

# The Shofar



The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County  
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**All are welcome to attend!**

(Prospective members & non-members welcome)

Congregation Beth El's

## Back to Shul Barbecue



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**FREE EVENT**  
**FOOD | FRIENDS | FUN | DJ**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 12:00 - 2:00PM**  
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215-493-1707 x4.

**Rain or shine we are inside!**



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## 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](http://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.

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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](http://www.bethelyardley.org)

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



## The Shofar - Congregation Beth El's Newsletter Issues

July/August, September/October, November/ December, January/February, March/April, May/June

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





As we begin our 2-year term, Ian and I are optimistic and humbled by the opportunities and challenges ahead. We are fortunate to have a Board that combines members representing multiple generations of Beth El membership as well as new members that can bring a fresh perspective.

We continue to face many of the same challenges other synagogues and churches face. Everyone is busy and there is great competition for people's time and energy and financial resources. The world is changing, and we must change with it if we are to grow and thrive. Ian and I will challenge our Board members and committee chairs to make our services and programs more attractive to our congregants, potential congregants, and the larger Jewish community. We welcome all ideas, and even better, your time and energy to help us. Please feel free to forward your thoughts to Barbara at [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org) and she will share them with Ian and myself.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to the upcoming Back to Shul Barbecue on Sunday, September 10, the start of the school year and during the High Holy Days next month.

Kol Tuv,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Mark Fried' and the second is 'Ian Schachter'.

Mark Fried and Ian Schachter  
[president@bethelyardley.org](mailto:president@bethelyardley.org)



### ***Matt Julin, Men's Club President***



Matt Julin is excited to be the next President of the Beth El Men's Club. Along with his wife Amy, son Jacob, and daughter Sarene, he is humbled by the opportunity to contribute to the vibrant Beth El community. The Julin family joined Beth El in 2021 and received a warm welcome from the start. Outside of the shul Matt is a Consultant at Slalom - focusing on digital transformation and product development. He is often walking the neighborhood with the family dog Simcha (a.k.a. Simmy). Matt is excited to introduce some new Men's Club events this year and welcomes any ideas/feedback/concerns from the congregation.

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### ***Robyn Hessberger, Treasurer***



My family moved to Yardley 26 years ago and joined Congregation Beth El shortly after. The congregation's friendly and welcoming environment was a big part of our decision to join. My husband Lee, son Marc and daughter Elyse have enjoyed many happy occasions at Beth El. My husband and I have both been very involved. Lee served as Treasurer and also as Men's Club President. I was a co-chair of the Membership Committee and spent several years directing Beth El's preschool.

I am a Certified Public Accountant and the Assistant Business Administrator of a public school district in New Jersey. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer.

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### ***Eric Fishbein, Board Member***



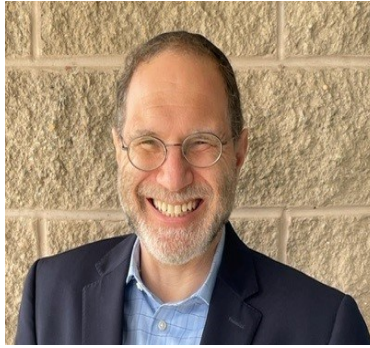
Eric is currently serving on the board for his second year. He joined Beth El in 2019, along with his wife Robyn and children Elijah (now 9) and Hannah (now 7). Eric was part of the most recent Rabbinical Search Committee. He is originally from New York, and he attended Lehigh University for college and Cornell University for graduate school. Currently, he is the Assistant Vice President of Managed Care at Virtua Health in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

Over the last several years the Fishbein family has become increasingly involved at Beth El, with regular attendance at evening minyan and both Eli and Hannah attending FJLC. Eric is looking forward to continuing to serve on the Board of Beth El.

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





Every year during Yom Kippur we are invited to consider the following questions:

- What are we?
- What is our life?
- What is our goodness?
- What is our righteousness?
- What is our achievement?
- What is our power?
- What are our victories?

We are not, however, given sufficient time during the service to actually contemplate them: the paragraph flies by during the repetitions of the Amidah, and the one time we are invited to read it for ourselves – during the private Amidah of Nei'ila at the end of the day – how many of us really pause during our prayers to ponder them?

What are we? – who are you as a human being? *What* are you as a human being? What is your role in life? How do you define yourself?

What is our life? – our goodness? – righteousness? – achievement? – power? – victory? These are all questions that – if explored sincerely – have the ability to improve our experience of life by putting it into context. People pay money to be asked these questions in therapeutic and self-improvement sessions – our Tradition invites us to do it for free.

Regular attendees of the daily minyan will recognize these questions from the first pages of our daily prayers. The rabbis must have been of the opinion that – in addition to the Day of Atonement – one could benefit by starting off one's day by pausing to consider one's purpose and place.

We are entering the *yamim nora'im*, the “Days of Awe” when we take an accounting of our lives. At least once a year, during services, I encourage you to take a moment to consider these questions. Or set aside some time during each week. Or even each day. Consider it a mode of meditation. Because we should all feel that we have had victories, moments of power, achievement, righteousness, and goodness. We should know what our life is, and what we are.

May we all be written and sealed for goodness in the Book of Life.

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

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## FJLC - Congregation Beth El's Religious School

Jews are known as the “people of the book” and the importance of education is deeply embedded in Jewish culture. From the time of the Torah, Mishna, and the Talmud we have been taught to question, ponder and sometimes even struggle with God. When did we learn this? For some it was stories we heard as kids, for others, it was texts studied as adults. The one thing we all had in common was that we had a teacher who loved to teach about Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z”l is quoted as saying, *“Teachers open our eyes to the world. They give us curiosity and confidence. They teach us to ask questions. They connect us to our past and future. They’re the guardians of our social heritage. We have lots of heroes today – sportsmen, supermodels, media personalities. They come, they have their fifteen minutes of fame, and they go. But the influence of good teachers stays with us. They are the people who really shape our life.”*

The wonderful thing about working in our Jewish religious school is that we get to see the light in our students’ eyes, the wonder of learning, and we help our students struggle with important questions. Why do we blow the shofar, why do we fast, why shake the etrog, why light the candles, why be Jewish? Without Jewish educators our kids (and the whole world) lose that love of questioning and the spark of Jewish joy.

**Last year in our program, we focused on the joy and fun of Judaism. This year we are going to focus on ritual, tradition, and community, in addition to the joy of being Jewish.**

We want to integrate the Beth El community into our activities. This summer some of our FJLC students met at the Borsht Belt restaurant and Sandie Hirsch told us about the resorts and entertainers at the places in the Catskills. None of our kids had ever heard about these popular Jewish summer resorts and they asked great questions as we were surrounded by memorabilia of the Borsht Belt. This was Jewish education in action and we all realized Jewish education does not start and stop in the classroom. The Beth El community is not just about going to services and celebrating holidays, it is also about everyone teaching and learning together. That is the essence of Jewish Education.



We have some great experiences we want to share with both the school and the community. Please come to Pizza in the Hut in October, Munchies, Mocktail and Movies in December, our mock wedding in February, and Iron Chef Matza in April. We have some more activities that we are planning, but they are secret. Shhh!

Kedma Cantor

Kedma Cantor  
Education Director  
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# First B'nai Mitzvah University of the school year - with Jeremy

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

**Join us Saturday**

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

## October 14



Stay for a **yummy kiddush lunch!**

## Tot Shabbat

## Upstairs With Miss Liz



2-6  
year  
olds



*We are fireworks*



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# 2023 Fall Holidays

All are welcome to attend.

*Join us for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah!*

Services are in person unless otherwise noted.  
Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org).

## Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 29

6:00pm Friday Evening Services  
6:29pm Candle Lighting  
7:00pm Dinner in the Sukkah\*

## Sukkot Day I In person & virtual

Saturday, September 30

9:30am Sukkot Day I Services  
7:26pm Candle lighting

## Sukkot Day II

Sunday, October 1

9:30am Sukkot Day II Services  
7:24pm Havdalah

## Sukkot Days III - VI

Monday, October 2 - Thursday, October 5

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan (virtual only)

Wednesday, October 4

5:30pm Pizza in the Hut\*

## Hoshana Rabah

## Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 6

7:00am Morning Minyan  
No Evening Services  
6:17pm Candle lighting

## Shemini Atzeret

Saturday, October 7

9:30am Shemini Atzeret Services including  
Yizkor Services In person & virtual  
6:00pm Mincha  
6:30pm Learning for Adults &  
Program for Children  
7:14pm Candle lighting  
7:15pm Maariv Services  
7:30pm Simchat Torah Celebration &  
Torah Parade

## Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 8

9:30am Simchat Torah Services followed  
by Sloppy Joe lunch (vegetarian  
option available)  
7:13pm Havdalah  
7:30pm Evening Services (virtual only)

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# Dinner In The SUKKAH

***Friday, September 29***

**6:00pm Friday Evening Services**

**7:00pm Catered Shabbat Dinner**

*Dinner includes chicken, vegetarian options,  
& kid friendly food, side dishes and dessert.*

**\$36 per person    \$12 FJLC Students    under 3 is free**

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) to RSVP by September 18. No one will be turned away over the ability to pay. If you should need assistance, please contact the office, 215-493-1707 x4. Payment must accompany RSVP.  
Online payments are credit card only.



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# Simchat Torah Celebration

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

6:00pm Mincha  
6:30pm Learning for Adults  
& Program for Children  
7:14pm Candle Lighting  
7:15pm Maariv Services  
7:30pm Simchat Torah  
Celebration &  
Torah Parade

(Light refreshments will be served)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

9:30am Simchat Torah  
Services

Sloppy Joe lunch to follow.  
Vegetarian option available.

**No RSVPs needed.**



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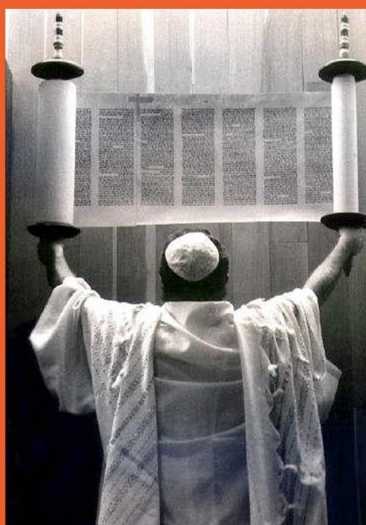


# Learn how to

Blow the Shofar with Kedma Cantor



& lift the Torah  
(Hagbah)  
with Rabbi Cantor



**September 6**

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Open to anyone—bring your own shofar or borrow ours!

Learn to Make  
**Rosh Hashana Challah**  
with Kedma



Honey Challah



Apple & Cinnamon  
Challah

Round challot are traditionally made for Rosh Hashanah. They symbolize the circle of life and a sweetness for the New Year.

**Wednesday, September 13**

**4:30-6:30pm**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**JOIN CONGREGATION BETH EL FOR**

**PIZZA IN THE HUT**

Wednesday, October 4 @ 5:30pm  
All are welcome to attend!

**Pizza, salad & dessert**

\$5: 3-12 yrs old  
\$8: 13-59 yrs old  
\$5: 60+ year olds  
Under 3 free

RSVP by:  
September 27

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or mail check made payable to Congregation Beth El. Payment required with reservation.

For more information email, [holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org](mailto:holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.org).

**Sweets in the Sukkah!**

You are invited to  
**Rabbi Cantor & Kedma's Home**  
**Sunday, October 1**  
**3:00pm - 5:00pm**

No RSVP required.

Address:  
320 N. Fieldstone Court  
Yardley, PA 19067

# Congregational Security Training Day

## Save the Date

***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

***Want to get involved but not sure where to start?***

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) for a list of committees (About Us & Engage tabs)  
at Congregation Beth El or  
call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.



## Sweeten the New Year with Adult Learning!

Check out the new Adult Education programs to start off the New Year at Beth El! Here's what you'll find in September and October.

### SEPTEMBER

**PLEASE NOTE:  
NEW TIME!!!**



#### **The Good Place for the High Holidays: Jewish Discussions and Watch Party**

***Wednesday, September 6, 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Beth El***

Elul is the month on the Jewish calendar that leads into the High Holidays. It's a time to transition gradually from summer lightheartedness, and start to spiritually prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We'll begin by watching a lighthearted show together, take a short break for minyan, then regroup for a deeper dive into the serious ethical and religious themes to be found in the show.

### OCTOBER

#### **Jewish Political Traditions**

***Wednesday Mornings, 10:00am – 11:00am starting on October 18, in person at Beth El***

***Instructor: Rabbi Cantor***

Using key historical events from Jewish history as a backdrop, we will examine some of the important 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.

#### **Medicare 101: Tips for Choosing the Right Plan for You**

***Thursday October 19 at 8:00pm (virtual only; registration required)***

***Speaker: Eric Fishbein (Beth El congregant and Assistant VP of Managed Care at Virtua Health)***

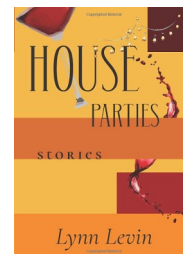
Do you have questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare drug plans, either for yourself or someone in your family? Join us for a virtual session focusing on how to make the right decision for you or your loved ones.



#### **Book & Author Event with Lynn Levin, author of House Parties**

***Sunday October 22 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in person at Beth El***

Join us for a discussion and book-signing with local author Lynn Levin, whose debut collection of short stories was published this spring.



#### **Culture and Cream Cheese (formerly known as Book Nosh)**

***Sunday October 29, 10:30am – 12:00noon 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.

### NOVEMBER

#### **Jewish Life Cycle Series with Rabbi Cantor**

***November 1, 7:00pm – 8:30pm 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.



## 2023-2024 Beth El Book Club

**Calling all readers!** It's time to curl up with a good book. Check out the interesting reads selected for the coming year. The Beth El Book Club is open to everyone. Please join us for discussions on **Sundays in person at Beth El**.

Look for further information on [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) and in the weekly emails.

### ***Dates and Book Selections for 2023-2024***

<b>October 22, 2023</b> <i>1:00 PM at Beth El</i>	<b>House Parties</b> <i>by Lynn Levin</i>
<b>November 12, 2023</b> <i>10:30 AM at Beth El</i>	<b>Unstoppable</b> <i>by Joshua Green</i>
<b>January 7, 2024</b> <i>10:30 AM at Beth El</i>	<b>A Bend in the Stars</b> <i>by Rachel Barenbaum</i>
<b>March 3, 2024</b> <i>10:30 AM at Beth El</i>	<b>Dinners With Ruth</b> <i>by Nina Totenberg</i>
<b>April 14, 2024</b> <i>10:30 AM at Beth El</i>	<b>Beautiful Country</b> <i>by Qian Julie Wang</i>
<b>June 9, 2024</b> <i>10:30 AM at Beth El</i>	<b>The Wind Knows My Name</b> <i>by Isabel Allende</i>

All meetings will be on Sundays at 10:30am except for the author visit which will meet at 1:00pm. We will meet in person at Beth El unless otherwise noted on flyers.

Thank you to all our devoted Book Club members who nominated books for this year's reading list.

Not a Book Club member? Joining is easy. All you have to do is show up. If you haven't read the book, come to the meeting anyway to find out whether to put this book on your To-Be-Read List.

Questions, concerns? Want to sign up for Book Club reminders and notifications?



# Lynn Levin

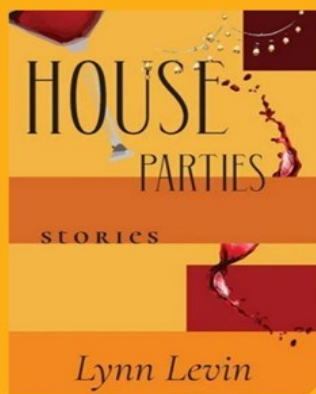
author. **speaker.**

## BOOK SIGNING

Join us for a discussion and book-signing with local author Lynn Levin, whose debut collection of short stories was published this spring.

## HOUSE PARTIES

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 22**  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
(in person)



With a deft command of comic distance and abiding compassion for her characters, Lynn Levin, in "House Parties," her debut collection of short stories, presents us with a broad range of characters who ardently, foolishly, and often with weird invention, relentlessly spar with their fates.

For more information and to register  
visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org)  
Register by October 15



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The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute

# THE GOOD PLACE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

Jewish Discussions &  
Watch Party: The Good Place\*  
(in person)

Wednesdays  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
( Evening Minyan will be held  
in person & virtual)



September 6

PLEASE NOTE:

NEW TIME!!!

\*"The Good Place" is an award-winning comedy about the afterlife based on serious philosophy. Come and laugh through each episode together, then join Rabbi Cantor as we discuss the Jewish themes behind the humor.

For more information contact: [adulted@bethelyardley.org](mailto:adulted@bethelyardley.org)



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# Jewish Political

## Traditions

Wednesdays  
10:00am - 11:00am

Begins October 18  
(in person & virtual)

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*

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## Beth El's Princeton Sculpture Tour

Beth El's art mavens gathered in Princeton on July 30 for a tour of the sculptures on the University's Main Campus. Even the weather cooperated for a delightful summer day trip.



Princeton's outdoor art collection is extensive. On this particular Sunday, Princeton Art Museum's docent, Jeanne Mazzetti, led a public tour of works by Henry Moore, Louise Nevelson, Jacques Lipchitz, George Segal, and Scott Burton. The Beth El group then privately toured additional works by Pablo Picasso, Ai Weiwei, and Maya Lin. We finished up with a light dinner at the Dinky Bar and Kitchen, before heading home.

Pictured above: Beth El sculpture fans in front of Louise Nevelson's "Atmosphere and Environment X."

## ARCHIVES

### Did you miss a program? No worries.

We have them recorded for you.  
Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org);  
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!

### *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  
would like to hear from you!

All volunteers warmly welcomed.

Please contact  
[adulthood@bethelyardley.org](mailto:adulthood@bethelyardley.org).





## The Good Place



## The “*Good Place*” is the Best Place to Get Ready for High Holidays

Do you know the TV comedy, “*The Good Place*”? Here’s the premise. When Eleanor (Kristen Bell) finds herself in the afterlife, she’s both relieved and surprised that she’s made it into the Good Place. But it doesn’t take long for Eleanor to realize she’s there by mistake. She decides to hide in plain sight, pretending to be a good person, to avoid being sent to that other place. In short order, hijinks ensue.

It’s a cute premise and quite a funny show. But behind the humor, the show makes some important points about Repentance and Redemption. As it happens, these are just the points on all of our minds as we prepare for the High Holidays.

Which is why Rabbi Cantor will lead two “watch party” sessions with us during the run-up to the Holidays. In each session, we will enjoy a different episode of “*The Good Place*” together; take a short break to daven with the minyan; and then discuss the deeper considerations that were buried beneath the comedy.

This program is in-person only. Please join us at Beth El on Wednesday evening August 30, and again on Wednesday evening Sept. 6, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Light refreshments will be available.



## Medicare 101: Tips for Choosing the Right Plan for You

If you (or a loved one) are anywhere near Medicare age, you are probably being overwhelmed with multiple mailings, phone calls, and social media posts about different Medicare and Medicare Advantage offerings.

Let’s face it. Medicare is confusing. Few of us have the time or patience or expertise to figure out all the different options on our own. And many of the “experts” offering advice are really paid sales people, trying to get you to sign up for whichever plans they are selling.

Luckily for us, Beth El has a congregant with both deep expertise and true objectivity. Eric Fishbein is the Assistant VP of Managed Care at Virtua Health, one of the area’s largest not-for-profit health systems. His organization doesn’t sell Medicare or Medicare Advantage plans, but it is their business to understand the different players in the field and what each one offers.

In other words, Eric is uniquely positioned to answer your questions about finding the best Medicare option for you (or your loved one). He has kindly volunteered to share his expertise with us on Thursday, October 19 at 8:00pm. This program is available by Zoom only. Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) to register to receive the special Zoom link for this program.



## Book Nosh has a new name and a new logo

For several years now, the popular discussion group known as **Book Nosh** has been a rollicking free-for-all where everyone in attendance chimes in with reviews, recommendations, raves, and rebukes about all things Jewish.

Originally, we discussed books but our participants, thinking outside the box, have debated the merits of lots of cultural matters beyond books. We have talked about art exhibitions, Broadway shows, movies, TV shows, operas, and many other topics with a tangential Jewish connection.

After much soul-searching, we have decided to bow to reality and change our name to reflect what we actually do. Our new name is **Culture and Cream Cheese**. Of course, the nosh part is not changing at all. We will still have bagels, schmears, desserts, and fruit, and a beverage of your choice.

Our meeting dates this year are all on Sunday mornings, starting at 10:30am, on October 29, December 3, February 4, and May 5. We hope to see you all at the better-than-ever **Culture and Cream Cheese**. And feel free to invite a few of your best friends.

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### ***Holiday Programming Committee***

As the High Holidays approach, our Beth El community has many plans to be together. Please visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), the flyers in this edition of the Shofar and the ones you receive in Beth El emails for programming.

Built around holiday observances, there will be occasions to learn, to celebrate, to dance, to socialize and to eat. Some events will be in the daytime, while others are planned for evenings. Join us once or as often as you can. Call the office if you need a ride to Beth El.

You are also invited to be a part of the Holiday Programming Committee. We welcome your ideas or help for any upcoming holiday celebration.

Shana Tova!

Sandie Hirsch & Shelli Krevitz

[holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.com](mailto:holidayprogramming@bethelyardley.com)

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### ***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](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org).

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org); click on Calendar. Use the filter for Shabbat Lunches on the calendar page.

**Shabbat Luncheon: Saturday, October 14**

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### ***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.





Hazak is Congregation Beth El's social group for mature adults ages 60+. Hazak has brunch and programs throughout the year that includes music, magicians, and more!

## ***Save the dates***

*(Sundays, 11:00am—1:00pm)*

**November 19, 2023**

**January 28, 2024**

**June 2, 2024**

For more information email Charlotte Denenberg & Michelle Flash, [hazak@bethelyardley.org](mailto:hazak@bethelyardley.org).



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# Congregation Beth El Men's Club

## *Sukkah Raising*

**All are welcome**  
**Current, prospective & new members**

Monday, September 18\*

5:00pm



**Join together as we build our sukkah!**  
**No experience necessary.**

**Battery powered screw drivers/drills and ladders are needed.**  
**Any questions, contact Michael Weinberg, 215-801-4929.**

**\*Rain date: Tuesday, September 19 5:00pm**



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# Men's Club Torah on Tap

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

**SAVE THESE DATES:**



- ♦ Wednesday, October 25
- ♦ Thursday, November 16
- ♦ Thursday, December 7
- ♦ Thursday, January 18
- ♦ Wednesday, February 7
- ♦ Thursday, March 7
- ♦ Thursday, April 11
- ♦ Thursday, May 9
- ♦ Wednesday, June 5

For more information and to get involved with Men's Club,  
email [mensclub@bethelyardley.org](mailto:mensclub@bethelyardley.org).

**8:00pm at Beth El unless otherwise noted**



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**Thursday, October 19**  
**8:30am - 3:30pm**  
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Join us for a volunteer build-day  
in Croydon (Bristol Township)



- ✓ Volunteers must work the full day.
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# Let's Get Cooking



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**Tuesdays at 4:00pm**

**September 12**

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**DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED BETWEEN  
Sunday, September 10 - Wednesday, October 11**

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| *Shoes    | Socks (new only) |

*Cradles to Crayons, is an organization which provides clothing and supplies  
to needy children living in homeless shelters or in low income situations.*



## High Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Community Baptist Church in Bristol Borough (begins September 10 - October 9)

Beth El will be coordinating a food drive to support the ongoing needs of **Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Community Baptist Church in Bristol Borough** food pantry. Members will receive a grocery bag to fill with food items beginning with the Beth El barbecue through Rosh Hashanah, to be returned to the synagogue by Yom Kippur.

As we prepare for our Yom Kippur fast, let us remember that there are members of our community, including many families with children, who are facing significant food insecurity on a regular basis.

Please join us in this important Tikkun Olam work to address hunger in our local community!

Items that are most needed  
(does not need to be kosher):

- ◆ canned fish and chicken
- ◆ boxed cereals
- ◆ packets of Carnation instant breakfast drinks
- ◆ baby food

Look for donation boxes near the office and outside of the sanctuary during the holidays.



*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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org).



- ◆ Mazel tov to Rose and Michael Koretsky on the birth of their grandchild Gavriel Mordechai Reich, son of Rachel Koretsky and Eldad Reich.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Temma Weissman & Michael Moss on the naming of their daughter Brielle Dakota Moss.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Cara and Leon Weissman on the naming of their granddaughter Brielle Dakota Moss.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Debbie and David Sokol in honor of the birth of their grandson, Jonah Sokol Beach.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Phyllis and Larry Schachter in honor of their son, Sam, and his engagement to Ella Cooperman, daughter of Wendy and Todd Cooperman.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Merry and David Eisenstadt in honor of their daughter, Rebecca Keren, and her engagement in Jerusalem to Benjamin Jablonski, son of Sonia and Henry Jablonski of Melbourne, Australia.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Great Grandma Sara Pollock & Grandparents Fran & Bill Miller on the birth of their granddaughter Marnie Nicole Miller.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to the Freeman and the Flager Families in honor of Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Barbara and David Drucker in honor of Brandon becoming a Bar Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Rachael and Rich Oring in honor of Logan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

## *Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...*

- We extend our heartfelt condolences to our dear member, Ellen Schachter on the passing of her husband, Jerry Schachter, z"l; father of Larry (Phyllis) Schachter, Ian (Bonnie) Schachter, and Lee (Michelle) Schachter; grandfather of Sam, Jeremy, Jason, Aaron, Andrew, Lexi and Jake.
- We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bari Frydman and her daughters, Aya and Lynsie Lightman, on the passing of their cousin, Dana Geron, z"l.

To make a donation, visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or fill out and mail the form at the back of the newsletter or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.

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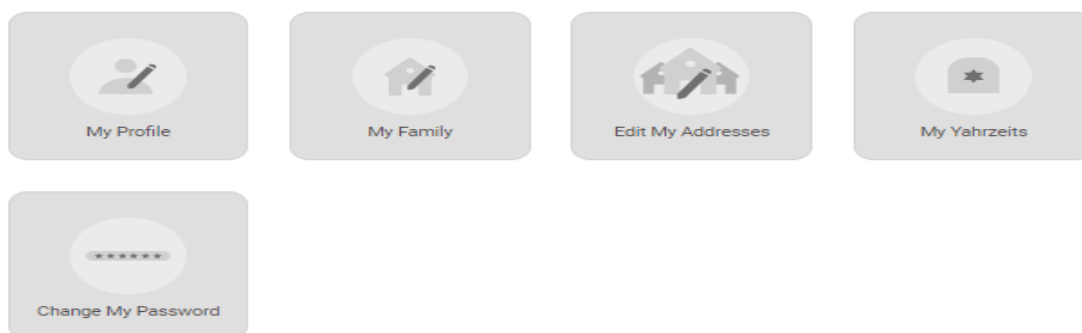
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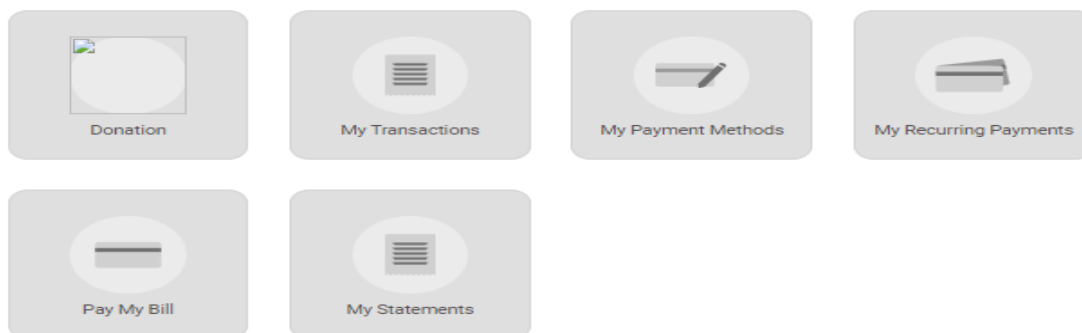
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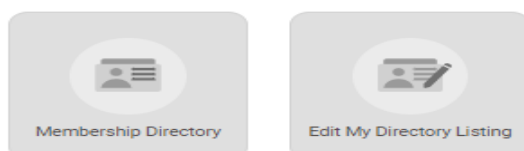
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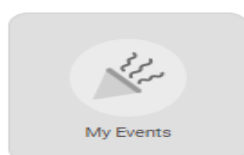
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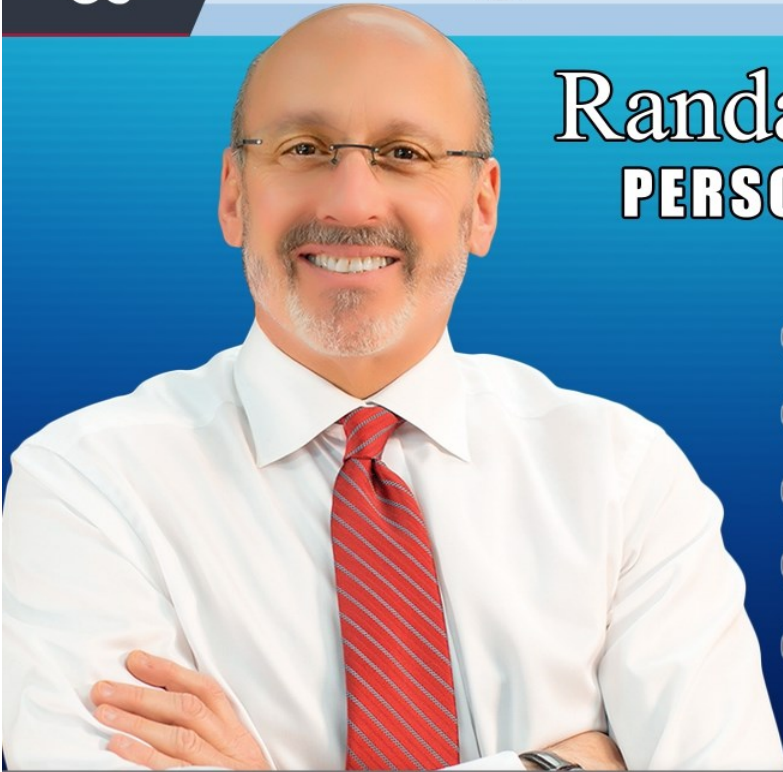
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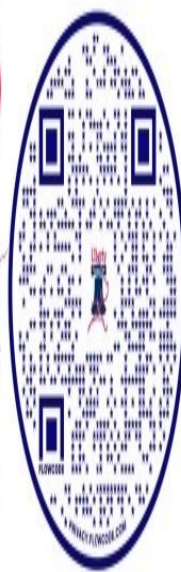


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Morning Minyan and this being my 8<sup>th</sup> year  
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Birth of Jonah Sokol Beach, grandson of Debbie & David Sokol  
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Congregation Beth El



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

#### **Daily Morning Services:** (in person only)

Monday - Friday at 7:00am

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Sunday at 8:00am

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Monday - Thursday at 7:30pm

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**Donate a book for any occasion!**

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

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**Memorial (Yahrzeit) Plaques:** Among the customs to help us with loss and bereavement is the commemoration of a loved one on a Yahrzeit plaque. These plaques, which are affixed to a special memorial board in our Chapel, are an expression of love and devotion. 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](http://www.bethelyardley.org); About Us.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 (17 Elul)</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>4 (18 Elul)</b> Labor Day Office closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>5 (19 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>6 (20 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Shofar Blowing & Hagbah Class with Rabbi Cantor & Kedma Cantor 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting Party: The Good Place 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>7 (21 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>1 (15 Elul)</b> No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:15pm Candle Lighting	<b>2 (16 Elul) Ki Tavo</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:12pm Havdalah
<b>10 (24 Elul)</b> Food Drive begins Cradles to Crayons collection begins 8:00am Morning Minyan 8:45am Sisterhood: Tallis Sale 9:00am F.J.L.C (1st - 7th) 12:00pm Back to Shul Barbecue 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>11 (25 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Pickup Mahzor 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>12 (26 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Pickup Mahzor 4:00pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>13 (27 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Pickup Mahzor 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 4:30pm Challah Baking with Kedma Cantor 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>14 (28 Elul)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Pickup Mahzor 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>8 (22 Elul)</b> No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:04pm Candle Lighting	<b>9 (23 Elul) Nitzavim-Vayeilech</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:00pm Brothers of Israel: Havdalah, Guest Speaker & Seichot 8:01pm Havdalah
<b>17 (2 Tishrei)</b> <b>Rosh Hashana Tashlich</b> No F.J.L.C 8:30am Rosh Hashanah Services 10:30am Children's Services & Challah Baking 10:30am Childcare Available (18 months - PreK) 4:00pm Tashlich (No Mincha) 7:47pm Havdalah	<b>18 (3 Tishrei)</b> <b>Fest of Gedalia</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Men's Club Sukkah Building - Rain date 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>19 (4 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm Men's Club Sukkah Building - Rain date 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>20 (5 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>21 (6 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>22 (7 Tishrei)</b> No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00am Pickup up Challah 6:40pm Candle Lighting	<b>23 (8 Tishrei) Ha'Azinu</b> <b>Shabbat Shuva</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:37pm Havdalah
<b>24 (9 Tishrei)</b> <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> No F.J.L.C 8:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Childcare Available (18 months - PreK) 6:15pm Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Evening Service 6:37pm Candle Lighting	<b>25 (10 Tishrei)</b> <b>Yom Kippur Yizkor</b> Office Closed 8:30am Yom Kippur Services including Yizkor Services 10:30am Children's Services 10:30am Childcare Available (18 months - PreK) 4:00pm Yizkor Service Open to the Community 4:45pm Mincha & Neilah Services 7:34pm Havdalah 7:35pm Evening Minyan	<b>26 (11 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>27 (12 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm F.J.L.C (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>28 (13 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm School Committee Meeting	<b>29 (14 Tishrei)</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Friday Evening Services and Sukkot Dinner 6:29pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Sukkot Dinner	<b>30 (15 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot</b> Sukkot I 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:26pm Candle Lighting

May you have a sweet and Happy New Year.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 (16 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot</b> Sukkot II No FJLC 9:30am Sukkot Services 3:00pm Sweets in the Sukkah: offsite 7:24pm Havdalah 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>2 (17 Tishrei)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</b> Sukkot III (CH"V) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>3 (18 Tishrei)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</b> Sukkot IV (CH"V) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>4 (19 Tishrei)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</b> Sukkot V (CH"V) 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 5:30pm Pizza in the Hut 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>5 (20 Tishrei)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</b> Sukkot VI (CH"V) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>6 (21 Tishrei)</b> <b>Hoshana Rabah</b> Erev Shemini Atzeret No Friday Evening Services Sukkot VII (CH"V) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:17pm Candle Lighting	<b>7 (22 Tishrei)</b> <b>Shmini Atzeret</b> <b>Yizkor</b> Erev Simchat Torah 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Shemini Atzeret Services 6:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration & Services 7:14pm Candle Lighting
<b>8 (23 Tishrei)</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b> No FJLC 9:30am Simchat Torah Services followed by Sloppy Joe lunch 7:13pm Havdalah 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>9 (24 Tishrei)</b> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>10 (25 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>11 (26 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>12 (27 Tishrei)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>13 (28 Tishrei)</b> Borrowed Books due today Resat mi she' beirach list No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:06pm Candle Lighting	<b>14 (29 Tishrei) Bereshit</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 10:30am Bnai Mizzeah University (BMU) & TOT Shabbat 12:00pm Shabbat Luncheon 7:04pm Havdalah
<b>15 (30 Tishrei)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 12:15pm Teacher Staff Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>16 (1 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b> Shofar Newsletter Deadline 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>17 (2 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>18 (3 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>19 (4 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:30am Habitat for Humanity project with Kol Emet 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Eric Fishbein: Choosing the best Medicare Plan	<b>20 (5 Cheshvan)</b> No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:56pm Candle Lighting	<b>21 (6 Cheshvan) Noach</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 6:53pm Havdalah
<b>22 (7 Cheshvan)</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 1:00pm Book Club 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>23 (8 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	<b>24 (9 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>25 (10 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jewish Political Traditions 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Men's Club: Torah on Tap	<b>26 (11 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm School Committee Meeting	<b>27 (12 Cheshvan)</b> No Friday Evening Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:46pm Candle Lighting	<b>28 (13 Cheshvan) Lech Lecha</b> 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 6:44pm Havdalah
<b>29 (14 Cheshvan)</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th) 10:30am Culture & Cream Cheese (formerly known as Book Nosh) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>30 (15 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>31 (16 Cheshvan)</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan				

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