD STUDY

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, October 5, 12, 19, 26

#### TIME

4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FFF**

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

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# SAFE AND SOUND: A 90-MINUTE EMPOWERMENT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR THE 55+ GENERATION

with Jared Krieger, Director of Operations & Training, Defender One, LLC

#### **DATE**

Monday, October 9

#### TIME

1:30-3:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

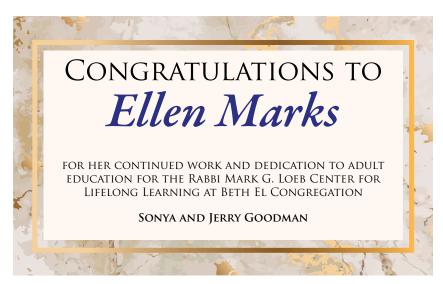
Agus Library, In Person

#### FEE

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$18 for non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Defender One's "Safe and Sound" program is a concentrated workshop designed to equip those aged 55 and above with crucial skills to ensure their safety within their community. This program stresses situational awareness and preventative measures, transforming potential victims into alert and confident members of society. This action-packed 90 minutes is a blend of vital information and hands-on exercises for better understanding and recall, Join us and take a step towards more secure everyday living.



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#### **JEWISH SHORT STORIES**

with Gail Lipsitz

#### **DATES**

Monday, October 9, December 18, January 15, February 12, April 8, May 13

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Enjoy reading short fiction by outstanding Jewish writers and share your reactions and insights in group discussions. Each story will be distributed several weeks before each class begins. There are six sessions in this series.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.



#### IT'S ALL ABOUT BEING HUMAN

with Lee Richmond, PhD

#### **DATES**

Thursday, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9

#### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-noon

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### FEE

\$65 Beth El Congregation members, \$85 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This course is based on Ehyeh: A Kabbalah for Tomorrow by Arthur Green. Some added material from psychology and contemporary thought will be included. It is designed to assist the participant who wants to live with more love, strength and an uplifted spirit.



## EXERCISE: THE MOST CONSISTENT MEDICINE THAT PROTECTS AGAINST AGE-RELATED DISORDERS

with Kerry J. Stewart, EdD

#### DATE

Thursday, October 12

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### SPEAKER

Kerry J. Stewart, EdD is Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Cardiology and a member of The Academy at Johns Hopkins. He is an exercise physiologist with clinical and research experience in exercise testing and training of persons for the prevention and rehabilitation for chronic diseases. including hypertension, coronary disease, diabetes, peripheral arterial disease. arthritis, obesity, and cancer, among others.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

There is no fee for this program.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A considerable amount of research has focused on finding the "magic pill" to slow the aging process and to avoid agerelated diseases. Few people partake in a highly beneficial solution that is readily available. This presentation will show that exercise is a "medicine" that protects against age-related diseases and helps people be more fit and functional as they age.

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## MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Dr. H. Lee Mantelmacher

#### DATE

Sunday, October 22

#### TIME

7:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Beth El Congregation member, H. Lee Mantelmacher, has invented several product lines that have made a huge difference in the quality and comfort of patients' lives. He continues to work at the intersection of technology and industry to invent the future of prosthetic care.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

## EVOLUTION OF FASHION, LUNCH & LEARN

with Barbara Blumberg Ressin

#### **DATE**

Monday, October 23

#### TIME

10:30 a.m.-noon followed by lunch

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room. In Person

#### FEE

\$36 Beth El Congregation members, \$54 non-members. The fee includes lunch.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This "Ultimate Fashion Show" features the evolution of women's fashions from colonial times until the present. From several wars to the industrial revolution and from suffragists to the flappers, women and their clothing have had to adapt to these changes. Fashions from the 75 years since the founding of Beth El will be highlighted and archival photos will be part of the presentation to celebrate this anniversary. Join us for this unique "Runway Project!" and lunch.

## PURPOSEFUL LIVING: THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IS WAITING

with Debbie Margulies

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28

#### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-noon

#### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person. This course is limited to 8 participants.

#### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the resource, Wise Aging... Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Have you ever thought about what you want to do with the rest of your life? What do you find important? What is your purpose? Through self-exploration activities, group conversation, and reflective thinking, members of this course will have the opportunity to focus on what will make their journey something special. Wise Aging...Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit by Linda Thal and Rabbi Rachel Cowan will be the springboard for activities and discussion. Bring your favorite journal to keep your spoken and written experiences.

\* Registration is required.

#### ISRAELI MUSIC, ART AND CULTURE

with Eyal Bor, PhD

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18

#### **TIME**

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FEE**

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$54 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Join Dr. Eyal Bor as he takes you on a three-part adventure exploring Israeli music, art and culture. You will enjoy sights and sounds you have never experienced before through his keen eye and ear for everything that is interesting!

#### **ANTISEMITISM**

with Avi Goldwasser

#### **DATE**

Wednesday, October 25

#### **TIME**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

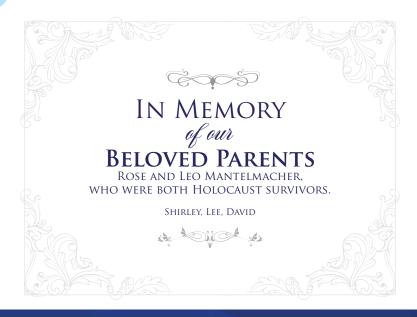
#### FEE

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Join Avi Goldwasser as he discusses strategies for dealing with Pro-Palestinian narratives on campuses. He was a cofounder of the David Project, an organization dedicated to teaching college and high school students about the Middle East conflict.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.



#### WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, DR. MARCUS WELBY?

with John E. Anderson, M.D.

#### DATE

Thursday, October 26

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

There is no fee for this program.

#### **SPEAKER**

John E. Anderson, M.D. spent nearly all his career at Johns Hopkins as a clinical nephrologist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, dealing with home peritoneal dialysis, geriatric peritoneal dialysis and started and ran the home hemodialysis program. His research interests were dialysis in the elderly, physical function of dialysis patients and epidemiology of chronic kidney disease. He formerly served on the Board of Directors of the National Capital Radio and Television Museum in Bowie, MD. He is a member of The Academy at Johns Hopkins.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This engaging presentation will document the history of physicians on television.

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#### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 29

#### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

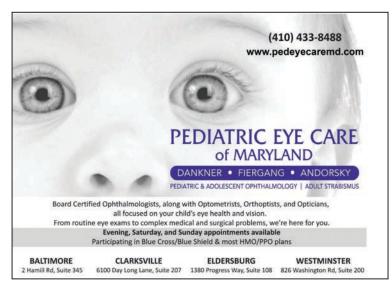
Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This Mah Jongg class is designed for beginners. Geri will teach you everything you need to know to play and enjoy the game. We offer Mah Jongg every month. Check the dates to see which session is best for you. Participants are welcome to register for this class as many times as desired and pay for each four-week session chosen. Each class will take place with a minimum of four players. In the event the class does not take place, registrants are welcome to ioin a class another month upon availability of space.



#### CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 29

#### **TIME**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Now you can learn to play Canasta! Join Geri Willen as she shares her love of the game with you. It's easy to learn and fun to play. Canasta is offered monthly through May. Select the session that works best for you. Participants can register for as many Canasta classes as desired and pay for each group of four classes chosen. Canasta classes will take place with a minimum of four players. In the event there are not enough to start a class, players can join another session upon availability.

\* Registration is required.

#### **CANASTA PLUS**

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 29

#### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This four-week Canasta series is available to anyone who has completed the four-week "Canasta For Beginners" classes at Beth El and has an understanding of "The Rule of Five."





#### 1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS

THE MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR

#### DATE

Wednesday, November 1

#### TIME

7:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Offit Auditorium

#### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The Morgan State University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Eric Conway, is one of the nation's most prestigious university choral ensembles. While classical, gospel and contemporary popular music comprise the choir's repertoire, the choir is noted for its emphasis on preserving the heritage of the spiritual.

To show your support for the learning opportunities provided for you by the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center, please consider contributing to the First Wednesdays and Cultural Programs Fund. Your donation will allow these free concerts to continue for the community. You can also consider sending a \$54 sponsorship along with your registration for classes. Contact Rebekah Waltemeyer McDonald at 410-484-0411 or email rwaltemeyer@bethelbalto.com.



#### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, November 2, 9, 16, 30

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

\$10.00 per class

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

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#### **TALMUD STUDY**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, November 2. 9, 16, 30

#### TIME

4:30 -5:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

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#### LIVING MORE GRATEFULLY

with Rabbi Dana Saroken

#### **DATE**

Thursday, November 2

#### TIME

8:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Do you aspire to live with a greater appreciation of your blessings? Would you like to teach vour children, or maybe even your grandchildren, ways to live with more gratitude? Are you looking to incorporate more family gratitude-practices into your life or your family's life? If you said yes to any or all of these things, come to this evening zoom session with Rabbi Saroken, Learn Jewish practices that will enable you to feel more grateful and express vour gratitude to others. There will be useful ideas and rituals that can be incorporated into your Thanksgiving and Shabbat meals.

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## AGUS ACADEMY: NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH ISRAEL/LINK CURRICULUM AND SHALOM HARTMAN UNITS

#### **DATES**

Fall-Monday, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4 Spring-Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

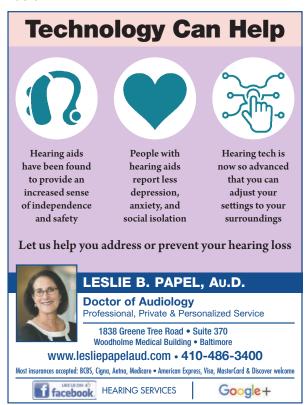
Agus Library, In Person

#### **FEE**

No fee Beth El Congregation members, \$54 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Agus Academy will bring you a combination of diverse topics that are Israel- and Ethics-based. IsraelLink is a new online digital curriculum that will connect today's Jewish learners to Israel through the lens of core values. The Shalom Hartman curriculum will utilize topics based on the Foundations for A Thoughtful Judaism: Ethics. These sessions will be facilitated by Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken, Rabbi Naomi Zaslow, Ben Kreshtool and Rabbi Larry Ziffer.



#### BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

with Marcy Friedman

#### **DATES**

Monday, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

#### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.- noon

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$125 Beth El Congregation members, \$155 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This course is a modern approach to duplicate bridge, designed to provide a well-balanced overview of the game at a beginner level. Topics covered will be the objective of the game, bidding and beginning of playing the game. At completion students should be able to deal cards, use bidding boxes, understand suit contracts at a beginner level and beginning play in a suit contract.

\* Registration is required.



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#### TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

THE BETH EL CONCERTS AND CULTURAL FUND WILL SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

#### "SYNAGOGUE STORIES: A TRADITION OF CHANGE ON LLOYD STREET" PRESENTED BY RICHARD POLT, FOUNDER AND PRODUCER OF ACKNOWLEDGE MEDIA

36 minutes, in English

#### **DATE**

Tuesday, November 7

#### TIME

1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

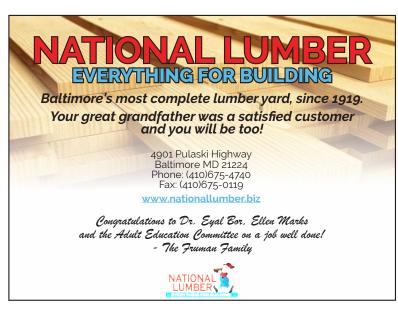
Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This 36-minute documentary shares the voices of Jewish Museum of Maryland professionals, docents and community leaders who tell the stories of the many congregations that have called the Lloyd Street Synagogue and B'nai Israel Synagogue home. Synagogue Stories highlights objects and archival materials held in the Museum's collections, presents oral history recordings of people who worshiped in Jonestown and spotlights the vibrant role of the Lloyd Street campus in Baltimore today.



# EMBER EMBER

## HISTORY OF THE GUITAR: AN INSTRUMENT OF OUR TIME AND BEYOND

with Jonathan Palevsky

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, November 7, 14, 21, 28

#### TIME

2:00-3:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

One of the amazing things about the guitar is its sheer versatility. It can play melody and harmony, accompany other instruments and singers and can be part of an ensemble or orchestra. The guitar is featured in classical music, Jazz and a dizzying variety of popular genres.

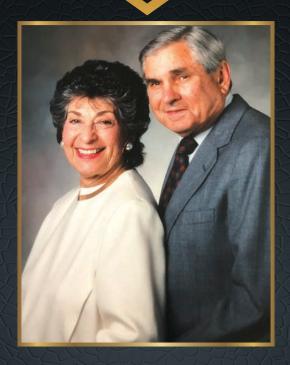
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## ART BEIT MIDRASH: THE PSALMS: SESSION I

with Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

#### DATES

Wednesday, November 8, 15

#### TIME

7:00-8:15 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Shapiro Auditorium, In Person

#### **FEE**

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$36 for non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

Ever want to just yell at God, when it seems as if the world is falling apart? Or reach out and hug God, for all of the joy and beauty in this world? The Psalms (Tehillim) make up the bulk of our daily prayers, oscillating among sadness, joy, anger and praise. Each chapter of Tehillim offers a glimpse into the human condition and the doubt and awe we experience around God. Through drawing, painting, collaging and discussion, we will respond to a chapter on Tehillim in each class session. The November sessions and art projects will focus on Weekday Tehillim and the February sessions and art projects will focus on Shabbat Tehillim. This course is recommended for those looking to deepen their understanding of the weekday/ Shabbat prayers, those who are interested in exploring emotions and those who want to add more artmaking to their week. Each session stands alone and is multigenerational - open to B'nai Mitzvah students, teens and adults of all ages.

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## KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION: A PERSONAL JOURNEY OVER 50 YEARS

with Edward S. Kraus, M.D.

#### DATE

Thursday, November 9

#### TIME

7:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

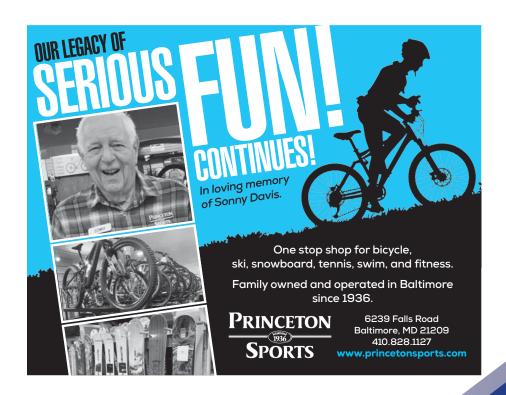
There is no fee for this program.

#### **SPEAKER**

Edward S. Kraus, M.D. is Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Nephrology and a member of The Academy at Johns Hopkins. He is a nephrologist with extensive clinical and research experience in caring for patients with kidney disease and kidney and pancreas transplantation.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A review of the advances in kidney transplantation that have occurred over time and overcoming the barriers we are currently facing in improving access of this care for more people.



#### SHAKESPEARE'S KING LEAR

with Arthur Fergenson

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, November 14, 21, 28

#### TIME

3:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members The text for the course, King Lear by William Shakespeare, is included in the class fee.

#### DESCRIPTION

"King Lear" may be Shakespeare's greatest tragedy and the most difficult to stage. but not impossible. We will spend six hours over three sessions discussing this play. What happens when we stare into the abyss when we get old and face the prospect of death? The unaccommodated man: what is he, or we? How does Lear come to terms with a life where in his absolute authority he cared nothing for other people? Where does responsibility lie in failing with children? How many happy endings can we have end tragically? A play where "nothing" is central: that is our subiect.

\* Registration is required.

## MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Dr. Neil Friedman

#### DATE

Sunday, November 12

#### **TIMF**

7:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Neil B. Friedman, M.D. is Director of The Hoffberger Breast Center at Mercy as well as Medical Director of The Weinberg Center for Women's Health and Medicine at Mercy. He is one of the top breast cancer surgeons in Maryland and a long-time multi-generational family Beth El member.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

#### THANKSGIVING ON BROADWAY!

with Todd Harrison Twining

#### DATE

Wednesday, November 15

#### **TIME**

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Schapiro Auditorium, In Person

#### FEE

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Songs with the theme of thankfulness will fill the room as Todd Harrison Twining entertains with a wonderful class of music. You will leave with a grateful heart!

\* Registration is required.

#### THE JEWISH HISTORIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA

with Phil Jacobs

#### DATE

Thursday, November 16

#### **TIME**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Turkey, challah stuffing, pumpkin pie and Judaism: With the approach of Thanksgiving, we look at how the American colonial experience is compared by many historians to the very Jewish Exodus from Egypt. Its comparisons are undeniable and give us a fresh outlook that there is, indeed, a good reason to compare the Thanksgiving dinner to the Passover seder. A Baltimore Conservative Jewish leader once published a Haggadah for Thanksgiving. All this goes back to Columbus. So bring your appetites for history for this thought-provoking discussion.

## BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

with Rabbi Sholmo Slatkin

#### DATE

Thursday, November 30

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

No fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Let's face it, whether it's children or grandchildren, we don't always see eye to eye. How can we express and acknowledge our differences while still maintaining peace and relationship? Learn the secret to all interpersonal interactions and how to better get across your message so you can be deeply heard and respected without stepping on each other's toes.

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## UNVEILING THE HIDDEN DEPTHS: THE HOLIDAYS, HANUKKAH

with Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

#### DATE

Sunday, December 3

#### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION

Baum Board Room, In Person

#### FEE

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$18 for non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Follow the cycle of the Jewish year through a transformative journey. In this series, we will delve deeply into the meaning and spiritual power of each holiday. Each session will help us prepare our souls for the upcoming holiday. This course is recommended for those who want to go beyond the basics, for those who want to bring mindfulness and intentionality into the experience of each holiday and for conversion students. Each session stands alone and is multigenerational open to B'nai Mitzvah students, teens, and adults of all ages.





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#### "THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS"

In English, 1 hour 36 min.

#### DATE

Tuesday, December 5

#### TIME

1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

In 1980 in New York, three young men who were all adopted meet each other and find out they are triplets who were separated at birth. Their quest to find out why they were separated turns into a bizarre and sinister mystery.

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#### 1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS

MICHAEL ANGELUCCI (PIANO) AND ELENA YAKOVLENA (PICCOLO)

#### DATE

Wednesday, December 6

#### TIME

7:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium

#### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

American pianist, Michael Angelucci, enjoys acclaim as an artist with a unique and gifted voice. Hailed as "a great artistic talent" by the A&B Foundation, his compelling craft has won national and international accolades. For Michael, however. the greatest reward lies in forging lasting relationships with audiences through the joy of musical expression. Elena Yakovleva is the principal piccoloist with the United States Navy Band since 2015. She also holds Piccolo/3rd Flute chair position with the Delaware Symphony and the Maryland Symphony Orchestras.

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#### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El

Congregation members, \$90 non-members. Fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

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\* Registration is required.

#### CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 27

#### **TIME**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El

Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

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#### THE CHOREOGRAPHY OF WORSHIP

with Ben Kreshtool

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, December 6, 13

#### TIME

10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### FEE

There is no fee for Beth El Congregation members. \$36 for non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

Have you ever been confused about the flow of prayer, or when we bow, or how we bow or why we bow. Join me for a short overview of Jewish prayer services where we will look at the overall structure of prayer and the little things we do during services that keep us on our toes...literally.

\* Registration is required.

#### **CANASTA PLUS**

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 27

#### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Auditorium, In Person

#### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

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#### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

#### **DATES**

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FEE**

\$10.00 per class

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

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#### **TALMUD STUDY**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, December 7, 14, 21, 28

#### **TIME**

4:30 -5:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### **FFF**

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

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## REMBRANDT AND THE JEWS OF AMSTERDAM

with Nora Hamerman

#### **DATES**

Tuesday, December 12, 19

#### TIME

7:00-8:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

\$40 Beth FI

Congregation members, \$60 non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

Rembrandt had an extraordinary fascination with Jewish scriptures, known to Christians as the Old Testament. All evidence points to Rembrandt having based his *Heads of Christ* on a Jewish model. The class will study the status of Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews in 17th century Holland and how Rembrandt's radical reimagining of Biblical figures may relate to those communities.

#### ANTISEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

with Carly Gammill

#### DATE

Wednesday, December 13

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FFF**

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Carly Gammill is the Founding Director of the StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism. She is a constitutional litigator with extensive experience assisting clients on an array of issues, including freedom of speech and religious liberties. For the past decade-plus, she has been active in fighting antisemitism on campuses, in local communities, in court and at the United Nations. Her passion for this work, particularly on campuses, derives from her background in the educational field, as well as from a deep personal conviction that the world cannot afford to stand by silently while the Jewish people are once again targeted, marginalized, demonized and harmed. To that end, she regularly works with students, professors and members of the broader community to inform them about their legal rights and ensure they are best positioned to protect those rights.

## JEWS AND BLACKS SHOULD BE CLOSE FRIENDS, BUT WHY AREN'T WE?

with Phil Jacobs

#### DATE

Thursday, December 14

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

During these days when the word "intersectionality" is used quite often to connect important issues in our lives, the ongoing discussion of relations between American Jews and Blacks goes on and on. We were weaned on the friendships of Jews such as the beloved Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and the civil rights giant Dr. Martin Luther King. Those days seemed to have been forgotten by younger generations and the antisemitic hatred of a Kanye West, Louis Farrakhan and even Dave Chappelle who have taken control of the conversation. Black Lives Matter intersects with social justice which for many intersects with a pro-Palestinian reasoning. We have an American Jews of color demographic that ranges from 8 to 10 percent. So where are we as a Jewish minority and a Black minority in this nation? We will look at where we've been and how racial issues will be carried with future generations. We're going to take the sugar-coating off Jewish and Black relations. Hopefully this night of Hanukkah will enlighten our conversations.



## MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Dr. Kerry Stewart and Dr. Roy Zeigelstein

#### DATE

Sunday, December 17

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Get to know Beth El Congregation members, Kerry J. Stewart, EdD., Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Cardiology, and Dr. Roy Ziegelstein, cardiologist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. These two renowned doctors have worked together sharing their expertise about heart disease. Join them for their very interesting and helpful conversation.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.



#### ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FILM SERIES

This film series is presented by Beth El's Israel Affairs Committee in partnership with the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center and is supported by the Irving M. Kolker Fund at Beth El established by the Kolker-Saxon-Hallock Family Foundation.

## "ISRAEL INSIDE: HOW A SMALL NATION MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE"

55 min, In English

#### DATE

Wednesday, December 20

#### **TIME**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Myers Auditorium, In Person

#### FEE

\$36 Beth EI Congregation members and non-members for all 4 films, OR \$10 per film, Beth EI Congregation members and nonmembers.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This is a new feature-length documentary about Israeli ingenuity and innovation. Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference is a new feature-length documentary that explores the positive characteristics of Israeli society from a humanistic, psychological and emotional perspective. This insightful and uplifting documentary sidesteps the usual conversation of politics, conflict and violence and tells the story of the Israeli people whose resilience has propelled Israel to the forefront of world innovation and progress.



#### TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

THE BETH EL CONCERTS AND CULTURAL FUND WILL SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

#### "ANNE FRANK. PARALLEL STORIES"

1 hour, 35 min, in English

#### DATE

Tuesday, January 2

#### **TIME**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Academy Award-winning actress Helen Mirren, from Frank's reconstructed Amsterdam hiding room, introduces Frank's story through words from Frank's diary. Intermittently, there will also be paralleling stories from five surviving children of the Holocaust who appear in the film along with their grandchildren. Frank would have been 90 years old during the film's 2019 release. These survivors' testimonies. which create parallels between their past and Frank's, will also alternate with those from their children and grandchildren.



#### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24

#### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

\$70 Beth El

Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

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#### CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24

#### TIME

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FFF**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

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with Geri Willen

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24

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#### LOCATION

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### CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER

with Robyn Katz

### **DATES**

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25

### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

\$10.00 per class

### DESCRIPTION

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### **TALMUD STUDY**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

### **DATES**

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25

### TIME

4:30 -5:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

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### DESCRIPTION

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although optional.

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### MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Dr. Steven Kravet

### DATE

Sunday, January 7

### TIME

7:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Join long-time friends Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Dr. Steven Kravet in an informal conversation about their long-time friendship and connection with Beth El Congregation.

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SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S CLUB SUKKAH EVENT WITH RABBI SCHWARTZ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6:00 P.M. IN THE SUKKAH



### CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER

with Robyn Katz

### **DATES**

Thursday, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

\$10.00 per class

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with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

### **DATES**

Thursday, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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Zoom, Virtual

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### "WHY THE JEWS?"

1 hour, 10 min, in English

### DATE

Tuesday, February 6

### **TIME**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The stunning accomplishments of the Jews raise a question no film has dared ask before. How do they do it? Some of the world's most prominent thinkers tackle a mystery shrouded in ignorance and prejudice. They tear back the curtain on a taboo and draw a startling link between a people's achievements and the darkest hours in its history.

### **OUTRAGEOUS GUARANTEES, PART II**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rosann Catalano. PhD

### **DATES**

Wednesday, February 7, 14. 21. 28

### TIME

10:00-11:30 a.m.

### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Join us as we continue our study of texts in both the Tanakh and the Gospels that preserve God's outrageous guarantees concerning the most fundamental needs of the human heart: land promised, offspring too more to count, new life, thirst quenched, and sight restored, to name just a few!



### **1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS**

### SHADES OF BLUE ORCHESTRA

### DATE

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

### TIME

7:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium

### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Garnering wide acclaim in the mid-Atlantic region, the Shades of Blue Orchestra has endured as one of the finest Big Bands in the area. Founded over four decades ago, this Baltimore-based group has sustained long-term momentum by featuring outstanding instrumentalists and some of the finest vocalists in the mid-Atlantic area. Mixing together popular standards, a variety of musical styles and danceable rhythms, this dynamic Big Band produces a combination that never goes out of style. The Orchestra is conducted by Michael A. Walker, a military-trained musician of the Armed Forces School of Music and former member of the 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band.

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### DEATH AND DYING AND THE AFTERLIFE

with Rabbi Dana Saroken

### **DATES**

Thursday, February 8, 15

### TIME

7:30-8:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### FEE

No fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

In this two-part series, Rabbi Saroken will be teaching about Jewish practices and rituals surrounding death and dying. You will learn about the rituals involved with caring for a person who has died and the reasons behind those rituals. We will also focus on the mourning rituals days after death, shiva (the first 7 days of death), shloshim (the first 30 days after death) and the first year of mourning. The second session of this course will focus on Jewish ideas about the afterlife. What happens when a person dies, what happens to their soul and what awaits us in olam ha'ba - the world to come?

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

### LOVE IS IN THE AIR ON BROADWAY!

with Todd Harrison Twining

### DATE

Wednesday, February 14

### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Schapiro Auditorium, In Person

### **FFF**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

The best-known melodies and love tunes will flood our hearts as Todd Harrison Twining sings his way into our hearts!





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### ART BEIT MIDRASH: THE PSALMS: SESSION II

with Rabbi Zaslow

### **DATES**

Monday February 19, 26

### **TIME**

7:00-8:15 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Shapiro Auditorium, In Person

### **FFF**

No fee for Beth El Congregation Members, \$36 for non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

February sessions and art projects will focus on Shabbat Tehillim. This course is recommended for those looking to deepen their understanding of the weekday/Shabbat prayers, those who are interested in exploring emotions, and those who want to add more artmaking to their week. Each session stands alone and is multigenerational - open to B'nai Mitzvah students, teens, and adults of all ages.

\* Registration is required.

### **BEGINNING HEBREW**

with Eyal Bor, PhD

### DATES

Wednesday, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17

### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

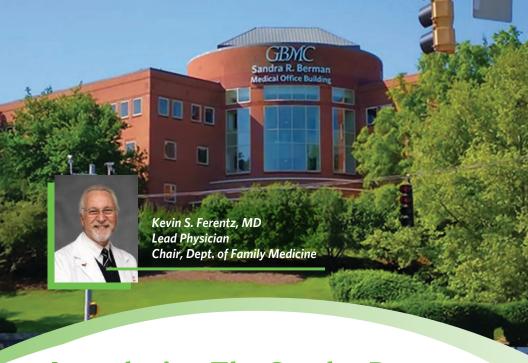
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### **FFF**

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$54 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to read Hebrew with Dr. Bor. In 8 easy lessons, you will be able to read from the siddur, become familiar with keywords in modern Hebrew and be comfortable and confident in prayer. Dr. Bor has taught all levels and styles of the Hebrew language. No experience is necessary.



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### HOW THE HEBREW BIBLE HAS INFLUENCED THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT

with Phil Jacobs

### DATE

Thursday, February 22

### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

### **FEE**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." - Quoted from the Book of Micah by President Jimmy Carter at this inauguration. The Hebrew scriptures have always been part of the Executive office of the United States from George Washington to Joe Biden. There is plenty to talk about, especially from sources such as inauguration speeches. We will focus on the speeches and relationships between a handful of Presidents and their relationships with Jewish Americans ranging from Washington, Lincoln, U.S. Grant. FDR. Nixon, Reagan, Carter and Obama.



### MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Frederick Leiner

### **DATE**

Sunday, February 11

### TIME

7:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

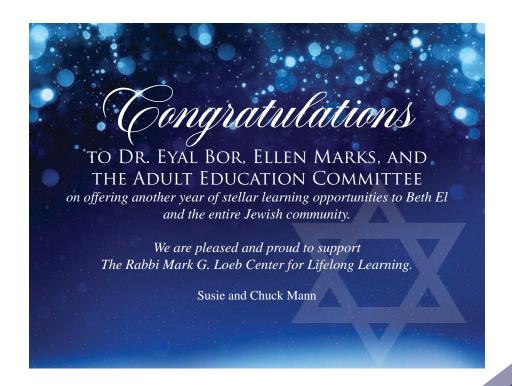
### **FFF**

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Frederick C. Leiner, Beth El Congregation member, is a lawyer and historian and the author of the *Prisoners of the Bashaw: The Nineteen-Month Captivity*, and others.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.



# **ECE**

### UNVEILING THE HIDDEN DEPTHS: THE HOLIDAYS, PURIM

with Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

### **DATE**

Sunday, March 3

### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### LOCATION

Baum Board Room, In Person

### **FFF**

No fee for Beth El members, \$18 for non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

Follow the cycle of the Jewish vear through a transformative journey. In this series, we will delve deeply into the meaning and spiritual power of each holiday. Each session will help us prepare our souls for the upcoming holiday. This course is recommended for those who want to go beyond the basics. for those who want to bring mindfulness and intentionality into the experience of each holiday and for conversion students. Each session stands alone and is multigenerational open to B'nai Mitzvah students. teens, and adults of all ages.

\* Registration is required.

### **PSALMS OF THE WEEK**

with Ben Kreshtool

### **DATES**

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20

### TIME

10:30-11:30 a.m.

### LOCATION

Agus Library

### FEE

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$54 for non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

Each daily service includes a special Psalm of the day. Let's dissect these Psalms together and learn why they were selected and how they fit into our services.

### AGUS ACADEMY: NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH ISRAEL\LINK CURRICULUM AND SHALOM HARTMAN UNITS

### **DATES**

SPRING - Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

### TIME

7:00-8:15 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

### FEE

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$54 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Agus Academy will bring you a combination of diverse topics that are Israel-based and Ethics-based. IsraelLink is a new online digital curriculum that will connect today's Jewish learners to Israel through the Iens of core values. The Shalom Hartman curriculum will utilize topics based on the Foundations for A Thoughtful Judaism: Ethics. These sessions will be facilitated by Rabbi Steven Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken, Rabbi Naomi Zaslow, Ben Kreshtool and Rabbi Larry Ziffer.

\* Registration is required.

### **JEWISH JUSTICES OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

with Arthur Fergenson

### DATES LOCATION

Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18 Agus Library, In Person

### TIME FEE

3:00-4:30 p.m. \$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

There have been eight Jews sitting as Associate Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States. In this course, we will discuss the personal history and judicial contributions of each. Abe Fortas resigned in disgrace, ultimately resulting in Warren Burger becoming Chief Justice. Arthur Goldberg, resigned in what is generally understood to be a foolish act of hubris. Then there are the giants, especially Felix Frankfurter who created a still-influential body of cases on the jurisdiction of the federal courts. From Louis Brandeis to Elena Kagan, that is our brief.

# MANUEL MA

### INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

with Dennis Serpico

### **DATES**

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.- noon

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### **FFF**

\$120 Beth El Congregation members, \$150 non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

This course is geared toward players with an understanding of the fundamentals of Bridge who are interested in improving their level of play. Topics include commonly used conventions, cue bids, controls and slam bidding. All class discussion is supported by class hand play with auction and hand analysis; additional practice hands are provided for home study.

\* Registration is required.

### TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

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### "A ROSE IN WINTER"

2hrs, 17 min, in English

### DATE

Tuesday, March 5

### TIME

1:30-3:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

This film is about the extraordinary life of Edith Stein. Born Jewish, she demonstrated uncompromising courage as an outspoken advocate for equality in the Women's Rights Movement at the onset of National Socialism in Germany.

### **COLLAGE**

with John Viles

### **DATES**

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-12 noon

### **LOCATION**

Art Studio, Room 207, Berman-Lipavsky Religious School Wing

### **FEE**

\$145 Beth El Congregation members, \$165 non-members. All materials and supplies are included in the fee.

### **DESCRIPTION**

An introductory class to the techniques of collage and self-expression. Collage has been used by many artists to reflect historical themes to pop culture. Realistic and abstract ideas trigger memories and contemporary influences. Students will begin with a thematic two-dimensional project assembling cut paper from periodicals, discarded books and personal photos. The three-dimensional collage will be the challenge of covering a small box or object to transform its color and appearance.

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### 1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS

### DATE

Wednesday, March 6

### **TIME**

7:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Offit Auditorium

### FEE

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Duo Amaral features Jorge
Amaral and Mia Pomerantz. In
2008, they were established in
the international guitar
scene, garnering accolades
from the media and from
devoted audiences. The
Amarals completed their studies
at the renowned Peabody
Conservatory of Music where
they both were awarded
Master of Music and Graduate
Performance Degrees.

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### BEN BAG BAG SAYS.

"Turn it over, and turn it over, for all is therein.

And look into it; And become gray and old therein; And do not move away from it, for you have no better portion than it."

- Pirkei Avot 5:22

### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

### **DATES**

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28

### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### FEE

\$10.00 per class

### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

### **CREATION AND MICROGRAPHY**

with Cantor Melanie Blatt

### **DATES**

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28

### TIME

11:00 a.m.-noon

### LOCATION

Myers Auditorium, In Person

### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

We will study the story of creation and then create our own works of micrography, then design and complete our own works depicting these Torah stories. Students will learn about the history of micrography and how the minute text was used to form designs and images that preserve our Holy Texts. No Hebrew or drawing experience is needed and all materials are provided.

### A R C H

### **TALMUD STUDY**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

### **DATES**

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21, 28

### TIME

4:30-5:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

### FEE

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

### DESCRIPTION

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although optional.

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### MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Dr. Roni Levin and Eyal Bor, PhD

DATE

Sunday, March 17 Zo

TIME

7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION**Zoom, Virtual

FEE

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Join proud father, Dr. Eyal Bor, as he interviews his highly acclaimed daughter, Dr. Roni Levin. Dr. Levin is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Associate Professor in Pediatrics and Director of Medical Student Education in Ophthalmology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Roni serves in Medical Missions in Central and South America and leads vision screenings for the underserved in the Baltimore Community. Dr. Bor and Dr. Levin will discuss the impact of her service work, health education and how to get the most out of your medical visit. Be sure to register for this very interesting and informative father/daughter My Story.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.

### QUEEN FOR ALL TIME

with Phil Jacobs

### DATE

Tuesday, March 19

### **TIME**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Agus Library, In Person

### **FEE**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 nonmembers.

### **DESCRIPTION**

From the Jewish Telegraphic Agency News Service: Ivanka Trump and Monica Lewinsky were both compared to Queen Esther. Hillary Clinton called the star of the Purim story her favorite biblical heroine. In 1862. an abolitionist minister quoted the Book of Esther in calling on President Lincoln to free the slaves. Those are just a few of the ways the Book of Esther has been deployed in American political and cultural life. Rabbi Dr. Stuart W. Halpern in his book, "Esther in America: The Scroll's Impact on the United States," has given us examples of how Esther has "inspired and impacted the American project since its very inception." We'll even take Halpern's writing further. taking a deep dive into the "Queen Esthers" of our time such as the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Prime Minister Golda Meir, the late great Jewish community leader Shoshana Cardin and others. Can a non-Jewish woman be compared to Queen Esther? Join our discussion just before Purim and bring along your own examples of a Queen Esther in your life.



# MARCH

### **EXPLORE KLEZMER MUSIC**

with Seth Kibel

### **DATES**

March 20, 27 April 3, 10

### TIME

10:00 -11:30 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Agus Library

### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

Klezmer is the secular folk music of the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe. In the first decades of the 1900s, this music flourished not only in the Old World but also in the New, in the immigrant community of New York City. There, the sounds of the European "fiddler on the roof" mixed with the sounds of early jazz and Tin Pan Alley. The result was a quintessentially American sound. Vintage audio clips and "live" performances from the instructor will make this program as exciting as the music itself.



### ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FILM SERIES

This film series is presented by Beth El's Israel Affairs Committee in partnership with the Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center and is supported by the Irving M. Kolker Fund at Beth El established by the Kolker-Saxon-Hallock Family Foundation.

### "THERE ARE JEWS HERE"

1 hour 25 min, In English

### DATE

Wednesday, March 20

### **TIME**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Myers Auditorium, In Person

### **FEE**

\$36 Beth El Congregation members and non-members for all 4 films, OR \$10 per film, Beth El Congregation members and nonmembers.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The film interweaves the stories of 4 small communities: Laredo, Butte, Latrobe and Dothan. Laredo is about a young interfaith couple who move home to Laredo to try and revive the struggling congregation. Latrobe traces the last days of a conservative shul through the story of its most devoted member. Butte is about a free-spirited woman who does it all to keep the shul going. When she gets sick, the shul has to figure out a plan without her. Dothan follows a family from LA to Dothan as part of the relocation program that pays Jewish families to move to Dothan, Alabama.





### APRIL APRIL

### TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

THE BETH EL CONCERTS AND CULTURAL FUND WILL SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

### "JEWS AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY"

### DATE

Tuesday, April 2

### TIME

1:30-3:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Kolker Room, in Person

### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

This film celebrates the contributions of Jewish major leaguers and the special meaning that baseball has had in the lives of American Jews.





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### 1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS

### DATE

Wednesday, April 3

### TIME

7:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Offit Auditorium

### **FEE**

There is no fee and no registration for this monthly program.

### DESCRIPTION

The Copeland String Quartet is comprised of Delaware Symphony Orchestra players. Formed in 2003, the CSQ finds inspiration from the vast and dazzling string quartet repertoire. Violinists Eliezer Gutman and Thomas Jackson, violist Elizabeth Jaffe and cellist Jennifer Jie Jin are celebrating their 18th year performing together.

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### BEN ZOMA SAYS,

"Who is the wise one? He who learns from all men... Who is the mighty one? He who conquers his impulse... Who is the rich one? He who is happy with his lot... Who is honored? He who honors the created beings..."

- Pirkei Avot 4:1

### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, May 1

### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the current

Mah Jongg card.

### **DESCRIPTION**

This Mah Jongg class is designed for beginners. Geri will teach you everything you need to know to play and enjoy the game. We offer Mah Jongg every month. Check the dates to see which session is best for you. Participants are welcome to register for this class as many times as desired and pay for each four-week session chosen. Each class will take place with a minimum of four players. In the event the class does not take place, registrants are welcome to join a class another month upon the availability of space.

\* Registration is required.

### **CANASTA FOR BEGINNERS**

with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, May 1

### TIME

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### FEE

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Now you can learn to play Canasta! Join Geri Willen as she shares her love of this game with you. It's easy to learn and fun to play. Canasta is offered monthly through May. Select the session that works best for you. Participants can register for as many Canasta classes as desired and pay for each group of four classes chosen.

## A P R I

### **CANASTA PLUS**

with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, May 1

### **TIME**

4:00-5:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### **FFF**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

This four-week Canasta series is available to anyone who has completed the four-week "Canasta For Beginners" classes at Beth El and has an understanding of "The Rule of Five."

\* Registration is required.

### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

### **DATES**

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FFF**

\$10.00 per class

### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

### TALMUD STUDY

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

### **DATES**

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

### TIME

4:30-5:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary, with Rabbi Schwartz. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

### HISTORY OF JEWS IN FLORENCE

with Nora Hamerman

### **DATES**

Tuesday, April 4, 11

### TIME

7:00-8:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

### FEE

\$40 Beth FI

Congregation members,

\$60 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

How did a minor Roman military outpost generate the cultural movement known as the Renaissance? This class will trace the growth of Florence from a feisty republic through the rise and eventual dominance of the Medici family and the city's long decline even as it continued to lead the way in science, art and music. Learn about Florence's exceptional role in welcoming Jews fleeing from Spain and integrating Jewish philosophy into Christian humanism.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

## APRIL

### UNVEILING THE HIDDEN DEPTHS: THE HOLIDAYS, PASSOVER

with Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

### DATE

Sunday, April 7

### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Baum Board Room, In Person

### **FEE**

No fee for Beth El Congregation members, \$54 for non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Follow the cycle of the Jewish year through a transformative journey. In this series, we will delve deeply into the meaning and spiritual power of each holiday. Each session will help us prepare our souls for the upcoming holiday. This course is recommended for those who want to go beyond the basics, for those who want to bring mindfulness and intentionality into the experience of each holiday, and for conversion students. Each session stands alone and is multigenerational open to B'nai Mitzvah students, teens, and adults of all ages.

\* Registration is required.

### **ANTISEMITISM**

with Michelle Magner, Deputy Regional Director for ADL's Washington, DC Regional Office

### DATE

Wednesday, April 10

### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

### FEE

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

This will be a discussion on strategies and techniques dealing with antisemitism as well as an informative discussion about antisemitism and education.

### MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Hon. Ellen Hollander and Hon. Bruce Friedman

### DATE

Sunday, April 14

### TIME

7:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

There is no fee for this event.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Join this lively discussion with long-time Beth El Congregation members, Hon. Bruce E. Friedman, Associate Judge in the District Court of Maryland, and Hon. Ellen L. Hollander Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

### **TORAH AND FLOWERS**

with Amanda Beitman and Ben Kreshtool

### DATE

Friday, April 19

### TIME

10:00 a.m.-noon

### LOCATION

Myers Auditorium

### FEE

\$60 Beth FI

Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Join Amanda Beitman, Beth El Director of Development, and Ben Kreshtool, Beth El Ritual Director, as they get you ready for your Passover and Shabbat table. Flowers are a very important part of the holiday and celebration with so much Jewish significance. Amanda and Ben will lead the way to beautiful, meaningful floral creations.



with Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Rosann Catalano, PhD

### **DATES**

Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22

### TIME

10:00-11:30 a.m.

### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

Join Rabbi Schwartz and Dr. Catalano for our fourth walk through some of our favorite poems, fiction and nonfiction, sacred texts, music and whatever else suits our fancy!

\* Registration is required.

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### **1ST WEDNESDAYS @ BETH EL PRESENTS**

### THE U.S. ARMY BAND COUNTRY ROADS

### DATE

Wednesday, May 1

### **TIME**

7:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium

### **FEE**

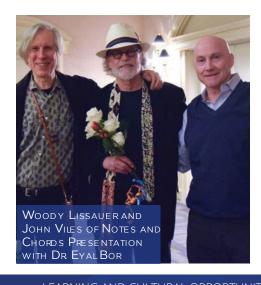
There is no fee and no registration for this.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Country Roads is a small, stand-out ensemble comprised of instrumentalists and vocalists from across the Army Band. Together they connect audiences of all ages and walks of life to the heartland of America with traditional bluegrass, folk and Irish music.

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### MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS

with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, May 8, 15, 22, 29

### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### **FEE**

\$70 Beth El Congregation members, \$90 non-members. The fee includes the current Mah Jongg card.

### DESCRIPTION

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with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, May 8, 15, 22, 29

### TIME

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

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### CANASTA PLUS

with Geri Willen

### **DATES**

Wednesday, May 8, 15, 22, 29

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4:00-5:00 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

### **FEE**

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### **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

### **DATES**

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### **TIME**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

### **FEE**

\$10.00 per class

### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

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with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

### **DATES**

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### TIME

4:30-5:30 p.m.

### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

### FEE

There is no fee for this recurring weekly event.

### DESCRIPTION

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussion about issues both ancient and contemporary. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

### WHY AREN'T YOU MORE LIKE ME?

with Lee Richmond, PhD

### **DATES**

Thursday, May 2, 9, 16

### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-12 noon

### LOCATION

Agus Library, In Person

### **FEE**

\$60 Beth El Congregation members, \$80 non-members.

### DESCRIPTION

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, The Kiersey-Bates Temperament Sorter and various activities and games related to personality type are based on a theory of Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung. These explain how and why people differ and suggests how different types can learn to work and successfully live peacefully and productively together. Discover your preferences, understand why they are not universal and learn to live better with an appreciation of personality differences.

### A DAY FOR WOMEN: IT'S ALL ABOUT HUMOR

with Lee Richmond, PhD

#### DATE

Monday, May 6

#### **TIME**

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Kolker Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$60 Beth FL

Congregation members, \$80 non-members. The fee includes all materials and lunch.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This, the third year of A Day for Women, is all about humor. We will take a look at poetry, jokes, art, music and film created by women, for women and about women of every age and through the ages. Come prepared to laugh, learn and enjoy a delicious lunch.

\* Registration is required.

## TUESDAY@THE FLICKS

THE BETH EL CONCERTS AND CULTURAL FUND WILL SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

## "RECKONINGS"

1 hour 14 min In English

#### DATE

Tuesday, May 7

#### **TIME**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Kolker Room, In Person

#### FEE

There is no fee for this event that is open and free the community.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Under threat of violence 6 years after the Holocaust, a group of German and Jewish leaders pushed for reparations as a step towards healing. Could the perpetrators face their crimes? Could any compensation deliver justice to the survivors?



#### **COME TO THE CABARET!**

with Todd Harrison Twining

#### DATE

Wednesday, May 8

#### TIME

4:00-5:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Schapiro Auditorium, In Person

#### **FEE**

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members.

#### DESCRIPTION

You do not want to miss Todd Harrison Twining as he returns to The Loeb Center with a stunning extravaganza of song, Cabaret style. Your toes might tap along!

\* Registration is required.

## TORAH UNLEASHED: EMPOWERING INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION OF TORAH

with Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

#### **DATES**

Wednesday, May 9 and 16

#### TIME

7:00-8:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

Baum Board Room, In Person

#### **FEE**

No fee Beth El Congregation members, \$36 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Each year we study Torah on a cycle, beginning with Bereshit (Genesis) and ending in Devarim (Deuteronomy). The Torah in Hebrew or in translation, we are only experiencing the tip of the iceberg. Every verse of the written Torah is a wellspring of rabbinical commentary, interpretation and spiritual innovation. In this series, we will learn-how-to-learn-Torah and how to access Torah commentary independently! This course is recommended for conversion students, those who are curious about how to encounter the Torah outside of a class and those looking for spiritual and ethical connections to the Torah. All students should bring a laptop or tablet (iPad) to each session. This class is multigenerational - open to B'nai Mitzvah students, teens and adults of all ages.

\* Registration is required.

#### HISTORY OF ROCK AND ROLL PARTY

with Alan Kohn, DJ Premier Entertainment

#### DATE

Wednesday, May 15

#### **TIME**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Offit Auditorium, In Person

#### FEE

\$18 Beth El Congregation members, \$36 non-members.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This party (singing and dancing encouraged!) will start off in 1955 with Bill Halev and the Comets and continue through 1959 with Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Rov Orbison and Johnny Cash. Then we visit the "Doo Wop Era" and The Big Dance with The Stroll! Enjoy 1960-1964 with Dion, Chubby Checker, Fats Domino, Elvis and so many more artists. Get ready for 1964-1975 with the British invasion, the American bands, "Bubble Gum" music, folk, psychedelic, singer songwriters and more. We will explore dances like Mashed Potato Time, The Swim, The Twist, Limbo, The Alley Cat and others, 1975-1979 introduces us to Disco plus Rock and Roll, Remember The Hustle? This will be an evening you won't want to miss and be sure to bring your friends! Desserts will be provided for all!

\* Registration is required.

## MY STORY: GET TO KNOW PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Meet: Robert Chertkof

#### DATE

Sunday, May 19

#### **TIME**

7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Robert Chertkof is a dedicated member of Beth El Congregation and the Israel Affairs Committee. Robert is deeply committed to all topics related to Israel. Join this discussion as Eyal Bor, PhD shares the evening with Robert Chertkof filled with interesting and timely topics.

\* Registration is required to receive Zoom link.



## ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FILM SERIES

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## "THE ART OF SILENCE" (MARCEL MARCEAU)

52 min - Captioned

#### DATE

Wednesday, May 22

#### TIME

7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Myers Auditorium

#### FEE

\$36 Beth El Congregation members and non-members for all 4 films, OR \$10 per film, Beth El Congregation members and nonmembers.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

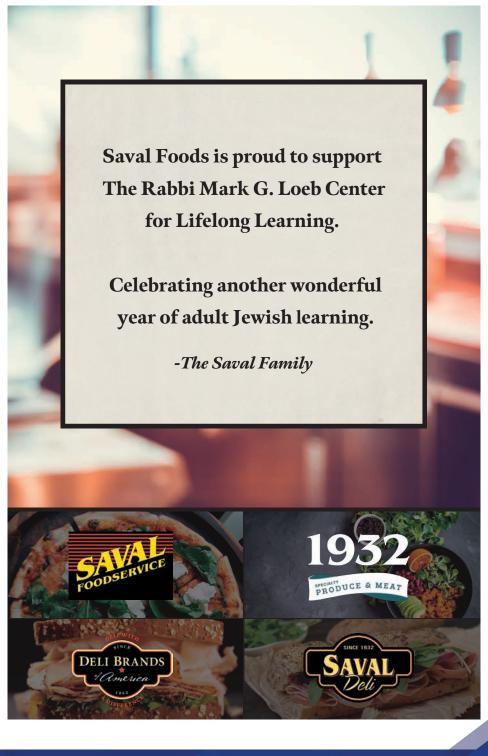
This new film is about art history, the Holocaust and bravery. Mostly it is about a name that every person will remember with awe.

\* Registration is required

## RABBI ELAZAR BEN SHAMUA SAYS,

"Let the honor of your student be dear to you as your own, and the honor of your fellow like the reverence of your teacher, and the reverence of your teacher like the reverence of Heaven"

- Pirkei Avot 5:22



## BETH EL MAH JONGG AND CANASTA REUNION

with Geri Willen

#### DATE

Wednesday, June 5

#### TIME

2:00-4:00 p.m.

#### LOCATION

Myers Auditorium, In Person

#### FEE

\$10 Beth El Congregation members, \$18 non-members. The fee includes snacks and beverages.

#### DESCRIPTION

Calling all past and present Mah Jongg and Canasta players. Let's get together and celebrate so many who learned to play and enjoy these games here at Beth El! Bring your Mah Jongg sets, Canasta cards and whatever you need to play. Friends and family who learned to play these games elsewhere are welcome! Enjoy being together. Snacks will be provided.

\* Registration is required.

## **CHAIR YOGA @ THE LOEB CENTER**

with Robyn Katz

#### **DATES**

Thursdays, June 6, 20, 27

#### TIME

10:00-11:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

\$10.00 per class

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Learn to ground your feet, strengthen your legs and improve your posture, balance and stability. Enjoy the Torah component that leads you into the class. The fee remains \$10 per class. You don't have to leave your home and can enjoy the calmness of it with your friends on Zoom. You can register for 1 week or as many weeks as you would like.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. There will be no refunds for missed classes.

### **TALMUD STUDY**

with Rabbi Steven Schwartz

#### **DATES**

Thursday, June 6, 20, 27

#### **TIME**

4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **LOCATION**

Zoom, Virtual

#### FEE

No fee

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Delve into the classic texts of our tradition, from Talmud to Torah commentary, with Rabbi Schwartz. The class is seminar-style and filled with discussions about ancient and contemporary issues. The ability to read Hebrew is helpful, although not required.

\* Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.











### **Amanda Beitman**

Amanda has been working in Jewish Baltimore for over 10 years. She started her career at the JCC of Greater Baltimore working on the JCC Maccabi Games. Shortly after she became the Assistant Director of Children's Services

and Assistant Director at Camp Milldale. Amanda then realized the critical need for fundraising to keep Jewish Baltimore thriving and joined the development team at The Associated. Amanda has her Master's in Jewish Communal Services from Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University.



## **Cantor Melanie Blatt**

Cantor Melanie Blatt recently was ordained by Hebrew College and is excited to continue to serve the Beth El Community in her new role as Cantor Educator and Director of Community Engagement. Cantor Blatt has a Bachelor's

degree in Fire Protection Engineering from the University of Maryland College Park with a Scholars Citation of the Arts. She has also earned a Master's Degree in Jewish Education, Leadership, and Communal Service from Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University and a Master's Degree in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College.



## Eyal Bor, PhD

Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center For Lifelong and Learning, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music in 1983 from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He earned a Master's degree in Educational

Administration from the American Jewish University, Los Angeles in 1986 and a PhD in Jewish Studies from Baltimore Hebrew University in 1996. He joined Beth El in 1991.



## Hana Bor, PhD

Dr. Hana Bor is Professor of Family Studies and Community Development and Director of the Master of Arts in Jewish Education and Jewish Communal Service at Towson University. She teaches and publishes on management,

leadership, Holocaust education, Diversity and Culture. She enjoys taking her students on Study Abroad courses to Israel and Eastern Europe.



## Rosann M. Catalano, PhD

Dr. Rosann M. Catalano is an independent scholar and teacher. From 1994 to 2017 she was associated with the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies where she held the position of Scholar of Roman Catholic

Christianity. She currently teaches at Beth El, Chizuk Amuno, the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, and the Catholic Community at Relay.



## **Arthur Fergenson**

Arthur Fergenson graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Drama, then attended Yale Law School. He clerked for U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Griesa and Chief Justice of the United States, Warren E. Burger. Arthur has

appeared before federal and state courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Arthur comes from a long line of performers, including a Jewish great-grandfather magician from Liverpool, England, who emigrated to this country and ran the premier theatrical venue in Cleveland.



### **Nora Hamerman**

Nora Hamerman has a degree in Art History from the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University. A former Fulbright Scholar and Chester Dale Fellow of the National Gallery of Art, she studied for three years in Italy and taught at the University of Virginia and Shenandoah University. She has lectured in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute affiliated with Johns Hopkins University since 2011.



## **Phil Jacobs**

Phil Jacobs was an award-winning investigative reporter over 28 years and served as Assistant Editor, Managing Editor, Editor, and Executive Editor for Alter Communications. He is currently the Associate Editor of New Jersey Jewish Link. Phil teaches Jewish history and current events at the Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community High School.



## Seth Kibel

Seth Kibel is one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in jazz, swing and more. Wowing audiences on saxophone, clarinet and flute. Seth has made a name for himself in

the Washington/Baltimore region as a featured performer with The Alexandria Kleztet, Bay Jazz Project, Music Pilgrim Trio The Natty Beaux.



## Ben Kreshtool

Ben Kreshtool joined Beth El as Ritual Director in May of 2014 and is now Beth El Memorial Park Manager. He studied history and Judaic studies at UMBC. Always involved in synagogue life, he developed an early love

for Torah and prayer and was mentored by various clergy over the years. As a result, he has a broad background in the many traditions and laws of Jewish prayer and sacred readings, including the Torah, Haftarah and all five Megillot. He has a passion for Jewish teaching and learning and is always happy to share his knowledge with others.



## **Gail Lipsitz**

Gail Lipsitz teaches adult literature classes at Beth El, Kol Halev Congregation, and the Myerberg Center. She has a Master of Arts in Teaching English degree from Yale University and taught high school and college students. For

27 years, she was the coordinator of marketing and community relations at Jewish Community Services.



## **Deborah Margulies**

Debbie Margulies has spent the majority of her career in education as a professional school counselor. She has worked with students and their families, as well as on the state level in her role as Vice President of the Maryland School Counselor Association. Debbie has taught classes

at Loyola University Graduate School and has conducted workshops nationwide.



## **Jonathan Palevsky**

Jonathan Palevsky has been Program Director at WBJC since 1990. He grew up in Montreal and came to Baltimore in 1990. He studied classical guitar at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. Jonathan hosted numerous

programs and can regularly be heard hosting the WBJC Opera Preview, Face the Music, and Music in Maryland.



## **Barbara Blumberg Ressin**

Barbara Blumberg Ressin received a Bachelor of Science degree from Towson University. She taught in Baltimore City Schools and at the Beth Tfiloh Community Day School. She now teaches at The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Center for Lifelong

Learning at Beth El, Osher, Howard Community Center, Pikesville Library, North Oaks, The Lecture Group, and various charitable organizations.



## Lee Richmond, PhD

Lee J. Richmond, Ph.D, is a licensed psychologist in the State of Maryland and Professor Emeritus at Loyola University. She previously taught at Johns Hopkins University. Additionally, she has been a human resources

consultant and leadership development trainer for national and international organizations. Lee is the co-editor and co-author of many books based on topics such as spiritual essence, connections, and relationships. She is a trained facilitator by IS Wise Aging faculty.



#### Rabbi Dana Saroken

Rabbi Dana Saroken graduated from the University of Arizona's Honors Program with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Jewish Studies. She attended rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City where she was ordained in 2004. Rabbi

Saroken joined Beth El in 2007 and was the congregation's first female rabbi. She is currently serving as both a traditional rabbi at Beth El and the founder of the Soul Center. Rabbi Saroken was recently named one of Jewish Women's International ten "women to watch" for 2018.



## Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Rabbi Steven Schwartz is a graduate of Brandeis University. He earned a Master's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland. Rabbi Schwartz entered the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York and was

ordained as a Rabbi. He joined Beth El in 1998 as our Associate Rabbi and became our Senior Rabbi in June 2008. Rabbi Schwartz is a member of the Board of Directors of The Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and is a community-at-large member of the Johns Hopkins University Internal Review Board. He is also a past president of the Baltimore Board of Rabbis.



## Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin

Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin MS, LCPC is a Certified Imago Relationship Therapist (Advanced Clinician) and Certified Imago Workshop Presenter, and Faculty Associate of the Imago International Training Institute. He and his wife Rivka

founded The Marriage Restoration Project.



## **Todd Twining**

Todd Harrison Twining is a musician extraordinaire. He is a member of the music faculty at the Bryn Mawr School. He has performed many roles on stage in musical theater and opera. He is a baritone vocalist who won the

National Association of Teachers of Singing Men's Competition at the James Madison University. Todd is an educator in high demand, as a performance coach and a talented performer, arranger, composer, educator and accompanist.



## **John Viles**

John Viles received his BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute and his MFA from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. He has 25 years of experience teaching painting, drawing and design at the college level. His work has been included

in over 50 exhibitions in the U.S. as well as abroad. His paintings are included in the permanent collections of the Ethniki Pinakothiki Museum, Piraeus, Greece, UMUC and in private collections.



## Rabbi Naomi Zaslow

Rabbi Naomi Zaslow received her rabbinic ordination and a Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2022. Rabbi Zaslow holds a Masters in Jewish Education from the joint Hebrew

College and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies program in Jerusalem. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design in 2008.



## Rabbi Larry Ziffer

Larry Ziffer serves as a consultant to the Charles Crane Family Foundation, a local Baltimore philanthropy network that supports violence prevention projects in Baltimore and a broad range of local Jewish education agencies and organizations.

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