

The Shofar



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CELEBRATE

CONGREGATION BETH EL'S

70th!

*Ariel Wyner & Kol Kahol,
Jewish Bluegrass Band!*

2023

MARCH 3, 4 & 5

Ariel Wyner, our High Holiday Cantor, and his Jewish Bluegrass Band will be joining us in this celebration!



We are in the early planning stages. If you would like to be involved, contact Elizabeth Ravitch, president@bethelyardley.org.



More information will follow.

PURIM IS COMING!
Erev Purim March 6

Calling all Shushanites.
Be part of the MEGILLAH reading fun. All welcome to tell the story of Esther in songs/parodies. No special talent required.
Email sandie75@outlook.com with your availability (day or evening).

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*denotes new board member

GPMB Members up for re-election this year.

Reset the mi she'beirahk list

(list of our loved ones in need of healing)

January 1 April 1 October 1 July 1

The list will be cleared and compiled anew to reflect more recent changes. Email barbara@bethelyardley.org or call 215-493-1707 x4, prior to the reset date. If the date falls on a Shabbat, please send it prior to Shabbat.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fridays: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Service Times

Fridays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 9:30am

Monday - Friday

Morning Minyan

7:00am

(in person only)

Sunday - Thursday

Evening Minyan

7:30pm (virtual only)

Sundays & Secular Holidays

Morning Minyan 8:00am

Check out our website

www.bethelyardley.org

Find out more about our programming, events, and classes and RSVP online.



The Shofar - Congregation Beth El's Newsletter Issues

July/August, September/October, November/ December,

January/February, March/April, May/June

Deadlines for the Shofar are on the 16th of the month **prior** to the new edition coming out; except if it falls on Shabbat or a Jewish holiday.



New Year's Resolutions always fascinate me. "I will lose weight", "I will exercise more", "I will volunteer more of my time" and "I will reach out to friends more" are common ones. What is special about the change to a new year that elicits such a strong desire to change things up? Why is it that December 31st at midnight is so different than any other day at midnight? It really isn't. However, with the new calendar year comes the hope of newly founded motivation and energy to try new things.

When my kids were little, I'd ask them what they wanted to be different in the new year. I always hoped they'd say things like that they wouldn't argue with each other as much, knowing very well those were words I'd never hear (they are now 22 years old and they still argue). I'd always promise myself that I'd try to get less frustrated with them over little things (I still get frustrated with them over little things). So why, year after year, would I ask the same question and why would I make the same attempt?

I think it's partially because of tradition. Partially because of habit. And partially because in some ways it's expected. So this year, if volunteering more is one of your New Year's Resolutions, I'll make it easy for you to figure out how to make it happen. Here are some ideas for how Beth El can benefit from your time:

1. **Join a committee:** Beth El has many committees and I am sure one will spark your interest. You can come to a meeting and just listen or jump in and offer to help (see page 4.)
2. **Help plan our 70th Anniversary Celebration:** On the weekend of March 3-5 we will be celebrating Beth El's 70th anniversary and a committee is forming to plan the weekend.
3. **Join Sisterhood, Men's Club or Hazak:** These arms of the synagogue are always busy and have wonderful opportunities for you to help out.
4. **Offer to be a greeter on Shabbat:** We are always looking for people to be greeters when we have Shabbat Luncheons and B'nai Mitzvah.

Help with the Kiddish Krew: The luncheons have a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. Volunteer to go shopping, set up and/or clean up.

These are just a few ways of helping out Beth El this year. Choose what works best for you and your family. If none of these are appealing to you, give me a call or send me an email and together we will figure out a way for you to volunteer.

There is also a new way that we can all help Beth El. Simply shop at the House of Kosher!! There is a new program they are starting where if we mention Beth El Yardley (and a special code - check your emails for this information) at check out we will receive a bonus of 2% of what you spend (10% for first-time customers who spend more than \$100 on the first visit). That is something we can all do!!

I wish you all a Happy New Year!! I cannot wait to see everyone in 2023!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Ravitch".

Elizabeth Ravitch
President
president@bethelyardley.org



We want you to get involved.

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The Sisterhood: (Rachael Oring & Phyllis Schachter)

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**“To defend a country, you need an army.
But to defend an identity, you need a school.
Judaism is the religion of the book, not the sword.”**

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

This is a fascinating quote because it stresses the importance of Jewish education **and** it is contrary to the message of Hanukkah, when we celebrate the use of the sword to defend Jewish identity.

We learn that sometimes the Jews had to take up arms to restore our freedom, but our main focus of Jews is on *shalom*.

Our Fierverker (fireworks) Hebrew school students are engaging in the most important part of protecting Jewish identity through Jewish education.

To some it might seem like we just get together twice a week to have fun (although we do that too), it is much more important. It is solidifying their sense of Jewish community by learning Torah, traditions, music, Hebrew language and our holidays.

Learning about Judaism isn't always easy—but it is always necessary in order to maintain our identity in the world as Jews.



Kedma Cantor

Kedma Cantor
Interim Education Director, FJLC
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Calling Bubbes and Zeides!

We need storytellers
(or readers) on Sundays at Hebrew school.
Come read, or tell us about your Jewish experiences
as a kid. What was your favorite topic, holiday, or food?
Contact Kedma for more info.

Derek Cohen

Board Member & Galilee Proceeds Management Board



My name is Derek Cohen and I have been a member of Beth El since 2009. I have served on the board since 2014 and currently sit on the Galilee Management, Mortgage and Security Committees. My wife, Robin, and I are the proud parents of Julie (a junior at Tulane University) and Sam (8th grade). Both of our children have been participants in the education program at Beth El. In addition, my parents (Herb and Joyce Cohen) and in-laws (Mel and Deanie Yasner) are members of Beth El.

Outside of Beth El, I am a partner in the law firm of Walden Macht & Haran specializing in white collar criminal defense and investigations. Before entering private practice, I was a federal prosecutor for almost ten years in Philadelphia and Washington, DC (along with an extended assignment in New Orleans). In my free time, I like to golf, see live music, and find great restaurants. I'm also a member of the Krewe of Bacchus and ride on a float each Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Wendy Algazi

Board Member, School Committee & Holiday Programming Committee



Both raised in Yardley, my husband Jon and I moved back to the area from Lafayette Hill in 2009 when our older daughter Jordyn was 2 years old. Growing up, Judaism played a big role in my life, starting with nursery school, kindergarten, and camp days at the JCC in Ewing. Jon and I actually met at a JCC Mommy and Me in 1980! We both grew up in conservative synagogues and USY was an important part of my life during my high school years. Jon and I served as USY Co-Presidents, even winning most improved chapter. I attended the University of Delaware and have worked in the field of IT audit and controls compliance since graduation. We have two girls Jordyn, age 15 and Lexi, age 11.

I enjoy cooking, eating, reading, traveling, exercising, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. I am on the FJLC School board and the general board and truly appreciate the warmth and community that Beth El provides.

Penny Bardfeld

Board Member & Fundraising Committee



Penny Bardfeld is thrilled to spend another term on the Congregation Beth El Board. Penny and husband Lenny moved from the Princeton area to Yardley with sons Jake (27), Eric (24) and Tyler (22). Penny grew up in Huntingdon Valley and Lenny is from Vineland, NJ and both grew up at conservative synagogues.

Penny retired from a sales career with Nestle Nutrition and now she is a Registered Dietitian and group fitness instructor, currently teaching fitness classes and providing nutrition consultations. Lenny works for J&J Consumer Products in Skillman, NJ.

Immediately after joining Beth El in 2014, Penny became very involved with planning events, joined the board and has been involved with fundraising and planning events ever since. Penny has made many friends and enjoys their Beth El social life! Penny spends summer weekends in Margate, NJ and enjoys running and spending time with her adorable fluffy furry babies, Roscoe and Benny!

*Congregation Beth El's
Holiday Programming &
Israel Committees
Invite you to join us for*

Tu B'Shevat

Free Event



Sunday, February 5 at 9:15am

Fruits & nuts will be served.

RSVP by Sunday, January 29. Visit www.bethelyardley.org.

***For more information email
holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org***



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BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY - BMU -

Calling All 6th & 7th Graders & Parents!

Join us Saturdays from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Chapel.

Afterward stay for a yummy kiddush lunch.

January 21
February 11
March 11
April 15
May 13

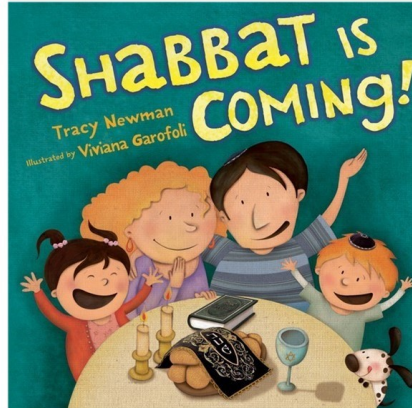


Each BMU Shabbat kids and parents participate in a teen-friendly learning service to gain skills as both a participant and leader.

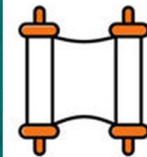
Tot Shabbat

At Beth El

With Miss Liz



**Jan 21
Feb 11
March 11
April 15
May 13**



שבת
שלום

Friday Night
FJLC Shabbat
Services & Potluck Dinner

6pm

January 27
&
April 21



Join us and kvell
as your kids help lead Kabbalat Shabbat.

We'll provide challah, grape juice and a main course.

BUSY - AI PRESENTS

KICK OFF EVENT : CRAZY OLYMPICS!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

1PM-2:30PM

AT BETH EL YARDLEY,

375 STONEY HILL ROAD, YARDLEY, PA

**COME MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HANG
OUT WITH OLD FRIENDS AT OUR FIRST
EVENT OF 2023!**

**CRAZY FUN TIME, SNACKS INCLUDED.
\$5, REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

RSVP VIA GOOGLE FORM

CONTACT: ARI WEISS: ARIWEISS089@GMAIL.COM

CHAVERIM/KADIMA EVENT FOR 4TH-7TH GRADERS

Navigating the Calendar of Events

1. Visit www.bethelyardley.org.
2. Click on “Calendar” at the top of the home page.
3. Use the “Calendars to Show” to filter information for committees. For example, click on Adult Education, B’nai Mitzvah, Programs & Events, Hazak, etc.
4. Click on “Update View.”
5. Use the “Date” filter to sort the information by a specific date. For example, if you want to know what is on the calendar in May but do not want to scroll by using the arrows, click on the specific date box and choose your month, date and year.
6. Click on “Update View.”
7. Each calendar day has information. Any information underlined is a link. Click on link for more information which may include a flyer and RSVP for a program.

Calendar of Events

Calendars to Show

Filter Calendar

More Filters/Views

Date

specific date

01/01/2023

UPDATE VIEW

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Clear

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Tevet 8 New Year's Day No FJLC Office Closed 8:00am Morning Minyan	2 Tevet 9 Office closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	3 Tevet 10 Fast of Tevet 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	4 Tevet 11 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm FJLC (3rd-7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	5 Tevet 12 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Religious Activities Committee Meeting	6 Tevet 13 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:32pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	7 Tevet 14 Vayechi 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:32pm Havdalah



The weekend of November 11-13 was filled with festivities and community as we installed and celebrated our new Rabbi, David Cantor. We had a lovely Friday night service followed by a delicious Kiddush provided by Beth El Sisterhood. Saturday services were packed and filled with honors and participation from many congregants including many of our recent B'nai Mitzvot. On this anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Cantor nostalgically and beautifully chanted his haftorah. After which Larry Schachter performed a touching ceremony to formally install Rabbi Cantor. Many thanks to all who participated in services!

After services we were treated to a beautiful and delicious luncheon in the rotunda. Many thanks to Margie Wellerstein and Cara Weissman and all the volunteers who worked countless hours to prepare and serve this wonderful luncheon for over 125 members and guests.

Saturday evening over 100 members and guests came back together for a lively and festive party, coordinated by Penny Bardfeld, Phyllis Schachter, and the party committee. Israel was the theme of the night, and every guest came dressed in blue and white! We ate Israeli food and drank Israeli wine and even danced to Israeli music.

On Sunday morning, Jennifer Braverman coordinated a fun and festive "Rabbi Bingo" activity for the FJLC families. A great time was had by all, filled with Rabbi trivia, treats and laughs!

This weekend would not have been possible were it not for the tireless efforts of Barbara Schwartz as well as the help of countless volunteers (see volunteer list below). We also had a long list of Beth El members who generously provided sponsorship to offset the costs of these events (see sponsors below). A special thank you also goes out to Penny Bardfeld who spent countless hours coordinating and planning the weekend of events.

VOLUNTEERS

Mindy Albuck
Rick Albuck
Diane Axelrod
Penny Bardfeld
Lenny Bardfeld
Jennifer Braverman
Milt Berger
Stephanie Bunin
Whitney Bunin
Joy Cooper
Marc Fishbein
Sandie Hirsch
Grace Jacob
Amy Kaissar
Ken Kaissar
Susan Knopfmacher
Shelli Krevitz
Ruth Laks
Carol Benderson Lighter
Debbie Lubin
Steve Lubin
Carrie Matez
Rachael Oring
Rich Oring
Liz Ravitch
Beth Sadoff
Francine Safir
Bonnie Schachter
Ian Schachter
Larry Schachter
Phyllis Schachter
Barbara Schwartz

Debbie Sokol
Harve Strouse
Susan Strouse
Sheri Twer
Dan Wachspress
Cara Weissman
Leon Weissman
Jack Wellerstein
Margie Wellerstein

*Thank
You!*

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Gloria & Ed Mittleman
Rachael & Rich Oring
Sara Pollock
Patricia Rush
Harve & Susan Strouse
The Sisterhood at Beth El
Michelle & Michael Weinberg
Margie & Jack Wellerstein







Visit www.bethelyardley.org for Zoom link and registration.



How Musicals Get to Broadway: And Why Are Tickets So Darn Expensive?

John Kenrick has the answers!
FREE PROGRAM

Join Hazak on Sunday, January 15 at 11:00am.
(Virtual only)



If you've ever wondered why seeing a Broadway show costs more than air fare to Florida, theater historian and former producer's assistant John Kenrick has the answers in this multi-media talk.

John pulls back the curtain, giving an insider's view with historic examples as well as memories of productions John worked on. A frank but affectionate look at the business of "the fabulous invalid," Broadway.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to register. Please note: Zoom link is John Kenrick's not Beth El's. Questions? Contact Hazak@bethelyardley.org. Visit Musicals101.com for more information about John Henrick.



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Adult Learning – January/February 2023

From the arts to history to Jewish thought, Beth El offers a variety of programs this winter. Whether it's in person or virtual, evenings, weekends or weekdays, come join your friends for some interesting, fun, participatory and informative classes.

WEEKEND Learning

Torah Study: Saturday Mornings, 9:00AM to 9:30AM

Join Rabbi Cantor every Shabbat morning to discuss the week's Parsha.

Judaism for Grown-Ups: Sunday Mornings, 9:15AM to 10:15AM

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

Meets every week while school is in session.

Whether you're newish-Jewish, an old Yeshiva Bucher, or anywhere in-between, this series will refresh your knowledge.

This course will provide an overview of American Jewish history in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

WEEKDAY Learning

Walking With God: Wednesday Mornings, 11:15AM to 12:30PM

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

Wednesdays, January 18 to March 22, 2023

One of the core principles of Jewish faith is that God is essentially ineffable, unknowable, and indescribable...which has not prevented Jews from trying these past three millennia. Join Rabbi Cantor for a survey of Jewish understandings of the Divine from the Biblical, Talmudic, Midrashic, Halakhic, Philosophical, Kabbalistic, Hassidic and Modern points of view.

The sessions will be in person; on Virtual Beth El; or available on replay at <https://www.bethelyardley.org/adult-ed-archive.html>.

The Jewish Experience in America

Wednesday Mornings, 10:00AM to 11:00AM, January 18 to March 29, 2023

Instructor: Harriet Freidenreich

Topics to be discussed include: Eastern European immigration; Jews and the Labor Movement; World War I and antisemitism; Jewish women, suffrage and birth control; Jewish religious denominationalism; American Jews, the Holocaust and the State of Israel; suburbanization; Jewish activism and feminism; Jewish identity and intermarriage.

Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way: IN PERSON on Wednesdays 7:00PM – 7:30PM, January 18 to June 21, 2023

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

Textbook: *Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way*

Understanding Hebrew is the key to experiencing the richness of Jewish prayer. *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* teaches the Hebrew found in all Jewish prayerbooks. Designed for students who can read Hebrew words but do not know what they mean, this text explains grammar so simply that the non-academic community can easily understand it.

RSVP by January 11, 2023. Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* graphic. Purchase the book prior to class.

Trope (Torah Chant): IN PERSON on Wednesdays 7:45PM – 8:30PM on Wednesdays, January 18 to March 8, 2023

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

Textbook: *Chanting the Hebrew Bible*

In the ancient synagogue, the person honored with an Aliyah didn't just say the blessings over the reading of the Torah. In the same way that one says a blessing before performing an action, the person invited to read said a blessing over their reading. But when many people could no longer read their Torah portion for themselves, the Torah Reader was invited to read the portion for them, and that is the practice today.

If you can read Hebrew, you can read Torah. Join Rabbi Cantor on Wednesday evenings to learn to read the Torah for yourself and for others, and to enhance your enjoyment of the Torah service.

Beth El Book Club

Join us in January and February on **VIRTUAL BETH EL** on Sunday evenings from **7:45PM – 8:45PM**.

Sunday, January 8, 2023 on Virtual Beth El, 7:45PM – 8:45PM

The Thread Collectors by Shauna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

Discussion Leader: Arleen Barisa

About the Book



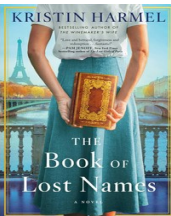
1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and a brilliant musician.

Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Loosely inspired by the authors' family histories, this stunning novel will stay with readers for a long time.

Sunday, February 19, 2023 on Virtual Beth El 7:45PM – 8:45PM

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel



About the Book

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means.

Only Eva holds the answer—but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.



For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

Paper Cutting: Sunday, January 22, 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Instructor: Kedma Cantor

Learn about the ancient art of Jewish paper cutting and make two simple projects. \$15 fee includes cutting board, blade and paper. RSVP required; visit www.bethelyardley.org.

Book Nosh: Sunday, January 29 at 10:30AM

Join us in person to discuss all the interesting books, movies, TV shows, art exhibitions, Broadway shows, operas, and any other cultural happenings that have a Jewish theme, a Jewish author, or Jewish characters that you enjoyed. Share what you've been reading or watching, while having a nosh with friends.

Jewish Papercutting

Intermediate Level

*Paper cutting (called **scherenschnitte** in Germany) was practiced by Jewish communities in Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East for centuries and has seen a revival in modern times in Israel and across the world.*



Join Kedma Cantor for this second class and make a Jewish paper cut project of your choice.

January 22

1:30–3:00pm

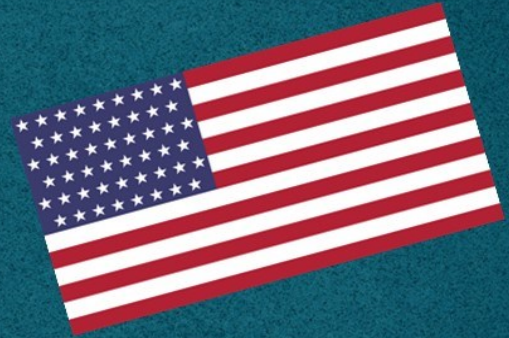
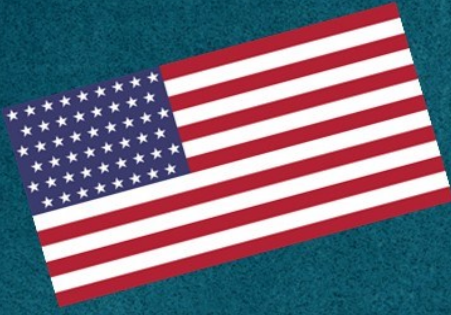
\$15 for materials

RSVP by January 15. Visit www.bethelyardley.org.



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The Jewish Experience in America since 1880

Wednesdays 10:00am – 11:00am

Instructor: Harriet Freidenreich

January 18 – March 29

Topics to be discussed include:

- ♦ Eastern European immigration
- ♦ Jews and the Labor Movement
- ♦ World War I and antisemitism
- ♦ Jewish women, suffrage and birth control
- ♦ Jewish religious denominationalism: American Jews
- ♦ The Holocaust and the State of Israel; suburbanization

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Sunday, January 8, 2023
7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El

The Thread Collectors by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman

Discussion Leader: Arleen Barisa



About the Book

The Thread Collectors by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman 1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and a brilliant musician.

Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Loosely inspired by the authors' family histories, this stunning novel will stay with readers for a long time.

About our Book Club: Everyone at Beth El is invited to our book club! To sign up for Book Club notifications, please email your contact info to AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.



Sunday, February 19, 2023

7:45 PM on virtual Beth EI

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Discussion Leader: TBD



About the Book

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer—but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.

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Torah Study

Join Rabbi Cantor on Saturday Mornings

9:00am

(Before Services, meet in the lobby)

Walking With...God*

Wednesdays, 11:15am - 12:30pm

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

January 18 - March 22, 2023

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- essentially ineffable,
- unknowable,
- indescribable,

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*The Walking With series has been created by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in partnership with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Rabbinical Assembly, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. For more information, visit <https://www.aju.edu>.



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Prayerbook Hebrew

The Easy Way with Rabbi Cantor

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 7:30pm

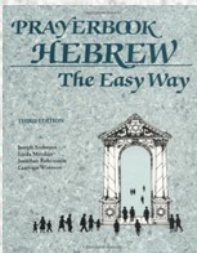
(In person - begins January 18, 2023)

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

21 Week Session



Understanding Hebrew is the key to experiencing the richness of Jewish prayer. *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* teaches the Hebrew found in all Jewish prayerbooks. Designed for students who can read Hebrew words but do not know what they mean, this text explains grammar so simply that the non-academic community can easily understand it.



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- Boxes of cereal
- Canned tuna, salmon, and chicken
- Breakfast drinks (powder or liquid)
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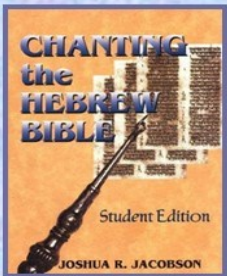
Wednesdays, 7:45pm - 8:30pm
(In person - Begins January 18, 2023)
Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

8 Week Session



In the ancient synagogue, the person honored with an Aliyah didn't just say the blessings over the reading of the Torah. In the same way that one says a blessing before performing an action, the person invited to read said a blessing over their reading. But when many people could no longer read their Torah portion for themselves, the Torah Reader was invited to read the portion for them, and that is the practice today.

If you can read Hebrew, you can read Torah. Join me on Wednesday evenings to learn to read the Torah for yourself and for others, and to enhance your enjoyment of the Torah service.



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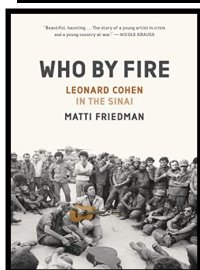


For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

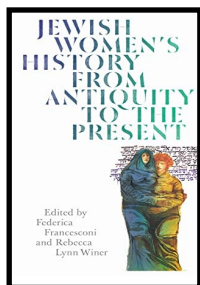
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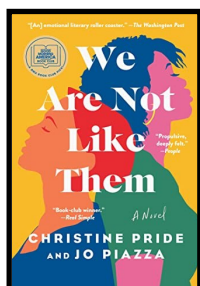
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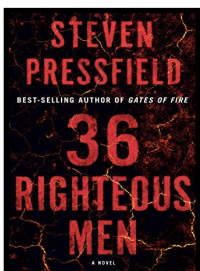
Who By Fire, Leonard Cohen in the Sinai, by Matti Friedman. Hot off the presses, a great book by the well-known Israeli author of such best sellers as **The Aleppo Codex** and **Spies of No Country**. It brings to life not only the little-known story of Leonard Cohen's visit to the Israeli front lines during the 1973 Yom Kippur war, but also the broader picture of the war itself and its lasting impact on Israelis. An absolute must-read for anyone who's a fan of the late singer/poet, as well as for anyone who cares about Israel.



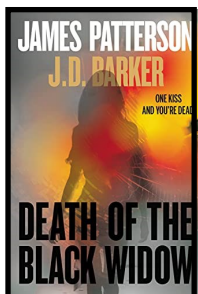
Jewish Women's History from Antiquity to the Present is a rich collection of 21 essays by various authors analyzing the history of Jewish women through the ages. This is one of the textbooks used by Beth El's own treasure, Harriet Freidenreich, in a course she is currently teaching, called **Rethinking Jewish Women's History**. Classes meet at Beth El on Wednesdays at 10:00am. The classes are also recorded and available on the Beth Adult Education Archives page.



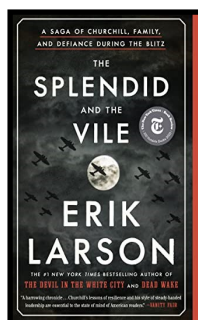
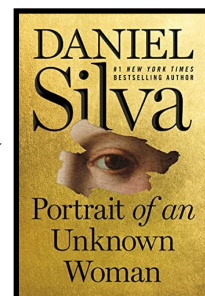
We Are Not Like Them, a novel by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. Set in Philadelphia, this book tells the story two women, best friends since childhood, one black (Riley) and one white (Jen). Their friendship is tested when Jen's husband, who is a Philadelphia police officer, shoots an unarmed black teenager. Riley, who is a news anchor on a local TV station, "wrestles with the implications of this tragic incident for her Black community, her ambitions, and her relationship with her lifelong friend," according to the Amazon description. Recommended by our reviewers.



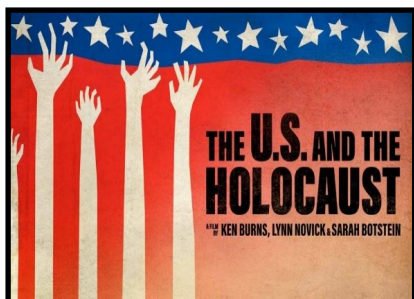
36 Righteous Men, a novel by Steven Pressfield. A dystopian murder mystery by the well-known author of action/adventure stories set in ancient Greece and Persia. The "MacGuffin" on which the plot turns and which makes the book interesting is the Jewish legend of the hidden Righteous Men, the 36 who protect the world from destruction. According to our reviewer, it's an entertaining page-turner for about three-quarters of the book, after which it gets into supernatural mumbo-jumbo that was not to our reviewer's taste. Overall, however, she believes it's good read.



Death of the Black Widow, by James Patterson and J. D. Barker. The latest thriller from the publishing empire that is James Patterson. No Jewish content; however, a fun read for fans of the genre. Our reviewer also recommends the brand new installment in the saga of Mossad agent Gabriel Allon, now retired. It's called **Portrait of an Unknown Woman**, by Daniel Silva. As usual, agent Allon wants nothing more than a quiet retirement, “when the eccentric London art dealer Julian Isherwood asks [him] to investigate the circumstances surrounding the rediscovery and lucrative sale of a centuries-old painting.” As faithful Silva readers would expect, Allon “is [inevitably] drawn into a deadly game of cat and mouse where nothing is as it seems.”



The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz, by Erik Larson. Another great read from the prolific non-fiction author of such gems as **In the Garden of Beasts**, **Dead Wake**, **Devil in the White City**, and many more. This volume deals mostly with Winston Churchill's actions during World War II. Highly recommended by our reviewer.



The U.S. and the Holocaust, a three-part documentary currently streaming on PBS. By weaving together heart-wrenching footage of individual tragedy and a few grace notes of uplifting survival, this documentary illuminates, story by story, the enormity and horror of the murder of six million Jews during WWII. There is also some overdue coverage of the efforts of anti-Semitic State Department officials to keep the truth of what was happening in Europe from reaching the American public and to sabotage efforts to rescue the refugees.



Did you miss a program? No worries.

We have them recorded for you. Visit www.bethelyardley.com; click on the “Archives” tab or click on the “Learn” tab for the Adult Education Archives. Anything underlined is a link to a video. Enjoy!

Holiday Programming Committee

Thank you to the Holiday Programming Committee, volunteers, and over 55 participants who made the Hanukkah Hoopla event on December 21st a tremendous success! There were crafts and games for children, adult learning with Rabbi Cantor, and a community-wide Hanukkiah candle lighting with a sing along, followed by sufganiyot and latkes. Congratulations to Sarene Julin and Whitney Bunin, they won the dreidel estimation contest!

The Holiday Programming Committee is collaborating with the Israel Committee to host a free event for Tu B'Shevat on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 9:15 AM. Plan to join us for a traditional seder with fruit and nuts.

Plans are also being made for our Purim celebration on Monday evening, March 6, 2023, when the Megillah will be read.

If you have any ideas or would like to participate in some way, please contact us at:
holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org

Sandie Hirsch
Shelli Krevitz
Co-Chairs Holiday Programming Committee



Hanukkah Hoopla Event



Share Shabbat Dinner Testimonials

On December 9, 2022, Congregation Beth El members gathered at Linda and Ken Greenberg's home to welcome in Shabbat and greet new friends. Below are some testimonials from participants.

For additional testimonials, visit www.bethelyardley.org, ENGAGE.

We had the pleasure of attending the home of Linda and Ken Greenberg for Share Shabbat. It was so much fun! Linda and Ken were gracious hosts; they followed Shabbat traditions, and Linda's a marvelous cook. We met two other couples who added to the enjoyment: Lisa and Gary Erwin, and Joan and Barry Kritz. Each of the guests contributed a delicious part of the dinner. (As a matter of fact, Gary brought two of his extraordinary homemade challahs!) Marc and I joined Beth El just before the Holidays. We've been blessed to be able to participate in quite a few activities, but the Share Shabbat was the most enriching of all!

-Sherri Twer and Marc Fishbein

Just a quick note to let you know how much Gary and I enjoyed getting together with fellow Beth El members to share a memorable Shabbat dinner. Linda and Ken (and of course, Abigail!) were such gracious hosts, and as new members to the congregation, we felt like we were getting together with old friends. We look forward to participating and hosting in the future.

-Lisa and Gary Erwin

Shabbat Luncheon
Saturday, January 21, 2023

**Guest Speaker: Kizzy Wright, Pantry Ministry Leader of Bread of Life Food Pantry
Community Baptist Church Bristol Borough
(during services)**

RSVP visit www.bethelyardley.org

Share Shabbat Dinner

Share Shabbat Dinners are times when congregants open up their homes to host other Beth El families for a Shabbat dinner.

The host family prepares the main entree (vegetarian/dairy dinner) while their guests bring agreed upon accompaniments.

The Share Shabbat committee members assign guests to hosts, making an effort to introduce Beth El families/couples to each other. This helps to create a better sense of community for all members.

Become a host or come as a guest.

Friday
March 10

7PM

RSVP by February 26; call Susan Strouse, 215-355-8999 or visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on Share Shabbat graphic. Save the date for the next Share Shabbat Dinner, April 28.

For more information email:

Shareshabbatdinner@bethelyardley.org



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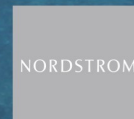
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Please email sisterhood@bethelyardley.org or call the office 215-493-1707 x4 to reserve your Oneg



Join the Men's club on

Thursday, January 12

8:00pm



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For more information, contact Scott Kravitz, mensclub@bethelyardley.org.

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Men's Club Torah on Tap

Join the Men's Club and Rabbi Cantor while enjoying spirits and discussing the latest topics.



Thursdays
January 19 & February 16
8:00pm

Topic TBD
(Will meet at Continental
Tavern in Yardley unless
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For more information and to get involved with Men's Club,
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DRIVERS NEEDED

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS NEEDED FOR VERY A ADORABLE 4 YEAR OLD AFGHAN BOY

As part of our work with the Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement, (BCICRR) several Congregation Beth El volunteers have been providing support for an Afghan family that fled Kabul last year when the country fell to the Taliban.

The four-year-old boy is now attending Head Start preschool in Morrisville five days a week from 9:00am - 2:50pm and is driven to school every day accompanied by his aunt. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE HIM, ESPECIALLY FOR PICK UP IN THE AFTERNOON!** For afternoon driving, volunteers pick up the child's aunt at their apartment off Makefield Road, travel 5-7 minutes to the preschool to pick up the child and then drop them both off at home. The family provides a car seat. Criminal and child abuse background checks are very simple, quick to procession-line and are free. We have a Sign-Up Genius to organize the driving and volunteers sign up as their schedule allows.

Any questions, contact Debbie Wachspress at debwachspress@gmail.com. To sign up, visit <https://www.bcicrr.org/get-involved>.

Help us feed the hungry in our community.

"And the work of tzedakah shall bring peace." Isaiah 32:17



The Social Action Committee is pleased to be partnering with the Community Baptist Church in Bristol Borough to collect food for their on-site pantry. Due to sky-rocketing food prices people who never depended on assistance are now frequenting the pantry, including adults with children. The pantry receives support from several sources and opens their doors to the community every Wednesday and Sunday. Documentation of need is not required. **Items in highest demand are canned fish and chicken, boxed cereals, instant Carnation breakfast drinks, baby food, diapers, and wipes.** Collection boxes are located in the Beth El coat room across from the main office. If you have food to donate and cannot get it to the synagogue, email us at socialaction@bethelyardley.org and we will arrange for a pick up at your home. **Please check expiration dates of previously purchased items before donation.**

You can also order food online and have it shipped directly to Beth El. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11H6C83Q904B4?ref_=wl_share. This link is also useful for identifying items in greatest need. Donations of scrip gift cards to local grocery stores are also appreciated; they will be used by the pantry to stock items that are in short supply. To purchase a gift card for the pantry, please contact Barbara Schwartz at barbara@bethelyardley.org or call the synagogue office at 215-493-1707 x4.

We are extremely interested in opportunities to partner with other local groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts, professional associations, local businesses, and others to increase our food collections. If you are interested in assisting, please email us at socialaction@bethelyardley.org. Thank you to committee members Debbie Sokol, Rachael Oring, and Ruth Laks for spearheading this effort!



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January 10 February 21 March 14

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Spotlight on Roz Kleiman, member since 1954

Roz Kleiman celebrated her 100th Birthday this year. A true milestone.

How did she decide to join Beth El?

Roz and her family, husband and two children under three years of age, moved to Levittown in 1954. Rosalyn worked outside the home as a manager/receptionist at a dental office for 46 years. The area was being developed for young families who needed affordable housing. One day shortly after moving in and getting settled in her new home there was a knock on the door from a member of Levittown Jewish Center. Rosalyn and her husband joined and started to recruit other new families.

What was her memorable moment at Beth El?

The Membership Committee created a series of house visits, bringing a welcome basket. They also put on a skit which ended with, "Better a Friend Nearby than a Relative Far Away."

What were some of her roles at Beth El?

Over the years Rosalyn became chair of the Membership Committee, a Vice President of the Congregation, held the office of Sisterhood President and sat on the board of Galilee Village. She was also honored by the congregation as a "Woman of the Year."

What are her favorite holidays and traditions?

Roz's favorite holidays are Passover and Thanksgiving. Even though she does not cook anymore, she will make the sweet potatoes.

We at Beth El feel honored to have Rosalyn as a long time member and will be honoring her on January 21, 2023 at our next Lunch and Learn event.

Rosalyn has been widowed for 30 years. She still drives and takes care of her home. She would love to meet you all and share Shabbat with her Beth El family.

Welcome to our new section of The Shofar! If you would like to be interviewed, please call the office, 215-493-1707 x4 or email membership@bethelyardley.org.



Spotlight on Cara Davis, member

Cara's parents, Michelle and Alan z"l, Flash, moved from Brooklyn to New Hope with Cara when she was fourteen years old. They searched for a synagogue that would feel like "home." In 2000, they discovered Beth El and quickly felt comfortable at Beth El with the traditional Shabbat Services while being egalitarian. She liked being able to have an Aliyah and always felt Beth El was warm and inviting and eager to include their family. Cara was a regular at Beth El with her parents and that is what helped her become an active member. Cara has always had a connection to her Judaism. When she married Marshal in 2017, Rabbi Gruenberg officiated. They also used Cara's Cantor from Brooklyn, who performed Cara's baby naming and helped her become a Bat Mitzvah. Cara's husband, Marshal, has also started building his own connections with Beth El. Cara wants her children, Maya, Jacob, and Alison to have the same connection to Beth El as she does. Jacob and Alison were both named at Beth El and Maya is currently in the Hebrew School.

What is her most memorable moment at Beth El?

Cara's connection is through her father. Cara remembers going to evening minyan with her father, especially after her grandfather passed away. Her dad was always fixing and checking in on things in the building to see if anything needed repairs. There is no single room at Beth El that she cannot feel close to her dad.

How has she stayed connected to Beth El over all these years?

Now that Cara has children, she feels it is important to get involved and participate, especially in FJLC holiday programming. She also became more involved in the Membership Committee and even stepped into the role of Chair of the Membership Committee.

What were some of her roles at Beth El?

Cara was always involved in Beth El. She helped her mom with Sisterhood in the gift shop, which included going to trade shows to buy merchandise and creating the displays in the gift shop. Cara also taught in the FJLC (6th grade) and ran Kadima for two to three years.

What is/was her favorite tradition at Beth El?

Cara remembers the holiday of Purim at Beth El being a lot of fun. Purim was always a full house and everyone dressed in costume; it was very social.

What is her favorite holiday/tradition?

Cara always loved Passover because everyone is around one table and it is the one time of the year everything shuts down and everyone is focused on the same thing: everyone is on the same page, literally and figuratively.

What is her favorite memory?

Prior to Share Shabbat Dinner everyone used to take turns hosting dinners. They would get together at member's homes for break-the-fast, too. "Members became our family. We wouldn't only get together for Jewish Holidays. The Shul community became our extended family."

Cara was so proud of how Beth El came together when her father died and how they were able to have the funeral at Beth El. She felt that it was the perfect "send-off" for her father, who had put so much into Beth El.

What type of program, event, class etc. would you like to see at Beth El?

Cara would like to see more opportunities for people to socialize and have fun together. She remembers having a casino night. Cara is looking for more ways to socialize and develop relationships with other members of Beth El. To learn more about the Membership Committee, contact Cara at Membership@bethelyardley.org.

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Chesed is the Hebrew word for "kindness." It is also commonly translated as "loving-kindness," or "love." Chesed is central to Jewish ethics and Jewish theology.

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We are always looking for more volunteers to:

- *Cook a meal *Help in a Shiva home
- * Pick up something at the supermarket
- *Drive someone to a doctor's appointment
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Any way you can help, we are grateful for your time.

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if you need assistance:

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Mazel Tov to...



- Barbara Saltzmann in honor of the birth of her granddaughter, Brynn Hannah.
- Lynn & Ben Lubing in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Brynn Hannah.
- Happy 100th Birthday to Roz Kleiman.
- Mazel Tov to Dr. Andrew Braverman who successfully defended his doctoral dissertation (Doctor of Management in Strategic Leadership, DMgt) from Thomas Jefferson University.*

*Mazel Tov Mondays are a great way to share your simcha with your Beth El Family. Email all Mazel Tov Monday submissions to barbara@bethelyardley.org by 9:00am on Sunday morning.
All good news will be shared on Monday mornings.

Your simcha may also be placed in the Friday Weekly email in the "About Our Members" section if the information is received by Thursday, 10:00am.

Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...



- ♦ Judith Snyder on the passing of her brother-in-law, Howard Lichtenstein, z"l.
- ♦ Gloria Mittleman & Family on the passing of her husband, Edwin Mittleman, z'l.
- ♦ Mike (Shanna) Jelen on the passing of his father, Sam Jelen, z"l; grandfather of Raleigh, Casey and Skylar.
- ♦ Condolences to The Shavel Family on the passing of Congregation Beth El member, Mike Shavel, z"l.

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It's a mitzvah...it's good for you and it's good for our community.

Daily Morning Services: (in person only)

Monday - Friday at 7:00am
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Sunday at 8:00am

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Sunday at 7:30pm

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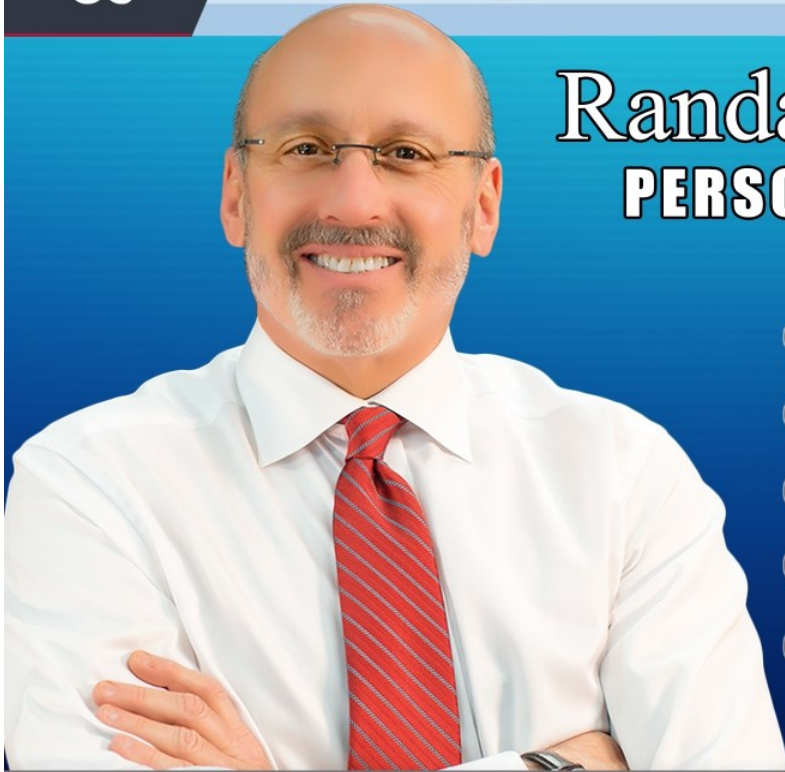
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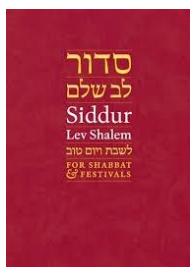
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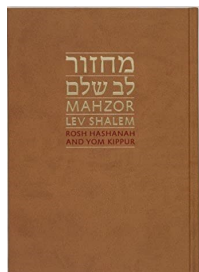
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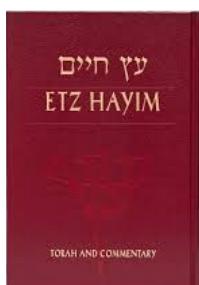
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8 (15 Tevet) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Kadima event 1:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Book Club 7:45pm	9 (16 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	10 (17 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	11 (18 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	12 (19 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club: Fusco's The Spot 8:00pm	13 (20 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:39pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm	14 (21 Tevet) Shemot Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 5:39pm
15 (22 Tevet) No Judaism for Grownups Class Mitzvah Day - offsite Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Hazak Virtual Program: John Kenrick 11:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	16 (23 Tevet) Office Closed MLK Day Morning Minyan 7:00am	17 (24 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	18 (25 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jewish Experience in America 10:00am Walking with God 11:15am FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew Class 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Trape Class 7:45pm	19 (26 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 8:00pm	20 (27 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:47pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm	21 (28 Tevet) Vaera Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar-Bat Mitzvah University 10:30am TOT Shabbat 10:30am Luncheon following Services 12:00pm Havdalah 5:47pm
22 (29 Tevet) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Grown Ups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Paper Cutting Project 1:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	23 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 8:00pm	24 (2 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	25 (3 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jewish Experience in America 10:00am Walking with God 11:15am FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew Class 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Trape Class 7:45pm	26 (4 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	27 (5 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:55pm Shabbat Evening Services including FJLC Shabbat & Potluck Dinner 6:00pm	28 (6 Shevat) Bo Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 5:55pm
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5 (14 Shevat) Erev Tu B'Shevat Morning Minyan 8:00am PJLJC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Tu B'Shevat Seder 9:15am Judaism for Grown Ups 9:15am HaMo'adon Hebrew High 10:30am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	6 (15 Shevat) Tu B'Shevat Morning Minyan 7:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm	7 (16 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	8 (17 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jewish Experience in America 10:00am Walking with God 11:15am PJLJC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Trape Class 7:45pm	9 (18 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	10 (19 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:12pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm	11 (20 Shevat) Yitro Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar-Bat Mitzvah University 10:30am TOT Shabbat Luncheon following Services 10:30am Havdalah 6:12pm
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