

# The Shofar



The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

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Congregations Beth El & Brothers of Israel Invite You to



## CELEBRATE SHAVUOT 2018

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018**

AT CONGREGATION BETH EL ∞ 375 STONY HILL ROAD IN YARDLEY

**7:30 PM - Erev Shavuot Service**

**Followed by Cheesecake & Cocktails and...**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Learning Featuring

**TEN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

Explore the 10 Commandments from 10 different perspectives  
of 10 different members of both of our synagogues.



*All are welcome!*



### 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 HOURS

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

### BUBBES' 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

### 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  
July/August Shofar  
June 15

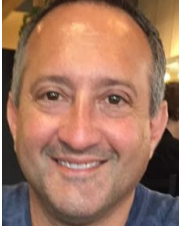
**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: JUNE 25TH - AUGUST 31st**

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

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

## President's Message

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Shalom,

Spring is here. With it comes the break from cold weather we've all been waiting for. The upcoming holiday of Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people. This was a new phase in the life of the Jewish People; it signified their acceptance of God's laws and the beginning of following the mitzvot. It is also the harvest festival, or the festival of the first fruits. In biblical days, the 7 species for which Israel is known were brought to the Temple as tribute, including wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, dates and olives. There are several customs that are still celebrated today to help commemorate Shavuot. Many people will have a dairy meal on Shavuot, and we also read the Book of Ruth. Another custom is Yerek, the decoration of the synagogue with flowers and greenery. If you are in shul for Shavuot you will see that we have bright arrangements in the sanctuary and flowers draped over the Sifrei Torah. This is also another reference back to spring and the reemergence of bulbs and perennials; it is a very pretty time both inside and outside the synagogue.

Spring also marks the winding down of the school year and the beginning of graduation season. Spring is a time of rebirth and new beginnings. As my son Sam graduates from Columbia University and the Joint Program, he will be getting ready for his first full time job. Leaving behind the comfort of his friends and dorm life, he will be starting a new phase of his life. He is now dedicating himself to his new goal. Students of all ages will be looking forward to the next school year. My son Jeremy will be a rising junior at the University of Maryland while other students will be rising to their new grade levels as well. It is a time to look to the future.

It is not just students that transition over the summer. I would like to thank Rabbi Gruenberg for all of the support and guidance he has offered us over the past seven years. We have laughed, loved, celebrated and mourned together with Elissa, Sam, Kayla and Rabbi Gruenberg. They have been a very important part of our lives. Please join me in wishing them Good Luck, B'Hatzlacha, as they begin their new journey at Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Maryland.

As you all know, we will be transitioning to our interim rabbi this summer. We look forward to sharing the next year with Rabbi Scott Hoffman. I would like to thank Brian Levey, Leon Weissman and the entire Rabbinic Search Committee for all of their hard work over the past six months. And I would like to thank all of you for being so engaged in this process and such a vital part of Beth El. I look forward to working with Rabbi Hoffman and the guidance he will share with us over the next year. Please know that Rabbi Hoffman, the transition committee and I will all be available to answer your questions, address your concerns and make sure that our transition is smooth for everyone.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6, as we welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman for a special meet and greet. Please visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) for the weekend schedule and RSVP for the Shabbat Luncheon following Shabbat Morning Services on May 5.

Laurence H. Schachter  
President

## Rabbi Gruenberg's Message



It is difficult for me to write that this is my last bulletin article as the rabbi of this sacred community. Given that reality, there is only one way that I can begin, which is by humbly asking for your forgiveness. I know there are occasions that I am both aware and unaware of over the past seven years where I fell short of your expectations, and for that I am sorry. The fact that it was never my intention to do so, is irrelevant to the fact that it happened, and again I ask for your forgiveness.

These past seven years have been tremendous for the Gruenberg Family. Our children Sam and Kayla were little in July 2011, when we arrived. As you know Sam will become a Bar Mitzvah in June, and Kayla is an 11 year-old young woman. In many ways our children grew up in this community. It was here that they ran in the halls, danced in front of windows, disrupted services, and most importantly,

were treated with great love and care by the entire community. Beth El will always have a special place in their hearts.

When Elissa and I arrived here seven years ago, we were somewhat new to being parents, the rabbi, the rabbi's wife, and in general to the roles you so graciously conferred upon us. We have learned more than you could ever know. Through your gentility, your generosity, and your patience you have taught us what it means not only to serve a community, but to be taught by one as well. We can only hope that you have learned from us a fraction of what have learned from you.

Being the rabbi of a sacred Jewish community is a tremendous gift. What this allows me to share with you is what I treasure most of this work. Whether its sitting with a family in mourning hearing someone's life story, practicing for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration, or welcoming someone into the covenant of our people; it is these intimate moments, that I appreciate most, and I will be forever grateful to you for allowing me to be a presence during these sacred times.

For us this is the epitome of a bittersweet time. There is a tinge of bitterness in our air, because we will be leaving you. We will miss this community, the friends we have made, the values and lessons we have learned and all of you who have so deeply touched our hearts these past years. There is also a taste of sweetness in the air as well. What we have been blessed with from this community will be a part of the lives of the Gruenberg Family forever. Despite less geographic proximity, the friendships we have created, the relationships we have developed, the times both good and bad we have shared, and the place that you hold in our hearts will remain strong.

This is not an official goodbye. We are still here until the last week in June, I would love to sit personally with as many of you as possible. I can only think of one way to close which is to offer a slightly original take on a prayer that is special to me.

May God make this sacred community like the strongest ones that our ancestors built.

May God bless and watch over this sacred community as it endeavors to make the world a better place.

May God bless this sacred community with the divine presence and the strength to share that gift with the world.

May You feel God's presence through one another's loving eyes, and may you all be able to live in God's greatest gift, peace.

Amen





# SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a Meet & Greet  
Weekend with  
**Rabbi Scott Hoffman**  
our 2018-2019 Interim Rabbi

Friday, May 4th  
6pm: Shiru La'Adonai  
Musical Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 5th  
9:30am: Shabbat Services  
followed by lunch  
(RSVP required)

Sunday, May 6th  
9:00am -10:00am  
Bagels, Shmear & Schmooze!

Call the office to RSVP, 215-493-1707  
or visit [www.BethElYardley.org](http://www.BethElYardley.org)





## Education & Youth

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### B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El



Mollie Weinstein, daughter of Pamela Weinstein, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 2, 2018. For her mitzvah project, Mollie is raising money for "Miles for Madison," an annual fundraiser that raises awareness for the National Drowning Prevention Alliance. Mazel Tov!

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Samuel Gruenberg, son of Rabbi Joshua and Elissa Gruenberg, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 9, 2018. For his mitzvah project, Sam has been volunteering his time at our Fierverker Jewish Learning Community where he has been helping our youngsters with Hebrew reading and special projects. Mazel Tov!

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Allie and Macie Mitnick, daughters of Andrew and Melissa Mitnick, will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on Saturday, June 16, 2018. For their mitzvah project, Macie and Allie have chosen to volunteer at The Friendship Circle, a nationwide program that provides social experiences and companionship to children and young adults with special needs through monthly events and weekly visits. In addition, Allie and Macie participate in the Friends program at their school and help special needs students during the school day. Mazel Tov!

*Mazel Tov*  
מזל טוב



## Education & Youth

### FJLC Mock Mitzvah

On Sunday, April 22nd, all of our FJLC groups participated in a mock Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service and celebration. Our younger children led prayers in the *Shacharit* service. The 6th and 7th graders led us in Torah Service, had *aliyot*, read from the Torah and chanted the haftarah. Everyone did a great job! Following our service we celebrated with Adam Weitz, Executive Producer of A Sharp Production. Adam not only entertained us, but taught children and parents the finer points of planning for and participating in a simcha! Our Mock Mitzvah was a great success! To view more pictures from the day visit: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/woigDLwfZMj1z6012>





## Education & Youth

### FJLC Mock Wedding

During the month of April the FJLC explored the value of *Simcha* and learned how Jews and Jewish communities celebrate important moments. On Sunday, April 29th, all of our FJLC groups participated in a mock wedding ceremony and celebration. Our teachers, Sam Schachter and Jen Stamm graciously volunteered to be the groom and bride. Participants learned about the Jewish marriage contract, *Ketubah*, as well as *Bedeken* and the various parts of the ceremony. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders read the *Sheva Brachot*, the 7 blessings said at a wedding. Our Pre-K, Kindergartners, 1st and 2nd graders served as brides maid and groomsmen. Our 6th and 7th graders served as *chuppah* holders and *edim*, witnesses. Special thanks to Rabbi Gruenberg for officiating and to our FJLC PTO for providing a delicious sheet cake!





## Education & Youth



# Confirmation Class 2018!

Join us at Beth El on Sunday, May 20th at 9:30am for Shavuot Services and Confirmation, followed by a celebratory extended Kiddush. We will have the opportunity to hear from and honor these wonderful teenagers:

Julie Cohen, daughter of Robin and Derek Cohen

Dora Kirsh, daughter of Stacy and Lee Kirsh

Benjamin Wachspress, son of Debbie and Dan Wachspress

Tara Weber, daughter of Abby and Jon Weber

## Mazel Tov to Our Graduates!

Please join us for Graduation Shabbat on Saturday, May 12th. Our high school graduates will be honored and receive a gift to send them off to college in the fall from the Eric J. Marinoff College Outreach Program. A special Kiddush is to follow. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together as a community.

### High School Graduates

Tyler Bardfeld, son of Penny and Lenny Bardfeld  
 Raphi Berlin, son of Dalit and Michael Berlin  
 Michael Gobora, son of Jill and Ed Gobora  
 Ben Galing, son of Debbie and Jeff Galing  
 David Galing, son of Debbie and Jeff Galing  
 Rachel Galing, daughter of Debbie and Jeff Galing  
 Rusty Gorelick, son of Sandy Silverman and Richard Gorelick  
 Noah Kaplan, son of Michael Kaplan  
 Nicholas Pulliam, son of Lisa and Dan Abramovitz  
 Ben Rothstein, son of Mandy and Eric Rothstein  
 Andrew Schachter, son of Michelle and Lee Schachter  
 Ethan Vegotsky, son of Nancy Goldberg and Mark Vegotsky  
 Sara Weinberg, daughter of Liz Ravitch  
 Benjamin Weinberg, son of Liz Ravitch

### College Graduates

Samantha Figarotta, daughter of David Figarotta, graduating from East Stroudsburg University  
 Steven Fried, son of Alexis and Mark Fried, graduating from Tulane University  
 Zachary Freedman, son of Melissa and Jeffrey Freedman, graduating from Washington University  
 Alex Good, son of Rebecca and Ken Good, graduating from Philadelphia University  
 Scott Karo, son of Fran and Marty Karo, graduating from American University  
 Jennie Kratz, daughter of Marcia and Harry Kratz, graduating from Smith College  
 Ben Knopfmacher, son of Susan and Lewis Knopfmacher, graduating from University of Pittsburgh  
 Lisa Samachson, daughter of Eva and Harvey Samachson, graduating from Penn State University  
 Sam Schachter, son of Phyllis and Larry Schachter, graduating from Columbia University  
 Sophie Smolen, daughter of Jill and Alan Smolen, graduating from University of Maryland

## Education & Youth



Does a child in your family have  
a birthday coming up?

How about dedicating a book to the Beth El library  
in honor of your child's birthday?

A book plate with your dedication will be placed in the book.

The book will be shared with your child's class as well as the  
Beth El community.

**Suggested donation \$18**

**Any support is appreciated as it will go towards  
educational programs for Pre-K to 7<sup>th</sup> graders.**

Personalize your dedication & make a payment by going to the this link:  
<http://www.bethelyardley.org/FJLCdonate>



Congregation  
**Beth El**

PRESENTING...

# minions congo

an educational and fun Shabbat program  
for children pre-K to 5th Grades

Shabbat Prayers & Songs  
Engaging Activities  
Story Time  
Torah Lessons  
Oneg Shabbat



A SHABBAT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE!  
LED BY LIZ RAVITCH IN ROOM 209

10:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays

**May 12**

We ask that parents of children pre-K to 2nd grades  
accompany their child(ren) to minions congo.

## BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY 2017-2018

Preparing Congregation Beth El's 6th & 7th Graders  
and their Parents for that Special Simcha!



### Shabbat Mornings

One Shabbat morning a month we will  
come together to pray, to learn and to  
share. Each Shabbat we will focus on  
an important aspect of the Bar/Bat  
Mitzvah journey in an effort to create a  
meaningful experience for all.

**May 12**

Join us in the Chapel 10am-12pm

In the 6th & 7th grades, it is strongly recommended that B'nai Mitzvah learners attend Shabbat morning service at least once a month in order to become familiar with the service and gain comfort as both a participant and leader. For more information, contact Karen Lewin, [Karen@BethElYardley.org](mailto:Karen@BethElYardley.org) or 215-493-1707 x3.

# 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

Penny Bardfeld, Chair  
Shari Senior, Sunday Fundraising Event Co - Chair  
Barbara Fineman, Shabbat Chair, Sub - Chair  
Amy Kaissar, Directory, Sub - Chair

## Shabbat Event Committee

Diane Axelrod  
Estelle & Bill Blaustein  
Charlotte & Harold Denenberg  
Marc Finkel  
Sylvia Goldberg  
Marcia Kratz  
Carol Benderson-Lighter & Stuart Lighter  
Bob Lindenbaum  
Debbie & Steven Lubin  
Janet & Norman Marinoff  
Dan Wachspress  
Michelle & Michael Weinberg  
Margie & Jack Wellerstein  
Steve Young

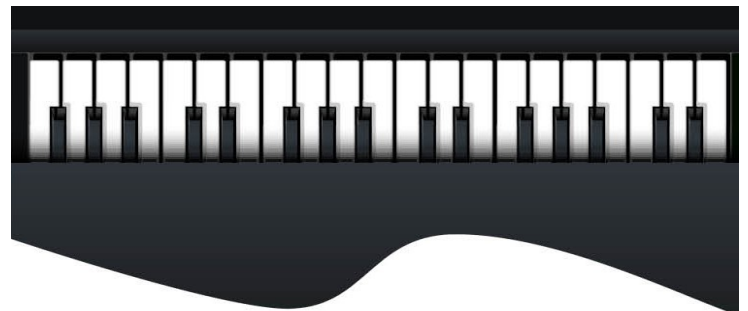
## Sunday Evening Committee

Wendy Algazi  
Jocelyne Balcher  
Jen Braverman  
Galit Green  
Shanna Jelen  
Jen Kravitz  
Jayme Lynde  
Rachael Oring  
Mandy Rothstein  
Phyllis Schachter  
Farrah Seidler  
Liza Sherman  
Lauren Young

## Directory Committee

Rick Albuck  
Jocelyne Balcher  
Beth Godett  
Randy Flager  
Phil Freidenreich  
Lois Levey  
Liz Ravitch  
Tina Rettig  
Mandy Rothstein  
Beth Sadoff  
Julie Sloan

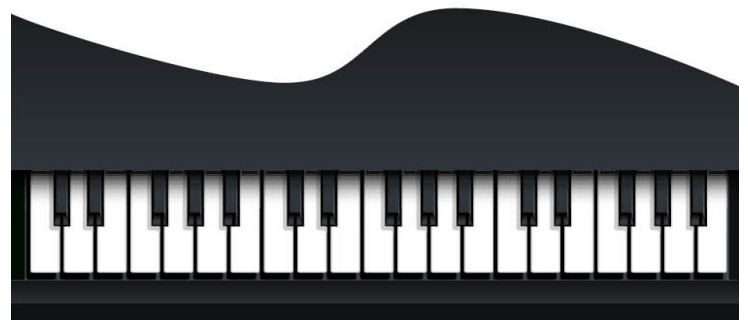
Thank you to the Shabbat musicians, readers and Dueling Pianos, emcee and runners! Also we would like to recognize President Larry Schachter and Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg as well as Board Members, Staff Members, Karen Lewin and Marian Berger. We sincerely apologize to anyone who may have been inadvertently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



Congregation Beth El

## **65th Birthday Bash Weekend of Celebration!**

*April 27-29, 2018*





# Adult Education

Jewish Learning Venture™

**Congregation Beth El Yardley Presents**

**Sunday, May 6 4-6 pm**



## ***Bach, Books, and Babka***

In ***And After the Fire***, award-winning author **Lauren Belfer** interweaves history, Bach, and the power of art to heal anti-Semitism.

Join music professor **Dr. Jay Kawarsky** and award-winning author **Lauren Belfer** to celebrate ***And After the Fire*** with:

- **Live music from Bach cantata**
- **Author talk**
- **Book signing**
- **Dessert buffet**

\$20 per person

Books will be available the day of the program for purchase, \$15 per book. Titles include *After the Fire*, *City of Light* & *A Fierce Radiance*.

Desserts sponsored by:



**Fill out this form to register or visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org)**

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**I'd like to purchase a book for \$15 (circle one): *After the Fire* *A Fierce Radiance* *City of Light***

Total # of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00/person = total\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable and mail to: Congregation Beth El 375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA 19067)

Credit card: (circle one): Visa Mastercard Discover Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit sec# \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

You're cordially invited to  
**A Summer Music Salon:**  
**Piano & Vocal Music**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**  
**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Congregation Beth El  
375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA

With performances by  
Florence Friedman Hurwitz, Jolene Chou, Tyler Weakland and a  
surprise guest

Piano duets of Debussy, Schumann, and Dvorak as well as  
Broadway highlights from Carousel, Sweeney Todd & Dear Evan Hansen and  
much more...

**RSVP (yes/maybe) by June 15th:**  
Florenceanne18@gmail.com | 908.397.5599

*A note from your performers:*

*Flo is Cantor Emerita of Temple Sinai in Summit, New Jersey, a member of Beth El, and currently serves as a chaplain for Greenwood Hospice. Jolene is a health policy research analyst at Rutgers who, after a long hiatus from the piano, decided to revive her love for it.*

*We met a year and a half ago in a "chamber music class" at Westminster Conservatory -- we were paired together to learn the art of piano duet. Since then, even after our class concluded, we have continued studying and playing music together. We are delighted to share our love of music with you. We dedicate our program to the spirit of peace and with this in mind, at the end of the program, we will welcome any free will donations for The Peace Center in Langhorne, Pa.*

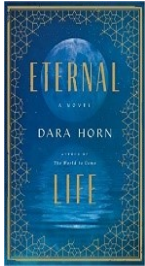
*Please come as you are or bring a friend.*

*Flo & Jolene*

## Adult Education: Book Nosh Notes from March 11th



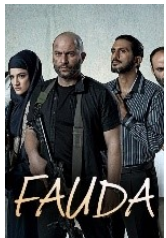
*For the literary omnivore who likes to graze*



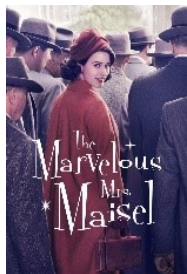
**Eternal Life: A Novel**, by Dara Horn. A brand new book by the well-known, “local” (she grew up in Short Hills, New Jersey), Jewish author. Not as well-known is the fact that she received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in Hebrew and Yiddish literature. All of her books are insightful, thought-provoking, and steeped in deep knowledge of Jewish history and religion. This latest novel poses the question, What would it really mean to live forever? Hopscotching over the centuries, from 73 C.E. to the present day, this novel tells the story of a woman who cannot die. Highly recommended for anyone interested in Jewish history, Jewish thought, and a Jewish meditation on the meaning of life.



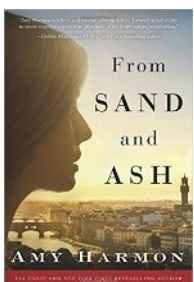
We talked once again about **Srugim**, the great Israeli TV series (it ran for 3 seasons) about young, Modern Orthodox Jews living in Jerusalem. Available for free on Amazon Prime. Great fun, recommended for all.



**Fauda**, another great Israeli TV series, this one available on Netflix, tells the story of an Israeli agent who comes out of retirement to hunt down a Palestinian militant before the next terrorist attack. Exudes an aura of authenticity; makes for gripping drama. A different vibe from **Srugim** but great entertainment nevertheless.



OK, one more TV show to recommend, **The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel**, available on Amazon. We were reminded of this one by the film, **Making Trouble, Three Generations of Funny Women**, which was one of the feature presentations of Beth El's Jewish Film Festival this past season.



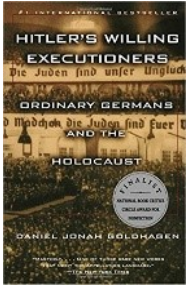
**From Sand and Ash**, by Amy Harmon. Set in Italy during WWII, this novel tells the story of a Catholic priest who hides a young Jewish woman in a convent, where she discovers she is just one of many Jews being sheltered by the Catholic Church. Highly recommended by our reviewer. For historical balance, however, this book should probably be read in conjunction with **Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII**, by John Cornwell.



## Adult Education: Book Nosh Notes



**The Producers** is a 1967 movie written and directed by Mel Brooks and starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder. In 2001, it was adapted by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan as a musical. The original Broadway production starred Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick and ran for 2,502 performances, winning 12 Tony Awards. It is now playing at the Bristol Riverside Theater. Our reviewer, who attended the show in Bristol, was taken aback by the audience reaction to jokes that had originally been intended as satire. A free-flowing discussion of anti-Semitism ensued.



Finally, we touched briefly on the culpability of Germans (and Poles) for the Holocaust. **Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust**, by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, remains the definite study on the subject.



*For the literary omnivore who likes to graze*

## **BOOK NOSH JEWISH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

For more information contact  
Alexander Geiger [alexandergeiger@aol.com](mailto:alexandergeiger@aol.com)

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**“We No Longer Stand Alone!”**  
**HONORING DR. JIM SHOWERS**  
**A GREAT CHRISTIAN ZIONIST**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF**  
***FRIENDS OF ISRAEL GOSPEL MINISTRY (FOI)***

Join us, as the Israel Forum, Brothers of Israel, The American Friends of Kaplan Medical Center, supporting the Rehovot Hospital serving more than one million Israelis, the Zionist Organization of America, and the Young Jewish Leadership Concepts, among other Jewish groups, as we celebrate, and thank Dr. Showers for his years of dedication and support of the State of Israel, and the Jewish people.



Since its inception in 1938, the FOI continues to stand against every form of anti-Semitism and supports the right of the Jewish people to live in their ancient homeland, Israel. Ever since the birth of the State of Israel, FOI has demonstrated its unwavering support behind the Jewish State.

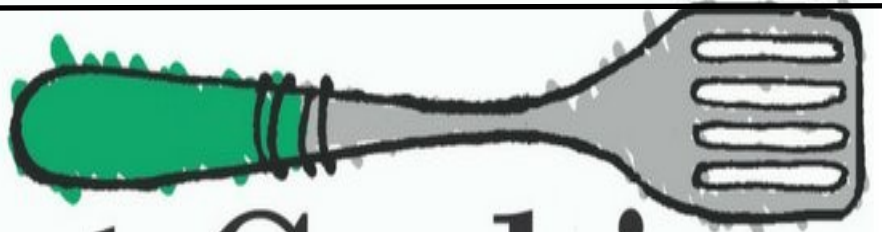
**WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM**

**WHERE: Congregation Beth El**  
**375 Stony Hill Road**  
**Yardley, PA**  
**215-493-1707**

Free Admission  
 Refreshments will follow



For more information, contact the Albert Algazi, 267-981-4548 (algazi48@yahoo.com), or Mark Melmed, 215-968-0615 (Mark@Melmed.com)



# Let's Get Cooking

WITH COOK FOR A FRIEND

Tuesdays

May 8 June 5 July 10

4:00 pm

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

*Thank you to all of our Cook For a Friend Volunteers:*

Carol Benderson-Lichter, Mandy Rothstein, Lois Levey, Sandy Silverman,  
Eva Samachson, Beth Sadoff, Sylvia Goldberg, Stacey Freed, Laura Lebenkoff,  
Jared Freed, Stephen Minsky, Judith Minsky, Marcia Kratz

For more information contact: Beth Sadoff at [bjaws999@gmail.com](mailto:bjaws999@gmail.com)  
or 215-208-8006



## Social Action Opportunities



American Friends of KAPLAN MEDICAL CENTER

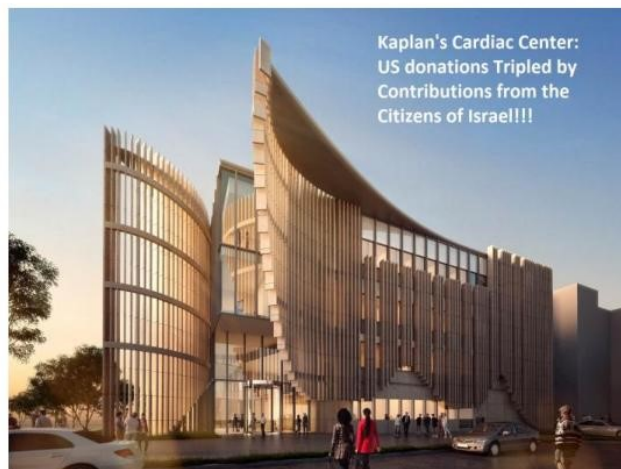


*"Healing the Heartland of Israel"*

### "HEART & SOLE" CAMPAIGN

- \* Empty your closet of clutter
- \* Recycle your "gently used" shoes
- \* & Help build Israel's Largest Hi-Tech Cardiac Center in the Middle East!

Beth El leads the way -  
fills TWENTIETH Box!!!



Thanks to Bucks County Chair,  
Karen Shoemaker

Beth El's support leads the nation  
in helping us build the  
Heart Hospital in Rehovot, Israel!



Your "gently used" shoes, and tax-deductible donations will be accepted at the **Sunday, June 3**, "We No Longer Stand Alone" Event at Beth El honoring Dr. Jim Showers, Executive Director, Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry.

On March 25, Beth El led the way again!

**Young Jewish Leadership Concepts (YJLC)** has set up special events to invite current and past young professional leaders to help in the **"Heart & Sole" Campaign** putting Shoe Collection/Israel Medical Miracle information boxes on **1000 OTHER synagogues, churches and college campuses** around the US.

**Lawrenceville Shoprite** was one of 3 sites on the East Coast hosting a pre-Pesach "Matzah Aisle Meet-up" for young professionals ... (the NYC site was organized by Beth El's **Daniella Levitan**.)  
- Next year in Jerusalem, ... and at least a dozen sites around the US!

Beth El Board officer **Beth Sadoff** informed us at Shoprite that she will be celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year with husband Ari. And let us know ... they met at YJLC's Costume (Halloween) Dance-Party, October 1991.

YJLC will soon be inviting her kids to take a leadership role, after their graduation from college 😊



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## 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](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org)
- \*Marian Berger; [mberger@bethelyardley.org](mailto: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



A big thank you to all the members of "The Women of Beth El" who joined us on Sunday morning for our Paid Up Brunch. We celebrated our 65th Birthday by recognizing all of our members who have so willingly given of their time and efforts to continue the growth and success of our organization. We introduced our new social action initiative:

### *Mathilde's Mentionables*

We will be collecting slightly used and new bras, and personal hygiene products for women in need, homeless women, and women in shelters. Look for the big pink box in the Synagogue to place your donations. We will be Women helping Women.





## Share Shabbat

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# SHARE SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, June 1

7:00 pm

RSVP by May 22

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**POT LUCK DAIRY/VEGETARIAN DINNER**

We hope you will join us and be part of this wonderful experience!

**For more information and to RSVP by May 22 to Susan Strouse 215-355-8999 or email:  
shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com**

## 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**  
**May 5**

Please RSVP [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or call the  
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Join Congregation Beth El  
on Friday, May 4 6:00pm  
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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!  
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**Shiru  
La'Adonai**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Marc Shoemaker 215-493-6207.

## Men's Club

**Congregation Beth El Men's Club is hosting Greg Valliere**

**Chief Global Strategist for Horizon Investments**

**Free event for all members and guests**

### **The Washington Policy Outlook – Guest**

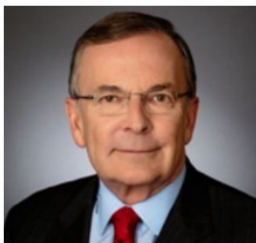
- **The 2018 agenda — more tax cuts? Infrastructure spending?**
- **The fall election outlook — is a wave brewing?**
- **The Federal Reserve's big task — containing inflation as the economy accelerates**
- **A ticking time bomb — deficits are headed much higher**
- **The geopolitical wild card — trade disputes and tariffs**

**Date & Time of the event: May 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm**

**Dessert and Coffee will be served**

**RSVP: [roring@ncfg.com](mailto:roring@ncfg.com), call the office (215) 493-1707 or**

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



Greg Valliere is the Chief Global Strategist at Horizon Investments. With over three decades of experience following Washington for investors, Greg brings a unique perspective to Horizon -- analyzing policy and politics and their impact on the markets.

After Graduating from George Washington University, Greg co-founded The Washington Forum, which linked Wall Street with Washington. He subsequently held several positions, including Director of Research at the Charles Schwab Washington Research Group.

Greg specializes in coverage of the Federal Reserve, economic policy and -- of course -- politics. He is a frequent guest on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and radio, CNN, Fox Business News and CBS radio. He is frequently quoted in The Wall Street Journal, Barron's and The New York Times. Greg has spoken extensively to industry groups at conferences such as: Cambridge IGNITE, LPL FOCUS, Schwab IMPACT, TD Ameritrade Institutional, NFP, Envestnet, and many more.

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For more information contact:

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### Our Community Mourns the Loss of:



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husband of Ruth Weiss and long time  
Beth El member

Lottie Zagar,  
mother of Lee Zagar and  
mother-in-law to Sandy Zagar



Mazel Tov to Jill and Steven Katz on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Ari Silverman.

Mazel Tov to Pam Weinstein and Family, on the occasion of Mollie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to Eileen Weinstein and Phil on the occasion of their granddaughter Mollie becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to Elissa and Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg and Family, on the occasion of their son, Samuel becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to Melissa & Andrew Mitnick and Family, on the occasion of their daughters, Allie and Macie becoming B'not Mitzvah.

### GARDEN UPDATE

Finally, the weather is starting to show signs of spring. The garden volunteers have met and are ready to go.

If you have any extra garden tools that you would like to get off your hands and/or you would like to volunteer, please call the office.

**215-493-1707 x4**



### *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 yarzeit.

***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 Morning 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) or visit

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



## 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

### **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

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### **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](mailto:mail@jeremyheller.com).



### **Ideas or submissions for The Shofar?**

Email feedback, articles and pictures to:  
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**If you would like to receive a hard copy of *The Shofar* via regular U.S. mail, do not hesitate to request an issue to be delivered to your door.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>116th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>217th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>318th of Iyar</b> <b>Lag B'Omer</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan  Cancelled Men's Club Torah on Tap	<b>419th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00am - Noon Gift shop  6:00pm Shiru La'Adonai Musical Shabbat Services & Welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman  7:39pm Candle Lighting	<b>520th of Iyar</b> <b>Parashat Emor</b>  9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services with Shabbat luncheon - Welcome Interim Rabbi Scott Hoffman  8:40pm Havdalah
<b>621st of Iyar</b>  8:00am Morning minyan 9:00am - noon FJLC (PreK - 7th) 9:00am - noon Gift shop 1:00pm Bucks County Jewish Youth Trenton Thunder Event 4:00pm Bach, Books & Babke, author visit Lauren Belfer	<b>722nd of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting	<b>823rd of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 4:00pm Cook for a Friend 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>924th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>1025th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan 8:00pm Men's Club Guest speaker Greg Valliere	<b>1126th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 6:00pm Shabbat Services 7:46pm Candle Lighting	<b>1227th of Iyar</b> <b>Parashat Behar-Bechukotai</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Graduation Shabbat  10:00am BMU 10:00am Minions Congo  8:47pm Havdalah
<b>1328th of Iyar</b> <b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> No FJLC  Gift shop closed  8:00am Morning minyan	<b>1429th of Iyar</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	<b>151st of Sivan</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>162nd of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>173rd of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>184th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 6:00pm Shabbat Services 7:53pm Candle Lighting	<b>195th of Sivan</b> <b>Erev Shavuot</b> <b>Parashat Bamidbar</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:30pm Shavuot Celebration
<b>206th of Sivan</b> <b>Shavuot I</b> Office Closed  Last day FJLC  Gift shop closed 9:30am FJLC (PreK - 7th) 9:30am - Shavuot Services & Confirmation	<b>217th of Sivan</b> <b>Shavuot II</b> Office Closed  9:30am Shavuot Services with Yizkor  8:56 Havdalah	<b>228th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>239th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>2410th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>2511th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am noon Gift shop 6:00pm Shabbat Services 7:59pm Candle Lighting	<b>2612th of Sivan</b> <b>Parashat Nasso</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  9:00pm Havdalah
<b>2713th of Sivan</b>  8:00am Morning minyan	<b>2814th of Sivan</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>2915th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>3016th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current events with Rabbi Gruenberg  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>3117th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 7:30pm Evening minyan		



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1<sup>18</sup>th of Sivan</b> 7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 6:00pm Shabbat Services  7:00pm Share Shabbat Pot luck-- Cara & Leon Weissman's home  8:04pm Candle lighting	<b>2<sup>19</sup>th of Sivan</b> <b>Parashat Behalotecha</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bat Mitzvah of Mollie Weinstein  9:05pm Havdalah
<b>3<sup>20</sup>th of Sivan</b>  8:00am Morning minyan  2:00pm Israel Forum	<b>4<sup>21</sup>st of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan  7:30pm Executive Board Meeting	<b>5<sup>22</sup>nd of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  4:00pm Cook for a Friend  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>6<sup>23</sup>rd of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan 10:00am - noon Gift shop 10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>7<sup>24</sup>th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>8<sup>25</sup>th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00am - noon Gift shop  6:00pm Shabbat Services  8:09pm Candle lighting	<b>9<sup>26</sup>th of Sivan</b> <b>Parashat Sh'lach</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Michah Gruenberg  9:09pm Havdalah
<b>10<sup>27</sup>th of Sivan</b>  8:00am Morning minyan	<b>11<sup>28</sup>th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>12<sup>29</sup>th of Sivan</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>13<sup>30</sup>th of Sivan</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00am - noon Gift Shop  10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg	<b>14<sup>1</sup>st of Tammuz</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan  7:45pm Annual Meeting	<b>15<sup>2</sup>nd of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00-Noon Gift Shop  6:00pm Camp Send Off  6:00pm Shabbat Services	<b>16<sup>3</sup>rd of Tammuz</b> <b>Parashat Korach</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with B'nai Mitzvot of Allie & Macie Mitnick  9:12pm Havdalah
<b>17<sup>4</sup>th of Tammuz</b> <b>Father's Day</b>  8:00am Morning minyan	<b>18<sup>5</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan  7:30pm Board Meeting	<b>19<sup>6</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>20<sup>7</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan  10:00am - noon Gift shop  10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>21<sup>8</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>22<sup>9</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00-noon Gift shop  6:00pm Shabbat Services  8:14pm Candle lighting	<b>23<sup>10</sup>th of Tammuz</b> <b>Parashat Chukat</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  9:14pm Havdalah
<b>24<sup>11</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  8:00am Morning minyan  3:30pm - 5:30pm Summer Music Salon with Cantor Flo Hurwitz	<b>25<sup>12</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>26<sup>13</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>27<sup>14</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am - noon Gift Shop 10:30am Current Events with Rabbi Gruenberg  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>28<sup>15</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  7:30pm Evening minyan	<b>29<sup>16</sup>th of Tammuz</b>  7:00am Morning minyan  10:00am - noon Gift Shop  6:00pm Shabbat Services  8:14pm Candle lighting	<b>30<sup>17</sup>th of Tammuz</b> <b>Parashat Balak</b>  9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  9:14pm Havdalah

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