

# The Shofar



*The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County*

March/April 2017

Adar/Nisan 5777

Hello,

The next two months hold two of my favorite holidays, Purim and Pesach. As a child growing up at Beth El in Levittown, I have very fond memories of the big Purim carnival, with games, prizes, bingo, food and Andy Flager dressed as the court Jester. If you have not seen a picture of this, it is worth a look. While Purim is a holiday that is celebrated in the synagogue with a community, Pesach is typically observed at home with family and friends around a table. Some of my fondest memories are of my mother cooking for what seemed like days prior to the first Seder and the loud singing of my family. If you've heard me sing, you know that quantity and volume outshines quality. Both holidays retell the story of the Jewish plight; someone wanted to kill us, a hero rose to lead us to safety, and we eat. Sounds like a common refrain, but who am I to argue with a winning theme.

But life is more complicated today. Our synagogue serves a community as it did years ago, but we also provide a platform to face today's challenges. In a county as prosperous as Bucks, there are still people who are in need of food, seniors living alone and families who do not have enough to eat. Many of us give to Mazon or other food based organizations, but two of our members have gone beyond donations and decided to take action. Beth Sadoff created a program called "Cook for a Friend", a great mitzvah to prepare meals for those in need. Each month Beth plans, shops and organizes the chefs to create 120 -150 full meals that are distributed by the JCC in northeast Philadelphia. I have had the opportunity to help cook and it is a great feeling knowing I am doing something to impact another person's life. Making a donation to a worthy cause will never be turned down, but preparing a meal with your hands is a different experience.

Rachael Oring recognized that seniors are vulnerable to food insecurity. She started "Breakfast for Seniors", a program designed to reach a segment of our community who frequently do not have food available. Rachael is the driving force in creating, organizing and distributing bags filled with breakfast essentials to seniors to ensure they have a nutritional start to their day. It would have been easy for Rachael to simply donate to one of the many local food banks, but she, along with Beth, took the responsibility and the words of Rabbi Tarfon in Pirkei Avot to heart: "It is not our duty to perfect the world, but we cannot ignore it either".

In addressing a need to support our sources of food, Joy Finkel took a different approach. In working to create sustainable, better food alternatives, Joy took it upon herself to start the first ever Beth El CSA, Community Supported Agriculture. This method of contracting with local farmers gives them income they can rely on and a fresh, local source of produce for the consumer throughout the growing season. Having belonged for the last several years it is great food at a reasonable price that you feel good about supporting. Joy recognized the need and found a way to do something about it. Sign up for this season's produce by March 1, [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org).

In January, Beth El was proud to host a community wide event, "No Place for Hate". After seeing incidents of racism and anti-Semitism in Bucks County, Rick Albuck decided he needed to take action. A longtime member of the board of the Anti-Defamation League, Rick organized a rally that brought people throughout Bucks County to Beth El, along with elected officials including our new Congressman Fitzpatrick and State Senator Warren to address the issue. In addition, Rick brought a member of the ADL professional team to provide a broad overview of how the ADL responds to all cases of discrimination and intolerance. Adding to the strength of the event, ABC News covered the rally which made the evening news. Rick chose to take a stand and make a difference, he didn't simply say something or post on Facebook, he took action.

I am proud to be a member of Beth El, an organization that has Beth, Rachael, Joy, Rick and others who not only recognize the need for action, but do it. Yasher koach to all who make a difference in our community.

B'shalom,

*Leon Weissman*  
President

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Morning Minyan

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

### Evening Minyan

Monday - Thursday..... 7:30pm

### Shabbat Services

Friday..... 6:00pm  
Saturday..... 9:30am

## SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday..... 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday..... 8:30am - 2:00pm

## BUBBE'S JUDAICA SHOP HOURS

Sunday..... 9:00am - noon  
Wednesday..... 10:00am - noon  
Friday..... 10:00am - noon

To schedule an appointment, please  
contact Michelle Flash at  
[michelleflash@me.com](mailto:michelleflash@me.com)

## Check out Our Event Calendar

[http://www.bethelyardley.org/  
info/calendar.html](http://www.bethelyardley.org/info/calendar.html)

## NEXT SHOFAR DEADLINE

**Deadline for the  
May/June Shofar  
is April 13th**

# Be Happy! Adar is Here!

## The Story of Purim

Purim is one of the most joyous and enjoyable holidays on the Jewish calendar. It commemorates a time when the Jewish people, living in Persia, were saved from extermination. The story of Purim is told in the biblical book of Esther. The heroes of the story are Esther, a beautiful young Jewish woman living in Persia, and her cousin Mordecai, who raised her as if she were his daughter. Esther was taken to the house of Ahashverus, King of Persia, to become part of his harem. King Ahashverus loved Esther more than his other women and made Esther queen, but the king did not know that Esther was a Jew, because Mordecai told her not to reveal her identity. The villain of the story is Haman, an advisor to the king. Haman hated Mordecai because Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman saying that he would only bow to God. Out of anger against Mordecai, Haman plotted to destroy the entire Jewish people. Haman told the king that the Jewish people were different, that their laws



are different from those of every other people's and that they do not observe the king's laws. This put the fate of the Jewish people in Haman's hands, to do as he pleased to them. Haman planned to exterminate all of the Jews.

The word Purim means 'lots' and refers to the lottery that Haman used to choose the date for the massacre. Mordecai persuaded Esther to speak to the king on behalf of the Jewish people. This was a dangerous thing for Esther to do, because anyone who came into the king's presence without being summoned could be put to death, and she had not been summoned. But when Esther approached the king, he welcomed her. Later, she revealed her identity as a Jew and told the king of Haman's plot against her people. The Jewish people were saved and Haman was hanged on the gallows that had been prepared for Mordecai and the Jews.

## What we do on Purim

The celebration of Purim focuses on the fact that the Jewish people were saved by Esther and Mordecai's courageous acts.

## Read the Megillah

Traditionally the scroll of Esther is read out loud at synagogue twice on Purim: once at night and once during the day. The scroll from which we read is called a Megillah; it contains the story of Esther.



One of Purim's most enjoyable aspects is that when the name of Haman is read from the Megillah, people make noise to drown out the evil name of the villain with a noise maker called a grogger or Ra'ashan in Hebrew.

## Dress in costumes

Mistaken identity plays an important role in Purim. Esther hid her Jewish heritage from the king. We too hide our identities on Purim as children and adults dress up as characters from the Megillah or as whatever we feel like.



## Eat special foods

We eat triangular cookies filled with fruit on Purim that help us to recall the evil villain Haman who wore a 3 cornered hat. The cookies are called Hamantaschen in Yiddish and are called *Oz'nai Haman* (literally the "ears of Haman") in Hebrew.



## Shalach Manot

Lastly, giving gifts of food to friends and giving to those less fortunate are two important Mitzvot on Purim; both of these customs are ways of sharing our joy.



**Erev Purim is on Saturday, March 11th.** Check out the pages that follow for Megillah reading times for both adults and children.





This year Purim begins on Saturday, March 11th in the evening. Purim festivities at Beth El will begin with dinner at 5:30pm followed by *Megillah* Reading and entertainment. See the details in the flyer below. On Sunday, March 12th, we will hear the *Megillah* again at 8am at morning minyan.

Giving Shalach Manot, gifts of food to friends, is an important Mitzvah on Purim as a way of sharing our joy. As in past years, this year each Beth El Family will receive a *Shalach Manot* bag from Beth El Sisterhood and from congregants who participated in this wonderful fundraiser!

Your *Shalach Manot* bag can be picked up at Beth El during regular business hours or FJLC hours any time from Sunday, March 5th to Wednesday, March 15th.

**Join Us  
for  
Purim!**



FJLC and the Beth El Community invite you to:



**That's Entertainment!**

Come for a fun-filled night of *MAGIC* and *COMEDY*  
as our multigenerational community comes together  
for a delicious *PASTA* and *ICE CREAM* feast  
followed by an *INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT* experience!  
Costumes welcome!!

**Saturday March 11th**

**Dinner at 5:30pm**

Traditional and Family Megillah Readings at 6:30pm

Show at 7:30pm

Followed by dessert



Dinner and Show: \$20/adult; \$10/child; \$60/family

(Checks payable to Cong Beth El)

Become a sponsor: ☐ \$200 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$75

RSVP Online at [www.BethElYardley.org](http://www.BethElYardley.org) or contact:

Sheri Goldstein [shericarag@yahoo.com](mailto:shericarag@yahoo.com)

Rachael Oring [rachoring@gmail.com](mailto:rachoring@gmail.com)

Please include name, phone number, and number of guests

## Education & Youth

### **B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El**

Josh Gross, son of Leslie and Michael Gross, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

As a long time runner, Josh decided to work with the Bucks County Road Runners on a Clothing Drive for his mitzvah project. The Clothing Drive is being held at 11 of the races of the Bucks County Winter Series. Gently used clothing and shoes will be donated to various charities including the Purple Heart Foundation and Arrows. Mazal Tov!



### **From the Education Director**

In January our Fierverker Jewish Learning Community explored the value of *L'dor Va'dor*, from generation to generation. In preparing for January's value, I came across an insightful quote from anthropologist Margaret Mead; "Connections between generations are essential for mental health and the stability of a nation." There is no doubt that grandparents and grand friends engender a great sense of stability and connection when included in the raising of children. However, from generation to generation there are many changes in lifestyles and opinions that do not make it easy to find common ground.

So I am pleased to say that the Fierverker Jewish Learning Community held a *L'dor Va'dor* Grandparents and Grand Friends Brunch on Sunday, January 29th with the goal of truly getting to know our elders, the lessons and blessings they give us! Every FJLC child brought at least one grandparent or grand friend to the brunch where they had opportunities to interview, to play games and most importantly to create wonderful memories. It was an amazing day filled with amazing connections!!



# The Schwarz-Kurz-Keller Adult Education Institute

Presents Scholar in Residence

Rabbi Shai Held

- ◆ Theologian, Scholar
- ◆ Educator, President, Dean and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar, where he also directs the Center for Jewish Leadership and Ideas
- ◆ Served six years as Scholar-in-Residence at Kehilat Hadar in New York City, & taught theology and Halakha at the Jewish Theological Seminary
- ◆ Served as Director of Education at Harvard Hillel
- ◆ A 2011 recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award for excellence in Jewish Education
- ◆ Listed multiple times on Newsweek's list of the 50 most influential rabbis in America
- ◆ Doctorate in religion from Harvard; Academic interests are in modern Jewish and Christian thought, biblical theology, and in the history of Zionism
- ◆ Author of Abraham Joshua Heschel: The Call of Transcendence & The Heart of Torah (due out next year)



FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:00PM SHABBAT SERVICES,

DINNER & DISCUSSION

RSVP: \$18/ADULTS \$12/CHILDREN

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

SHABBAT LUNCH & LEARN

RSVP/NO CHARGE

RSVP BY: THURSDAY, MARCH 16

BARBARA@BETHELYARDLEY.ORG

OR WWW.BETHELYARDLEY.ORG

# Get Ready for Passover!

It is time to begin thinking about Pesach. Good preparation is the key to a seder and a Pesach when we truly feel ourselves to have been redeemed from slavery as a people as well as from the bondage of our own personal struggles.

**Hametz (leaven)** – The main ritual observance of Pesach is ridding our homes of all forms of leaven. First, all bread products should be actually removed, either donated to a food pantry, sold, given or thrown away by nightfall on the day before Pesach. Second, we do a ritual search for leaven (*bedikat hametz*), this year in the evening of Sunday, April 9th, traditionally by candlelight, using a feather and spoon to collect several pieces of specially placed leaven. This is a great ritual for the whole family! We then recite the formula for nullifying any unfound hametz (*bittul hametz*). In the event that some products are too expensive to actually be disposed of, they may be sold to a non-Jew for the duration of Pesach, **and Rabbi Gruenberg can act as your agent in that transaction if you sign the form in the synagogue office by Sunday, April 9th 11:00am.** On the morning of the First Seder night, (Monday, April 10th) we destroy the hametz (*biur hametz*) that we found the night before, usually by burning it, and we again recite the formula for nullifying unfound hametz. The rituals for searching, nullifying and destroying hametz can be found in a good haggadah.



**Beth El will be collecting your nonperishable, unopened chametz and donating it to the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the lobby no later than Sunday, April 9, 2017, 11:00am.**

## **Ta'anit Bekhorim (fast of the firstborn)**

On the day leading into seder, all firstborn Jews customarily fast from morning until evening. However, if one takes part in a mitzvah that includes a feast, the fast is cut short. Join Rabbi Gruenberg on Monday, April 10th at the 7 am morning minyan for some study.

## **Ma'ot Hittin**

As on every Jewish holiday, it is praiseworthy to give to tzedakah so that others will have enough to eat and, in the case of Pesach, provisions for seder. One wonderful opportunity for doing so is by contributing to Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger. We have their materials in the synagogue lobby or go to: <http://www.mazon.org>.

## **Seder**

The complex details of seder are best addressed through a good haggadah. The Rabbinical Assembly's Feast of Freedom includes a lot of wonderful material, and the Hartman Institute's A Different Night is great for kids, but many others are also worth checking out. Remember that the best seder experience will be one where everyone participates by reading, acting out the story or telling their own stories of personal redemption. There are many online resources to help you enhance your seder.

## **Schedule of Passover Services**

### **Monday, April 10th - Erev Passover –1st Seder**

7:00am morning minyan & study with Rabbi Gruenberg  
7:16pm Candle Lighting

### **Tuesday, April 11th - 1st Day of Passover - 2nd Seder**

9:30am Services                      8:16pm Candle Lighting

### **Wednesday, April 12th - 2nd Day of Passover**

9:30am Services                      8:18pm Candle Lighting

### **Sunday, April 16th - 6th Day of Passover – Chol Hamoad**

6:00pm Services                      7:22pm Candle Lighting

### **Monday, April 17th - 7th Day of Passover**

9:30am Services                      8:23pm Candle Lighting

### **Tuesday, April 18th - 8th Day of Passover**

9:30am Services with Yizkor                      8:24pm Candle Lighting

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

Each year at the Passover Seder we recite the words,  
"Let all who are hungry, enter and eat,  
all who are in need,  
let them come celebrate Pesach."

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

If you fall in either category, please call the office,  
215-493-1707 x4 or email [office@bethelyardley.org](mailto:office@bethelyardley.org).

Passover begins on Monday, April 10th.

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

# GOT NEEDS?

***We want to help!***

Beth El's Hesed 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.

***Please let us know if you or someone you know needs assistance. We offer:***

- \*rides to doctor appointments, Shabbat Services, hospital visits, airport & more!
- \*occasional food shopping \*set up for a shiva house
- \*babysitter referrals \*meals

***The possibilities are endless!***

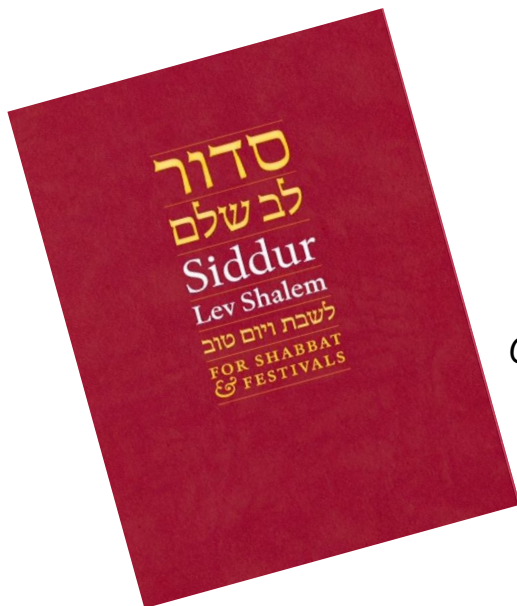


**HESED COMMUNITY IS HERE FOR YOU!**

***Please reach out for help when needed***

**Contact:**

- \*Barbara or Marian in the office; 215-493-1707
- \*Barbara Schwartz; [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org)
- \*Marian Berger; [mberger@bethelyardley.org](mailto:mberger@bethelyardley.org)
- \*Debbie Wachspress; [debwachspress@gmail.com](mailto:debwachspress@gmail.com)



# DONATE NOW!

## Siddur Lev Shalem

*For Shabbat & Festivals*

*Our new prayer book for our synagogue and for your home*

Honor or remember important people,  
milestones and celebrations by donating  
the new Lev Shalem Siddurim to  
Congregation Beth El

We are excited that Beth El has begun to use Siddur Lev Shalem, the new publication from The Rabbinical Assembly, that reflects the Conservative movement. The Siddur Lev Shalom has all the prayers and psalms from previous Siddurim with commentary, spiritual reflections and historical background for some of the readings. The Siddur Lev Shalom can be used for personal use at home.

Please consider making a donation to honor or remember someone special in your life. Submit the form below to the office.

### SIDDUR LEV SHALOM DONATION

**Please print legibly:**

Donor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (how you would want your name to appear on the bookplate)

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate (to Beth El) \_\_\_\_\_ (# of Siddur) @ \$54.00 each. Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate (for home purchase) \_\_\_\_\_ (# of Siddur) @ \$54.00 each. Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### \*BOOK PLATE DEDICATION INFORMATION:

In memory of (name) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (name/occasion for honor) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please use a separate piece of paper for additional book plate dedications.

Please mail your check with this form to: Congregation Beth El 375 Stony Hill Road Yardley, PA 19067

**ATTN: Siddur**

# Sisterhood



## JOIN SISTERHOOD AND RABBI GRUENBERG AT OUR NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, March 21, 2017@7:30/7:45 after minyan

### Small Great Things

by Jodi Picoult

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

**Imagine:** If 200 congregants (2/3 of us) purchase a \$100 supermarket gift card each week, Beth El earns **\$1,000** in a single week or **\$52,000** in a year!

**Supermarket Gift Cards** are for everyone and easy to use. Beth El is the beneficiary while you buy the groceries you would buy anyway. Get them in our office, gift shop or from Debbie Lubin at 215-321-0772 or [dzlubin@comcast.net](mailto:dzlubin@comcast.net).



**Giant**

**McCaffrey's**

**ShopRite**

## Please join us for these fun events!

### Sunday, April 2, 2017:

#### **Shmooze, Shop and Schmear!**

Come enjoy bagels and coffee while you shop at the Sisterhood Gift Shop in advance of Passover. Special Discounts and Door Prizes. And lots of shmoozing with the ladies of Sisterhood!

### Tuesday, June 6, 2017:

#### **Closing Event: Word Mavens.**

Entertaining and informative -- the Word Mavens never disappoint! Learn more about their schtick at [www.thewordmavens.com](http://www.thewordmavens.com) and join us for this fun closing event!

Beth El Sisterhood has been working hard to reinvigorate our membership, plan fun events, perform crucial fundraising for Beth El and connect the women of all ages within the community.

We look forward to seeing you!

### **Sincerely, Co-Presidents,**

Arleen Barisa [abe76@comcast.net](mailto:abe76@comcast.net) 267-288-5876

Jill Cohen [JRM3237@aol.com](mailto:JRM3237@aol.com) 917-570-7399

Gloria Feldman [gsf512@netzero.net](mailto:gsf512@netzero.net) 215-968-5114

### **Immediate Past President**

Faye Laveson [klaveson@aol.com](mailto:klaveson@aol.com) 267-312-6230

## Men's Club

### PING PONG and PANCAKES A DELICIOUS SUCCESS!!

Thank you to all of you who came out for our Ping Pong and Pancakes event on January 29th. We ate delicious pancakes with a variety of toppings and had an amazing Ping Pong Tournament!



*Save the Date*  
Sunday, May 21  
1:00 - 4:00pm  
Par 3 Golf Course



Join Rabbi Gruenberg and  
the Men's Club  
at Continental Tavern  
2 North Main St, Yardley, PA 19067

March 2 cancelled

*New date to be announced*

We will discuss the weekly Torah portion  
while enjoying some of Pennsylvania's  
finest beer on tap.

Attendees are responsible to pay for  
their own spirits.

For more information, please contact  
Ian Schachter at [bonnians@verizon.net](mailto:bonnians@verizon.net)

Men's Club  
Yom HaShoah Candle  
Project  
Sunday, March 12th 9:00am



Seeking volunteers  
Email Ian Schachter  
[bonnians@verizon.net](mailto:bonnians@verizon.net)

# Share Shabbat Dinner

*Enjoy a Member Hosted Shabbat Dinner*

**Friday, March 31st at 6:45pm**

Dinners will be dairy/vegetarian

To participate please send your RSVP to  
[shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com)  
 or call Susan Strouse (215) 355-8999



**To be fair to our hosts, all RSVPs must be received by**  
**March 19, 2017**

Next Share Shabbat: June 9 (Potluck dinner)

My family and I joined Beth El in the hopes that we would meet new people and make some new friends. When given the opportunity to participate in the Share Shabbat Dinner, we were very excited.

Our experience with Shabbat Share at our host home was lovely. We had a delicious dinner to which all the families contributed and the families that we met were very nice. Our son was occupied all evening with the host's son and Eliot and I spent Shabbat evening enjoying the company of friendly adults.

-Jeannie & Eliot Weisblatt



I was happy to be able to host a Share Shabbat dinner in January. Our Share Shabbat dinner was great and I would definitely host again. It was fun for all!

-Michelle Flash

# Hazak



## HAZAK'S AMAZING PROGRAMS & BRUNCHES



It's been another very successful year for Hazak. We have approximately 100 active members and continue to grow each year.



Our year kicked off on Sunday, September 18th with Bandleader Alan Paller and vocalist Paul Jerome, known over the years for their musical entertainment in the Philadelphia areas. They entertained with renditions from The American Songbook and more!



Sunday, November 20th, we had Dr. Domenic Sisti, a medical bioethicist from the University of PA, who spoke about end of life ethical issues. Dr. Sisti's research examines the ethics of mental health care services and policies. He also studies the philosophical dimensions of the concept of mental disorder with a focus on personality disorders.



Sunday, December 11th, Freyda Thomas (daughter of Eddie Shaw) entertained us with her amazing repertoire.



Sunday, January 22nd, The C-Sharp Chamber Choir, a Chinese - American group performed. They were a wonderful choir. Following their performance they were very social, joining many tables to just "chat" and answer questions about their heritage and Asian background.

**BILL WINE**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 5th**  
**10:30AM**



Bill Wine of KYW Newsradio will be here on **Sunday, March 5th at 10:30am** to speak about Jewish humor and the 10 greatest Jewish jokes. Bill is extremely knowledgeable about Jewish humor and comedians. Bill Wine has been KYW Newsradio's movie critic since 2001. He has also served as a film, theatre, television and book critic for such publications as the Village Voice, Camden Courier-Post, the Philadelphia Daily News, and the Philadelphia Inquirer, and has contributed articles, essays and reviews to numerous magazines and film books.

See opposite page for May Hazak Program



# Keith Spencer

**All are welcome to join us for an amazing program at Congregation Beth El!**

**Sunday, May 7th**

**12:45pm - Deli Lunch**

**2:00pm - Program**

**We are proud to present Keith Spencer, a dynamic and versatile performer who will absolutely enthrall you! He has appeared at Bristol Riverside Theater, the Prince Theater in Philadelphia, a Broadway tour of Andrew Lloyd Weber's Music of the Night, and on many stages and venues in and around our area. He has planned a varied program for us, including his signature song "Old Man River".**

**RSVP by May 1, 2017 to**

**Sara Pollock - 21 Tupelo Lane Langhorne, PA 19047**

**Cost: Hazak Members \$15.00 \* Non-Members \$20.00 \* Program ONLY \$5.00**

**Check payable to HAZAK of BETH EL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Cook for a Friend

Join us in the Beth El kitchen, the first Tuesday of the month. No experience required.  
Come spend an hour or two and help prepare nutritious kosher meals for homebound seniors.

Questions? Contact Beth Sadoff at  
[bjaws999@gmail.com](mailto:bjaws999@gmail.com) or  
215-208-8006



March 7  
April 4  
May 2



### *We are looking for a few good Minyaners*

Congregation Beth El holds both morning and evening minyan services open to our members and friends in the community. We invite you to join us and become a regular volunteer. Take some time from your busy day or week, come to our chapel and pray with friends and neighbors, and be there to support a person saying kaddish or yarhzeit.

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



#### Morning Services

Monday - Friday at 7:00 AM

#### Evening Services

Monday - Thursday at 7:30 PM

#### Sunday Services

8:00 AM

Please give Brian Levey, our Minyan committee leader, a call. Home: 215-321-8670

Cell: 267-250-7526 Email: [blevey1000@gmail.com](mailto:blevey1000@gmail.com)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944aaa728a1fb6-march1>

# CSA - Community - Supported Agriculture



**2017 SEASON of Min Ha'Aretz**

**Hazon CSA at Beth El**

**SIGN UP by**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**receive a \*discount!**

**Must have a minimum of 25 shares ordered  
to ensure continuation at Beth El**



Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a direct, mutually beneficial partnership between consumers and farmers. By joining the Min Ha' Aretz Hazon (CSA) at Beth El Yardley you will have direct access to affordable, certified **organic, locally grown**, fruits & vegetables at a great price (+cheese/egg options).

**SIGN UP NOW** NEW FARM CO-OP

**2017 LANCASTER FARM FRESH SUMMER ORGANIC PRODUCE SHARE PRICING**



<b>LARGE SHARE</b>	<b>\$850.00 (about \$33.00 per week)</b>	<b>11-13 items per week</b>
<b>MEDIUM SHARE</b>	<b>\$610.00 (about \$23.00 per week)</b>	<b>7-8 items per week</b>
<b>SMALL SHARE</b>	<b>\$425.00 (about \$16.00 per week)</b>	<b>4 items per week (new!)</b>

**26 weeks starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> and delivering weekly (Wednesdays) through October 25th**

Options for ordering a full season share of eggs, and/or cheese etc. (no meat)

Note: share purchases for entire season - can upgrade - but cannot downgrade commitment

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN YOU CAN CALL/EMAIL**

**Min Ha'Aretz CSA COORDINATOR**

**ANNA KITCES [akitces@gmail.com](mailto:akitces@gmail.com)**

**267 - 229 - 7487 or sign up on our website [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or [yardleycsa.org](http://yardleycsa.org)**

or directly with [lancasterfarmfresh.org](http://lancasterfarmfresh.org) (must designate first choice as Beth El pick up)

\*Discount code for medium share: 15offsummer2017

\*Discount code for large share: 30offsummer2017

**OUR CSA HAS DONATED THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE TO THE LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS. WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THE CSA TO KEEP THIS DONATED FOOD STREAM ALIVE.**

Join Congregation Beth El  
on Friday, March 3rd at  
6pm for an awesome Shabbat

# Shiru La'Adonai

a Prayerful, Joyful,  
Musical, Moving, Spiritual  
Shabbat Experience!

Following services we will  
have a

Pot Luck Dinner

Please bring a dairy/vegetarian main  
course, side dish or salad to serve at least  
8 - 10 people to enjoy!

Beth El will provide the dessert!

**Future  
Dates:**

4/7

6/2

## JEWISH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Led by Cantor Florence Friedman

AT CONGREGATION BETH EL

375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA. 19067

215-493-1707 website: [www.BethElYardley.org](http://www.BethElYardley.org)

**SITTING SESSIONS – 9:30 - 10:30am** which include both guided meditations as well as silent sits based on Jewish texts and values. Reflections and discussion by participants often conclude each session.

**March 11 April 8 June 10**

**CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES – 10 - 11:30am** which include Shabbat morning prayers interspersed with meditation. There is a brief Torah reading, Mi Shebeirach for healing, and recitation of The Mourner's Kaddish.

**May 13**

Sitting sessions and contemplative services are held in the chapel or 2<sup>nd</sup> floor youth lounge

### WHAT IS MEDITATION?

*It's a practice. It's about paying attention to what is. It's about living our lives with non-judgment, loving-kindness, compassion, and love. It leads to equanimity, wisdom, and freedom.*



**ALL ARE WELCOME** and are invited to join the rest of the congregation for the main service and Kiddush.

For more info contact:  
Cantor Florence Friedman  
[Florenceanne18@gmail.com](mailto:Florenceanne18@gmail.com)

## Passover Holiday Office Hours

**OFFICE OPEN**

Sunday, April 9 9am - 12noon

**CLOSED**

Monday, April 10

Tuesday, April 11

Wednesday, April 12

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18



Join us for  
Shabbat.



Mark your calendar for future  
Shabbat Luncheon Dates:

All are welcome!  
**March 25**

Scholar in Residence  
Rabbi Shai Held

**April 22**



Mazel Tov to Steven and Barbara Saltzmann & Benjamin and Lynn Lubing on the engagement of their children, Brian Saltzmann & Pamela Lubing

Mazel Tov to The Greenberg Family on Ezra becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Joy and Marc Finkel and Molly Finkel on the engagement of Benjamin Finkel to Jennifer Lisi

## BUBBES' JUDAICA

AT CONGREGATION BETH EL

### HOURS

**Sunday**  
9am – 12pm

**Wednesday**  
10am – 12pm

**FRIDAY**  
10am – 12pm

**Call Michelle Flash to  
schedule an appointment  
(215) 284 - 5624**

### BEST SOURCE OF JUDAICA IN OUR AREA

**GABRIELI TALIT  
ERETZ TALIT**  
Men's, Women's and  
Young Adult

**GARY  
ROSENTHAL**  
Wedding  
B'nai Mitzvah  
Baby Naming  
Housewarming Gifts

**SARA BEAMES**  
Jewelry  
Custom Wedding &  
B'nai Mitzvah Gifts  
At discounted prices

**ISRAELI AND  
LOCAL  
ARTISTS**  
Housewares  
Mezuzahs  
Kiddush Sets  
Holiday Needs  
Kippot  
Yartzeit Candles

## Our Community Mourns the Loss of:



Efrem Brauer, father of Nancy Kleinman  
and father-in-law to David



Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman,  
mother-in-law to Jason and grandmother to  
Lauren and Lindsay

Warren Shore, Abby Bevington's father,  
father-in-law to Jack and grandfather to  
Sam and Ethan

Kathleen Pollack, mother of Neal Pollack, mother-in-law to  
Courtney and grandmother to Ian and Ryder

Maurice Stein, long-time member and husband of  
Renee Marcus Stein

## רפואה שלמה

*Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery...*

Marlene Gordon  
Judy Nussbaum  
Karen Lewin



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR BETH EL FAMILY

Arthur Cohn



ANY CHANGES IN  
YOUR ADDRESS  
OR  
PHONE NUMBER?

Please contact the office  
215-493-1707

or  
email

barbara@bethelyardley.org



SEARCHING FOR THE  
PROMISED LAND?  
Let Me Lead The Way!

Nadine Simantov ~ Co-Owner/Realtor

Real Estate Expert in Bucks County & The Surrounding Areas

Cell: 215.858.2068

Office: 215.757.6100 x125

[nadinesimantov@gmail.com](mailto:nadinesimantov@gmail.com)

[www.nadinesimantov.com](http://www.nadinesimantov.com)

**kw**  
KELLER WILLIAMS  
REAL ESTATE



The Jewish Federation's food pantry at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia is currently seeking volunteers on select Fridays from 10am–1pm as it expands its hours to serve more clients. The Choice Food Pantry at KleinLife features an innovative model where the clients get to choose what food they receive (rather than a pre-packaged box) and use a touchscreen to make their selection. Anyone interested in volunteering can email Jeremy Heller directly at [mail@jeremyheller.com](mailto:mail@jeremyheller.com).



## Cemetery Plots

No one really expects the need of having to buy cemetery plots. It is a wonderful benefit of belonging to Congregation Beth El of Yardley. There is no better time to buy than the present time, before you have the need. We want to help you make the choice before the emotional time after a death. Many Funeral directors encourage the pre-need arrangements of all

of the aspects of the funeral, burial, and monuments.

The Cemetery Committee can offer you the time to select a plot at the cemetery or just by reviewing our plot maps and photographs. King David Memorial Park is located in Bensalem, PA. Beth El has over 400 plots in section R. Effective September 1, 2016 the Board of Directors approved a price increase to \$1800 per plot. This is far below the price for the general public making a request at King David. A Family Gravesite includes four plots and costs \$7200. Sign up now for the reduced prices. These charges are transacted with the synagogue only and you may not deal with King David or other congregants directly for the purchase or sale of any plots in Section R. When a plot is paid in full the owner is granted the rights of sepulcher and these rights are shared with their heirs even if they are not members. Beth El does not sell plots to non-members of the congregation. In the event of an owner moving or not needing their plots, they may return their papers for a refund less 10% of the purchase price. The price of the plot does not include any services, openings, burial, vault, or monument charges.

For more information please call Michael Weinberg, Cemetery Committee Chairman @215-321-1312



**M.J. Rosen DDS PC**

**Dr. Jeffrey Rosen**  
DENTIST

215 757 1197

5166 NESHAMINY BLVD  
BENSALEM PA 19020

[neshaminyvalleydentist.com](http://neshaminyvalleydentist.com)  
cell 215 514 3645

## LONG-STANDING SYNAGOGUE MEMBER GIVING BACK!

Buy or Sell a home with me and I give a  
\$500 donation to the synagogue.



**DEBBIE SPAULDER**  
EXCEPTIONAL HOME EXPERIENCES



[www.DebbieSpaulder.com](http://www.DebbieSpaulder.com)  
c 215.804.9332 | o 215.860.4200

## ADVERTISE IN THE SHOFAR

Do you have a business or do you know someone who does? If you would like to place an ad in the Shofar contact Barbara Schwartz at  
215-493-1707 or  
email [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org)

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make a donation to:  
**Congregation Beth El**

**Simply Go to:**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1538398>



## Thank You For These Generous Donations

**Building Fund****In Honor of:****Ezra Greenberg's Bar Mitzvah**

Arleen &amp; Bill Barisa

**Engagement of Pam Lubing & Brian Saltzmann**

Arleen &amp; Bill Barisa

**Amy Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Lois &amp; Brian Levey

Bonnie &amp; Ian Schachter

Michelle &amp; Lee Schachter

**Ken Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Lois &amp; Brian Levey

Bonnie &amp; Ian Schachter

Michelle &amp; Lee Schachter

**Amy & Ken Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays**

Penny &amp; Lenny Bardfeld

**Marc Shoemaker's Birthday**

Juliette &amp; Ron Harvey

**Renee & Andy Flager's 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Juliette &amp; Ron Harvey

**In Memory of:****Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman**

Marilyn &amp; Allen Stein

Rose &amp; Michael Koretsky

Sherry &amp; Randy Flager

**Gloria Rubin, mother of Joan Rubin-Kritz**

Candice Singer

**Henrietta Cohen**

Candice Singer

**Claryne Weinberg**

Beth Garstkiewicz

**Sam Brownstein, husband of Gail Brownstein**

Harriet &amp; Alvin Schlank

**Efrem Bauer, father of Nancy Kleinman**

Sherry &amp; Randy Flager

**Cook for a Friend Project Fund****In Honor of:****Engagement of Ben Finkel & Jen Lisi**

Carole &amp; Yaacov Garini

**Eric J. Marinoff College Outreach Fund****Yahrzeit of:****Jacob Marinoff**

Janet &amp; Norman Marinoff

**Eric Marinoff**

Janet &amp; Norman Marinoff

**Eric J. Marinoff College Outreach Fund****(continued)****In Honor of:****Dr. & Mrs. Noah Goldman's daughter, Staci & Gary's marriage**

Arlene Spevak &amp; Alan Weisgold

Margie &amp; Jack Wellerstein

**Dr. Millard Braunstein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Lois &amp; Jerry Barsky

**Engagement of Pam Lubing & Brian Saltzmann**

Sylvia Goldberg

**Ezra Greenberg's Bar Mitzvah**

Sylvia Goldberg

**Amy Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Margie &amp; Jack Wellerstein

**Ken Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Margie &amp; Jack Wellerstein

**In Memory of:****Efram Brauer, father of Nancy Kleinman**

Barbara Fineman

**Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman**

Barbara Fineman

Michelle &amp; Michael Weinberg

Mindy &amp; Rick Albuck

Sara Pollock

Sylvia Goldberg

**Drew Gray**

Lois &amp; Gil Goldstein

**Eric Marinoff**

Jessica Marinoff &amp; Jim Charatan

**Harriet German**

Lois &amp; Jerry Barsky

**Bruce Harris**

Janet &amp; Norman Marinoff

**Shirley Orber**

Sara Pollock

**Sam Brownstein, husband of Gail Brownstein**

Sara Pollock

Sylvia Goldberg

**Fierverker Education Fund****In Appreciation of:****Karen Lewin – Thank you**

Ezra Greenberg &amp; Family

**In Honor of:****Birth of Barry & Sherry Peltz Liewant's grandson Samuel Nickolas**

Roz Kleiman

**Fierverker Education Fund****(continued)****In Memory of:****Kathleen Pollack, mother of Neal Pollack**

Eva, Harvey, Lisa &amp; David Samachson

The Haimovitz Family

**Warren Shore, father of Abby Bevington**

The Haimovitz Family

**Ben Damiano**

Melissa, Paul &amp; Alina Dorfman

**Oring Family Hesed Fund****In Honor of:****Phil Friedman's birthday**

Dvorah &amp; Chuck Rotenberg

**Engagement of Ben Finkel & Jen Lisi**

Deb &amp; Dan Wachspress

**Engagement of Brian Saltzmann & Pam Lubing**

Karen, Marc &amp; Matt Shoemaker

The Shoemaker Family

**Birth of Whitney Amelia, daughter of Angela & Nick Ensig, granddaughter of Renee Wagner**

Barbara &amp; Mark Melmed

**Ezra Greenberg's Bar Mitzvah**

Barbara &amp; Mark Melmed

**Amy & Ken Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays**

Deb, Dan, Jacob, Ana, Ben &amp; Rosie

Wachspress

Cara &amp; Leon Weissman

**Sydney Bruskin's birthday**

Karen, Marc &amp; Matt Shoemaker

**In Memory of:****Marty Gold**

Charlotte &amp; Harold Denenberg

**Claryne Weinberg**

Elinor &amp; Richard Pressel

**Herb Kaplan**

Lois &amp; Gil Goldstein

**Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman**

Karen &amp; Marc Shoemaker

Carol Benderson-Lighter &amp;

Stuart Lighter

Ruth &amp; Jack Laks

Jay Kawarsky &amp; Alec Soto

**Marilyn Lightman, wife of William Lightman**

Marsha Wishnov

Thank You For These Generous Donations

**Oring Family Hesed Fund**

**(continued)**

Ray Tatarsky  
Phyllis Browne

Efrem Brauer, father of Nancy Kleinman  
Carol Benderson-Lighter & Stuart Lighter

Sam Brownstein, husband of Gail Brownstein  
The Brownstein Family

William Savitz  
The Shoemaker Family

**Prayer Book Fund**

**In Honor of:**

Sid Moszer  
Ezra Greenberg & Family  
Linda & Ken Greenberg

**In Honor of:**

Amy & Ken Kaissar's 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays  
Harriet & Phil Freidenreich

**In Memory of:**

Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman  
Jill & Alan Smolen

**\* Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

**In Memory of:**

Eric Feinberg, brother of Jill Smolen  
Gail & Howard Lander

Rosalie Lipkowitz  
Lynn & Martin Gelman

William Savitz  
The Shoemaker Family  
Margie & Jack Wellerstein

**Perez Donations**

**In Honor of:**

Birth of Harriet & Bert Soltoff's grandson, Dylan  
Bonnie, Jason & Ariel Abrams

**In Memory of:**

Karen Kronman, sister of Debbie Duchin  
Bonnie, Jason & Ariel Abrams

**Rhoda & Morris Volk Memorial Fund**

**In Honor of:**

Birth of Arlene & Warren Roman's granddaughter, Sivan  
Caren & Nate Bosk

**In Memory of:**

Fannie Chernoff, mother of Lisa Waksman  
Caren & Nate Bosk

**Rhoda & Morris Volk Memorial Fund**

**(continued)**

**For the Yahrzeit of:**

Harry Schlam  
Caroline Schlam

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

\*Please note when making a donation to Rabbi Gruenberg's Discretionary Fund please make the check payable to: Rabbi Gruenberg's Discretionary Fund



Successfully Helping  
Our Congregants with  
Their Real Estate Needs

Please give me an opportunity to help with yours

**Jill Smolen, REALTOR®**

Licensed in PA & NJ

1010 Stony Hill Rd., Yardley, PA 19067

215-962-7353 C, 215-504-7623 O

jill.smolen@foxroach.com

www.jillsmolen.com



**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**  
HomeServices

**Fox & Roach, REALTORS®**

A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC



## CONGREGATION BETH EL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

**Tree of Life** Honor a birthday, anniversary, wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or any other happy occasion with an engraved leaf on our tree of life for \$180 or a boulder for \$750.

**Donation Cards** Our donation cards are a wonderful way to recognize important life-cycle events, extend wishes for speedy recovery or show your appreciation for someone's kindness and helps fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah. There are two different cards to choose from - a beautiful Menorah card (\$7) and a colorful picture of three of our Torot (\$18). Your gift can also be designated to one of the following funds:

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Building Fund                              | Cook for a Friend Project             |
| Eric J. Marinoff College Outreach Fund     | Fierverker Education Fund             |
| Golda Meir Religious Books & Articles Fund | Heidi Mittleman Memorial Library Fund |
| Oring Family Hesed Fund                    | Perez Youth Scholarship Fund          |
| Rabbi Gruenberg's Discretionary Fund       | (for Jewish camp & USY programs)      |
| Rhoda & Morris Volk Memorial Fund          |                                       |

**Book Dedications** There are also opportunities to have a bookplate placed on the back of the front cover of a Siddur (Prayer Book), or Mahzor (High Holiday Prayer Book) - any time someone opens the book, they will learn of your donation: Prayer Book: \$54 High Holiday Mahzor: \$54

**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 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.

**Cemetery Plots** - Beth El owns cemetery plots at King David Memorial Park in Bensalem. Call the office for further details and pricing information.

### CONGREGATION BETH EL DONATION FORM

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Menorah card \$7-\$17, Torot card \$18+)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook for a Friend Project             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eric J. Marinoff College Outreach Fund     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fierverker Education Fund             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golda Meir Religious Books & Articles Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Mittleman Memorial Library Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oring Family Hesed Fund                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Perez Youth Scholarship Fund          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi Gruenberg's Discretionary Fund       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhoda & Morris Volk Memorial Fund     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Holiday Mahzor (\$54)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Book (\$54)                    |

Recipient \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient Address \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information on:

- ☐ Tree of Life    ☐ Yahrzeit Plaques    ☐ Cemetery Plots    ☐ Other Ways I Can Give

# MARCH 2017 CALENDAR or visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org)

## Wednesday, March 1, 2017

CSA Orders Due  
7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am NO Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30am – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, March 2, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:30pm Men's Club Torah on Tap cancelled

## Friday, March 3, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
5:35pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
6:00pm Shiru L'Adonai Musical Shabbat Services

## Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Parshat Terumah**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
6:37pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

## Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
9:00am Sisterhood Shalach Manot Packing  
10:30am Hazak event featuring Bill Wine  
Speaking on Jewish Humor  
12:30pm Tunis-Kaplan Wedding

## Monday, March 6, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
4:00pm Cook for a Friend  
7:00pm – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Meeting  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, March 9, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
6:45pm Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting  
7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting

## Friday, March 10, 2017

7:00am - Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
5:43pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Services

## Saturday, March 11, 2017

**Erev Purim/Parshat Tetzaveh**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
ArufRuf: Cara Flash & Marshal Davis  
10:30am Jewish Mindfulness Meditation  
5:30pm Purim dinner (RSVP required)  
6:30pm Traditional & Family Megillah Readings  
6:44pm Havdalah  
7:30pm Purim Show followed by dessert  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Sunday, March 12, 2017

**Purim** No FJLC  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
8:00am Purim Adult Megillah Reading  
3:00pm - 4:30pm Challah for Hunger Program

## Monday, March 13, 2017

**Shushan Purim**  
7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00pm – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental Illness Meeting (NAMI)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am - Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, March 17, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
6:50pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, March 18, 2017

**Parshat Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Gross  
7:51pm Havdalah  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
3:00pm - 4:30pm Challah for Hunger Program

## Monday, March 20, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Board Meeting  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, March 21, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00pm – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Meeting  
7:30pm Sisterhood Book Discussion  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, March 22, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, March 23, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, March 24, 2017

**Scholar in Residence - Rabbi Shai Held**  
7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00 – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Shabbat Services - Scholar in Residence – Rabbi Shai Held Friday Night Dinner (RSVP required)  
6:58pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, March 25, 2017

**Parshat Vayakhel - Pekudei/Shabbat HaChodesh**  
**Scholar in Residence-Rabbi Shai Held**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services - Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Held (RSVP)  
10:00am BMU & Mini Congo  
7:59pm Havdalah  
\*\*\*\*\*

## Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
9:00am Men's Club Yom HaShoah Candle Project  
3:00pm - 4:30pm Challah for Hunger Program

## Monday, March 27, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**Rosh Chodesh Nisan**  
7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00am – 9:00pm National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Meeting  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Thursday, March 30, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

## Friday, March 31, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
6:45pm Share Shabbat (RSVP by 3/19)  
7:05pm Candle Lighting

## APRIL 2017 CALENDAR or visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org)

### Saturday, April 1, 2017

#### **Parshat Vayikra**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
6:30pm Bat Mitzvah of Lexi McConnell  
8:06pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 2, 2017

J-Serve  
Sisterhood Schmooze & Shop Gift Shop  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop

### Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Tuesday, April 4, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
4:00pm Cook For a Friend  
7:00pm – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Wednesday, April 5, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Friday, April 7, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
6:00pm Shiru L'Adonai Musical  
Shabbat Services  
7:12pm Candle Lighting

### Saturday, April 8, 2017

#### **Parshat Tzav**

#### **Shabbat HaGadol**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:30am - 10:30am Jewish Mindfulness  
Meditation  
8:13pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 9, 2017

**OFFICE OPEN 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Adult Education**– more information to follow

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
9:00am - 11:00am Last day to bring  
chametz to lobby

### Monday, April 10, 2017

#### **Erev Pesach – 1<sup>st</sup> Seder**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00am Morning Minyan & study with Rabbi  
Gruenberg  
7:16pm Candle Lighting

### Tuesday, April 11, 2017

#### **Pesach I – 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30am Pesach Services 8:16pm Candle Lighting

### Wednesday, April 12, 2017

#### **Pesach II – OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30am Pesach Services  
No Current Events Class  
No FJLC/No HaMoadon (Hebrew HS)  
Gift Shop closed  
8:18pm Candle Lighting

### Thursday, April 13, 2017

#### **Pesach III (CH" M)**

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00pm – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental  
Illness Meeting (NAMI)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Friday, April 14, 2017

#### **Pesach IV (CH" M)**

7:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
7:19pm Candle Lighting

### Saturday, April 15, 2017

#### **Pesach V (CH" M)**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:20pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 16, 2017

#### **Pesach VI (CH" M)**

No FJLC  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:22pm Candle Lighting

### Monday, April 17, 2017

#### **Pesach VII – OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30am Pesach Services  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:23pm Candle Lighting

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

#### **Pesach VIII – OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30am Pesach Services  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:24 Havdalah

### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Thursday, April 20, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00am – 9:30pm National Alliance on Mental  
Illness Meeting (NAMI)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Friday, April 21, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Kid-Ish Club Shabbat Service Led by  
FJLC Gimmel  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
7:26pm Candle Lighting

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

#### **Parshat Shemini**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
10:00am BMU  
10:00am Mini Congo  
8:27pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 23, 2017

#### **Speaker for Yom HaShoah**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – Noon FJLC  
9:00am – Noon Gift Shop

### Monday, April 24, 2017

#### **Yom HaShoah**

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:00am – 9:00pm National Alliance on Mental  
Illness Meeting (NAMI)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Wednesday, April 26, 2017

#### **Rosh Hodesh – Iyar**

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10am – Noon Gift Shop  
10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  
4:30pm – 6:30pm FJLC  
6:30pm – 8:45pm HaMoadon  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Thursday, April 27, 2017

#### **Rosh Hodesh – Iyar**

7:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

### Friday, April 28, 2017

7:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00 – Noon Gift Shop  
6:00pm Kid-Ish Club Shabbat Services  
6:00pm Shabbat Services  
7:34pm Candle Lighting

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

#### **Parsha Tazria - Metzora**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:35pm Havdalah

\*\*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am – 12:00 FJLC  
9:00am – 12:00 Gift Shop  
11:00am Penn State Hillel Director of Community  
Engagement - Hannah Giterman



Congregation Beth El  
375 Stony Hill Road  
Yardley, PA 19067

---

## Shofar Editorial Committee

Charlotte Denenberg, Barbara Fineman, Sara Pollock

Main Office .....215-493-1707  
Fax .....215-493-7717  
E-mail .....Office@BethElYardley.org  
FJLC..... x2  
Gift Shop..... x6

## Professional Staff

Joshua Z. Gruenberg, Rabbi ..... x5  
Karen Lewin, Education & Youth Director ..... x3  
Barbara Schwartz, Synagogue Administrator.....x4  
Marian Berger, Bookkeeper ..... x4

## Congregation Beth El Officers

Leon Weissman..... President  
Larry Schachter .....1st Vice President  
Rob Lightman .....2nd Vice President  
Sheryl Fruithandler.....3rd Vice President  
Rachael Oring.....Education Vice President  
Beth Sadoff ..... Secretary  
Steve Lubin ..... Treasurer

---