

The Shofar

The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

September/October 2018

Elul/Tishri/Cheshvan 5778/5779

 Thank you to our Yardley Shoprite for providing the food for the BBQ

**Saddle Up for Congregation Beth El's
BACK TO SHUL EVENT!**

**HAVA NAGRILLA
WILD WEST BBQ**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:00pm at Congregation Beth El

GREAT BBQ!
Buffet will include hotdogs, hamburgers, vegetarian burgers, salads & watermelon.

WILD WEST ACTIVITIES
Moon Bounce, DJ, Wild West crafts, games and more!

**NEED A RIDE TO THE
WILD WEST BBQ?**
We are happy to find a ride for you. Call the office, 215-493-1707.

FREE!
and Open to the Community.
Roundup
Come on out for a great day and meet old and new friends!

DRESS
in casual country and wear your cowboy hat!

RSVP PLEASE
Reservations by September 7
Walk-ins are welcome. To make a reservation call 215-493-1707 x4 or visit: www.BethElYardley.org.



 **Congregation Beth El**

375 Stony Hill Road • Yardley, PA 19067
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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 HOUR

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

For more information about the gift shop or to schedule an appointment, contact Michelle Flash, 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

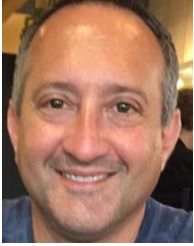
**Deadline for the
November/December Shofar
October 14**

Need a ride?



Want to come to an upcoming event or program at Congregation Beth El but don't want to drive? Contact the office, 215 - 493 - 1707 and we will do our best to provide you with transportation. Look for the car logo for future ride share opportunities.

President's Message



Just a few weeks ago we celebrated Rosh Hodesh Elul, the beginning of the month that leads us into the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. As summer is winding down, we are all getting ready for the new school year and for the New Year. Everyone knows that the Jewish holidays are never on time. This year is no exception; we all know they are coming early!

This year also brings excitement in the form of change. We welcome Rabbi Scott Hoffman to the Bima along with our returning Hazzan Alan Rosenbaum. We have had many opportunities for everyone to meet Rabbi Hoffman. He brings his runner's style and his southern charm (he's from Maryland), and we all look forward to his spending time with us this holiday season.

In the last Shofar, Liz Ravitch asked several questions that she and others have been pondering. I can answer in one word, 'Yes'. In short, she asked about maintaining our progress, continuing to grow and keeping our sense of community. Planning to maintain our progress has been going on behind the scenes for a few months already. We are pleased to welcome several more families into our community this summer. Some may have joined because of a recent Shiru La'Adonai event which drew more than 70 people. Others have joined because we offer a comfortable place to call home. Rabbi Hoffman and Harriet Freidenreich are scheduling adult ed classes to begin this fall. Will these be the same classes as last year? Maybe not, but remember this is another exciting change. The attendees of the class can help determine the topics that are covered.

And we will continue to grow. By your word of mouth, people in the community at large will know about us and can come experience what we are all a part of. Many successful events from last year will be continuing, such as 'Cook for a Friend', 'Torah on Tap', and our Film Festival in the spring. But as change is our theme, we will be bringing in some new events as well, such as Women of Beth El's 'Sangria in the Sukkah', a Living Jewish program 'Beyond Latkes and Manischewitz', and the Israel Forum's event on displaced Sephardic Jews. Information on these and other events will be in the Shofar and in your weekly email.

Finally, our sense of community has never been stronger. In this time of change, we are coming together to help support each other. Our participation in the 'Meet and Greet' programs has been wonderful; many of you have already had an opportunity to meet Rabbi Hoffman. For those of you that have not, please stop by the synagogue for a Shabbat Service or to catch him in his office. All of our programs are successful because of you, the Beth El family. Whether we get together for minyan at the synagogue, or meet at home with our friends for dinner, we all share the common purpose of being a part of Beth El. There are so many things happening in and around the shul. If you have an interest that is not represented, please reach out to me or a member of the Board of Directors and we will be happy to listen and help create a program to meet your needs. I hope to see everyone around the synagogue this High Holiday season.

Shanah Tovah U'metukah,

Laurence H. Schachter
President
President@bethelyardley.org



Rabbi's Message



Rosh Hashana – A New Beginning?

Hebrew is a strange language in certain respects. Take the word “shalom”. You know from Hebrew school that it can mean not only “peace” but also “hello” and “good-bye.” Of course, the strange part is that the last two words are opposites. I’m no expert on languages, but I suspect that the word for “black” is not the same as the word for “white” in too many tongues.

It turns out the same peculiarity occurs with the word “shana”. Shana can in certain cases mean “to repeat.” For example, the great third century CE code of Jewish law is called the “Mishna”, perhaps because it was originally mastered in oral form through constant repetition. The last of the five books of the Torah, Deuteronomy, is sometimes termed “Mishneh Torah”, the repetition of the Torah, because it refers to incidents described in the preceding books.

But the root “shana” can also mean “to change”, “to be different”. Let’s start with an example we all know well. On Passover, we recite the “Mah Nishtanah”, which asks why this night is “different” from all other nights. When the Talmud wishes to distinguish between cases which are not comparable, it uses the language “shani hatam”, “that case is different.”

So as we approach this New Year, we must ask ourselves – should we continue as in the past, or should we change? And the answer is usually a bit of both. Each fall we must look at our lives honestly and objectively, but also with an eye to realism. Chances are we’re doing some things in our lives well, and if we simply continue on the current path, we will have more than fulfilled our religious obligation. On the other hand, few of us couldn’t benefit from a change or two, and Rosh Hashana is a great time to initiate the process of betterment.

So have a Happy New Year, with respect to those behaviors which are new - as well as those which are not.

L’shana Tovah Umetukah,

Scott A. Hoffman

Scott A. Hoffman
Rabbi
Rabbi@bethelyardley.org



Selichot - Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Kol Emet, Yardley, PA

Join Congregations Beth El, Brothers of Israel,
Tifereth Israel, Kehilat HaNahar, and Kol Emet
as we begin the new year together with
heart-opening conversation and prayer for

Selichot



Saturday, September 1, 2018

Hosted by Congregation Kol Emet

1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley, PA 19067

8:30pm Havdalah Service

9:00pm Program

We will view clips of two different talks on compassion, one featuring
Rabbi Shai Held and another by Mr. Rogers,
and discuss the value of compassion and kindness
as it relates to us in the Jewish community.

The program will be followed by refreshments
and then a community Selichot Service.

High Holidays Schedule of Services



2018 Congregation Beth El High Holidays Schedule 5779



The Religious Activities Committee announces the following schedule of worship for High Holidays Services. Services will be led by Rabbi Scott A. Hoffman and Hazzan Alan Rosenbaum.

Saturday, September 1

Selichot Services (at Kol Emet, PA).....8:30pm

Sunday, September 9

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service.....6:00pm

Monday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah Morning Services.....8:30am

Childcare (18 mos. - PreK).....10:30am - 1:00pm

Family Service (Parents and children up to Kindergarten)10:30am - 12:00pm

Mini Congo (1st - 3rd grade).....10:30am - 12:30pm

Junior Congregation (4th - 6th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm

Teen Discussion (7th - 12th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm

Tashlich (Edgewood Road Overpass, Yardley).....6:00pm

Rosh Hashanah Evening Service7:00pm

Tuesday, September 11

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.....8:30am

Childcare (18 mos. - PreK)10:30am - 1:00pm

Family Service (Parents and children up to 2nd grade).....10:30am - 12:00pm

Junior Congregation (3rd - 6th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm

Teen Service Project (7th - 12th grade).....10:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday, September 18

Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Evening Service6:30pm

Childcare6:30pm - 9:15pm

Wednesday, September 19

Yom Kippur Morning Service *Including* Yizkor.....8:30am

Childcare (18 months - PreK).....10:30am - 1:00pm

Family Service (Parents and children up to Kindergarten)10:30am - 12:00pm

Mini Congo (1st - 3rd grade).....10:30am - 12:30pm

Junior Congregation (4th - 6th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm

Teen Discussion (7th - 12th grade).....10:30am - 12:30pm

Yizkor Service Open to the Community.....4:45pm

Mincha and Neilah followed by Community Break the Fast (RSVP for Break the Fast).....5:15pm

High Holidays - Meet Hazzan Alan Rosenbaum



MEET BETH EL'S HIGH HOLIDAY HAZZAN ***Alan Rosenbaum***

Cantor Rosenbaum will be serving as High Holy Day Cantor at Beth El for the third year in a row. Hazzan (Cantor) Alan Rosenbaum graduated from Gratz College with honors in May 2008 where he received a Masters Degree in Cantorial Studies and Jewish Music, and was the recipient of the Abramson Fellowship for the 2004-2005 academic year. He served as part-time cantor at Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid in Broomall, Pennsylvania, and in addition has served as the High Holy Day Cantor at The Congregations of Ner Zedek in Philadelphia; Congregation Ner Tamid in Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, New Jersey; Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield, Connecticut; and Temple Torat Emet in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Before becoming a cantor, Mr. Rosenbaum served as a professional choir singer in a number of synagogues in the Philadelphia area, including Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Center City, Har Zion Temple in Gladwyne, and Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood.

Mr. Rosenbaum also has performed with local opera companies in the metropolitan Philadelphia area and in New York and New Jersey, including the Delaware Valley Opera Guild, the Little Lyric Opera Theater, and the Rittenhouse Opera Society in Philadelphia; the Camerata Opera Theater of New Jersey; Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra in suburban Philadelphia; and the Amato Opera Company in New York City. He also has performed in concert and recital programs throughout the Metropolitan Philadelphia area, and in summer concert programs in Cape May, New Jersey. During the summer of 2002, he appeared in the role of Nikolai in a U.S. premiere of the opera "Golden Medina", by composer David Finko, based on a true story about Russian emigration to the US in 1913, and of course, a love interest that developed on board the boat between a Jewish girl and a Russian nobleman.

In the operas of Giuseppe Verdi, some of the roles Mr. Rosenbaum has performed are: Rigoletto, Conte di Luna in "Il Trovatore", Iago in "Otello", Germont in "La Traviata", and Amonasro in "Aida". In addition he has performed as Tonio in "I Pagliacci" by Leoncavallo; Michele in "Il Tabarro" by Puccini; Sir Henry Ashton in "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti; and Valentin in "Faust" by Gounod. In each of the summers of 2003 and 2004, he added a Figaro to his repertoire with Delaware Valley Opera in Philadelphia; in "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini, and in "The Marriage of Figaro" (in English) by Mozart. He performed the roles of the four villains in "Tales of Hoffman (in English) by Jacques Offenbach in August 2007. His classical song repertoire includes music of Schubert, Beethoven, Brahms, Mahler, Fauré, Ravel, D'Indy, and others.

In March 2004, Mr. Rosenbaum won third prize in a vocal competition sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera, at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York, and was selected as a finalist in a vocal competition for singers of the operas of Giuseppe Verdi. Unfortunately, the finals in this competition were never held.

High Holidays - Lulav and Etrog Order



Congregation Beth El is accepting orders for Lulavim and Etrogim so that you can fulfill the mitzvah of waving the Lulav and Etrog this Sukkot. Each set consists of an Israeli Etrog and Lulav-Hadassim-Arovot in a palm holder.

COST

\$36 Standard Set \$40 Prime Set \$45 Deluxe Set

All orders must be returned to the synagogue office by Tuesday, September 4. Fill out the form below or visit www.bethelyardley.org to submit an order online.



#Standard Set (s) _____ x \$36 = Total _____

#Prime Set (s) _____ x \$40 = Total _____

#Deluxe Set (s) _____ x \$45 = Total _____

Total \$ _____

Check # _____

(make check payable to: Congregation Beth El)

***Credit Card (circle one):**

Visa Master Card Discover (No Amex)

Card# _____ Expiration date: _____ Security Code: _____

*Add an additional 2.5% to credit card transaction

Bill my account: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Mail to:

Congregation Beth El
ATTN: Lulav and Etrog
 375 Stony Hill Road
 Yardley, PA 19067

High Holidays - Community Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast



Join Us Immediately Following Yom Kippur Services on the evening of Wednesday, September 19.

All are welcome to our traditional Break-the-Fast meal, including bagels, fish, kugel, and dessert, catered by ShopRite of Yardley. \$18 per person, \$9 children aged 3-13, children under 3 free, family household max price \$54. Become a sponsor for \$100 to subsidize families in need.

All Congregation Beth El members, guests, prospective members and non-members are welcome and are encouraged to attend!

RSVP by **Friday, September 7**. Please fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue office or visit www.bethelyardley.org to submit your payment online.

_____ I want to be a sponsor (\$100)

_____ Number Attending (\$18 per adult)

_____ Number Attending (\$9 per child 3-13)

_____ Number of Children under 3 (free)

_____ Number in Family household (\$54 max)

Total Amount: \$ _____

Check # _____ Bill my account: _____

(make check payable to: Congregation Beth El)



Community Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

*Credit Card (circle one):

Visa Master Card Discover (No Amex)

Name on card: _____

Card# _____

Expiration date: _____

Security Code: _____

*Add an additional 2.5% to any credit card transaction

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this form with payment to: Congregation Beth El ATTN: Break - the - Fast
375 Stony Hill Road Yardley, PA 19067

High Holidays - Guest Tickets Request

High Holiday Tickets were mailed the week of August 20, 2018 to members in good standing. According to the policy established by the Board of Directors, a member must pay twenty percent (20%) of the year's dues by August 17th, in order to be considered a member in good standing. For family memberships, tickets will also be issued upon request for **any adult member of the household who is 18 to 25 years of age or is a dependent, as defined by Internal Revenue Service.** Members in good standing of a synagogue affiliated with the **United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism** are welcome to attend our High Holiday Services as our guests. Such guests should email (Barbara@bethelyardley.org) a letter from their synagogue confirming their status and we will be happy to issue their tickets. Tickets for guests are also available for purchase by members in good standing, at a cost of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) per person.

You can avoid paying for additional tickets by upgrading your membership and becoming a Patron or Benefactor. Benefactors may request up to four free guest tickets; Patrons and Single Benefactors may request up to two free guest tickets, and Single Patrons may request one free guest ticket.

For more information, call the synagogue office 215-493-1707. ***To request guest tickets, please fill out the form and return it to the synagogue office or visit www.bethelyardley.org to submit your request online.***



List ONLY family members between the ages of 18 - 25:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

List guest names and addresses: If you need more space for guests, please attach additional paper to this form with your payment.

Guest name: _____

Guest name: _____

Street: _____

Street: _____

City, State: _____

City, Street: _____

Zip Code: _____

Zip Code: _____

Total #tickets: _____ x \$180.00/ticket = \$ _____

Check # _____

Bill my account: _____

(make check payable to: Congregation Beth El)

***Credit Card** (circle one):

Visa Master Card Discover (No Amex)

Name on card: _____ Card# _____ Expiration date: _____

Security Code: _____ *Add an additional 2.5% to any credit card transaction

Mail this form with payment to: Congregation Beth El ATTN: Guest Tickets 375 Stony Hill Road Yardley, PA 19067

Congregant's Name: _____

Fall Holidays



Do you want
to build
the Sukkah?

**JOIN THE MEN'S CLUB
ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
7:30 AM
AT BETH EL**

**Volunteers Needed call or email:
Michael Weinberg 215-801-4929 or
phyxture@verizon.net**



**Join Us at Beth El
for Sukkot,
Shemini Atzeret &
Simchat Torah Services**

Sunday, September 23
6:45pm - Erev Sukkot Services

Monday, September 24
9:30am - 1st Day Sukkot
Services

Tuesday, September 25
9:30am - 2nd Day Sukkot
Services

6:00pm Sukkot Services

Sunday, September 30
6:45pm - Erev Shemini Atzeret-
Services

Monday, October 1
9:30am - Shemini Atzeret
Service with Yizkor
7:00pm Erev Simchat Torah
Services

Tuesday, October 2
9:30am Simchat Torah Services
with Sloppy Joe Lunch
following services
6:00pm Simchat Torah Services

SIMCHAT

Monday, October 1

9:30am Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor
7:00pm Erev Simchat Torah Services

Tuesday, October 2

9:30am Simchat Torah Services with Sloppy
Joe Lunch following services!
6:00pm Simchat Torah Services



ORAH

**Celebrate With Us At Beth El As
We Mark the Ending of the
Annual Torah Cycle &
the Beginning of the New Cycle!**



SUKKOT - PIZZA IN THE HUT! - All are welcome

Congregation Beth El
invites everyone to join us for



Wednesday, September 26th @ 5:45pm

Cost: \$8/Adult

\$5/Senior (65+)

\$5/Child-Teen

\$20 Max per family

Enjoy pizza, salad, drinks, & dessert
while hanging out with your friends in
our beautiful Beth El Sukkah!

RSVP by September 17th
online at www.BethElYardley.org
or call the office, 215-493-1707


Women of Beth El - Sangria in the Sukkah

Please Join Women of Beth El for

SANGRIA IN THE SUKKAH!!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

7:30 PM



CELEBRATE SUKKOT BY
SIPPING SOME SANGRIA,
SATISFYING YOUR STOMACH,
SOCIALIZING AND
SEARCHING YOUR SOUL!

Rabbi Scott Hoffman will lead us in a
timely discussion about food insecurity.
Please bring a non-perishable food item to
donate to the Mitzvah Food Pantry.

ALL ARE WELCOME! RSVPs Appreciated

Email: WOBERSVP@BethElYardley.org
or call 215-493-1707 x4

Education & Youth Director's Message



Shalom! I hope this note finds you well and enjoying your summer. It's hard to believe that the summer will soon be over! I have been busy working with our faculty on plans for the upcoming year, to which I am very much looking forward!

The first day of FJLC for everyone, (Pre-K through 7th grades), will be on Sunday, September 16th, from 9am to 12pm. The tzevet (staff) and I are extremely eager to greet and welcome the students back for a fabulous year. All students will go to their meeting spaces, have the opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new ones and meet their teachers. Parents are welcome to walk their child(ren) upstairs to get them acclimated and stay as long as you see fit. At 10:30am, parents are invited to join me to learn more about this year's FJLC curriculum. I will outline each grade's learning objectives and themes at this time. Then at 11:15am, the entire community, students, teachers and parents, will meet in the sanctuary for our opening assembly. We will introduce the staff and welcome new friends. Following the assembly at 12pm, I hope you will join us for the Back to Beth El BBQ. Teachers will be available at the BBQ; it is a great time to be together.

The first day of *HaMoadon* (8th -12th graders) will be on Wednesday, September 26th beginning at 6:45pm to 8:45pm. We will begin the year with a Sukkot celebration and a delicious PIZZA IN THE HUT dinner. All Beth El teens are welcome to join us and check out what we have planned for this year!

If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) for our education programs as soon as possible. You should have received an email with a link to our online registration form (https://www.easyreg.org/cgi-bin/acct/THYX4JA49A/displayForm.pl?G1VXJWC1_2018). In order to make your child's experience a meaningful one, the staff must be informed of who is attending this year. Please help us expedite the process of getting accurate information by registering today! Thank you.

I look forward to greeting you soon. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, ideas... and if you are in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello! Wishing you a *Shana Tova U'Metukah*, a good and sweet new year!

Karen B. Lewin
Education Director
Klewin@bethelyardley.org

TODAH RABBAH TO OUR FABULOUS PTO!

The PTO recently purchased a free standing Smart TV with Chromecast and other wonderful capabilities!

Special thanks to Gretchen Merchio, Sydney Merchio, Stephanie Bunin and Steve Young for helping to make this happen!



B'nai Mitzvah - Mazel Tov!



Ian Pollack, son of Courtney and Neal Pollack, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 22, 2018. For his mitzvah project Ian has been volunteering his time with senior citizens at the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, pushing wheelchairs, participating in bingo, and helping with activities and games. Mazel Tov!



Joshua Goldberg, son of Lynne and David Goldberg, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 27, 2018. For his mitzvah project, Josh is raising money for the Familial Dysautonomia Foundation by hosting a fundraiser at Jules Pizza in Yardley on Saturday, September 8th from 5:00pm to close. Josh's cousin has FD and he is raising the money in her honor. If you mention you are at Jules Pizza to support Josh's project, 20% of the total will be donated to the charity. Mazel Tov!

Congregation Beth El

PRESENTING...

mini 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
Oct. 13 Nov 17 Dec. 8 Jan. 12
Feb. 9 Mar. 9 Apr. 13 May 11

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

BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY 2018-2019

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



Join Us on 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.

Join us in the Chapel 10am-12pm

Oct. 13	Nov 17	Dec. 8
Jan. 12	Feb. 9	Mar. 9
Apr. 13	May 11	

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 or 215-493-1707 x3.

Education & Youth



Do a Mitzvah! Dedicate a Book!

HONOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW BY DONATING A
BOOK TO THE BETH EL LIBRARY THROUGH THE FIERVERKER JEWISH
LEARNING COMMUNITY PTO

Donate a book for any and all occasions. Birthdays, B'nai Mitzvah, anniversaries and more! All money donated to this fund benefits the advancement of Jewish education for our Fierverker Jewish Learning Community, Pre-Kindergarten through 7th grades. In exchange for your donation, a special book plate will be inserted in one of our library books and shared with the community.

Suggested donation \$18

Any support is appreciated as it will go towards
educational programs for PreK to 7th graders.

Personalize your dedication and make a payment
by going to the following link:

<http://www.bethelyardley.org/PTOdonate>



Thank you for your generosity.

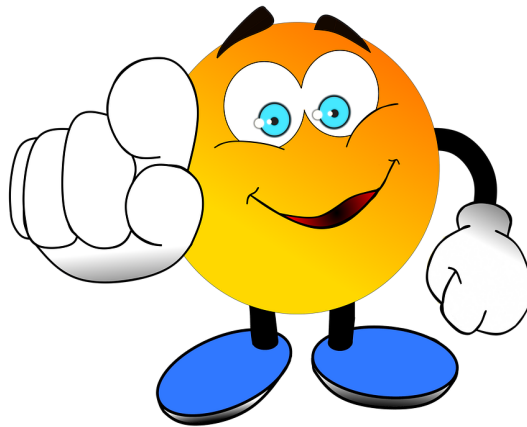
Beth El wants you!



Do you or a friend have a hidden talent that you would be willing to showcase at Beth El?

Chefs, seamstresses/tailors, bakers, singers, dancers, musicians, actors, yoga, Zumba, wine enthusiasts..... Help us bring exciting workshops to Beth El sharing the talents and interests of our own congregants.

Please contact the Beth El office with your talent offering and program ideas today! office@bethelyardley.org 215-493-1707 x4.



GARDEN UPDATE

Beth El's tomatoes have proven to be a hardy crop. As for the zucchini, let's just say we will try again next year. If you would like to volunteer in the garden, please contact the office, 215-493-1707 x4. Thank you to Linda Heasley, Faye Laveson, Karen Lewin, FJLC Students and Jack Wellerstein for helping to get our garden to grow!

The Schwarz - Kurz - Zeller Adult Education Institute Presents

Adult Education

2018 - 2019

Learning has no age limit. Something for Everyone!

Congregation Beth El is pleased to offer a full menu of Adult Education programming this year. If you're ready to learn, we've got you covered, whether you prefer daytime or evening...weekends or weekdays...ongoing classes or one-time events.

Here's a preview of upcoming Adult Ed attractions at Congregation Beth El

Weekly/Monthly Classes. (Please note: While we would love for you to be in class weekly or monthly, all classes are open to all, on a drop-in basis. No RSVP or pre-reading assignments. Just come when you can and enjoy!)

- ♦ **The Bible Says What?!** ... Literary analysis of the Torah, with a modern spin.
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Hoffman
Meets: Weekly, Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm (Begins Tuesday, October 9)

- ♦ **Jewish History**...Historical perspectives on the trends and events that have shaped our people.
Instructor: Harriet Freidenreich, Ph.D.
Meets: Weekly, Wednesdays, 9:30am - 10:30am (Begins Wednesday, October 3)
Modern European Jewish History (Begins October 3 – November 28)
Jewish American History (Begins January 9 – May 29)

- ♦ **Torah and World Affairs**...Pathways to understanding our changing world, through readings from the weekly Torah Parsha as well as current headlines.
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Hoffman
Meets: Weekly, Wednesdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm (Begins Wednesday, October 3)

- ♦ **Bible Ba-Boker**...Traditional Torah study of the weekly Parsha. No prior Torah knowledge required to participate. All are welcome.
Instructor: Rabbi Scott Hoffman
Meets: Weekly, before Shabbat Services, Saturdays, 8:30am - 9:15am (Begins October 6)

- ♦ **Torah on Tap**...What does Torah tell us about how to live today? Find out in this informal, free-flowing meet-up at Beth El. Men and women welcome! **Sponsored by Men's Club.**
Discussion Leader: Rabbi Scott Hoffman
Meets: Monthly, Thursdays 7:30pm October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 7, April 4, May 16, June 16

The Schwarz - Kurz - Zeller Adult Education Institute Presents

Adult Education Special Events & Programs

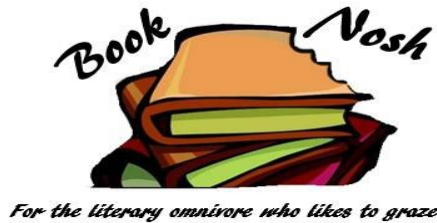
Mark your calendars

- ♦ **Forgotten Refugees/Sephardim.** Before Israel's founding in 1948, there were thriving Jewish Communities across the Middle East. Today, those communities are gone. Come and learn about a modern-day Exodus, as Sephardic Jews sought a new homeland for themselves and their families. Program includes film and panel of guest speakers. **Sponsored by The Israel Forum.**
Discussion Leader: Albert Algazi
Program Date: Sunday, October 7, 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- ♦ **Book Nosh.** Jewish - themed culture talk about books, films, music, and art – all with a side of bagels.
Discussion Leader: Alex Geiger
Program Dates: Sunday, October, 28 10:30am – 12:00pm & Sunday, February, 24 10:30am – 12:00pm
- ♦ **Beyond Latkes and Manischewitz.** Time to bring Hanukkah into the 21st Century! Wondering how to update your Hanukkah menu for today's healthier lifestyles? Want to find that perfect wine or beer pairing for your Hanukkah party? Come, learn, taste and enjoy from local Kosher chef and wine/beer experts. **Thank you to Barclay Caterers for underwriting this event.**
Program Leader: Linda Greenberg
Date of event: Wednesday, November 28, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Beth El Film Festival.** What does Jewish film mean to you? Humor? Drama? Documentary? There's something for every taste at Beth El's Film Festival. Come out and enjoy Saturday nights at the movies!
Event Organizer: Judy Nussbaum
Film Festival Dates: Saturday night, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6
- ♦ **Beth El Book Event.** Discussion of a notable book, including author talk and book signing. **Sponsored by Book Nosh.**
Discussion Leader: Book author, TBD. More information will follow.
Program Date: Sunday, April 28, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Note: Scheduled dates and times subject to change. Look for more information in the Shabbat Bulletin, The Shofar, Weekly email, program flyers or visit www.bethelyardley.org.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out with Adult Ed events or if you have any questions, please email Helene Geiger, Adult Ed Committee Chair, adulthood@bethelyardley.org.

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Book Nosh is Back!

Good news for those of you who've had a chance to partake in our great meetings last year and even better news for those of you who haven't seen us in action yet – **Another Book Nosh Meeting is coming.**

Our Next Meeting will be on

Sunday, October 28 at 10:30am

FREE – Bagels, Coffee & Good Conversation

What is Book Nosh? It's Beth El's own and unique Jewish Cultural Discussion Group. We used to talk about books that have a Jewish theme, a Jewish author or Jewish characters. Now we talk about books, movies, TV shows, art exhibitions, Broadway shows, operas, and any other cultural happenings that have a Jewish theme, a Jewish author, or Jewish characters. See below for a sampling of items we discussed at last year's meetings.

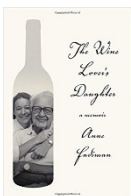
Who's invited? Schmoozers of *all ages, genders, and cultural predilections* are welcome and encouraged. Whether you've read, seen, or experienced any works of art that you wish to share with the rest of us, or prefer to discuss items brought up by others, or hope to hear some good recommendations, or simply want to nosh on our free bagels and schmears, **please come and join us.**

Questions? Email Alexander Geiger, alexandergeiger@aol.com

Here are 2 of the many books we discussed at our previous meetings:



And After the Fire: A Novel, by Lauren Belfer. This story hopscoches from Prussian Berlin in the 1790's to present-day America, with stops inbetween. Although fiction, the book is based on meticulous historical research and sheds light on some 200 years of Jewish life in what is now Germany, with interesting sidelights on some famous German composers. The author, **Lauren Belfer**, **visited Beth El on May 6, 2018.** We all enjoyed a great "musical salon," including a Bach cantata performed by a professional choir, an author talk and book signing, and delicious "period" desserts provided by Lipkin's Bakery.



The Wine Lover's Daughter: A Memoir, by Anne Fadiman. A daughter's recollections of her father, Clifton Fadiman, the well-known Jewish intellectual, author, editor, radio and television personality, wine lover, and all-around bon vivant. (He died in 1999, at the age of 95.) Written with wit, verve, and love.

Visit: <http://www.bethelyardley.org/newsletter.html> (The Shofar) to read more about the books discussed.

Israel Forum

Why an Israel Forum at Beth El?

Israel has always been the obvious common unifying influence among Jews since Abraham made a covenant with God thousands of years ago. Israel was the promise given by God to the Jewish people. Today Jews might not agree politically in America or overseas. Mounting evidence now attests to a weakened identification among American Jews with their fellow Jews abroad, as well as a waning sense of communal responsibility at home.

The Forum believes that Israel again can be a uniting factor for all Jews. In order for it to be a bonding agent; information, knowledge and real understanding of the issues that keeps Israel united and linked to all Jews is paramount. Israel Forum will not define who is a Jew but will help sharpen sympathy for Israel.

Israel Forum is dedicated to educating our local community about Israel current challenges as well as the historical events that formed the current Israeli psyche. Secular and religious Jew might not agree on many issues but could be united when defending Israel in public. There is a lot to celebrate about Israel successes in the last 70 years. The world is watching and remarking.

The Israel Forum committee meets regularly to discuss future events that would create educational and sensitive values but without bringing political ideology. Israel and the Jews remains the chief objective of the Israel Forum. For October, we have scheduled an event to learn about the Sephardim community's disappearance from the Middle East. A subject that had been ignored since the announcement of Israel independence. The documentary created by Avi Goldwasser will be followed by live witnesses sharing real stories with the audience.

Future events can include documentaries about the current rise of anti-Semitism on campus. This event is currently being considered. Note that Alan Dershowitz narrates the film. Other programs can include Israel water preservation and reclamation (the highest conservation percentage in the world) and other incredible technological breakthroughs in medical, communications, data retrieval, and so much more. It is time to celebrate Israel's accomplishments.

Our past program "Christian Zionist" in June was very encouraging in both attendance and positive comments received. Israel Forum goals are very objective supported only by our educational role facilitation. We continue to encourage and welcome new members and encourage you to share your ideas. Our meetings are held regularly on the second Thursday of each month at Congregation Beth El in Yardley at 7:00pm.

Israel Forum

Jews Honoring Christians at Beth El



On June 3rd of this year over one hundred and forty Jews from the Bucks County community assembled at Congregation Beth El Synagogue to honor Dr. Jim Showers, Executive Director/President of the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. It was founded on Kristallnacht in November of 1938 to save the Jewish people. Today, the International ministry, whose headquarters is located in Southern New Jersey, is committed to helping Israel and Jews in any way needed. They raise significant funds for Israel which include donations to Israel Relief and Operation Life Shield for bomb shelters and travel to Israel often to volunteer at Kaplan hospital.

My first encounter with Friends of Israel was ten years ago when I was invited to join an event called, "A Night to Honor the State of Israel" at an Evangelist Church. My initial reaction was one of reluctance. Like most Jews, I was distrustful and figured they had a hidden agenda. It wasn't the case. The Israeli Consulate of Philadelphia attended among other Jews. I was astounded and altered my views about Evangelical Christians. Today most Jews have the same initial reaction that I had.

Israel Forum, a Jewish organization dedicated to educating the local community about Israel, desired to bring visibility and greater understanding about the role that Christian Zionists play in their support of Israel and Jews worldwide. It is true that Christian Evangelists study and live by the teachings of their Bible including the teaching of the Torah which refers to the Jews as the chosen people. God promised the Jews a homeland in Israel, which the Evangelists take for granted as the word of God. They frequently quote the Bible "Those who bless the Jews will be blessed and those who curse the Jews will be cursed."

Recently 80 Million Evangelical Christians in America lobbied to relocate our Embassy to the capital of Israel, Jerusalem. They intensely believe that it is indisputable that Jerusalem is the eternal Capital. No further discussion is necessary on the subject.

Although our program was very successful, we must continue with our educational role. We encourage and welcome new members. Our meetings are held regularly on the second Thursday of each month at Congregation Beth El in Yardley at 7PM.

I would like to recognize the incredible volunteers who facilitated to make this unique event successful with the giving of their time and efforts and monetary donations. Thank you to Mark Melmed for successively organizing the event and using exceptional organizational skills to make this effectual program successful.

Alan Agree, Judee Algazi, Diane Axelrod, Lou Balcher, Stormy Blauth, Mark Davis, Jan Davis, Marsha Flager, Alex Geiger, Helene Geiger, Ted Harrison, Marc Hawthorne, Morris Kaplan, Robert Lindenbaum, Barbara Melmed, Eileen Weinstein, and Phil Weinstein.

Albert Algazi
Israel Forum Chair



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The Israel Forum

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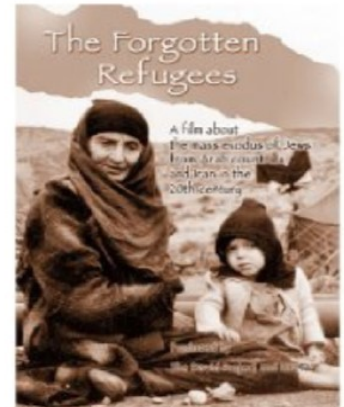
The Forgotten Refugees

Join us for an award-winning documentary, followed by live

testimonies from several Egyptian Jews

(Back By Popular Demand)

Open to the community



**Sunday, October 7th 1:30pm at
Congregation Beth El**

The film will be followed by speakers who will share their experiences growing up in Egypt. They include Rabbi Albert Gabbai, Henry James, Toni Algazi, Bert Arwas and Albert Algazi from the Israel Forum.

The Forgotten Refugees explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern Jewish communities, some of which had existed for over 2,500 years. It chronicles the impact of the Arab Muslim conquest, the development of Judea-Arab culture, and the modern rise of Arab nationalism that drove out hundreds of thousands of Jews from their homes and communities. This destruction is a significant loss for the Jewish people and for the Middle East.

Featuring testimony from Jews who fled Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Morocco and Iran, the film explores the rich heritage and destruction of the Middle East's age-old Jewish communities. Personal stories of refugees are interspersed with dramatic archival footage.

Middle Eastern delicacies will be served. RSVP by September 28 215-493-1707 x4

For more information, contact Albert Algazi, 267-981-4548

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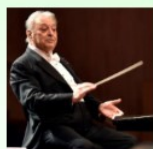


SAVE THE DATES FOR BETH EL'S ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 2019



Gather friends and family or come on out and make new friends and see the latest world class, award winning Jewish Films. We have a diverse lineup of entertaining, thought provoking documentaries, dramas and comedies. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll want to stay and engage the conversation when the film ends.

Saturday Nights in March and April just got more fun!



MARCH 2 - 7:00pm: "GOOD THOUGHTS, GOOD WORDS, GOOD DEEDS: THE CONDUCTOR ZUBIN MEHTA"

Germany, India 2016 English, German, Italian (subtitles); 89 minutes. A documentary that follows the dazzling international career of a musical maestro. Filled with stunning performances and interviews with friends, family, and colleagues, this globe trotting biography is a magnificent tribute to a virtuoso and true believer in the international language of music.



MARCH 9 - 7:00pm: "ITZHAK" 2017 · Documentary · 1h 23m. Itzhak Perlman's violin playing transcends mere performance to evoke the celebrations and struggles of real life; praying with the violin, says renowned Tel Aviv violinmaker Amnon Weinstein; the polio survivor whose parents emigrated from Poland to Israel, and the young man who struggled to be taken seriously as a music student when schools saw only his disability. Itzhak himself is funny, irreverent and self-deprecating, and here his life story unspools in conversations with masterful musicians, family and friends, and most endearingly his devoted wife of 50 years, Toby. Itzhak and Toby's lives are dedicated to their large, loving, Jewish family in NYC and their continual support of young musicians. As charming and entrancing as the famous violinist himself, ITZHAK is a portrait of musical virtuosity seamlessly enclosed in warmth, humor, and above all, love. Itzhak Perlman personifies the resilience, vision and contribution of the Jewish people.



MARCH 16 - 8:15pm "LEVINSKY PARK" Israel 2016 Hebrew, English (subtitles); 66 minutes A documentary about the tens of thousands of refugees from sub-Saharan Africa who are seeking relief and safety in Israel only to find a society bitterly divided on how to treat them.



MARCH 23 - 8:15pm: "KEEP THE CHANGE" USA 2017 English, 94 minutes. While protagonist David struggles to come to terms with his own high functioning autism, he unexpectedly falls for Sarah, a quirky and outgoing woman whose lust for life both irks and fascinates him. As their relationship evolves, *Keep the Change* blossoms into a refreshingly off-kilter story about the ups and downs of romantic life and the rewards of acceptance and mutual trust. Winner of the Best Narrative Feature, and Best New Narrative Director prizes at this year's Tribeca Film Festival. *Variety* calls it "*an ode to self-discovery and acceptance that's as funny as it is sweet.*"



MARCH 30 - 8:30pm: "THE LAST SUIT" Argentina, Spain 2017 Spanish, German, Polish, Yiddish (subtitles); 86 minutes. In this bittersweet and wistful road movie, eighty eight year old Abraham Bursztein feels that he's about to be put out to pasture by his children who have sold his home in the suburbs of Buenos Aires and booked him into a retirement home. Refusing to bow to family pressure, Abraham sets off on an adventure halfway around the world to find the man who saved him from Auschwitz and to fulfill a promise he made years before. A poignant message of the enduring importance of family, friends, and honor.



APRIL 6 - 8:30pm: "SAND ON THE FLOOR" 57 minutes. The film gives us an intimate look at Jewish life, shedding light on its traditions and mysteries. And in the process, pries at the cracks dividing the Jewish world today. The epilogue documents the role this congregation and its historic synagogue played in the filmmakers' journey back to Judaism, 49-years after being targeted by a Jewish pedophile.

For more information about the Film Festival, contact Judy Nussbaum, 215 - 431 - 4729
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Sunday, October 14

10:15am Brunch



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Stevie Wonder



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Pavarotti

Hazak presents Joey Vincent on Sunday, October 14

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 5th
(no money will be accepted at the door)

Name _____ Email: _____

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Men's Club



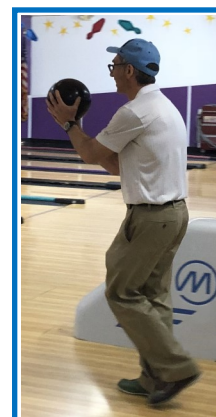
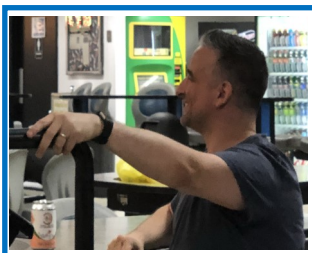
Join the Men's Club and Rabbi Hoffman for Torah on Tap

Discuss the weekly Torah portion while enjoying some spirits! Torah on Tap will meet once a month on Thursdays at 7:30pm at Congregation Beth El.

October 18 November 15 December 20 January 17
February 21 March 7 April 4 May 16 June 6

For more information contact: Rich Oring, richoring@ncfg.com or 609-658-4594

Men's Club hosted a Meet and Greet with Rabbi Hoffman at Dacey's Pub and Morrisville Lanes on July 24.



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

Join us for community - wide Shabbat Luncheons following
Shabbat Morning Services



October 13
November 17
December 8
January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 15

Bible Ba-Boker - Saturday Mornings before Shabbat Services 8:30am - 9:15am



**Join Rabbi Hoffman for a traditional Torah study of the
weekly Parsha. No prior Torah knowledge required
to participate. All are welcome. Begins October 6.**

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In honor of a birthday, anniversary or any other occasion!

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.



Share Shabbat

SHARE SHABBAT DINNER



Mark your calendars

October 26, January 25, March 29 6:45pm

May 31 7:00pm (Pot luck)

Share Shabbat Dinners are times when congregants open up their homes to host other Beth El families for a Shabbat dinner.

- ♦ **The host family prepares the main entree (vegetarian/dairy dinner) while their guests bring agreed upon accompaniments.**
- ♦ **The Share Shabbat committee members assign guests to hosts, making an effort to introduce Beth El families/couples to each other. This helps to create a better sense of community for all members.**
- ♦ **Become a host or come as a guest.**

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

RSVP by October 14 for October 26 Susan Strouse 215-355-8999 or email shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com.



Shiru La'Adonai

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

Friday, September 7
6:00pm

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!

No RSVP required

For more information contact:
Judy Nussbaum 215-431-4729 or
Linda Greenberg 215-321-0503

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Future Dates:

10/5

11/2

12/7

1/4

2/1

3/22

6/21



Let's Get Cooking

WITH COOK FOR A FRIEND

TUESDAYS at 4:00PM

***September 13 October 9**

November 13 December 4

**please note CFAF will meet on a different day*

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**



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Social Action Opportunities - Women of Beth El



Women of Beth El



Social Action Opportunities - "I Support the Girls – Women of Beth El"

We are off to a great start!! There were many bags of gently used bras and personal hygiene products collected in the lovely pink boxes found in both lobbies.

The hygiene products we collected thus far were delivered to the homeless shelter in Levittown. The people at the shelter were VERY appreciative.

The bras were sent to the world headquarters of I Support the Girls in Maryland for distribution throughout the country. We'd like to thank Michelle Flash for mailing them.

This is an on-going social action project so please continue to place your items in the boxes. As soon as we have enough items collected, we will send them out.

I Support the Girls believes that 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. They accept opened boxes and bags, as long as the items are individually wrapped.

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>

Thank you to all who have contributed. Please consider asking your friends and relatives - the more we collect, the more women we can help.

For more information contact:

Barbara Melmed, 215-968-0615

Diane Axelrod, 215-741-2002

The Beth El Office, 215-493-1707 x4



Social Action Opportunities

RE: “HEART & SOLE” CAMPAIGN

Empty your closet of clutter,

Recycle your “gently used” shoes, and Help build Israel’s Largest Hi-Tech Cardiac Center in the Middle East!



Dear Friends,

This New Year, 5779, the **American Friends of Kaplan Medical Center** needs your support!

Congregation Beth El, Yardley, was the starting point for a **NATIONAL CAMPAIGN** beginning in November 5778.

Join with American community leaders and philanthropists to help Israel add a state-of-the-art Cardiac Care/Research Facility at the Kaplan Medical Center (KMC) in Rehovot, Israel. Kaplan has become recognized as a leading cardiac treatment center in the Middle East, but its current physical facility is outdated (barracks built in 1953) limiting Kaplan’s ability to provide cardiac care to patients in need of its services. This multi-specialty medical compound is home to a team of 22 cardiologists with international reputations, who currently perform the latest hi-tech medical procedures, some of which are not yet available in the US. The hospital serves the international community, as well as about 12% of the Israeli population. One out of 5 heart procedures in Israel is performed at Kaplan. Its quality care takes a back seat to no one, while its staff invests considerable time in teaching preventive cardiac measures to its patients.

Ironically, few Jewish and non-Jewish Community leaders in the U.S. are aware of Kaplan’s existence. Therefore, the American Friends of Kaplan Medical Center (**AFKMC**) is working closely in conjunction with the State of Israel, to educate community leaders and the public about the Kaplan Medical Center and to its dire need of a state-of-the-art facility for its cardiac patients.

The American Friends of Kaplan Medical Center was incorporated in 2008 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3). It is running a “Brick-by-Brick” campaign to raise \$15 million, over the next two years, for this new high-tech cardiac center costing \$45 million. Citizens of the State of Israel will match each U.S. dollar with two of their own – more than enough to cover the cost. Construction will begin in 2018, and Israel needs our help!

AFKMC is launching the **“Heart and Sole”** Campaign at the grass roots level to involve donors and create awareness of Kaplan. “Gently Used” shoes collected will be recycled to more than 50 countries overseas. In return, based upon the total weight of shoes collected, AFKMC will receive a check from the recycling agency, located in Bensalem, PA. All proceeds go directly to the “Brick-by-Brick” fund and, community members perform a “triple” Mitzvah by being part of this project Their money is donated to the Kaplan Medical Center project, less fortunate individuals receive the recycled shoes, and recycling saves the landfills.

We wish you and yours a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity!

Best regards,

Karen Shoemaker “Heart & Sole” Chair - Bucks County

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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
- *Marian Berger; mberger@bethelyardley.org

DO A MITZVAH!

Become part of the Hesed Community!

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

Hanukkah Happenings: Save the Date

Save the Date for a

Fun event to spice up your Hanukkah

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Beyond Latkes & Manischewitz

***Cooking Demonstration & Wine Pairings
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Eliot Silverstone, husband to Jeanne Weisblatt

Gerald Levey, father of Brian Levey; father-in-law to Lois Levey; grandfather to Aaron and David

Gail Goodman, mother to Abby Weber; mother-in-law to Jonathan; grandmother to Sophie, Tara and Mollie

Miriam Zucker, mother of Susan Strouse; mother-in-law to Have Strouse; grandmother of Alissa Zuk (Peter) and Daniel (Laura); great grandmother of Abigail and Eytan



Mazel Tov to Barbara Fineman on her son's marriage

Mazel Tov to Courtney and Neal Pollock on their son, Ian being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Gerald Pollock on his grandson, Ian Pollock's Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Lynne and David Goldberg on their son, Joshua being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Sylvia Goldberg on her grandson, Joshua Goldberg's Bar Mitzvah



Welcome New Members to our Beth El Family

Rochelle & Kenneth Krevitz

Flora Klein

Melissa Friedman

Allen Epstein & Susan Herman

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 yahrzeit.

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

For more information call Congregation Beth El Office, 215-493-1707 X4. To sign up for evening minyan visit www.bethelyardley.org, click on the Minyan icon.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1^{21st} of Elul Parashat Ki Tavo 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:12pm Havdalah 8:30pm Lell Selichot at Kol Emet, Yardley
2^{22nd} of Elul 8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am - 3:00pm Bridal shower of Pamela Lubing (Brian Saltzman)	3^{23rd} of Elul Labor Day Office Closed 8:00am Morning Minyan	4^{24th} of Elul Lulav & Etrog form due Weekly Challah form due 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm - 8:00pm BJCJ Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	5^{25th} of Elul 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6^{26th} of Elul 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	7^{27th} of Elul Break-the-Fast form due 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Shiru La Adonal 7:02pm Candle Lighting	8^{28th} of Elul Parashat Mitzvatim 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:00pm Havdalah
9^{29th} of Elul 8:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening Services For a full schedule of services please see page 5 of The Shofar 6:50 pm Candle Lighting	10^{1st} of Tishre Rosh Hashanah Office Closed For a full schedule of services please see page 5 of The Shofar	11^{2nd} of Tishre Rosh Hashanah II Office Closed For a full schedule of services please see page 5 of The Shofar 7:55pm Havdalah	12^{3rd} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13^{4th} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook for a Friend 7:00pm - 8:30pm Israel Forum Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	14^{5th} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:50pm Candle Lighting	15^{6th} of Tishre Parashat Vayelech 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:49pm Havdalah
16^{7th} of Tishre 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC - PreK-7th 12:00noon Back to Shul Barbecue - All are welcome	17^{8th} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	18^{9th} of Tishre Erev Yom Kippur Office closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:44 Candle Lighting For a full schedule of services please see page 5 of The Shofar	19^{10th} of Tishre Yom Kippur Services Office Closed For a full schedule of services please see page 5 of The Shofar	20^{11th} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	21^{12th} of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:39pm Candle Lighting	22^{13th} of Tishre Parashat Ha'Azinu 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Ian Pollack 7:37pm Havdalah
23^{14th} of Tishre 7:30am Men's Club Sukkah Building 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK - 7th & Schoolwide Sukkot Program 6:35pm Candle Lighting 6:45pm Erev Sukkot Services	24^{15th} of Tishre Sukkot I Office Closed 9:30am Sukkot Morning Services	25^{16th} of Tishre Sukkot II Office Closed 9:30am Sukkot Morning Services 6:00pm Sukkot Evening Services 7:32pm Havdalah	26^{17th} of Tishre Sukkot III (CH*M) 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd to 7th) 5:45pm Pizza in the Hut - All are welcome 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoqdon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	27^{18th} of Tishre Sukkot IV (CH*M) 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Women of Beth El - Seder in the Sukkah with Rabbi Hoffman	28^{19th} of Tishre Sukkot V (CH*M) 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:27pm Candle Lighting	29^{20th} of Tishre Sukkot VI (CH*M) 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:26pm Havdalah
30^{21st} of Tishre Erev Sh'mini Atzeret Sukkot 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK - 7th & Schoolwide Simchat Torah Program 6:24pm Candle Lighting 6:45pm Erev Sh'mini Atzeret Evening Services						

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	1 22nd of Tishre Erev Simchat Torah Sh'mini Atzeret 9:30am Sh'mini Atzeret Morning Services with Yizkor 7:00pm Erev Simchat Torah Evening Services	2 23rd of Tishre Simchat Torah 9:30am Simchat Torah Morning Services with Sloppy Joe lunch 6:00pm Simchat Torah Evening Services 7:21pm Havdalah	3 24th of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:30am Modern European History with Harriet Freidenreich 10:30am - Noon Torah & World Affairs with Rabbi Hoffman 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	4 25th of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	5 26th of Tishre 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Shiru La'Adonai 6:16pm Candle Lighting	6 27th of Tishre Parashat Bereshit 8:30am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 7:14pm Havdalah
7 28th of Tishre 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK - 7th 1:30pm Israel Forum presents The Forgotten Refugees/ Sephardim Program	8 29th of Tishre Columbus Day 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	9 30th of Tishre Rosh Chodesh Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook for a Friend 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Bible says What with Rabbi Hoffman 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 1st of Heshvan Rosh Chodesh Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:30am Modern European History with Harriet Freidenreich 10:30am - Noon Torah & World Affairs with Rabbi Hoffman 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	11 2nd of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm - 8:30pm Israel Forum Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	12 3th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:05pm Candle Lighting	13 4th of Heshvan Parashat Noach 8:30am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Shabbat luncheon 10:00am BMU 10:00am Mini Congo 7:03pm Havdalah
14 5th of Heshvan RSVP for Share Shabbat 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK-7th 10:15am Hazak Program	15 6th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	16 7th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Bible says What with Rabbi Hoffman 7:30pm Evening Minyan	17 8th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:30am Modern European History with Harriet Freidenreich 10:30am - Noon Torah & World Affairs with Rabbi Hoffman 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	18 9th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Men's Club - Torah on Tap at Beth El 7:30pm Evening Minyan	19 10th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:54pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Kid-Ish Club Shabbat (FJLC Lev - 4th-7th grades)	20 11th of Heshvan Parashat Lech Lecha 8:30am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Aufruf of Pam Lubing and Brian Saltzman 6:53 Havdalah
21 12th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK-7th 10:00am - 1:00pm Women of Beth El Paid up Membership Program	22 13th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	23 14th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Bible says What with Rabbi Hoffman 7:30pm Evening Minyan	24 15th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:30am Modern European History with Harriet Freidenreich 10:30am - Noon Torah & World Affairs with Rabbi Hoffman 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	25 16th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	26 17th of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:45pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:45pm Share Shabbat Dinner	27 18th of Heshvan Parashat Vayera 8:30am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Goldberg 6:44pm Havdalah
28 19th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC PreK-7th 10:30am - Noon Book Nosh	29 20th of Heshvan 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 21st of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Bible says What with Rabbi Hoffman 7:30pm Evening Minyan	31 22nd of Heshvan 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:30am Modern European History with Harriet Freidenreich 10:30am - Noon Torah & World Affairs with Rabbi Hoffman 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 9:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan			

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