

The Shofar



The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

July/August 2018

Tammuz/Av/Elul 5778

תשעה באב

T H E N I N T H O F A V

Join us as we commemorate Tish'a B'Av

Saturday, July 21, 2018

at Tifereth Israel

2909 Bristol Rd.

Bensalem, PA 19020

7:30pm - Maariv

8:00pm - The reading of the Book of Eicha

Sunday, July 22, 2018

(at Congregation Beth El)

8:00am - Morning Minyan

1:00pm - Mincha

Tish'a B'Av—the 9th day of the month of Av is a fast day and a day of mourning that commemorates the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av. These include the destruction of the first and second Temples, as well as the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and from England in 1290. For more information please contact the Beth El office at 215-493-1707.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: JUNE 25TH - AUGUST 31st

MONDAY - THURSDAY....8:30AM - 3:00PM

FRIDAY....8:30AM - 12:00NOON

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

BUBBES' JUDAICA SHOP HOURS

The Gift Shop is by appointment only in the Summer. To schedule an appointment, please contact Michelle Flash at:

michelleflash@me.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
September/October Shofar
August 15

Vice President's Message

Shalom!

Although I thought it would be a few years before I needed to write an article for *The Shofar*, I am honored (and a bit nervous) about writing this one. Over the last 18 years, Beth El has become an indelible part of my life. We have been members of Beth El under the leadership of three Rabbis and have had the privilege of having personal relationships with all three of them. I remember feeling concerned and excited during each transition period. Will the incoming Rabbi be able to maintain the wonderful progress the outgoing Rabbi achieved? Will we, as a community, continue to grow with a new Rabbi? How will this period of transition effect the sense of community which is so apparent at Beth El? As we embark upon the current transition, the same questions come to mind. However, as our history shows, Beth El will not only survive the current changes, but we will thrive. Although I am very sad to see the Gruenberg family leave, I am looking forward to welcoming Rabbi Hoffman and his wife, Phyllis, to our community.

Over the next few months, we will have many chances for you to meet Rabbi Hoffman. Please come for Shabbat services on July 6th and 7th as he conducts his first Shabbat Services as Beth El's Rabbi. Join us for a Shabbat Luncheon following services on Saturday, July 14. Not a service goer? No problem!! Men's Club is having a Pub and Bowling Night/Meet-and-Greet on July 24; Hazak will be having a welcome brunch at the home of Barbara Fineman to nosh and schmooze on July 8 and parents and children will be having an ice cream social on July 19; Women of Beth El will be scheduling a later date. We will also be having parlor meetings and the Back to Shul Barbecue in the Fall. As details become available, you will receive information via e-mail, flyers in the lobby, and/or on Facebook.

Even though our rabbinical leadership is in a time of transition, there are still events that happen every week at Beth El for which we need your help. If you are a morning person, please try to help make a minyan Mondays – Fridays at 7:00am and/or Sundays at 8:00am. Breakfast is always served! If you are still in dreamland that early, then please consider coming to an evening minyan Monday-Thursday at 7:30 pm. Beth El has been having these minyans for most of our 65 years, and many people count on them for saying Kaddish for a loved one.

You will also be receiving information about volunteering as an Usher on Shabbat morning. It's a great way to meet other members of the Beth El community as well as greet potential members who may be visiting. If every Beth El member volunteered to usher for only one Shabbat each year, we would be in great shape! If you are concerned about being asked questions you may not feel comfortable answering, we have already taken care of it! You will always be paired with a board member so you can feel free to defer all questions to them.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Elizabeth Ravitch, Vice President

Meet & Greet with Rabbi Scott Hoffman: Please RSVP

Beth El Hazak members only! Meet and Greet for Rabbi Scott Hoffman

Please join us for a light brunch

Sunday, July 8th 10:30am

Don't miss the opportunity to welcome our new rabbi. Come and schmooze at the home of Barbara Fineman 8 Sagebrush Lane Langhorne, PA 19047.

Please RSVP by email to bfine15@verizon.net by Monday, July 2nd

חזק
Hazak



Men's Club Pub & Bowling Night & Meet & Greet with Rabbi Scott Hoffman Tuesday, July 24th

Please join Men's Club for drinks and bowling at 7:45pm Dacey's Pub & 9:00pm Morrisville Lanes in Morrisville, PA. This night will also give you the opportunity to meet our new Rabbi, Scott Hoffman. Morrisville Lanes does not serve food or beverages. If you like, please feel free to bring a growler for yourself and some to share. RSVP to Rich Oring, oring@ncfg.com.

Congratulations to Dan Wachspress for winning the Pitch and Putt event on June 21st

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN
ICE CREAM PARTY
Meet & Greet

Thursday, July 19th

6:30pm-7:30pm

@ Congregation Beth El

Beth El Parents & Children!

Join your friends from FJLC, HaMoadon & USY for an evening of socialization & fun as we welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman to our community!



RSVP by July 13th!

Visit BethElYardley.org
or email Karen, karen@bethelyardley.org

MEET & GREET RABBI SCOTT HOFFMAN

AT SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES 9:30AM
ON SATURDAY, JULY 14TH
FOLLOWED BY A SHABBAT LUNCHEON

KINDLY RSVP BY JULY 9TH
215-493-1707

Rabbi Hoffman's Message



It is with great excitement and anticipation that I have this opportunity to formally introduce myself to the congregation and its members. Many of you have read my biography elsewhere, but just to do a one minute recap, I was born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, attended Penn (class of 1985) and later JTS (class of 1991). In more recent years, I earned a Ph.D. at New York University in Judaic Studies and taught for a number of years at List College/JTS. I have been married to my

wonderful wife, Phyllis Golden Hoffman, a music teacher in the New York City public schools, for 29 years, and we are the proud parents of David (25), Reuven (23) and Ethan (21). We also have two golden retrievers, Drake and Nellie.

I am thrilled to be here at Beth El for a number of reasons. First, you have been blessed with outstanding rabbinic leadership, most recently Rabbi Josh Gruenberg, meaning I will be building upon a solid foundation. And yes, Rabbi Gruenberg and I are connected, his father having served as education director at Beth El of New Rochelle when I was the assistant rabbi (1993-1995). Second, the synagogue is genuinely beautiful, and is an inviting place for study and worship. But most important, I know you are a warm and welcoming community, and that is the cornerstone of any congregation's success. We can change programming and service times and Hebrew school curricula but as a rabbi you need to be fortunate to have good people around you, and I feel confident that I do.

Change can be hard, especially after a long period of time. I've been living and working on Long Island for twenty three years, and have for that matter lived almost my entire adult life in and around New York. But change can also be exciting, invigorating and stimulating, and I believe that being here at Beth El will be all three. I love the area around Yardley, am impressed by Philadelphia's growth since my Penn days more than three decades ago, and am looking forward to this new chapter in my life. If there is anything at all I can do for you, please let me know because that's what I'm here for, just as Rabbi Gruenberg was in recent years. I fully intend to continue all of Rabbi Gruenberg's traditions as faithfully as possible to the utmost of my ability. With the exception, of course, of rooting for any of the local sports teams.

I conclude by offering all of you my best wishes in advance for a healthy and prosperous 5779.

Rabbi Scott Hoffman's Bio

Rabbi Scott Hoffman was born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. He grew up in Shaare Tefila Congregation, where his passion for Judaism was nurtured by many people, most notably Rabbi Martin Halpern z"l and Cantor Gershon Levin z"l. He was a participant in the International Bible Contest in Israel in 1979, one of eight high school students representing the United States.

Rabbi Hoffman earned a BA in the Biological Basis of Behavior at the University of Pennsylvania in 1985, an MHL and ordination from JTS in 1991, and more recently a Ph.D. in Talmud and rabbinics from New York University. His primary academic interest is the analysis of Biblical and rabbinic texts, often in ways that are "outside the box."

Most of Rabbi Hoffman's career has been spent serving two congregations in Long Island, the Lake Success Jewish Center (1995-2007) and Temple Israel of South Merrick (2007-2018). He is a past president of the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau/Suffolk/Queens and has served on the boards of the RA Executive Council, the Hillel Institute for Conversion, the Long Island Board of Rabbis, the Great Neck Interfaith Clergy Association and the Black/Jewish Coalition for Justice.

Rabbi Hoffman has been married since 1989 to Phyllis Golden Hoffman, an opera singer with degrees from the Hartt School of Music (BA) and the Manhattan School of Music (MA). Phyllis has been for the last several years a teacher at PS 90, the Edna Cohen School, located in Coney Island. Rabbi and Phyllis are the proud parents of three adult children, David (25), Reuven (22) and Ethan (21). Besides his work and family, Rabbi Hoffman's passion is running, a sport he has loved since his mother bought him Nike Waffle Trainers in 1976.

65th Birthday Weekend of Celebration

Thank you to everyone who participated in all aspects of the 65th Birthday Weekend of Celebration events, membership directory and for being part of this strong and blessed community! Only through your efforts and dedication would it be possible to have such celebrations. We also extend special gratitude to Barbara Schwartz who was greatly involved in each and every aspect of this colossal event. We also would like to wish a warm welcome to our only remaining charter member of Beth El, Blanche Sussman, and her family.

The 65th Birthday Weekend of Celebration Committee

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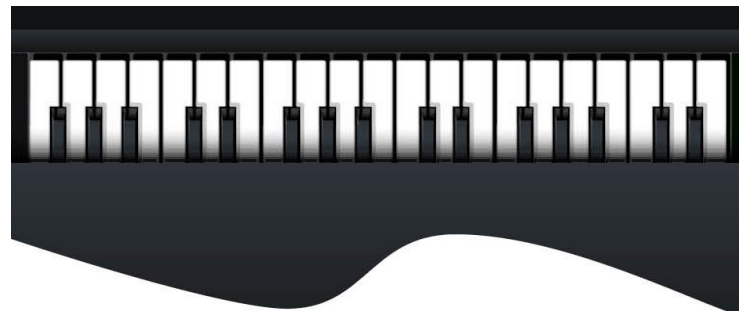
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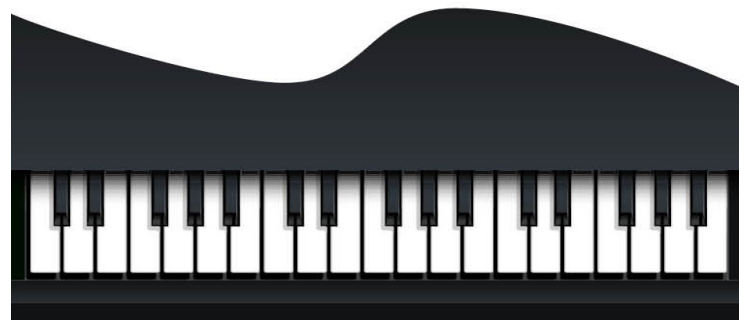
Thank you to the Shabbat musicians, readers and Dueling Pianos, emcee and runners! Also we would like to recognize President Larry Schachter and Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg as well as Board Members, Staff Members, Karen Lewin and Marian Berger. We sincerely apologize to anyone who may have been inadvertently omitted.



Congregation Beth El

65th Birthday Bash Weekend of Celebration!

April 27-29, 2018



65th Birthday Bash Celebration

During the weekend of April 27 - 29, 2018 we celebrated the 65th birthday of Congregation Beth El in a big way! On Friday evening we came together for a nostalgic and interactive musical program followed by Shabbat Services.

On Shabbat morning, the festivities continued with services and all the past presidents received aliyot, We honored Blanche Sussman, our charter member, who had an Aliyah. A delicious luncheon was served to almost 200 guests, catered by BEKL, (Beth El Kitchen Ladies), Debbie Lubin, Janet Marinoff, Margie Wellerstein and their committee.

On Sunday, Beth El members and guests were treated to an entertaining and interactive evening fundraising event. After a cocktail style dinner reception catered by Barclay, we were treated to a lively and interactive performance by Dueling Pianos International. First, we honored dear member Andy Flager, with the dedication of Flager Way, presented by his son, Randy Flager. After some much deserved recognition of the multitude of committee members who worked tirelessly to arrange this weekend, our emcee, Ken Kaissar, introduced Dan and Mike from Dueling Pianos International.

We all listened, sang along and even danced in the aisles to our requested tunes. We were all amazed at how quickly our piano entertainers were able to recall and perform any and all songs requested. Not only did we raise funds for Beth El, but based on the crowd reaction clearly a FUN time was had by all! Members also had the opportunity to bring home their own copy of our brand new Membership Directory. If you have not received yours, please stop by Beth El for your copy. They can be found in the main lobby coat closet.

Here's to another 65 years of Beth El!

Penny Bardfeld

Barbara Fineman



65th Birthday Bash Celebration



Education & Youth



65th Birthday Bash Celebration



Mazel Tov Beth El
Here's to another 65!



Thank you to our generous sponsors for our 65th Birthday Bash Celebration...

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rsvp4yjlc@gmail.com; C: 215-932-2974 (voice or text); More info: www.yjlc.org;

Social Action Opportunities - Women of Beth El



Women of Beth El



I Support the Girls – Women of Beth El

The Women of Beth El is joining with the “I Support the Girls” movement <http://isupportthegirls.org/>, in supporting women and girls in need around our community.

Women of Beth El” has decided to support this wonderful effort. There are collection boxes in our lobby for bras and personal hygiene products. Please go through your clothes and select your gently used (or better yet – new) bras. Bring them in! Don’t forget to purchase some personal hygiene products as well. We will periodically send these supplies to local and national needy institutions.

The following two paragraphs are from their “I Support the Girls” web site:

“I Support the Girls collects and distributes donations of new and gently used bras, and individually sealed tampons and maxi pads to women and girls nationally and internationally. Whether they be homeless, refugees, in transitional housing, or fleeing domestic violence, women and girls should never have to compromise on dignity.”

“Women and girls who find themselves homeless shouldn’t have to worry about finding bras, much less proper menstrual products. Yet they wear the same bra for years, potentially causing health problems, and each month have to make a choice between paying for meals or buying a box of tampons.”

Additionally, you can make a monetary contribution to help run bra drives across the country, by linking to:

<https://secure.isupportthegirls.org/np/clients/isupportthegirls/donation.jsp>

For more information, contact Barbara Melmed, 215-968-0615, Diane Axelrod, 215-741-2002, or the Beth El office at 215-493-1707.

Social Action Opportunities - Women of Beth El



Women of Beth El

<http://isupportthegirls.org>



I Support the Girls – Women of Beth El

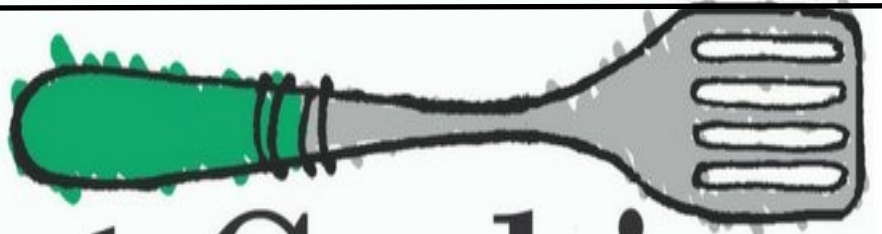
Please bring your new and gently used bras, and individually sealed tampons and maxi pads to Beth El.

We will be continuously collecting these donations in our lobby. Look for our pink boxes.



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Questions? Call Barbara Melmed, 215-968-0615, or Diane Axelrod, 215-741-2002



Let's Get Cooking

WITH COOK FOR A FRIEND

Tuesday

July 10

4:00pm

Meet in the Beth El kitchen. No experience required. Come spend an hour or two and help prepare nutritious, kosher meals for homebound seniors.

**For more information contact: Beth Sadoff at bjaws999@gmail.com
or 215-208-8006**

Social Action Opportunities

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
- *Marian Berger; mberger@bethelyardley.org

DO A MITZVAH!

Become part of the Hesed Community!

Volunteer to help someone in our community? Call the office.

Women of Beth El



At Women's League Spring Conference The Women of Beth El were honored for 65 years of Achievement. Mazel Tov to all our Women who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our Synagogue.

Share Shabbat



A small taste of Share Shabbat. Members of Beth El gather at each others homes to bring in Shabbat. For more information about becoming a host or a guest, contact Susan Strouse 215-355-8999 or email shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com.

Shiru La'Adonai Practice



By the time you read this issue, you will have already enjoyed Shiru La'Adonai musical and instrumental Friday Evening Shabbat Services on June 22nd.

Special Shabbat Happenings at Beth El: **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Join us for a community - wide
Shabbat Luncheon
Following Shabbat Morning Services

Welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman

July 14th

Kindly RSVP to the office by July 9th, 215-493-1707
or visit www.bethelyardley.org

Shiru La' Adonai is a Friday Night Service that incorporates instrumental music to help enhance the service.

The service is followed by a pot luck dairy/vegetarian dinner and is a great way to get to know other Beth El members as well as prospective members.

All are welcome!

Shiru La'Adonai dates will be in the next issue of the Shofar.



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**In honor of a birthday, anniversary or
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Each Shabbat we have a list of Oneg and Kiddush sponsors included in our Shabbat Flyer, TV monitor and weekly email. The sponsorship helps to offset the cost of Kosher challah and cakes. The cost is \$18. To sponsor, please contact Carol Benderson - Lighter 215-702-1361 or Marc Shoemaker 215-493-6207.



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Barbara Schwartz,

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barbara@bethelyardley.org

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Jennifer to Matt Sillman

Mazel Tov to Jesse and Sheila Minsky on their marriage

Mazel Tov to Judi and Steve Minsky on the marriage of their son, Jesse to
Sheila Wing

Mazel Tov מזל טוב

We are looking for a few good Minyaneers



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 7:00am

Evening Services

Monday - Thursday at 7:30pm

Sunday Morning Services

8:00am

Please give Brian Levey, our Minyan Committee Leader, a call.

Home: 215-321-8670

Cell: 267-250-7526

Email: blevey1000@gmail.com or visit
www.bethelyardley.org

GARDEN UPDATE

Faye Laveson has been busy planting the tomato and zucchini plants that Jack Wellerstein donated to the Beth El Garden. If you have any vegetables, herbs or flowers that you would like to donate or if you would like to volunteer in the garden, please contact the office 215-493-1707 x4.



Zucchini

Tomato Plant





Cemetery Plot

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

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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

JEWISH FEDERATION FOOD PANTRY

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.



Ideas or submissions for The Shofar?

Email feedback, articles and pictures to:

barbara@bethelyardley.org

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215-493-1707 x4 or

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*JULY 2018 CALENDAR

visit www.bethelyardley.org

(*subject to change - always check website)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th of Tammuz 8:00am Morning minyan	2 19th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	3 20th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	4 21st of Tammuz INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am Morning Minyan	5 22nd of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	6 23rd of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Services 8:13pm Candle lighting	7 24th of Tammuz Parashat Pinchas 9:30am Shabbat morning Services 9:13pm Havdalah
8 25th of Tammuz 8:00am Morning minyan 10:30am Beth El Hazak Members - Brunch with Rabbi Scott Hoffman at Barbara Fineman's Home	9 26th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening minyan	10 27th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 4:00pm Cook for a Friend 7:30pm Evening minyan	11 28th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	12 29th of Tammuz 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	13 1st of Av Rosh Chodesh Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Services 8:10pm Candle lighting	14 2nd of Av Parashat Matot-Masef 9:30am Shabbat morning Services with Luncheon - Welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman 9:09pm Havdalah
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19 ^{8th of Elul} 8:00am Morning minyan 2:00pm - Wedding - Dolitsky-Brady	20 ^{9th of Elul} 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	21 ^{10th of Elul} 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	22 ^{11th of Elul} 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	23 ^{12th of Elul} 7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	24 ^{13th of Elul} 7:00am Morning minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Services 7:24pm Candle lighting	25 ^{14th of Elul} Parashat Ki Teitzei 9:30am Shabbat morning Services 8:23pm Havdalah
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