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Service Times

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

(in person only)

Check out our website

www.bethelyardley.org

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



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.

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.



I'm not sure why, but I have been hearing a lot about the "dark side of Purim" recently. There have been numerous articles I have seen and lectures being announced which address it. It is part of the story of Purim that is not generally taught in Hebrew School and is not specifically pointed out during the reading of the Megillah. Generally, we are all taught the following story of Purim:

King Achashverosh had just expelled his wife Vashti and is searching for a new wife. He chooses Esther, the heroine, who has been instructed by her cousin Mordechai to hide that she is Jewish. Mordechai hears a plot to murder the king and reports it, earning him honor. Mordechai also refuses to bow to the king's advisor, Haman, so Haman plots to murder all the Jews. The king is on board, until Mordechai convinces Esther she must approach the king and reveal that she herself is Jewish. She does and Haman's plot is thwarted. Haman is hanged. That's where the story ends, right?? WRONG!!

The story continues: because the proclamation could not officially be canceled according to Persian law, the Jews can only defend themselves with a preemptive strike. Therefore, the Jews then kill a total of 75,000 people including Haman's sons all in the name of self-defense. I think there are several reasons why this part of the story is left out of Hebrew School lessons, but perhaps most importantly, it doesn't paint the Jews in the best light. So why are so many people talking about it now? Why is it important for us to learn about it?

I think that for some people, learning about the ending of the Purim story strengthens their connection to Judaism in a profound way. It helps people to reflect upon their Jewish values and ask questions about their beliefs. They ask questions like, "Are the Jews the real bad guys here even though we want to believe it was the Persians?" Some question if the Purim story really ends this way or is this a human addition to the story, and if so...why (remember that the Purim story is not in the Torah, and that the Megillah was most likely written in the 4th century BCE). Most people can understand that they would not be taught this in elementary school, but why not as a teenager or young adult? Many people fast the day before Purim in order to commemorate the "dark side" of Purim. In that way, they can celebrate the joy of victory because they just participated in the commemoration of suffering.

For me, learning about the dark side of Purim is both disheartening and encouraging. I feel almost like I've been duped all of these years. Part of that is on me since I go to the Megillah reading and have the ability to read the story in English. But part is also in the way we celebrate the holiday... with Purim schpiels, drinking and partying. It leaves the impression that the end of the story is the victory of the Jews over the evil of Haman. But I also love that Conservative Judaism encourages us to question what we are taught. We do not always take things at face value. We can add our own interpretations to the lessons. We can take the bad with the good and have open and honest discussions about it. When you get a chance, read some articles about the dark side of Purim. I think that they will also help you think, question and discuss the things that we are taught. In that way, hopefully you will be brought closer to your Judaism as well.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, March 6th for the Megillah Reading! Happy Purim!

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

Elizabeth Ravitch
President
president@bethelyardley.org





“And even if

- we were all wise,
- we were all understanding,
- we were all elders,
- we all knew the Torah,
- we would still be obligated to tell (לְסַפֵּר) about the Exodus from Egypt.

And the more one tells (לְסַפֵּר) about the Exodus from Egypt, behold it is praiseworthy.”

Four times in the Torah we are commanded to relate the story (סִפּוּר) of our experience in Egypt:

“And when your children ask you, ‘What do you mean by this rite?’ you shall say (וְאָמַרְתֶּם), ‘It is the passover sacrifice to the LORD, because He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but saved our houses....’” (Exodus 12:26–27)

“And you shall explain (וְהִגַּדְתָּ) to your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I went free from Egypt.’” (Exodus 13:8)

“And when, in time to come, your son asks you, saying, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say (וְאָמַרְתָּ) to him, ‘It was with a mighty hand that the LORD brought us out from Egypt, the house of bondage....’” (Exodus 13:14–15)

“When, in time to come, your children ask you, ‘What mean the decrees, laws, and rules that the LORD our God has enjoined upon you?’ you shall say (וְאָמַרְתָּ) to your children, ‘We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt and the LORD freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand....’” (Deuteronomy 6:20–25)

Torah tells us to **explain** (וְהִגַּדְתָּ) and to **say** (וְאָמַרְתָּ/תֶּם); the Haggadah asks us to **tell** (לְסַפֵּר) as one would tell a story (סִפּוּר). Why should this be?

When we speak to each other, when we explain our point of view, we are unlikely to change the opinion of our listener. Facts, statistics, logic isn’t that compelling in the real world. But if we tell a story, we change minds. Stories are engaging, compelling, and convincing. If you truly want to convey facts and figures, your best strategy is to weave them into a compelling narrative. The Haggadah knows this, and it wants the Seder to be successful as a ritual that changes its participants.

The irony of the exercise is that the actual story of our survival is so chopped up by its exegesis that the narrative thrust is lost: each verse of “...My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but there he became a great and very populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us; they imposed heavy labor upon us. We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression. The LORD freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents.” (Deuteronomy 26:5–8) is interrupted by a subclause-by-subclause analysis of the words deeper meaning, and once we get into the plagues and the multiplication of the plagues by the sea, the narrative thrust – such as it may be – has been lost.

And, if we truly wanted to expand upon the telling of the story of the Exodus, is this one little synopsis sufficient? If Rabbis Eliezer, Joshua, Elazar ben Azaryah, Akiva and Tarfon spent the entire night in Bnei Brak reclining at the seder table discussing the Exodus, why do we limit ourselves to this bare-bones summary? Where’s Moses and Aaron and Miriam and Pharaoh?

Where’s the **story** (סִפּוּר)?

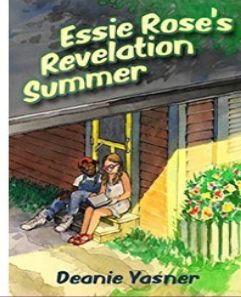
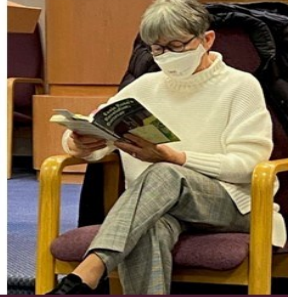
This year at your Seder, might I suggest the following? Release yourself from the bondage of the traditional text. Recite it, but add to it. Tell the story of our survival in your own words. Make it into a narrative. Imagine you were there experiencing it and share how it felt to be there, what you saw. Then perhaps the question “When do we eat?” will be replaced by “tell me more.”

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A morning with Jewish author, Deanie Yasner



Tu B'Shevat Program with Brothers of Israel



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Kedma Cantor

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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.

Passover 2023/5783

Sell your Hametz ... by Tuesday, April 4, 7:00am. Sale of Hametz will be on Wednesday, April 5.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4. Passover Resources available on website.

Wednesday, April 5 - (Erev Passover /Taanit Bechorot / 1st Seder)

Office closed/No FJLC

7:00am Morning Minyan & Study Session with Rabbi Cantor

On the day leading into Seder, all first born Jews customarily fast from morning until evening.

However, if one takes part in a mitzvah that includes a feast, the fast is cut short.

7:11pm Candle Lighting

Thursday, April 6 - (Pesach I / 2nd Seder)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services

8:11pm Candle Lighting

Friday, April 7 - (Pesach II / 1st Day Omer)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services

7:13pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, April 8 - (Pesach III / 2nd Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

9:00am Torah Study (Rabbi Cantor)

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

8:13pm Havdalah

Sunday, April 9 - (Pesach IV / 3rd Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

No FJLC

8:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Monday, April 10 (Pesach V / 4th Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

Office closes at noon

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, April 11 (Pesach VI / 5th Day Omer / Chol Hamoed)

Office closes at noon

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:17pm Candle Lighting

Wednesday, April 12 (Pesach VII / 6th Day Omer)

Office closed/No FJLC

9:30am Pesach Services

8:17pm Candle Lighting

Thursday, April 13 (Pesach VIII / 7th Day Omer / Yizkor Services)

Office closed

9:30am Pesach Services including Yizkor Services

8:18pm Havdalah



DO A PESACH MITZVAH!!

*DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO GO FOR A SEDER OR
DO YOU HAVE SPACE AT YOUR SEDER TABLE FOR A GUEST?*

Passover begins on Wednesday, April 5th.

Each year at the Passover Seder we recite the words:

"Let all who are hungry, enter and eat, all who are in need, let them come celebrate Pesach."

In order to fulfill this prayer, we are matching those who have open seats at their seder tables with those who are looking for seders.

If you fall in either category, please call the office by Friday, March 24, 215-493-1707 x4 or email barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Thank you in advance to those who host, making it possible for others to fulfill the mitzvah of attending a seder.

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Cara Davis

Board Member, School Board Member & Membership Committee Chairperson

Cara Davis is new to the board this year. She chairs the membership committee and plays an active role on the school board. She is really passionate about helping people make connections and continuing in her family's legacy at Beth El.

Cara and her parents, Michelle and Alan z"l, Flash, moved from Brooklyn to New Hope over 22 years ago. They searched for a synagogue that would feel like "home" and quickly became regulars when they joined Beth El. Cara's parents were great role models on how to be active members!

Cara and her husband, Marshal, have three children, Maya, Jacob, and Alison. Maya is currently enrolled in the Hebrew School and Jacob and Alison attend as many preschool and family programs as possible. Cara is looking forward to creating more memorable moments connected to Judaism with all three generations.

Outside of Beth El, Cara works for the family businesses and volunteers at her children's schools weekly. She enjoys her vacations to Hawaii and summers down the shore with her family. When they're not with her children, Cara and Marshal enjoy being with their friends and going to concerts and sporting events.

BINGO

Sunday, April 30 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Fun for all ages!

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to register.

The best part of BINGO are all the PRIZES! There are 4 ways you can help us collect Bingo Prizes:

- Donate a gift card! (Stores, services or restaurant gift cards are welcome prizes!)
- Cash donations are always welcome for the purchase of fun prizes!
- Re-gift a useful, unused gift or item and donate to Beth El for a Bingo Prize! Suggestions include housewares, jewelry, electronics, wine or liquor bottles etc...
- Ask a local business to donate a small prize or gift card.

For more information, please contact bingo@bethelyardley.org
or contact Barbara in the Beth El office.

Holiday Programming Committee

We celebrated Tu B'Shevat on Sunday morning, February 5th, collaborating with the Israel Committee. Rabbi Cantor led a seder for our group of adults and teens, where we tasted traditional types and colors of fruits, nuts and wine/juice. We also enjoyed an interactive discussion about our family roots and on sustaining the earth's resources.

The Holiday Programming Committee is excited about Beth El's Purim celebration on Monday evening, March 6th. Our **Musical Megillah Mash Up** includes songs and parodies interspersed in the Megillah reading. You may come dressed in your favorite costume and join our Purim Singers from your seats. Purim dinner and ice cream bar will begin at 5:30pm (prior registration required) and Maariv and Megillah reading begin at 6:30pm (no registration required).

Special thanks for donating the ice cream and toppings for our Purim Celebration:

Scoops & Spoons

362 Second Street Pike, Southampton, PA (in Hampton Square)

When you come to Beth El for Purim, you can perform a mitzvah, by giving to those in need. Bring needed food pantry items being collected by the Social Action Committee – canned fish & chicken, cereal, breakfast drinks, baby food, formula, diapers, wipes.

We're always looking for your input and ideas!

Sandie Hirsch

Shelli Krevitz

holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org



Tu B'Shevat Seder



BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY - BMU -

Calling All 3rd - 7th Graders (& Parents!)

Join us Saturdays from 10:30am-12pm in the Chapel.
Afterward stay for a yummy kiddush lunch.

March 11
April 15
May 13



Each BMU Shabbat we will participate in a student-friendly learning Shabbat service.

B'nai Mitzvah learners and their parents attend Shabbat morning service once a month to become familiar with the service and gain skills as both a participant and leader.

For more information, contact kcantor@Bethelyardley.org or 215-493-1707 x3.

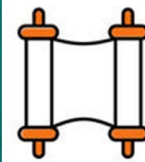
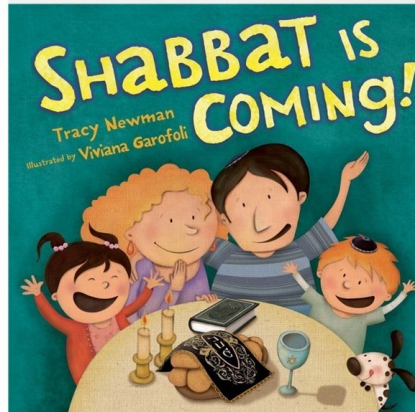
Tot Shabbat

At Beth El

With Miss Liz



March 11
April 15
May 13



שבת
שלום

Friday Night FJLC Shabbat Services & Potluck Dinner

6pm

April 21



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

We'll provide challah, grape juice and dessert. Please sign up for a main dish, salad or side dish when the Sign Up Genius link is provided.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to register online.

Join
Bucks/Al Youth for some
hilarious fun with food at their annual

WAFFLE PAGEANT

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Note the two separate times.
at Congregation Tifereth Israel
2902 Bristol Road, Bensalem, PA
Registration required \$10 fee

**For more information, contact Ari Weiss
ariweiss089@gmail.com**

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1 - 2:30PM

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3 - 4:30PM

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BUSY/ARI USY **Shabbat Dinner** **FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

6:30 - 8:30PM

8th-12th graders are invited to join us in Lawrenceville, NJ at the home of Jonah Adler, Board Co-President, for a fun-filled Shabbat dinner!

Address will be sent after registration.

\$10 registration fee

For more information, contact Ari Weiss at ariweiss089@gmail.com

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Adult Learning – March/April 2023

We're getting ready for spring with a range of engaging classes and programs. Whether it's in person or virtual, evenings, weekends or weekdays, come join your friends for an informative and fun experience!

WEEKEND Learning

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

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

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

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.

*Sunday, March 26 Judaism for Grow-Ups will discuss, "How to shorten your Seder with style."

WEEKDAY Learning

Cancelled until further notice - The Jewish Experience in America Since 1880

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

Weekly From January 18 to March 22, 2023

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

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>.

Adult Learning – March/April 2023

Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way: IN PERSON on Wednesdays 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM 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.

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

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor.

Textbook: *Chanting the Hebrew Bible*

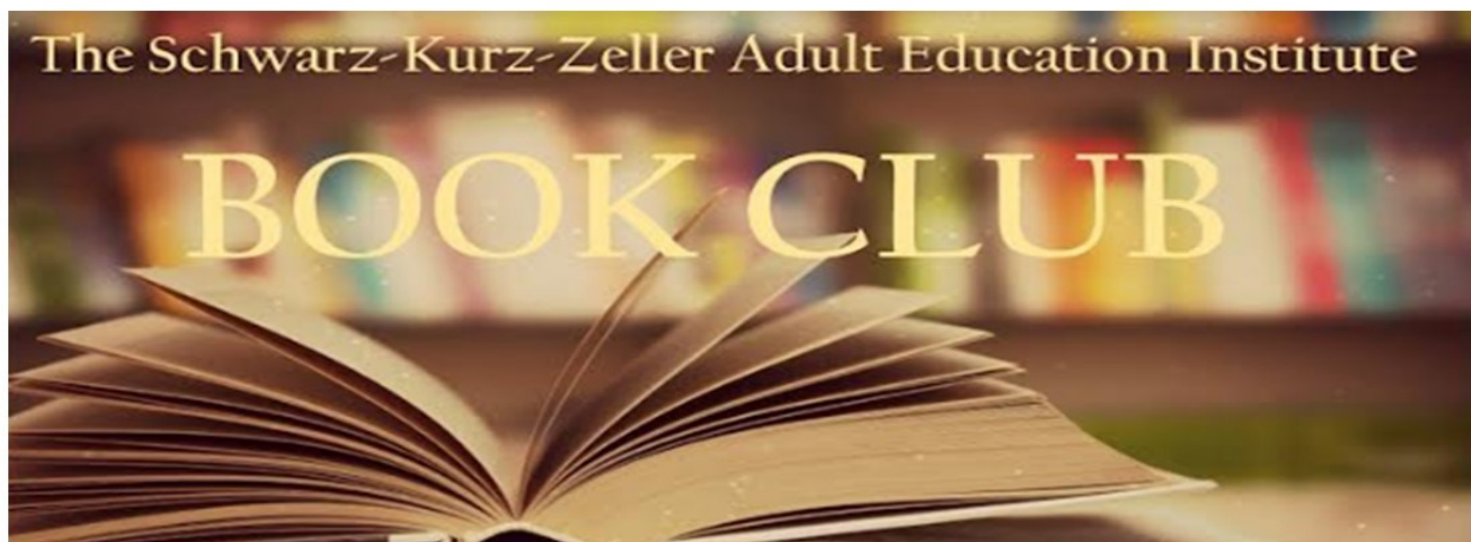
In the ancient synagogue, the person honored with an Aliyah didn't just say the blessings over the reading of the Torah. In the same way that one says a blessing before performing an action, the person invited to read said a blessing over their reading. But when many people could no longer read their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



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!

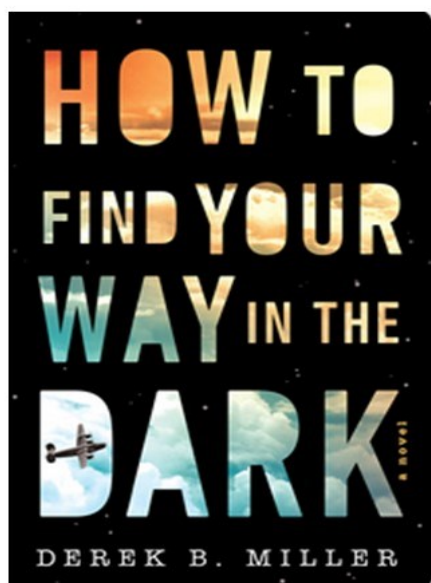


Sunday, March 12, 2023

7:45 PM on virtual Beth EI

How to Find Your Way in the Dark by Derek Miller

Discussion Leader: Shelli Krevitz



About the Book

Twelve-year old Sheldon Horowitz is still recovering from the tragic loss of his mother only a year ago when a suspicious traffic accident steals the life of his father near their home in rural Massachusetts. It is 1938, and Sheldon, who was in the truck, emerges from the crash an orphan hell-bent on revenge. He takes that fire with him to Hartford, where he embarks on a new life under the roof of his buttoned-up Uncle Nate. Sheldon, his teenage cousins Abe and Mirabelle, and his best friend, Lenny, will contend with tradition and orthodoxy, appeasement and patriotism, mafia hitmen and angry accordion players, all while World War II takes center stage alongside a hurricane in New England and comedians in the Catskills. With his eye always on vengeance for his father's murder, Sheldon stakes out his place in a world he now understands is comprised largely of crimes: right and wrong, big and small.

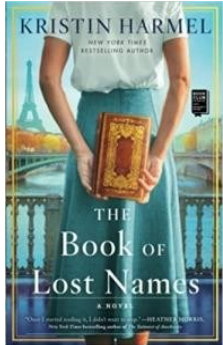
About our Book Club: Everyone at Beth EI is invited to our book club! To sign up for Book Club notifications, please email your contact info to AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.



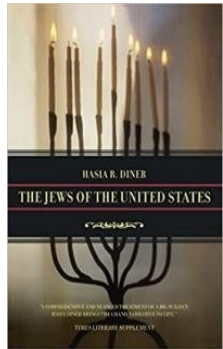
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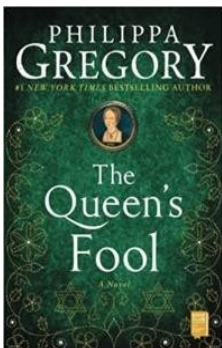
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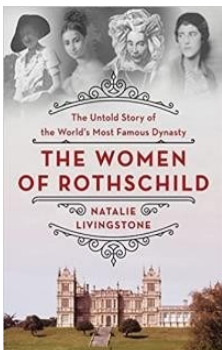
The Book of Lost Names, by Kristin Harmel. This historical fiction novel is the most recent (published May 25, 2021) effort of the best-selling author of numerous book club favorites. It tells the story, “inspired by real events,” of a pair of resistance fighters in Poland whose efforts saved many Jewish children who would have otherwise perished in the Holocaust. This book was discussed during the Book Club meeting on Sunday, February 19, with Discussion Leader, Carol Benderson-Lighter (Zoom meeting via Virtual Beth El).



Beth El's own treasure, Harriet Freidenreich, was teaching yet another one of her great courses, called Jewish Experience in America. ***The Jews of the United States***, by Hasia R. Diner. It is a comprehensive and finely nuanced, yet eminently readable, history of Jews in the United States from 1654 through the end of the 20th century.



The Queen's Fool, a novel by Philippa Gregory. A historical novel set in England during the reigns of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth I, it tells the story of a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, forced by the Inquisition to flee her native Spain. Blessed with the ability to foresee future events, she becomes a “holy fool” at the royal court, helping the queens navigate through their uncertain and tumultuous reigns. Many perils, adventures, and entanglements ensue. A very good read, according to our reviewer, who happens to be a connoisseur of Tudor era historical fiction.

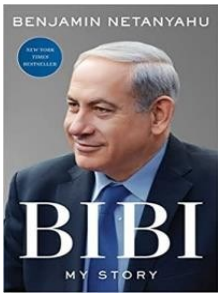


The Women of Rothschild: The Untold Story of the World's Most Famous Dynasty, by Natalie Livingstone. This is a fascinating group biography of the female half of the Rothschild dynasty. As Jews in a Christian society and women in a deeply patriarchal family, these ladies had to forge their own paths. They became influential hostesses and talented diplomats, they choreographed electoral campaigns, advised prime ministers, advocated for social reforms, and traded on the stock exchange. Some of them came to, and made their mark in, the United States. Lots of great stories and anecdotes.

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CODA (acronym for Child of Deaf Adults) is a 2021 movie currently streaming on Apple TV+. It is a coming-of-age story of a teenage girl with normal hearing who is raised by deaf parents, along with a deaf brother. The family are fishers who sail out of Gloucester, MA. They encounter, and eventually overcome, many trials and tribulations. Young Ruby, as the only hearing member of her family, carries a great deal of responsibility on her shoulders, in addition to dealing with the usual teenage angst and budding teenage romance. This movie won the Best Picture Academy Award at last year's Oscars, among many other awards.



Bibi: My Story, by Benjamin Netanyahu. This memoir by the current prime minister of Israel was bound to be controversial. However, there is little question that Netanyahu's life story is compelling and he has a lot of interesting things to say about the history of Israel and its current political situation. One of our reviewers believes that Netanyahu did a lot of good for Israel during his previous terms of office but should have retired before assuming the prime minister ship for the fifth time. Our other reviewer was less charitable. Although the story is clearly told from Netanyahu's personal perspective, as candidly indicated by the subtitle, it sounds like this would be a worthwhile read for anyone concerned about Israel's current situation and its path forward.



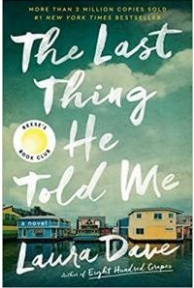
You People is a Netflix comedy that explores race relations between the Jewish, Muslim, and Black communities in America. It revolves around the relationship between Ezra Cohen, a white Jewish guy, and Amira Mohammed, a Black Muslim girl. "The Jewish family are positioned as white, privileged and racist. The Black family just has a stern dad. At the end there's much Jewish apologizing for racism. None for antisemitism." The Times of Israel, 3 February 2023.

"During the obligatory *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* scene," Amira suggests that the families spend time together on the Cohens' boat. When Akbar reminds everyone that Black people don't have a good relationship with boats, Shelley chimes in that it's kind of like the Jews' relationship to trains." Evelyn Frick, in HeyAlma, January 31, 2023. Nothing makes me laugh harder than jokes about the Holocaust. "Jonah Hill's new Netflix comedy ... has been branded 'irredeemable' and 'horribly damaging' through its depiction of Jewish people." Newsweek, 2/1/2023.

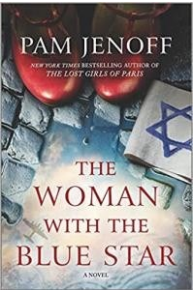


Everything Everywhere All at Once is a 2022 American absurdist comedy-drama written and directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert. Here is one critic's take on this movie: "I don't like having to point out antisemitism in a movie. Filmmakers need to stop defining Jewish people by the size of our noses. Jenny Slate's character [who is Jewish] is named Big Nose. I do not know if co-director/writer Daniel Scheinert is Jewish but this is just inexcusable. Hollywood needs to stop defining Jews this way because it is insulting and downright antisemitic." Co-director Scheinert, who may or may not be Jewish, said in an interview: "We're not proud of that name." Which, I guess, is what passes for an apology for overt antisemitism nowadays. PS. In January, this movie received eleven Oscar nominations.

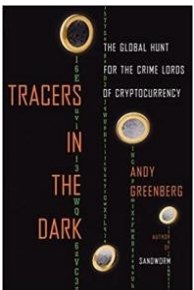
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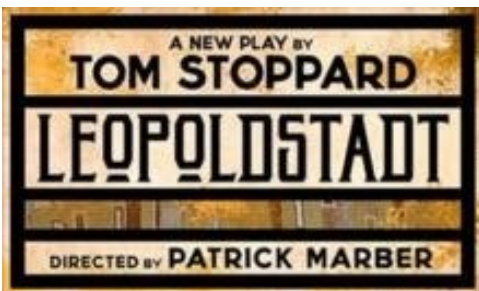
The Last Thing He Told Me, by Laura Dave. This latest effort from the best-selling author (who is Jewish) is a thriller about a father who suddenly disappears, leaving a note for his wife instructing her to take care of his daughter from a previous relationship. The step-mother and step-daughter set out on a cross-country search for the missing man. Many surprising details about the husband's previous life are gradually revealed. According to one reviewer: "Dave has given readers what many people crave right now—a thoroughly engrossing yet comforting distraction."



The Woman with the Blue Star, by Pam Jenoff. Another entry in the righteous-Gentile-saves-the-Jew genre, this book tells the story of an eighteen-year-old Jewish girl trying to survive in the sewers of Krakow during WWII. She is aided by an affluent Christian girl living a life of relative ease with her stepmother, who has developed close alliances with the occupying Nazis. In an unusual plot twist, there is a flood in the sewers and the Christian girl drowns. Just before she dies, she hands her identity card to the Jewish girl, who survives, assumes the identity of the Christian girl, and lives happily ever after.



Tracers in the Dark: The Global Hunt for the Crime Lords of Cryptocurrency, by Andy Greenberg. The author is Jewish, so this book qualifies for discussion during Book Nosh. It is a factual and carefully annotated description of the efforts of law enforcement agencies to break through the anonymity of cryptocurrency transactions and arrest criminals operating on the "Dark Web," who engage in identity theft, ransomware attacks, sales of illegal drugs, creation and dissemination of child pornography, solicitation of murders, and many other unsavory activities. It's a great introduction to the dark side of bitcoins, blockchain, and the marketplaces and exchanges where crypto is the currency of choice.



Leopoldstadt is a play by Tom Stoppard, currently playing on Broadway. Tom Stoppard was born in Czechoslovakia in 1937. His parents escaped just before the Nazi invasion. His father died but his mother, little Tom, and a brother survived and eventually settled in England. It was not until 1993, at age 56, that Stoppard discovered that he was Jewish. All four of his grandparents were Jews murdered by the Nazis in concentration camps. This play is, in a way, Stoppard's attempt to come to grips with his heritage. It is set in Leopoldstadt, the Jewish quarter of Vienna, and follows the trials, tribulations, triumphs, and tragedies of a Jewish family between 1899 and 1955.

Featured Class of the Month: Walking With...God

What do we mean when we use the word “God?” Jews have been wrestling with this question for the past 3 millennia. You are invited to join in on Wednesdays in March, as Rabbi Cantor and a group of intrepid adult learners continue this age-old debate.

Our discussion is based on a curriculum put together by the Ziegler Adult Learning School/American Jewish University. Together, we read and explore a few key texts that were carefully chosen to get us questioning, considering, and ultimately coming to a deeper understanding of Judaism’s core beliefs.

Rabbi Cantor is a masterful teacher, who keeps the discussion lively. Everyone is welcome – no previous Torah knowledge required. You can pre-read the discussion material before each class if you’d like, but it’s not required. You can find a link to the discussion material on the Beth El website or use this link: <https://www.bethelyardley.org/walkingwithseries.html>.

We meet from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM on Wednesdays, per the schedule below. We’ve set it up so you can fully participate in the class, whether you attend in person or on Virtual Beth El.

Can’t be there on Wednesday mornings? A recording of all of the sessions in this series can be found on Beth El’s website at <https://www.bethelyardley.org/adult-ed-archive.html>.

Schedule of Topics for March 2023

[U6] God in Medieval Jewish Philosophy - Wednesday, March 1, 2023

[U7] God in Kabbalah - Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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[U9] God in Modern Jewish Thought - Wednesday, March 22, 2023

[U10] God and Us - Wednesday, March 29, 2023

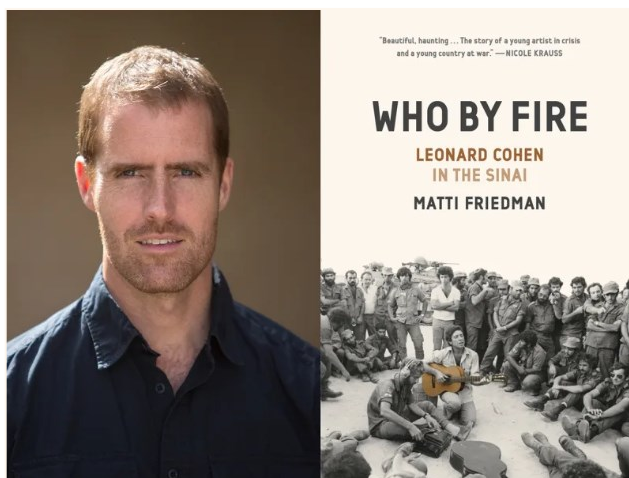
Questions? For more information about this class, or any Adult Education classes, email AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.

“One Book, One Jewish Community” Announces 2023 Book Selection

One Book, One Jewish Community is a program to engage readers from across Greater Philadelphia in books that speak to diverse aspects of Jewish identity and community. Each year, the One Book committee selects a book to share across the Greater Philadelphia community. Our goal is to help community members discover Jewish authors, explore Jewish culture, and share the joy of reading with fellow book-lovers across our region.

As a participating synagogue, Congregation Beth El is proud to announce that the *One Book, One Jewish Community* Book Selection for 2022-2023 is, “Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai,” by Matti Friedman.

Programming for this book includes a **free** Zoom Webinar with Matti Friedman.



About the Webinar:

The webinar is scheduled for Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 11 AM (EST). Pre-registration is required in order to get the Zoom link. Use this link to register or visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on graphic - The Greater Jewish Community. <https://www.gratz.edu/news-and-events/event-calendar/obojc-who-by-fire>.

About the Book:

Who By Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai tells the little-known story of Leonard Cohen’s concert tour to the front lines of the Yom Kippur War, including never-before-seen selections from an unfinished manuscript by Cohen and rare photographs. Selected by *Vanity Fair* as one of the best books of 2022.

In October 1973, the poet and singer Leonard Cohen—thirty-nine years old, famous, unhappy, and at a creative dead end—traveled from his home on the Greek island of Hydra to the chaos and bloodshed of the Sinai desert when Egypt attacked Israel on the Jewish high holiday of Yom Kippur. Moving around the front with a guitar and a group of local musicians, Cohen met hundreds of young soldiers, men and women at the worst moment of their lives. Those who survived never forgot the experience. And the war transformed Cohen. He had announced that he was abandoning his music career, but he instead returned to Hydra and to his family, had a second child, and released one of the best albums of his career. In *Who by Fire*, journalist Matti Friedman gives us a riveting account of those weeks in the Sinai, drawing on Cohen’s previously unpublished writing and original reporting to create a kaleidoscopic depiction of a harrowing, formative moment for both a young country at war and a singer at a crossroads.

About Matti Friedman:

Matti Friedman is an award-winning journalist and author. His work has appeared in the New York Times, The Atlantic, Tablet, Smithsonian, and elsewhere.

Matti’s last book, *Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel*, won the 2019 Natan Prize and the Canadian Jewish Book Award. *Pumpkin flowers: A Soldier’s Story of a Forgotten War* was chosen in 2016 as a New York Times Notable Book and one of Amazon’s 10 best books of the year. His first book, *The Aleppo Codex*, won the 2014 Sami Rohr Prize and the ALA’s Sophie Brody Medal.

A former Associated Press correspondent, Matti’s work as a reporter has taken him from Israel to Lebanon, Morocco, Moscow, the Caucasus, and Washington, DC. Two critical essays he wrote about media coverage of Israel after the 2014 Gaza war, for **Tablet** and **The Atlantic**, triggered intense discussion and have been shared on Facebook more than 130,000 times.

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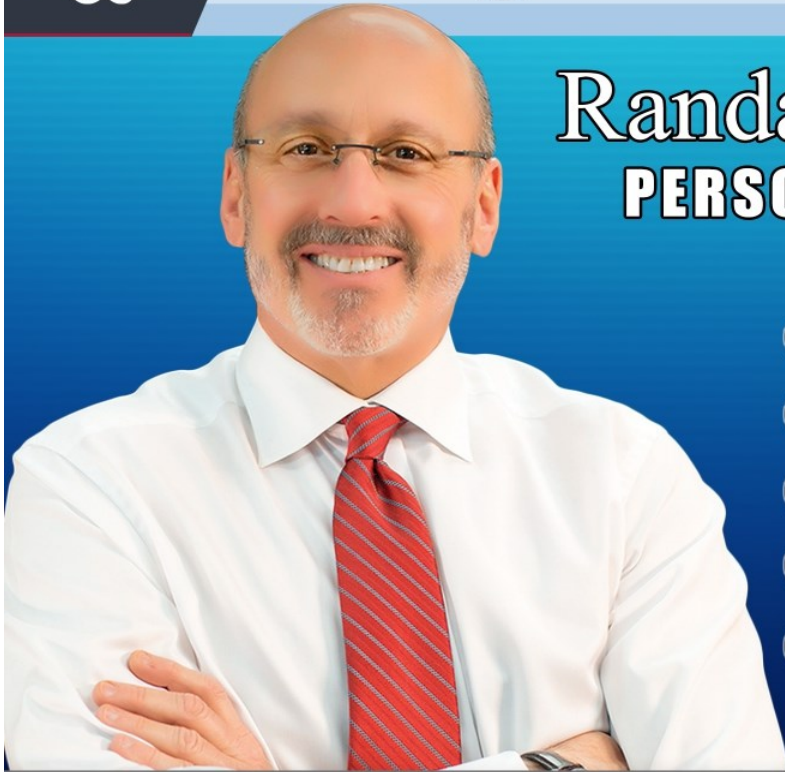
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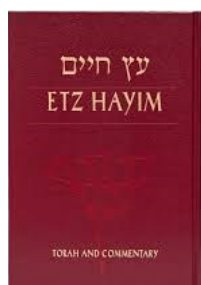
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<p>5 (12 Adar) Ariel Wyner & 70th Anniversary Weekend Purim Carnival/Program Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) Purim with Brothers of Israel 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>6 (13 Adar) Taanit Esther Erev Purim Morning Minyan 7:00am Pizza Dinner & Ice Cream Bar 5:30pm Maariv & Megillah Reading 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>7 (14 Adar) Purim Megillah Reading 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 (15 Adar) Shushan Purim No FJLC Morning Minyan 7:00am Walking with God 11:15am Adult Education Committee Meeting 2:00pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Trape Class 7:45pm</p>	<p>9 (16 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>10 (17 Adar) No Friday Evening Services Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:44pm Share Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm</p>	<p>11 (18 Adar) Ki Tisa Parashat Parah Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar-Bat Mitzvah University TOT Shabbat 10:30am Havdalah 6:44pm</p>
<p>12 (19 Adar) Morning Minyan 8:00am Tallis making with Abigail Greenberg 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Waffle Pageant 4th - 7th Grades 1:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Book Club 7:45pm</p>	<p>13 (20 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm</p>	<p>14 (21 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Cook For a Friend 4:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 (22 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Walking with God 11:15am Adult Education Committee Meeting 2:00pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>16 (23 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 8:00pm</p>	<p>17 (24 Adar) No Friday Evening Services Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 6:51pm</p>	<p>18 (25 Adar) Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat Mevarchim Parashat Hachodesh Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Auftruf: Melissa Burnett & Jared Throne 9:30am BUSY USY Alummi- Waffle Pageant 7:00pm Havdalah 7:51pm</p>
<p>19 (26 Adar) Morning Minyan 8:00am Tallis making with Abigail Greenberg 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am One Book One Jewish Community 11:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>20 (27 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 8:00pm</p>	<p>21 (28 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 (29 Adar) Morning Minyan 7:00am Walking with God 11:15am Adult Education Committee Meeting 2:00pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club Axe Throwing Event 7:30pm</p>	<p>23 (1 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh Nisan Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>24 (2 Nisan) No Friday Evening Services Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 6:59pm</p>	<p>25 (3 Nisan) Vayikra Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 7:58pm</p>
<p>26 (4 Nisan) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>27 (5 Nisan) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>28 (6 Nisan) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>29 (7 Nisan) Morning Minyan 7:00am Walking with God 11:15am Adult Education Committee Meeting 2:00pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>30 (8 Nisan) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm</p>	<p>31 (9 Nisan) No Friday Evening Services Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 7:06pm</p>	



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						1 (10 Nisan) Tzav Shabbat HaGadol Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:06pm
2 (11 Nisan) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC: The Miraculous Story of Pesach Event 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Yizkor Candle Making with Kedma 1:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	3 (12 Nisan) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm	4 (13 Nisan) Office closes at noon Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	5 (14 Nisan) Erev Pesach Tanit Bechorot Office Closed No FJLC First Seder Morning Minyan & Siyyum with Rabbi Cantor 7:00am Candle Lighting 7:11pm	6 (15 Nisan) Pesach Second Seder/Pesach I Office Closed Pesach Services 9:30am Candle Lighting 8:11pm	7 (16 Nisan) Pesach 1st Day Omer Pesach II (CH"m) Office Closed No Friday Evening Services Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 7:13pm	8 (17 Nisan) Chol Hamoad Pesach 2nd Day Omer Pesach III (CH"m) Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:13pm
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16 (25 Nisan) 10th Day Omer Tefillin Wrap Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 9:00am Judaism for Growups 9:15am HaMoadon Hebrew High 10:30am Hazak Program & Event 11:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	17 (26 Nisan) 11th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 8:00pm	18 (27 Nisan) Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	19 (28 Nisan) 13th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Adult Education Committee Meeting 2:00pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Prayer book Hebrew 7:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	20 (29 Nisan) 14th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 8:00pm	21 (30 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am FJLC: Shabbat Service & Potluck Dinner 6:00pm Candle Lighting 7:27pm	22 (1 Iyyar) Tazria-Metzora Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer Torah Study 9:00am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:27pm
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