

The Shofar



The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County
November/December 2023

Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5784

THE LAUGH HOUSE AT BETH EL

ONE GREAT NIGHT!
2 GREAT COMICS!

Saturday, November 4, 2023
8pm

STAND-UP *Comedy* NIGHT

FEATURING
**Shaun Eli
and
Jon Fisch**

Wouldn't you rather be the one talking about the show instead of just hearing about it later? Don't be disappointed that you missed out. Support Beth El! Buy your tickets now!

Comedy show
Craft Beer & Wine
Soft drinks
Light bites
Dessert, laughter
&
Door prizes!

RSVP BY 10/23 OR WE'LL ASSUME YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO LAUGH. AFTER THAT, THE JOKE IS ON YOU!

COST OF EVENT

\$54 PER PERSON BEFORE 10/23

\$65 PER PERSON FOR THE SAME LAUGHS AFTER 10/23

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP!



Mark your calendars: Michael Weinberg and Men's Club will be bringing Pickles back to Beth El for Passover!



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*denotes new board member

**GPMB Members up for re-election this year.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Fridays

8:30am - 2:00pm

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)

The list will be cleared and compiled anew (quarterly) to reflect more recent changes. Updates to the mi she' beirahk list may be updated weekly with your loved one's names by visiting www.bethelyardley.org.

Members only: log in to member portal. Names stay on the list until the reset date. The link is for new and additional names.

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 has been a difficult few weeks. The atrocities and horrors taking place in Israel, our homeland, are still so fresh and so real, and the rising emotions on many fronts are keeping us all very in-tune and aware.

There's a lot going on. It is hard to stay on top of it all. But I try to keep an eye out for some positive stories. Stories of young Ultra-orthodox men helping by rushing to deliver supplies to the front lines where needed.

Finally, setting aside years of differences and working together to achieve a common goal. Stories of long lines of citizens donating blood for those in need and being told to come back due to too many volunteers that day. We can find inspiration in these stories. They are helping to bring the people of Israel together when it had been very difficult recently to do so. Uniting for a common goal.

Now is a great time to come to Beth El to be together as a community. There are opportunities during the week to reflect, to help process, and pray. We all process differently, and attending the programs offered all month long gives us all time to be with others going through similar challenges. It is important to continue doing the things we always do. Programs like Comedy Night at Beth El, Elyse Langley, Shabbat lunch, and our upcoming Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat programs are great ways to socialize, have fun, and enjoy what the Beth El community has to offer.

***We are so much more than
just a synagogue -
We are a community.***



Ian Schachter
Co-President
president@bethelyardley.org

*You are invited on behalf of Co-Presidents,
Mark Fried & Ian Schachter*

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 1, 2023

*6:00pm Friday Evening Services
7:00pm Catered Shabbat Dinner*

(Chicken dinner, vegetarian option, & kid friendly food)

FREE

**RSVP
Required**

Visit www.bethelyardley.org or call the
office, 215-493-1707 x4 to RSVP.

**Need a ride?
Let us know.**

*Friday Night Services are Back!
Join us every Friday. Check emails and visit www.bethelyardley.org.*

Andrew Braverman, Vice President



Andrew leads Enterprise Systems Engineering at Pure Storage. He and his team are responsible for understanding customer business goals and the technology ecosystems that surround them and supporting the achievement of these goals through deep collaboration and application of Pure Storage and other industry technologies, along with the business process changes required for maximizing their impact.

Andrew brings more than twenty years of diverse solutions engineering and leadership experience across computing, application, networking, and storage. He earned his Doctor of Management in Strategic Leadership from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, where he studied with renowned experts in the fields of systems thinking, complexity, and complex systems, and a Master of Business and Science from Rutgers University.

Andrew lives in Yardley with his wife Jen and sons Ethan and Jonathan. Ethan became a Bar Mitzvah at Beth El (virtually) in December of 2020, and then again (in person) in December of 2021. Jonathan is scheduled for December of 2024. Without a very religious upbringing, Andrew is most interested in learning, building connections, and deepening community at Beth El.

Mindy Albuck, Executive Committee



Mindy and her husband, Rick, joined Beth El in 2005, enrolling their older son, Aaron, in Hebrew School and younger son, Harris, in Pre-School. Mindy says the Beth El community offered much more than they expected: they made close friends, had Bar Mitzvahs/Confirmations, and became fully immersed in Jewish living. With guidance from Beth El friends and leadership, she watched her boys attend Ramah, summers in Israel and establish leadership roles in USY at the chapter, regional and international levels.

Mindy is on the Executive Committee and serves on our Youth Commission for Bucks County. She has served as a Rabbinic Search Co-Chair seeking and successfully finding a new spiritual leader for our community.

Working for a Chicago based firm, Mindy is a Principal and Team Lead in the US Healthcare practice. Her strongest areas of focus are client relationships, coaching a diverse team and turning complexity into simplicity.

Shelli Krevitz, Board Member & Holiday Programming Committee Co-Chair



Shelli and her husband Ken joined Beth El in 2018, after moving to Yardley from Northeast Philadelphia. They enjoy spending time with their daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandsons in Northern Virginia and with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson in nearby Philadelphia.

Shelli is a retired elementary teacher, having taught mainly in Philadelphia public schools. Over the years she's held volunteer positions in Hadassah Greater Philadelphia and Shaare Shamayim Sisterhood.

Shelli is currently a second year Beth El board member and a co-chair of the Holiday Programming Committee. She's honored to be a small part of the volunteer effort and energy needed for our synagogue community.

*To contact Congregation Beth El's Board of Directors email:
Board@bethelyardley.org.*



We need to talk about funerals, shiva visits, and shiva minyanim.

At some point in the future – it may be twenty years from now, it may be tomorrow – you may find yourself to be an *Onen*, someone who has suffered the death of a father or mother, sister or brother, spouse, or child.

You will most likely have many questions at that time. One question I do not want you to have is, *Will anyone show up at the funeral?*

A question that I have been hearing lately, at funerals and shiva homes, is: *Where were the members of the Congregation?*

At a funeral, one of the most comforting aspects can be the presence of people whom the mourner doesn't know that well. When strangers attend a funeral, it sends a message of comfort: I may not know you personally, I may not have known the deceased, but you are a part of my community, and *I am here for you*. It is for the benefit of these attendees – I think – that we deliver a eulogy, to tell them something about the deceased; the mourners already know the stories, and are usually the rabbi's main source of information.

The story I tell *Avelim* – one becomes a “mourner” only after the loved one has been buried – is that for the first week it is the job of the community to come and check in with them, morning and night; for the remainder of the thirty days it is the job of the mourner to check in with the community by coming to the morning and evening minyanim. If the community fails to show up at the home, it doesn't ring true.

When I lived in Bangor, I attended every funeral in the community, from my synagogue, from the Orthodox synagogue, from the Reform synagogue, and so did my congregants: it helped to create a true feeling of community. I rarely knew the mourners or the deceased, but I was grateful to learn about them from the eulogy, and from stories told over a meal or a minyan in the mourner's home.

This is my aspiration for Congregation Beth El. For a few years we have been staying home, and Mark and Ian are keen to get you to come out to the synagogue, and that is a good thing. But if you really want to make a difference in someone's life, when you receive the email from the synagogue informing you that there has been a death in the community, I ask that you consider attending the funeral. I ask that you consider attending a shiva minyan, or if the timing is inconvenient, to make a shiva call during the day. You don't even have to know what to say: the Tradition is to be there, and if the mourner wants to talk, to listen and engage. You cannot make it “better”, but you can help the mourner to feel like they are not alone.

I will be offering a class on Jewish Mourning Practices, Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00pm, and there will be a book that you can take home. Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Cantor'.

Rabbi David Cantor
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“Jewish wisdom holds that our children don’t belong to us. They are both a loan and a gift from God, and the gift has strings attached. Our job is to raise our children to leave us. The children’s job is to find their own path in life...”

-Wendy Mogel

We have a very short time to fill our kids heads with knowledge and there are so many things competing for that time and space. It wasn’t that long ago that I was a kid and with the exception of TV, I spent most of my time outside, with my nose in a book, or with friends. These days, kids have so much “noise” bombarding them all the time. They spend less time outside, less time reading, and less time interacting with others because of access to phones and computers. All of this impacts their future.

One of the nice things about coming to religious school is that we are able to do Jewish things, hang out with Jewish kids and not be inundated by screens.

It’s a time to learn the tradition, language, and prayers of our people. I occasionally hear complaints that religious school is “boring, a waste of time”, or that there are so many other things kids want to do,” but one day your child will need that Jewish knowledge. At some point they will attend a wedding, a funeral, Shabbat dinner, holiday services, or visit Israel.

We want our kids to have that knowledge and feel comfortable and educated in their religion. One day, sooner than we realize, our kids will stretch their wings and be on their own. **The best gift we can give our children is to give them a Jewish education so they can find their own path in life as Jews.**

Education Director of Amazing Jewish Kids
Fierverker Jewish Learning Community (FJLC)

Kedma Cantor

Kedma Cantor
Education Director
kcantor@bethelyardley.org



B'nai Mitzvah University

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

9:30am

Join us Saturday

9:30am in the main sanctuary to help lead the service & then we'll go to the chapel.

November 11 & December 9



Stay for a **yummy kiddush lunch!**

Tot Shabbat

Upstairs With
Miss Liz

10:30am

**2-6
year
olds**



We are fireworks



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Friday Night

6pm

FJLC Shabbat - Open to all!

Services & Potluck Dinner

SAVE THE DATE
November 17
February 23
May 17



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

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to sign up to bring a dish.

Security Training for our Congregation Beth El Congregants



On May 3, 2023, I gave a presentation during the Adult Education Current Events series about security at the synagogue. I began with a basic question, "Do you feel safe at Beth El?" This question is always at the top of my mind when I think of our members and guests attending Shabbat Services, school, classes, programs and events. I ask myself, "What is it that makes us safe?"

What makes us safe is not just the \$180.00 security fee that all members are assessed for the year to pay for our amazing security company, K Street Group; it is not only how we have a close working relationship with Lower Makefield Township Police; it is not only just my diligent List Serve of Synagogue Administrators and Executive Directors or Security Communications Network (SCN), who employ FBI, Homeland Security and other professionals in the security field, who send out warnings and updates and do online training in security, (which I have attended regularly); it is not all the safety measures we have in place, (which I will not go into detail, as you can understand why); it is also all of you, who help keep us safe, too.

There have been various times over the years that I get a call from a member that begins, "Barbara, I don't want to bother you but, I just left the building and I noticed a car sitting in the driveway of the lot." I always answer, "This is no bother, this is one of the most important calls you will make today." It takes a Tribe to keep a synagogue safe and you are all part of the Tribe. Greeters and ushers also play an extremely important role; not only do you get greet and know members and guests coming to Beth El, but greeters and ushers help to assess those who are entering the building (If you would like to volunteer to become a greeter or usher, call the office, 215-493-1707 x4).

Join us on **November 5, 12:30pm - 2:30pm** for our synagogue-wide security training with K Street Group. This training is to provide safety measures at Beth El and any other public space that you enter.

Register by November 5, visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the Security Training graphic.

We are taking all the necessary measures to ensure the safest environment we possibly can. Now more than ever, as Israel is being attacked, and threats loom in the States, this training is extremely important. Ask yourself, "Do I feel safe at Beth El?" Whether your answer is yes or no, come out on November 5 and be a part of the process of keeping our Tribe safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Schwartz". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Barbara Schwartz
Synagogue Administrator
Barbara@bethelyardley.org
215-493-1707 x4

Please consider joining us for this important training.

STOP

**Join us for a Congregational
Security Training Day**

**[SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
12:30PM - 2:30PM]**

in person

- **Situational Awareness**
- **Building security**
- **Reporting suspicious behaviors**
- **Active shooter training**
- **and more will be included in the training**

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP.



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It is with great joy that we invite the
community to join us as

Rabbi David Cantor

דוד אליהו

Celebrates the 40th Anniversary
of his Bar Mitzvah!



November 4, 2023

9:30am

Parshat Vayera

Kedma, Yoash, Avniel, Shoshana & Devora

Services will be followed by a kiddush lunch
RSVP appreciated. Visit www.bethelyardley.org.



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Holiday Programming Committee

Our Beth El community will celebrate Hanukkah together on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the **2nd Annual Hanukkah Hoopla**.

At 4:30pm, there will be crafts for children and a simultaneous adult program. At 5:15, we'll join together for candle lighting. Bring your own Hanukkah and 8 candles. In our light-filled room, we'll have a Hanukkah sing-a-long and then share potato latkes, sufganiyot and conversation together.

We really enjoyed this event in 2022 and think that this year, it's even more important to be together. Join us for this great event and if you need a ride, call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.

A few volunteers are needed on December 13th for Hanukkah Hoopla setup and cleanup. Also, we'll soon begin planning a special Purim celebration for Saturday evening, March 23, 2024. Please share your ideas and let us know if you might be able to participate in any way.

Sandie Hirsch & Shelli Krevitz
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. Please note: when you RSVP for lunches, a volunteer link will be in your confirmation email.

Shabbat Luncheons: Saturday, November 4 and November 11

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP

December luncheon RSVPs will be forthcoming.

Membership Committee

Membership Incentive Program - Help increase our membership!



As a member, if you bring in any new members to Congregation Beth El, you will receive \$118 credit on your account. This money can be applied to your membership dues and/or any programs and events where there will be a cost. Please be sure to let the office know which new members you encouraged to join. Thank you in advance.

2ND ANNUAL HANUKKAH ★ HOOPLA EVENT ★

FUN & FREE FOR ALL AGES



חג חנוכה שמח!

Wednesday, December 13

4:30pm

Crafts for children

4:30pm

Adult program with Rabbi Cantor

5:15pm

Community Candle Lighting & Hanukkah sing-a-long. Bring your own Hanukkiah to light & 8 candles.

PTO Potato Latkes Sale: Order by December 1

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP by Dec. 12.

Need a ride? Let us know.

LATKES

SUFGANIYOT

SUPPORT CONGREGATION BETH EL'S PTO

LATKES SALE

Prices will be
available
shortly



Hanukkah



1st night: Wednesday, December 7

ORDER by December 1

Visit www.bethelyardley.org.

Payment must accompany order. Pick up times will be
in your confirmation email.



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136 scrolls from
Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
and Delaware
are being
invited for the reunion

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

60th anniversary of the Memorial Scroll Trust
on Krystallnacht

7:00pm

at Congregation Rodeph Shalom
615 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Congregation Beth El will be bringing our Holocaust Memorial Scroll

Registration Required

Visit www.bethelyardley.org

Parking lot is in the back on Green Street



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Adult Learning – November/December 2023

Join us for a variety of programs this fall. Whether it's in person or virtual, evenings, weekends or weekdays, come join your friends for some interesting, fun, participatory and informative classes.

NOVEMBER

Jewish Political Traditions

Wednesday Mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, weekly through December 20, in person at Beth El

Instructor: Rabbi Cantor

Using key historical events from Jewish history as a backdrop, we will examine some of the key political questions that Jews have struggled with over the millennia, such as: Who should rule the community – religious or secular authority? How should an individual interact with the greater society? Program includes readings and group discussion.

Jewish Life Cycle Series with Rabbi Cantor

Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 – 8:30 PM in person at Beth El

Jewish Mourning Practices

Do you know what to expect at a Jewish funeral? Or how to behave appropriately when visiting the home of mourners who are “sitting shiva”? In this program, Rabbi Cantor will explain how to navigate the customs and practices relating to Jewish mourning. Q&A time will be included in the program.

DECEMBER

Jewish Life Cycle Series with Rabbi Cantor

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 – 8:30 PM in person at Beth El

The Jewish Wedding

Jewish wedding traditions blend past, present and future. Whether you're attending one or planning your own, join Rabbi Cantor for a look at a variety of rituals and customs. Q&A time will be included in the program.

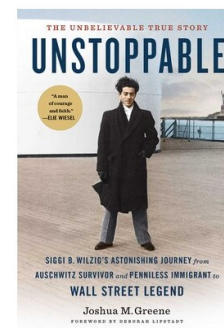
BETH EL BOOK CLUB

Unstoppable by Joshua M. Greene

Sunday, November 12 at Beth El, 10:30 AM – noon

Discussion Leader: Sheldon Miller

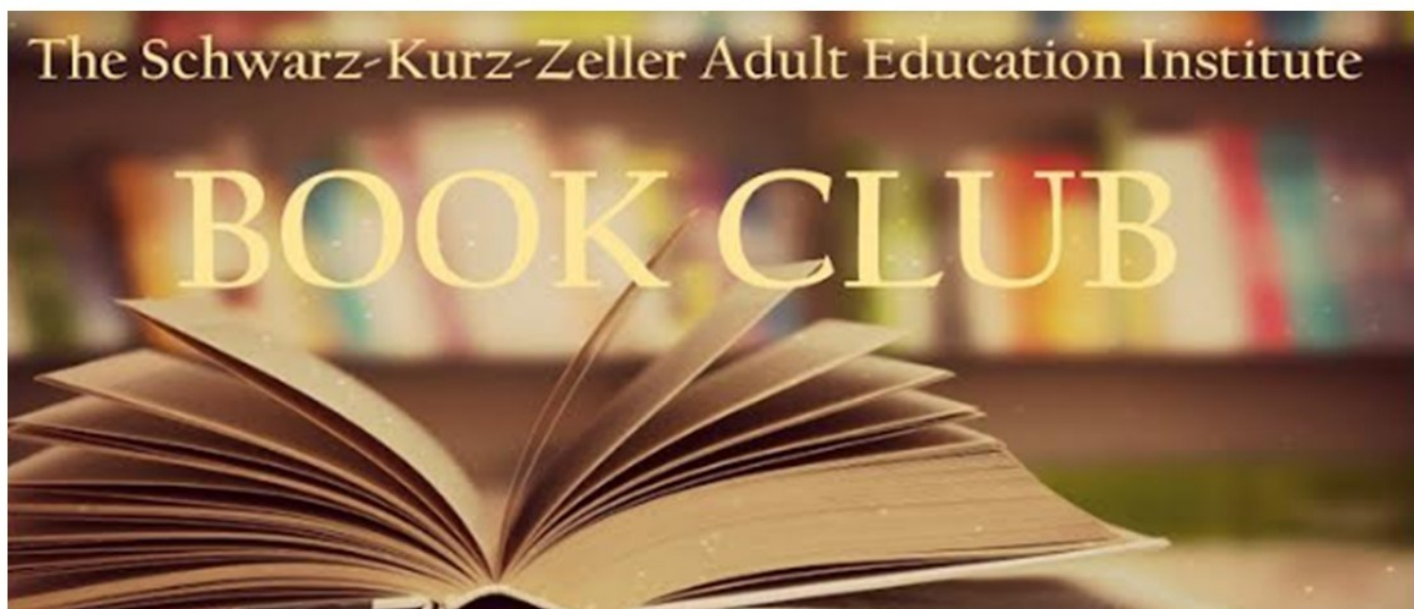
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Culture and Cream Cheese (formerly known as Book Nosh)

Sunday December 3, 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon at Beth El

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.



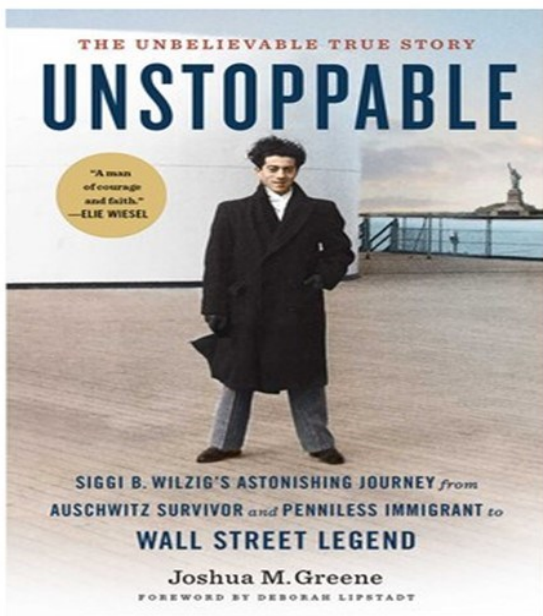
Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 AM in person at Beth El

Light refreshments will be served

Unstoppable by Joshua M. Greene

Discussion Leader: Sheldon Miller

About the Book



Unstoppable is the ultimate immigrant story and an epic David-and-Goliath adventure. While American teens were socializing in ice cream parlors, Siggie was suffering beatings by Nazi hoodlums for being a Jew and was soon deported along with his family to the darkest place the world has ever seen, Auschwitz. Siggie used his wits to stay alive, pretending to have trade skills the Nazis could exploit to run the camp. After two death marches and near starvation, he was liberated from camp Mauthausen and went to work for the US Army hunting Nazis, a service that earned him a visa to America. On arrival, he made three vows: to never go hungry again, to support the Jewish people, and to speak out against injustice. He earned his first dollar shoveling snow after a fierce blizzard. His next job was laboring in toxic sweatshops. From these humble beginnings, he became President, Chairman and CEO of a New York Stock Exchange-listed oil company and grew a full-service commercial bank to more than \$4 billion in assets.

Siggie's ascent from the darkest of yesterdays to the brightest of tomorrows holds sway over the imagination in this riveting narrative of grit, cunning, luck, and the determination to live life to the fullest.

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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Learn How to Navigate the Jewish Life Cycle *4-part series*

Do you know what to expect at a Jewish funeral? Do you know how to act, or what to say at a Shiva house? Have you ever wondered how to behave at a circumcision ceremony or baby naming? Perhaps you've struggled to explain some Jewish wedding customs to your non-Jewish friends. Or perhaps you've wondered what Jewish law has to say about tough end-of-life decisions.

This year, Rabbi Cantor will lead us through a 4-part series on the events of the Jewish Life Cycle.

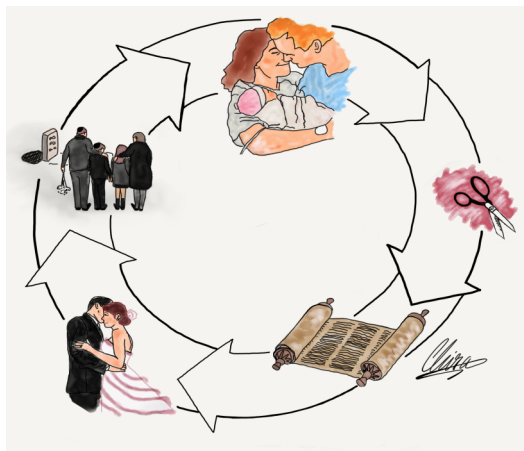
On November 1, we'll discuss what happens during a Jewish burial and mourning period. You'll learn how pay your respects at the cemetery, as well as how to comfort mourners during the Shivah period.

On December 20, we approach a happier part of the Jewish Life Cycle – the Jewish wedding. Rabbi Cantor will walk us through the pre-wedding events as well as the wedding ceremony itself, so you'll know what to expect and how to celebrate this happy time. [Spoiler alert: You will need this information, because you and the entire Congregation will be invited to a FJLC Mock Wedding on February 25. Save the date!]

On January 24, Rabbi Cantor will talk about Jewish child-rearing practices. From birth, to blessings, to B'nai mitzvot, there are special events and milestones. You'll learn how to celebrate each milestone event Jewishly as well as joyously.

Finally, on February 28, we'll wrap up our series with a discussion of the Jewish approach to end-of-life. You'll learn the Jewish approach to end-of-life issues – what does our tradition teach us about aging and dying with dignity and respect.

Please join us! Each session in our series is Wednesday evening, from 7:00pm to 8:45pm (in person). We will take a 15-minute break during the session for evening minyan (in person and virtual). Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP for each class.



Jewish Lifecycle Series

with Rabbi Cantor

WEDNESDAYS
7:00PM – 8:45PM

includes evening minyan

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP

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Jewish Approach to End-of-Life



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Jewish Political

Traditions

Wednesdays
10:00am - 11:30am

Now through December 20
(in person & virtual)

Source material will be handed out.

For more than two millennia, both within and outside the Promised Land, the Jewish people were a self-governing civilization. Join Rabbi Cantor for a survey of the evolution of the Jewish Political Tradition from the Wilderness to Emancipation, as kings, priests, prophets, rabbis, and sages vie for authority over the Jewish community.

- *Covenant: God's Law and The People's Consent*
- *Revelation: Torah and Reason*
- *Kings*
- *Priests*
- *Prophets*
- *Rabbis and Sages*
- *Controversy and Dissent*
- *The Good Men of the Town*
- *The Gentile State*

For more information visit www.bethelyardley.org
or contact adulthood@bethelyardley.org.



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**Join Rabbi Cantor
to discuss the Parsha of the week.**

**Saturday Mornings
9:00am**

(Before Services, meet in the lobby or Oneg Room)



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Discuss all the interesting ***JEWISH*** themed...

- Art exhibitions
- Authors
- Books
- Broadway shows
- Characters
- Cultural happenings
- Movies
- Operas
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Saturday, November 11, 2023

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Wednesdays

December 7

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Sisterhood's Pink Shabbat in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness



Join us in reminiscing about our impactful Saturday with the Sisterhood of Beth El during our vibrant Pink Shabbat. A crucial event dedicated to spreading awareness about hereditary breast and ovarian cancer risks within Jewish families, our Pink Shabbat & lunch was a resounding success. We had the privilege of hosting over 70 enthusiastic members, united in our commitment to promoting preventive measures and sharing Sharsheret's invaluable resources.

The day was filled with meaningful moments as we offered Aliyahs, Torah readings, and encouraged active participation from our cherished congregation during the service. The warmth and solidarity were noticeable, not just in our collective support for breast cancer awareness, but also in our discussions about the ongoing challenges in Israel. Our sense of community was further strengthened as we came together to address these pressing issues.

Your presence added an irreplaceable touch to the day, emphasizing the spiritual significance of our communal efforts and highlighting the unity within our community. We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support and active involvement. Your commitment to our community's well-being is truly commendable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our community. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact, creating a brighter and healthier future for all.

Rachael Oring & Phyllis Schachter
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



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**Sun
Nov. 19**

Pre Hanukkah
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with Mens Club

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Dec. 5**

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will follow.

**Wed.
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Event
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will follow.

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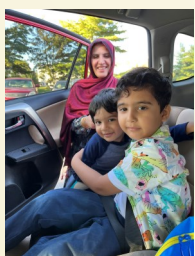


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Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our food drive to benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Community Baptist Church in Bristol Borough. We collected more than 50 bags of food! Permanent collection boxes are set up in the coat closet across from the main office for accepting donations all year long. We keep an eye on the boxes and make deliveries as needed. All donations are appreciated, while those items most in need are canned fish, cereals of all types, Carnation Instant Breakfast packets, and baby food. A special thank you to Carol Benderson-Lighter for securing 200 donated reusable bags from ShopRite and to Amy and Ken Kaissar for loading up their cars to make the deliveries to the pantry. Keep an eye out for our next big collection drive at Pesach time!



The Afghan refugee family living in Fairless Hills continues to thrive with the strong support of the Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement (BCICRR.) Beth El has been a steady partner in this work since February 2022, when the family of six arrived. We've contributed furniture, clothing, and hundreds of hours of driving the pre-schooler to school and family members to occasional doctors and other appointments. Several congregants have been part of our loyal "driving team", including Carol Benderson-Lighter, Linda Greenberg, Shelli Krevitz, Laura Lebenkoff, Debbie Sokol, and Debbie Wachspress. The family has been getting by with one car that dad uses to get to work as a driver for a local hospital, and now a second car has been donated. Mom is taking driving lessons and is scheduled to take her driver's test in mid-November! Working with this beautiful family has been the greatest gift for all involved.

In addition, BCICRR is in the process of partnering with Immigrant Rights Action of Doylestown to provide pop-in information sessions in Lower Bucks County for recent immigrants and refugees needing help with school registration, health care, housing and employment. Plans are also in the works to assist unaccompanied minors living in a group home in Bensalem with English language learning and life skills. If you are interested in learning more about this initiative and possibly volunteering, please contact Debbie Wachspress at debwachspress@gmail.com.

A hearty THANK YOU to the large team of chefs and meal packers who continue to show up monthly for Cook for a Friend (too many to name!) We know how much the seniors enjoy the delicious shepherds pies and other delicacies you so lovingly put together. Hats off to Beth Sadoff for her dedicated and peppy leadership!

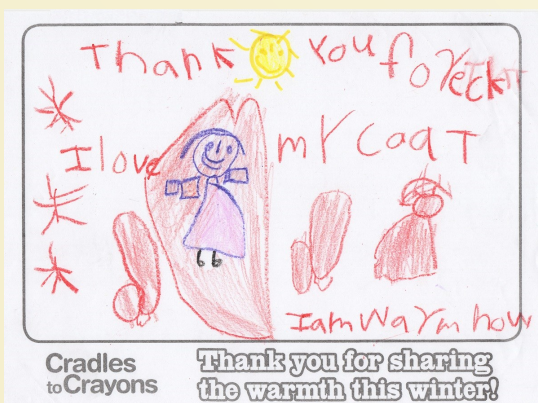
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Some of the bags collected during the High Holidays for Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Community Baptist Church in Bristol Borough

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Michael Philip Weinberg, who is this guy?

Michael Weinberg has been a part of Congregation Beth El for over 64 years. He spent a lot of time in the building on 21 Penn Valley road in Levittown following along as his mom, Claryne Weinberg, volunteered in the synagogue office or cooked in the synagogue kitchen with sisterhood. Michael helped his dad, Alan Weinberg, setting up sound systems and Alan's Sanctuary Nir Tamid in the shul. Alan and Claryne were founding members of the Synagogue, originally known as Levittown Jewish Center. They served on the Board of



Directors and were Men's Club and Sisterhood Officers. So, it is no wonder that Michael has continued the family traditions, participating in the Beth El Community. Michael was a USY member and served as Chapter President during his senior year in Pennsbury High School. Michael is the current Men's Club Treasurer. He sees the challenge of young and older Men's Club members finding their place in the Shul and delivering interesting topics to bring individuals, and families together, for fun, socialization, learning, and even a little bit of fundraising, by leading the annual Passover Pickle Run. Michael is the Chair of the Cemetery committee, keeping track of the plots owned by the shul or giving a personalized tour at King David Memorial Park in Bensalem, PA.

Michael attended Beth El's Hebrew school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The synagogue had that many kids, so it needed the two sessions, Monday-Wednesday-Early Sunday and Tuesday-Thursday-Later Sunday. After Michael's Bar Mitzvah, he was asked to join the Beth El choir by Cantor Lou Hershman. Sitting in the congregation for all those years, Michael had learned all the tunes for Shabbat and High Holidays by rote. In the years that followed Michael continued to sing in the choir with cantors that followed and became a choir soloist. At one point Michael worked closely with Rabbi William Fierwerker to learn the Musaf service for the High Holidays to preserve the Beth El traditions and tunes so familiar to the Congregation. You can always hear him singing some type of harmony at services. Michael keeps up on his Bar Mitzvah's Parashat Noach and has learned more of the Torah reading.



Michael graduated from Pennsbury High School and at first wanted to be an architect attending University of Miami. His artistic abilities were with his voice and not in drawing or design, so Michael returned home to attend Temple University. He graduated in 1983 and has worked as a medical technologist in laboratories in local hospitals. Michael currently works for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System as a Senior Clinical Analyst for the Corporate Information Technology department. Translation: Computer Geek! Always in the search for knowledge, Michael returned to school and earned his MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix in 2008.

Michael follows the Philadelphia professional sports teams with the Flyers being his favorite followed by the Phillies, Eagles, Union, and even the 76ers. You might see Michael biking around on his recumbent trike. He has raised funds for and participated in the City to Shore 150 MS Bike Ride for the past 13 years, and completed the 2023 ride this September. Michael has a collection of self-made tallitot and is willing to help anyone design one to their liking and teach them how to tie the tzitzit. In his minute amount of spare time Michael likes photography, travel, and genealogy.

Michael is married to Michelle Tapper from Akron, Ohio. Theirs was one of the last weddings held at our 21 Penn Valley Road location. Their daughter Jeanette is a graduate of Pennsbury High School, and Beth El's Hebrew School. Jeanette holds parts in Beth El trivia when, at 5 years old, her game winning response to a "Jewpardy" question was not a Jewish answer. Also, her Bat Mitzvah party was interrupted by a snowstorm and power outage on October 29, 2011. Michelle and Michael also care for their "son", BuBu (pronounce BooBoo) Weinberg, a 26-year-old Congo African Grey Parrot. Yes, BuBu talks!

Some of the great joys that Michael has at Beth El are directing the crew of Sukkah builders, leading the second Tuesday night of the month Minyan, or any Minyan he attends, and calling his assigned list of congregants sharing Board of Directors news, checking in, and chatting.

Do you have a simcha you want to share?

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



Arlene Spevak and Alan Weisgold

- Mazel Tov to Tina Leifer-Rettig and Michael Rettig on the birth of their grandson, Jasper Lev Millstone (Yehuda Lev), and proud parents Mara and Lee Millstone.
- Mazel Tov to Judith Snyder in honor of the birth of her 7th grandchild, Moshe Cheirif.
- Mazel Tov to Sandie Hirsch in honor of her 70th anniversary of becoming a Bat Mitzvah.
- Mazel Tov to Arthur Cohn in honor of his 70th anniversary of becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi David Cantor in honor of his 40th anniversary of becoming a Bar Mitzvah.



Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...

- ◆ Condolences to our members, Esther Lutzker and David (Marcy) Lutzker, on the passing of Albert Lutzker, Esther's husband and David's brother.
- ◆ Condolences to our member, Mallory (Adam) Flager, on the passing of her beloved grandmother, Elaine Rubin, z"l.
- ◆ Condolences to the Wisnia Family on the passing of Rabbi Eric Wisnia, z"l.
- ◆ Condolences to our member, Penny (Lenny) Bardfeld on the passing of her beloved father, Harvey London, z"l, and grandfather of Jake, Eric and Tyler.
- ◆ Condolences to the Charschan Family on the passing of longtime Congregation Beth El member, Lillian Charschan, z"l.

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

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Monday - Thursday at 7:30pm
Sunday at 7:30pm

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Have you ever considered buying a Memorial Plaque for your loved ones? The plaque will be mounted on our Yahrzeit board in perpetuity. Each year you will receive a notice of the date of the Yahrzeit, it will be announced during our Shabbat Services, and the plaque will be lit in memory of your loved one for a full month. The cost is \$750 for members and \$900 for non-members. Contact the office to receive a form or visit www.bethelyardley.org; About Us.





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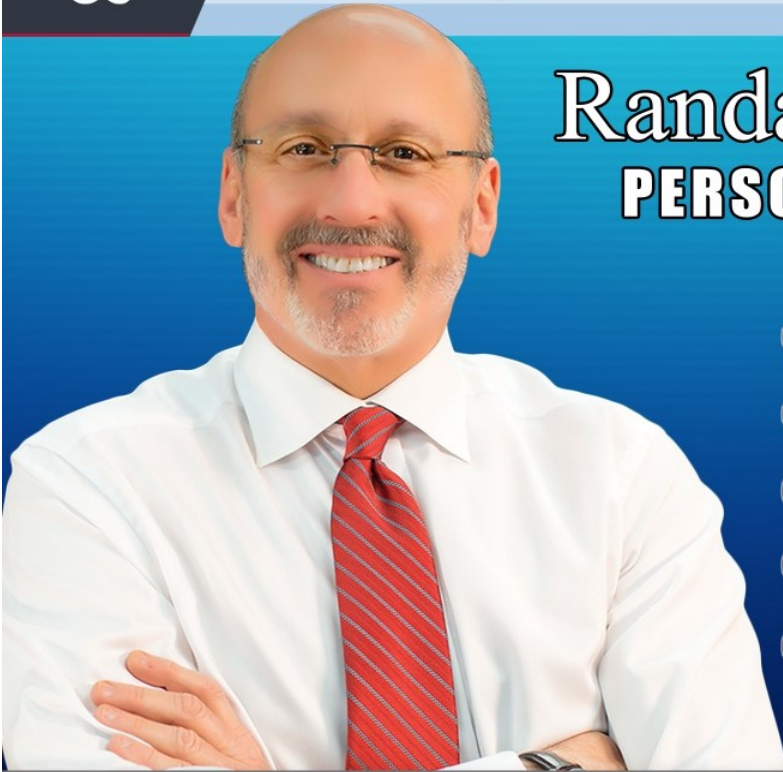
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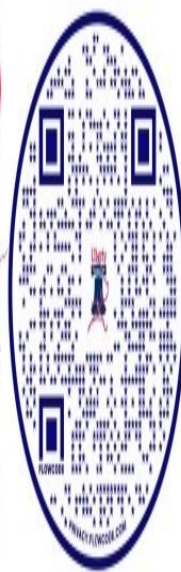


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5 (21 Cheshvan) 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMoadon (Hebrew High School) 12:30pm Security Training for Congregation 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6 (22 Cheshvan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	7 (23 Cheshvan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 (24 Cheshvan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	9 (25 Cheshvan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Memorial Scrolls Trust Gathering at Rodeph Shalom 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 (26 Cheshvan) No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:31pm Candle Lighting	11 (27 Cheshvan) Chayei Sara Shabbat Mevarchim Veterans Day 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah University (BMU) - 3rd - 7th & Parents 10:30am TOT Shabbat (2 - 6 year old & Caregivers) 12:00pm Shabbat Luncheon 5:28pm Havdalah
12 (28 Cheshvan) 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:00am Preschool Fun 10:30am Book Club 10:30am HaMoadon (Hebrew High School) 12:15pm Teacher Staff Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13 (29 Cheshvan) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	14 (1 Kislev) Rosh Chodesh Kislev 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 (2 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	16 (3 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 7:30pm Evening Minyan	17 (4 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:25pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm FJLC Shabbat & Potluck Dinner	18 (5 Kislev) Toldot 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:23pm Havdalah
19 (6 Kislev) 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMoadon (Hebrew High School) 11:00am Hazak Brunch & Program 5:30pm Hockey Game sponsored by Men's Club, Sisterhood and FJLC 7:30pm Evening Minyan	20 (7 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	21 (8 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	22 (9 Kislev) Office closes at noon No FJLC 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 7:30pm Evening Minyan	23 (10 Kislev) Thanksgiving Day Office closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	24 (11 Kislev) No Friday Evening Services Office closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 4:20pm Candle Lighting	25 (12 Kislev) Vayetzei 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:18pm Havdalah
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3 (20 Kislev) 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:30am HaMoadon (Hebrew High School) 10:30am Culture & Cream Cheese (formerly known as Book Nosh) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	4 (21 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	5 (22 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Sisterhood Program: Jewelry Swap 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6 (23 Kislev) 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 4:30pm FJLC Special Programming 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	7 (24 Kislev) Erev Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 (25 Kislev) Chanukah No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:17pm Candle Lighting	9 (26 Kislev) Vayeshev Chanukah Shabbat Mevarchim 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah University (BMU) - 3rd - 7th & Parents 10:30am TOT Shabbat (2 - 6 year old & Caregivers) 12:00pm Shabbat Luncheon 5:15pm Havdalah
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