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(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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Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Fridays: 8:30am - 2:00pm

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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)

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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.



It is hard to believe that this is my last Shofar article as Beth El's President. I would like to take this chance to thank all of you for the honor and the privilege of having served you for the last 4 years. I am always humbled by the dedication that our members have to our Beth El family. I am so impressed by the quality of people that join together to make Beth El the extraordinary community that it is. Truly, it takes a village to join together and generate this vibrance. There is no question that I could not have held this position without

your help and support, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. I always feel blessed by the selfless teamwork of our talented and committed lay leaders. We have many dedicated people, all seeking to make our community so vibrant and welcoming. As we transition to a new leadership, I am confident that we will continue to have a board comprised of dedicated people whose energy and enthusiasm will carry our congregation successfully into the future.

We have had a lot to celebrate this year. We welcomed Rabbi Cantor, Kedma and their children to our community in July with a wonderful Shabbat luncheon. Although our Back to Shul Barbecue was brought indoors because of the weather, we all enjoyed eating and schmoozing together. After a wonderful High Holiday period with Rabbi Cantor and Cantor Wyner, we then came together in November to formally install Rabbi Cantor as our new spiritual leader, celebrating with a wonderful Israeli themed dinner. In December, we had a festive Hanukkah Hoopla where congregants were able to light chanukiot together, sing songs and enjoy delicious latkes. We had a wonderful celebration of our 70th anniversary with Ariel and Sofia Wyner leading us for Shabbat and Jacob's Ladder performing at the Saturday night celebration. Our Purim dinner was a multigenerational event followed by a fun and musical megillah reading. We also had a great turnout for our annual afternoon of BINGO, and there were a lot of fun prizes won by many! And of course, there were all of the Sisterhood, Men's Club, Hazak, Adult Education, Social Action, Share Shabbat, FJLC, Holiday and USY events as well. There is no doubt that our calendar is filled with so many wonderful events because of the love and dedication you all feel towards our incredible community.

In Tot Shabbat, I always try to teach a little Hebrew. I'll end this final newsletter article by doing the same: *L'hitraot*. Although many people believe that it means "goodbye," it actually means "see you later." What a beautiful word. It is not goodbye; it is not final but is an ongoing promise to see each other again. That is how I feel as I leave the Presidency of Beth El. I am not going anywhere. I will see you in shul, whether at services, a program or helping with the next project.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude for all of your support and encouragement for the last four years and your many contributions that make Beth El such a special community.

Elizabeth Ravitch

Galent Ramt

President

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The foundational document for the United States of America is the Declaration of Independence: it represents the first communication from The People and expresses the relationship between the State and individuals (and each other) in terms of the self-evident truths "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness."

By way of contrast, the foundational document of the Jewish People is Aseret Ha-Dibrot, the "Ten Commandments", in which God expresses the relationship between the Divine Self and individuals (and each other) in terms of obligations (*mitzvot*).

Legal theory tells us that there is a relationship between rights and obligations, namely that the one is created by the other. Thus

- if I have a right to Life, others (including the State) have an obligation not to relieve me of my life;
- if I have a right to Liberty, others (including the State) have an obligation not to imprison me;
- if I have a right to the Pursuit of Happiness, others (including the State) have an obligation not to oppress me.

Legal theory tells us that there is a relationship between obligations and rights, namely that the one creates the other. Thus

- if I have an obligation to honor my mother and father, my mother and father have a right to be honored by me;
- if I am obligated not to murder, others have a right not to be relieved of their lives;
- if I am obligated not to steal, others have a right not to be relieved of their personal property;

The reality is that rights have no meaning if they are not backed by the imposition of corresponding obligations on others, but obligations automatically create the corresponding rights.

The Festival of Shavu'ot (May 26) is our celebration of the Theophany at Mount Sinai, when God spoke obligations from amidst the fire and thunder and we agreed to hear and be bound by them. Our Tradition asks us to focus on our obligations, which has the added benefit of creating rights for others.

Independence Day (July 4) is our celebration of our declaration of self-determination, when the Founding Fathers gave notice to mother England that our rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are Godgiven and inalienable. A mechanism to make manifest those rights is assumed, but not stated.

My goal, whenever something is expressed in terms of a right, is to try to identify the corresponding obligation that would make it meaningful, and, should it prove to be self-evidently reasonable, to try to fulfil it for the benefit of others, the State, and myself.

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Volunteerism (and Gratitude)



I have never written an article for the Shofar, but I felt compélled to do so for this issue. I knew exactly what I wanted to write about: volunteerism and gratitude.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him (yidvenu libo)...And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:1 – 8.

While Moses was on the mountaintop for forty days he receives a commandment from God, to build the sanctuary (mishkan) for God, for the Israelites to worship in. While Aaron, Moses' brother, is with the Israelites waiting for Moses, they lose hope and look to him, the high priest, for guidance. They begin building the Golden Calf.

The mishkan was to serve as a reminder to the Israelites of God's presence. Its building served as a means to bring the community together for the greater good. The Golden Calf was devoid of a reminder to the Israelites of God's presence; there was no "sanctuary" in which the Israelites could worship. The Golden Calf was devoid of bringing the community together.

In the article "Using Our Contributions to Create the Sacred," Rabbi Sara Paasche-Orlow asks the question, "How do we know the difference in our lives between the times when we are creating our own idols and those when we are truly making space sacred, fulfilling a moral and ethical tradition?" Rabbi Paasche-Orlow explains it as such: "One of the ways we create a moral and spiritual environment is by volunteering our own time to come to the aid of other people, and to work for wider social change. We learn from these two experiences of the Israelite nation that the act of giving is not inherently good."

Rabbi Paasche-Orlow continues to describe community service: "We must understand and be involved with those we are serving in such a way that we bring what is most needed and join together in the project of meeting communal needs. If we approach service like we came to the project of the Golden Calf, we will risk only furthering our own needs, giving our money and time for our own well-being. With a 'volunteering heart' (yidvenu libo) and a true effort to reach beyond ourselves, we create a true sanctuary for bringing God's presence into our lives."

Various organizations rely on the volunteerism of their members, and Congregation Beth El is no different. If you visit our website, www.bethelyardley.org, and click on *ENGAGE*, you will see a listing of committees: Adult Education (under Learn tab), Chesed, Hazak, Holiday Programming, Inclusivity, Israel, Kiddush Krew, Membership, Men's Club, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Share Shabbat, Sisterhood, Social Action, and Youth. There is an abundance of members who help make sure these committees have fun, educational, engaging, and participatory programming - just check out Beth El's calendar!

I have read the quote over the sanctuary doors many times over the years, but on April 15th during the Shabbat luncheon, it took on a different meaning. King Solomon, after the building of the first Temple, stated, "I have now built for you a stately house; a place where you may dwell forever," I Kings 8:13. It was the "I" in the quote that struck me. With all due respect to King Solomon, it wasn't he alone who built the "house," it was the people who built the "house." Just as it is the people, the volunteers, who build Beth El, who, for example, prepared the meal for the luncheon to bring the people to the house, to continue building the house in which we dwell.

If you want to meet new friends, have fun, find purpose, and help to develop a sense of community, then look over the list of committees and contact the chairperson. Get more involved and volunteer with a "volunteering heart."

Thank you to the many volunteers, those of you who work on committees and those of you who are behind the scenes, for all that you do for Beth El (and me). Thank you for the countless hours, heart, and dedication. You all make sure that the Beth El community is "More than just a synagogue, it is a community."

Barbara Sola

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Sameach

Have a Joyful Shavnot!

Helene Geiger, Vice President of Education & Co-Chair, Adult Education Committee



I joined Congregation Beth El with my husband, Alex, five years ago, when we moved to Yardley after retiring. Before that, we lived for 35 long cold years in the snowbelt of Rochester, New York. Rochester is where we raised our two children. I started my business there, in the field of Corporate Education. So, when we filled out our application to join Beth El, it seemed only natural to check the "Interested in Adult Education" box and get involved. Right from the start, Alex and I felt welcomed and valued in the congregation. Beth El feels like home. When not working on Beth El's adult education programs, you can usually find me spoiling our grandkids, reading anything I can get my hands on, listening to opera, and watching EPL soccer.

Holiday Programming Committee

We'll continue to help plan celebrations and observances of Jewish holidays throughout the calendar. Our goal is to bring many of us in the Beth El community, of all ages, together. If you have any suggestions or if you'd like to participate in upcoming planning, please contact us at: holiday programming@bethelyardley.org. Erev Shavuot is Thursday, May 25th, if you would like to help us plan for the holiday, please email us.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org and click on Holiday Programming Committee for pictures of some of this year's programs.

Chan Shavuot

Sandie Hirsch & Shelli Krevitz Holiday Programming Committee Chairs holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org.

Kiddush Krew Committee



The Kiddush Krew is a group of volunteers who get together once a month to prepare the Shabbat luncheons that follow services. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members. No kitchen skills needed. Interested in volunteering, contact: barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Shabbat Luncheon following services
Saturday, May 13
Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP or call the office.

Asher Senior: Saturday, May 20, 2023



Asher, son of Shari & Ian Senior and brother of Micah Senior is a seventh grader at Poquessing Middle School in Neshaminy School District. Asher is a straight A student and very active in his school's music program. He sings in Concert Choir and as part of the audition-only, Select Choir. Asher is also a Percussionist in Concert and Jazz Band and designated as section leader for both ensembles. He also takes the stage in his school's musical productions and was honored with lead roles: *Earthworm* in James and The Giant Peach Jr. (6th grade) and *Gomez Addams* in the Addams Family the Musical (7th grade). Other than performing music, Asher also enjoys playing video games, spending time with his friends and family and summers away at Camp Ramah in the Poconos.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Asher is collecting money for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Child Life Department. With thousands of children visiting CHOP every year, the Child Life team has an ongoing need for toys, craft supplies, books, video games and movies. Donate Here: https://tinyurl.com/3rd9a584

Sarene Julin: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Sarene is a 7th grader at Charles Boehm Middle School. Outside of school, Sarene is involved in activities that she loves, like gymnastics and playing the violin. In her free time, Sarene loves to cook and bake.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Sarene chose to use her skills in the kitchen. She volunteered several times with Beth El's amazing group *Cook for a Friend*. Sarene also donated several hours of work with the Morrisville Presbyterian Church food pantry. Lastly, she worked with Rebbetzin Chaya Blecher at the Chabad Lubavitch of Yardley for a private challah-baking session, where they baked many challahs to give to members of the community.

Sarene would like to thank those in the Beth El community who have helped and supported her: Rabbi Cantor & Kedma Cantor, Ruth Schapira, and especially her amazing tutor, Phyllis Schachter, for her countless hours

of patience and dedication. Thank you also to all of the Beth El members who encouraged Sarene to help lead services as she prepared for her special day. Sarene is excited to finally celebrate this simcha with everyone.

Evan Hartenstein: Saturday, June 10, 2023



Evan Hartenstein is finishing up 7th grade at William Penn Middle School. He is an avid Philadelphia team sports fan, and enjoys playing on football and basketball teams during the year. He organized the Yardley Wiffleball League and is now a 76ers writer for Philly Sports Reports. Evan also is a baseball and softball umpire in PAA.

For Evan's Bar Mitzvah project, he is collecting gently used sports equipment for Leveling the Playing Field. LPF is an organization that provides sports equipment to children in need. Evan is looking forward to become a bar mitzvah with his family and friends.

Many of our B'nai Mitzvah students have Chesed projects that require us, as a community to help out. Please look at your Weekly Sunday Programming emails or when you come into the building for more information.

Youth Events



BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY - BMU-

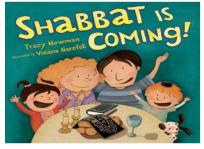
Calling 3rd Graders & Up & their Parents!

Join us Saturdays from 10:30am-12:00pm in the Chapel.
Afterward stay for a yummy kiddush lunch.

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

With Miss Liz

Preschool - 2nd Grade & their Parent

10:30am - 12:00pm





May 13

Stay for lunch following services

Adult Learning - May/June 2023

This spring, you'll find a variety 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 through May 21

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.

WEEKDAY Learning

Current Events: Wednesday Mornings, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM from May 3 through May 31

Come and discuss the latest news with a Jewish slant. There will be a different topic each week. Bring an article so share, if possible. Meets in person at Beth El.

Topics and Discussion Leaders:

May 3: Synagogue Security - Barbara Schwartz

May 10: World Jews in the News - Alex Geiger

May 17: Environmental Issues - Sheldon Miller

May 24: The Many Faces of Israel - Milt Berger

May 31: Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Bob Lindenbaum





The Good Place Wednesday Mornings, 11:15 AM - 12:00 Noon from May 3 through May 31 "The Good Place" is an award-winning comedy about the afterlife based on serious

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Episodes

May 3: Measuring Deeds Chapter 1: "Everything is Fine"

May 10: Does Study Lead to Change? Chapter 2: "Flying"

May 17: Be Yourself? Chapter 4: "Jason Mendoza"

May 24: Promises Chapter 6: "What We Owe Each Other"

May 31: Lying Chapter 7: "The Eternal Shriek"

Lunch and Legal: Wednesday, June 28, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Discussion Leader: Alex Geiger

Join us for a light lunch to review and discuss the latest decisions from the US Supreme Court, with a Jewish slant.

RSVP by June 21 by visiting www.bethelyardley.org.



Help Us Re-Boot Beth El's Library!

When was the last time you visited Beth El's Heidi Mittleman Memorial Library? Our extensive collection of books, located on the building's second floor, may be Beth El's best-kept secret. The library isn't getting much traffic these days. In fact, it's looking a bit neglected. Time to set things right!

A group of members will be getting together to "re-imagine" Beth El's library. We will be discussing:

- Are we making the best use of our library?
- Is the room set up to serve the needs of <u>today's</u> congregation?
- Is the space warm, welcoming, and functional?
- Do we have the right mix of books, resources, and equipment?
- Is the collection easy for people to access and use?

Want to be included in this conversation? Please call or email Barbara Schwartz (barbara@bethelyardley.org) to let us know you are interested. We'll check in with you soon to pick a convenient meeting time/date.

We need your help!

If you have ideas for programs; are good at social media; have art, photography or writing skills; or like to plan events... then we'd like to hear from you! All volunteers warmly welcomed. Please contact adulted@bethelyardley.org.



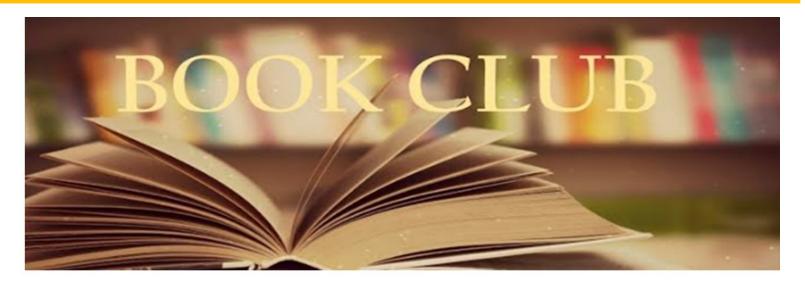
Did you miss a program? No worries.

We have them recorded for you. Visit www.bethelyardley; 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!



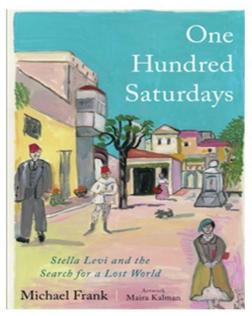




Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 7:45 PM (virtual Beth El)

One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank

Discussion Leader: Helene Geiger



About the Book

With nearly a century of life behind her, Stella Levi had never before spoken in detail about her past. Then she met Michael Frank. He came to her Greenwich Village apartment one Saturday afternoon to ask her a question about the Juderia, the neighborhood in Rhodes where she'd grown up in a Jewish community that had thrived there for half a millennium.

Neither of them could know this was the first of one hundred Saturdays over the course of six years that they would spend in each other's company. During these meetings Stella traveled back in time to conjure what it felt like to come of age on this luminous, legendary island in the eastern Aegean, which the Italians conquered in 1912, began governing as an official colonial possession in 1923, and continued to administer even after the Germans seized control in September 1943. The following July, the Germans rounded up all 1,650-plus residents of the Juderia and sent them first by boat and then by train to Auschwitz on what was the longest journey—measured by both time and distance—of any of the deportations. Ninety percent of them were murdered upon arrival.

Probing and courageous, candid and sly, Stella is a magical modern-day Scheherazade whose stories reveal what it was like to grow up in an extraordinary place in an

extraordinary time—and to construct a life after that place has vanished. One Hundred Saturdays is a portrait of one of the last survivors drawn at nearly the last possible moment, as well as an account of a tender and transformative friendship that develops between storyteller and listener as they explore the fundamental mystery of what it means to collect, share, and interpret the deepest truths of a life deeply lived.

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.



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Jewish Discussions About "The Good Place"

Wednesdays, May 3 - 31 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

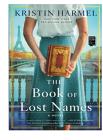
Next Meeting Will Be in Person on

Sunday, May 21, 10:30am

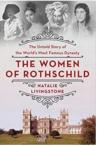
FREE – Bagels, Schmears, Coffee & Good Conversation

<u>Please Join Us in Person</u> 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 have run across since our last meeting.

Book reviews below, from our last meeting.



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.



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.



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 fisherman 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



Beth El celebrates 70 years!



Beth El celebrates Purim!



Sisterhood



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Sisterhood 19



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

Men's Club Torah on Tap

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



Thursday May 18 8:00pm

Topic TBD

BYOB

(Meet at Beth El)

In person & virtual evening minyan, 7:30pm.

For more information and to get involved with Men's Club, email mensclub@bethelyardley.org.





Beth El congregants help feed our neighbors

Last fall, the social action committee partnered with the Community Baptist Church Bread of Life food pantry in Bristol Borough. We have been collecting the 'high demand' items of canned protein, boxed cereal, baby goods and breakfast drinks for the pantry. Deliveries are made on a regular basis. Before Christmas we collected and donated supermarket turkey certificates and collected certificates for ham for Easter. We delivered two carloads of donations collected during Beth El's anniversary weekend celebration.

Kizzy Wright, the pantry director, visited Beth El on a Shabbat this winter and educated us about food insecurity within our community, the role the pantry plays in filling some of this need and how our congregation can help. She dazzled us with her passion, commitment, and energy.

Please help us keep the Community Baptist Church Food Pantry well stocked by adding an item or two to your weekly grocery shopping list. Our labelled collection boxes are in the storage area across from the office. You can drop off your donation or order via the amazon link found in our Thursday Social Action emails.



Beth El congregants support local Afghan refugee family

This past February, the local faith-based community celebrated the one year anniversary of our adopted Afghan family's arrival in Falls Township. A festive celebration took place at Newtown Friends Meeting which included Nooranshah (dad), Afsoon (mom), Shaziah (aunt), Khurshid (7 year old daughter), Abubaker (4 year old son), and Sadiq (1 year old son.) Guests included volunteers from areawide churches and synagogues who have been helping out in a variety of ways including driving to pre-school and doctors' appointments, teaching 1:1 ESL to the adults, tutoring the children after school, providing medical and dental support, and helping with job placement. Dad is now gainfully employed as a driver at a local hospital. Mom and Aunt recently passed their written drivers test (taken in Dari) and are eager to get behind the wheel. Khurshid is flourishing in first grade, loves to entertain others with her stellar cartwheeling, and is almost on grade level with her reading. Abubaker loves going to pre-school and his English language skills have shown marked improvement over the last few months. The toddler is very attached to his mom and wants whatever his older siblings have!

A hearty thank you to our many Beth El congregants who continue to step up and serve as volunteer drivers. Our lives have been enhanced by getting to know this beautiful family and welcoming them into our community to live in peace and safety.

To learn more about resettlement efforts through the Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement, visit www.bcicrr.org, or contact Debbie Wachspress at debwachspress@gmail.com.

Every hand helps

CHESED COMMUNITY

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.

Beth El's Chesed Community is here for you! Each member of Congregation Beth El is a vital part of our caring community. We gladly share in each other's simchas and seek to be supportive of one another when we are experiencing challenges in our lives.

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
- *Drive someone to synagogue for services

Any way you can help, we are grateful for your time.

Contact the office to volunteer or if you need assistance: 215-493-1707 x4 email barbara@bethelyardley.org



Do you have a simcha you want to share?

Share your simcha in our Mazel Tov Monday email & "About our Members" section our weekly email

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; email barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Mazel Tov to...

- Mazel Tov to Temma and Michael Moss in honor of the birth of their daughter, Brielle Dakota.
- Mazel Tov to Cara and Leon Weissman in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Brielle Dakota.



Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...

- Rony (Shalom) Cohen on the passing of her brother Mickey (Michael Shlomo ben Nachum) Guttenberg, z"l.
- Eva Moszer on the passing of her husband, Sid Moszer, z"l.

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Honor someone you know by donating a book to the Beth El library through the Fierverker Jewish Learning Community (FJLC) sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Donate a book for any occasion!

Birthdays B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries Baby Naming and more!

All money donated to this fund benefits the advancement of Jewish education for FJLC (PreK through 7th grade).

A special book plate will be placed in one of our library books to be shared with the community.

Suggested donations are \$18.00.

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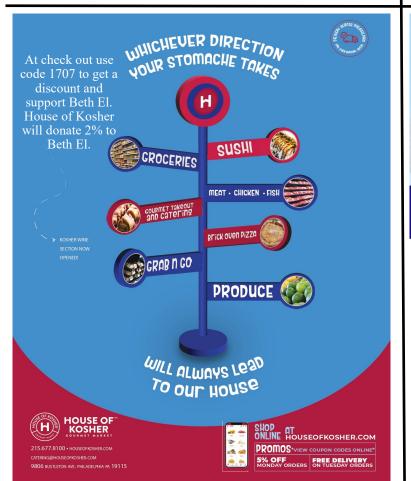
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