

# The Shofar

*The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County*

November/December 2019

Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5780

**Congregation Beth El invites EVERYONE  
to help us build the tallest**

## **LEGO MENORAH** **in all of Bucks County!**

**Sunday, December 15th: 10am-12pm**

with Stephen W. Schwartz AIA,  
Architect of SWS Architects Livingston, New Jersey

- This is a FREE event for EVERYBODY!
- Learn the history of the menorah!
- Build & observe this menorah construction using 70,000 legos!
- **Please bring a non-perishable food protein for shelter donation**
- Enjoy candle lighting, singing, & refreshments
- Bring your friends, neighbors, children & grandchildren!



**Co-Sponsored by:**

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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

### Check out our website

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

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

#### Friday

8:30am - 2:00pm

### NEXT SHOFAR DEADLINE DATE

**December 16**

## Co-President's Message



On Simchat Torah, we finished reading the final book of the Torah, D'varim (Deuteronomy) and began reading the first book, B'reshit (Genesis). We do this year, after year, after year. I recently learned that the final letter of the Torah is a Lamed ל and the first letter of the Torah is a Bet ב

When we put those letters together, we get the word "lev" , לב, which means heart. This is commonly thought to mean that as long as the Jewish people

never stop learning, the heart of the Jewish people will never stop beating. This learning can be informal, like when someone tells you something you never knew before or formal as in a classroom. It can be simple, like learning a single new fact, or complex, like studying a new topic. This year, Beth El can help keep the heart of the Jewish people beating with several formal class offerings (please see the website or read the weekly email for dates and times):

- Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman
- The Sephardic Experience with Harriet Freidenreich
- It Doesn't Look Jewish with Rabbi Weiss
- An Introduction to Jewish Spirit with Ruth Schapira
- Dive into Davening with Rabbi Weiss
- Hebrew with Rony Cohen
- See pages 16 - 20 for more Adult Education Opportunities

Perhaps you don't have time for a weekly class or you simply prefer informal learning. Challenge yourself to learn something new every week. You can come to a Shabbat Service and listen to the sermon; you can meet Rabbi Weiss at McCaffrey's once a month for Shulchan Ivrit (Hebrew Table - coming soon!) and pick up a little conversational Hebrew; or simply come to Beth El and use the bathroom to learn a few new Hebrew words.

No matter what type of learning you crave, Beth El can help. If there is a topic that you want to explore, let us know. We have such a diverse congregation, we can likely find someone who can take it on. Or perhaps there is a topic you would like to teach. Let us know and we can put you on the schedule for the Spring! As we start the new year, let Beth El help you celebrate a new cycle of learning and discovery. That way we can all do our own part in keeping the heart of the Jewish people beating.

Elizabeth Ravitch, Co-President



# Rabbi's Message



## We will Speak as We Create: the Transformative Power of Words

*Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'Olam sh'ha'kol nihiyah bed'varo*

The above blessing is one of the most commonly-recited blessings over food and drink, as it applies to nearly anything not obviously plant or grain-based which we consume. As you well know, it is also a most beloved blessing here at Beth El.

"Shehakol," as the blessing is referred to in short-hand, is the blessing upon enjoying "potent potables" other than wine.

Following all morning services, we have the tradition of sharing a l'chaim after reciting this all-important blessing.

For the longest time, I actually misunderstood the literal translation of this deceptively simple prayer. Having grown up, both hearing and reciting this prayer countless times, I always assumed it meant, "Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, that all is as it is." My assumption was that the word "bedvaro" referred to all things "in their element," and that we were thus expressing our collective gratitude even and especially for consumable products that did not have their own special, product-specific blessings. Only later, did I learn that the actual translation is "Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, sovereign of the universe, by Whose word all things came to be." Theologically, this rendering opens up whole new meanings and implications for us.

We just commenced a whole new annual Torah reading cycle with the reading of the portion of Genesis, in which G-d literally creates the World with words. It is interesting to ponder the fact that we, as humans, in a powerful act of *imitatio dei*, also set upon our goals, first as verbal utterances and expressions. Indeed, words contain the power not only to express realities, but actually to create them. There's that famous magical incantation "abracadabra!" There is much scholarly speculation as to this magical formula's origins and meaning. One theory posits that the word is a variation on the Aramaic Avra Kehdabra, אברא כדב, meaning, "I will create as I speak."

While as mainstream, rabbinic Jews, we don't practice magic, we can still agree that the spoken and written word carries with it special transformative qualities and properties. As we charge forth into this new Jewish year, I invite us to reflect on the power of our words, both those uttered publicly and those shared privately, and how they might be crucial vehicles for healing and understanding at a time when our world is so broken.

Moving back to the US this past summer, I am struck by the drastic change in civil discourse from even a half-decade ago. But we have it within our agency to change the tone and model of what healthy, respectful dialogue can look like. A couple of weeks ago, the New York Times ran a piece about a social experiment called "America in One Room," in which over 500 US citizens, representing all states and covering a wide diversity of political persuasions, gathered to discuss major issues of the day. The project was inspired by a political theorist who posited that inviting individuals of diametrically opposed political viewpoints into an in-person dialogue would result in the two parties ultimately adopting more centrist positions and a more moderate outlook.

I was fascinated by this theory, which, by the way, was corroborated by the America in One Room experiment. How powerful to think about people encountering each other respectfully and truly *listening* and being ultimately transformed by each others' words! We live in a moment when, both politically and religiously, moderation is being tossed out the window. To borrow a most famous line from "The Second Coming," a famous piece by the great poet W.B. Yeats, "things fall apart, the center cannot hold." How reassuring to see an example of people taking a step back, taking a deep breath, and truly *encountering* each other and respecting one another's complexities.

We here at Beth El also possess a secret treasure of highly intentional, intelligent moderation. Conservative Judaism offers a timely antidote to the malaise of modern extremism. When we allow ourselves truly to think and feel deeply, immersing ourselves in both our traditional sources and taking seriously our current context, we too can arrive at a moment of ideological clarity and internal harmony.

How do we achieve this holy grail of reclaiming the center? We achieve it first through our words. We achieve it through our learning of Jewish texts. We achieve it through our respectful dialogue with each other, approaching one another with a spirit of camaraderie and curiosity. I am so excited to learn and grow with you and be transformed by our words.

And, in this spirit, I raise a glass to you, offering both a l'chaim and praising our G-d of the universe, who willed us all into being – through words.

Raysh Weiss, Rabbi

rweiss@bethelyardley.org



## Who's Who on the Board

### *Judy Nussbaum, Film Festival Chairperson and Board Member*



From the time I was quite young, I dedicated my life to actively seeking out opportunities to live Jewishly, and serve my Jewish world. I've always loved the rhythm and the cycles of our customs, our liturgy, our well-spring of opportunities for learning, and enrichment, and our endless opportunities to "give back". In my youth, I served on my regional Y.J. board; performed with our regional choir, and Israeli dance troupe; and had the wonderful opportunity to begin formal Leadership Training. As an adult, I served as Sisterhood President, and Hadassah President; and in each of those capacities, I was again afforded extensive Leadership Training.

I chose to serve the Jewish world in my career as well; working for Jewish agencies and companies providing services to the most vulnerable members of our community. I have always chosen to be a member of a synagogue community; including as a young single "20 something", and as a newlywed, with no children; as I recognize that it is vitally important to support our communities. I have also chosen to take an active role in those communities; organizing Onegs and weekly Kiddushin; serving as mashgiach for one of my shul communities; co-creating a synagogue Judaica shop; leading services; creating and implementing educational, and social programs. I have, as well, served as a Jewish Educator in several synagogue communities, inspiring the next generation to have a love of Jewish Life and learning. Beth El is now our family's spiritual home and community. I am a weekly "Shabbatnik", as well as a weekday minyan participant and Thursday evening minyan coordinator. I enjoy coordinating our annual Beth El Jewish Film Festival as well as our Tu B'Shvat Seder.

I bring my passion for Jewish Life; a positive attitude; my long-honed skills as an attentive good listener; and a collaborative team builder. I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve Beth El in these ways, and I look forward to continuing to get to know our growing community, and sharing our spirited Jewish life together.

### *Penny Bardfeld, Board Member & Installation Committee*



I moved from West Windsor, NJ to Yardley five years ago with my husband Lenny and our 3 sons, Jake, Eric and Tyler. I am originally from Huntingdon Valley and Lenny is from Vineland, NJ and we both grew up at conservative synagogues. Jake graduated from Cornell 2 years ago and has been living and working in Richmond, VA (though actively seeking to relocate closer to home!). Eric is at University of Pittsburgh and Tyler is at University of Delaware.

After retiring from a long sales career as a Registered Dietitian with Nestle Nutrition, I currently teach fitness classes and provide nutrition consultations at two area gyms. Lenny works for J&J in Skillman, NJ in consumer products.

We love the warm and friendly community at Beth El and were quickly able to make many friends during our 5 years here. I joined the board 4 years ago and have been helping to plan events and support fundraising ever since. I am an avid runner and we enjoy summer weekends down the shore and most of all spending time with our lovable dog Roscoe.

### *Charlotte Denenberg, Hazak President*



Originally from Philadelphia, Harold and I moved to Bucks in 1971 and joined Beth El in 1981. Our two daughters celebrated their B'not Mitzvah and Confirmations here. If Beth El had had a place to hold their weddings they would have been married here, too!

I am a graduate of Akiba Hebrew Academy (now Barrack) and Temple University. Many summers in my youth were spent at Camps Reeta and Green Lane. These experiences had a great influence on who I am today, as were my mother's years of synagogue involvement and volunteering.

Beth El is part of my very being. Through the years I intermittently have been on Congregation and Sisterhood Boards and have held various positions. Currently I am a member of the Fundraising and Membership Committees. In between all of my meetings I enjoy reading, surfing the web, keeping in touch with friends and relatives by phone and email, and even co-starring in a video with Rabbi Weiss and Debbie Lubin.

To get the most of what Beth El has to offer I encourage you to attend services, join a committee (or 2!) participate in activities, and if you're 60 or older, please join Hazak and attend our programs.

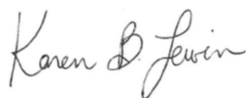
## Education & Youth Director's Message

Our FJLC and *HaMoadon* programs are both off to a great start! It has been wonderful greeting our Beth El children and teens each Sunday and Wednesday, in addition to meeting nine school families new to our community this year!

During the month of October the FJLC participants explored on the value of *Ma'acheel R'a'veem*, or feeding the hungry. We connected this value to the holiday of *Sukkot*, which of course focuses on the harvest. Madeline Levine Wolf of the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) in Philadelphia, visited and spoke with the children about the facts of hunger in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. Our 4th-7th graders visited JRA at the end of the month and participated in packing and delivering food to those in need. All of our FJLC participants made and packed over 75 lunches and snack bags for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen during our *Sukkot* event. It was an eye opening experience for all.

Our *HaMoadon* Hebrew High School program began during *Sukkot*. Although the weather prevented us from being in the *sukkah*, we had a wonderful opening session reconnecting and getting to know new friends. The teens also had the opportunity to choose from three elective sessions, including Jewish Performers & Artists, Kosher Living, and creating Jewish Info Graphics. During our second session, we partnered with Cook for a Friend and helped Beth El volunteers package up the delicious homemade meals they made for homebound seniors in the Philadelphia area. Then we began our first session electives.

The faculty and I are looking forward to a wonderful year with the children and teens!



Karen B. Lewin  
Education Director




**Congregation  
Beth El**

# Presenting...

## mini congo

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

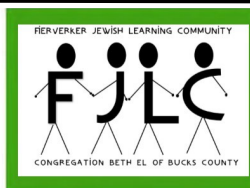


Shabbat Prayers & Songs  
Engaging Activities  
Story Time  
Torah Lessons  
Oneg Shabbat

**A SHABBAT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE!**  
UPSTAIRS IN ROOM 209

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays**  
Nov 23   Dec. 21   Jan. 25  
Feb. 8   Mar. 21   Apr. 25   May 9

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



## BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY



Calling All 6th & 7th  
Graders & Parents!  
Join us on Saturdays  
from 10am-12pm  
in the Chapel as we  
pray, learn, practice,  
study and enjoy!

Nov. 23  
Dec. 21  
Jan. 25  
Feb. 8  
Mar. 21  
Apr. 25  
May 9

During BMU sessions, we will form a community of learners and teachers as families come together to share the B'nai Mitzvah journey. Each Shabbat we will focus on an important aspect of B'nai Mitzvah in an effort to create a meaningful experience for all. In the 6th and 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.

## Mazel Tov to Our November B'nai Mitzvah!



Samantha Kravitz, daughter of Scott and Jennifer Kravitz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2, 2019. For her mitzvah project, Samantha chose to do a series of bake sales to raise money for the homeless animals at the Women's Animal Center in Bensalem. After selling baked goods at different locations, she was able to raise \$334. Samantha hopes that this shelter will use the money she raised to keep the animals healthy, safe and happy until they find them good homes.



Benjamin Pearlberg, son of Jeff Pearlberg and Debbie Rubin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, 2019. For Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah project, he is participating in the YMS Special Stars Program, which is a soccer program made for children who have autism or Asperger's syndrome. As a student - athlete volunteer, Benjamin helps the children during their mini - soccer games and with skill-building in soccer. Benjamin and the other volunteers meet once a week to participate in this worthwhile program for our community.



Jared Merchiere, son of Gretchen and Marc Merchiere, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 16, 2019. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Jared volunteered at the ERA Food Pantry in Levittown. He helped bag food selections for customers and he also staffed the food cart, over the summer for school children. He would ensure that all children visiting the food pantry received a snack to take with them. Jared learned that there are people in the community who aren't as fortunate and are often food insecure.

**Join Us on Sunday, November 24th, 10am @ Beth El for  
an entertaining, engaging, special experience with**



**A capella group**



# Bucks County Jewish Youth Upcoming Events

MIZRACH PRESENTS

## FALL KINNUS

Hosted by BUSY at  
Tifereth Israel in Bensalem  
November 15th-17th

Register online at:  
**REGPACKS.COM/MIZRACH1920**

Interested in being a host?  
**REGPACKS.COM/HOST HOME**



**Chaverim**  
3rd & 4th Graders



**KADIMA**  
5th, 6th & 7th Graders

The Combined Chapter of:  
Adath Israel, Lawrenceville, NJ  
Beth El, Yardley, PA  
Brothers of Israel, Newtown, PA  
Tifereth Israel, Bensalem, PA

It is  
**FUNZILLA**  
Time!



**Sunday, November 17th**

**1:30pm– 3:30 pm**

**\$20 members**

**\$25 non-members**

**Pizza, drinks, and  
socks included**



500 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills, Pa 19030

**Please RSVP and submit payment online at:**  
**<https://tinyurl.com/y4vv6axj>**

SNACKS

BEVUSY INVITES 8-12 GRADERS TO...

RED CARPET

## TURKEY TROT PARTY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
7:30-10:30PM  
PUMP IT UP, MARLTON  
8 East Stowe Road, Suite 160, Marlton, NJ 08053

INFLATABLES

GIANT SLIDES

DANCING

AIR HOCKEY

MUSIC

\$10 per person  
[bethelsnj.org/usy](http://bethelsnj.org/usy)



**\*IMPORTANT: A waiver must be completed for every attendee -**  
**<https://kiosk.pumpitupparty.com/167/register-customer/oRTnfnIWLhp>**

From November 15th to 17th, Mizrach USY Region's Fall Convention will be hosted by Bucks County Jewish Youth at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Bensalem. This convention will bring many teens together to spend a weekend filled with Shabbat, learning, sharing and friendships and fun.

As you may know from past USY weekends spent at our synagogues, we are fortunate to be able to host these fine USYers in our own homes for sleeping and a few meals. We are in search of volunteers to open their homes for Fall Convention weekend. Boys or girls would use your home as their home for the weekend. They will need a place to sleep, a little food, and transportation to and from Tifereth Israel. Anyone from our chapter can be a host home. If you are able to open up your home for this worthwhile Shabbat weekend, please click here to complete the online response form.

If you are able to open up your home for this weekend, please contact Karen Lewin

Thank you so much for your help, warmth and hospitality. Programs like these are what makes us a special USY chapter.



## The Splash Back to Beth El BBQ was a Huge Success!

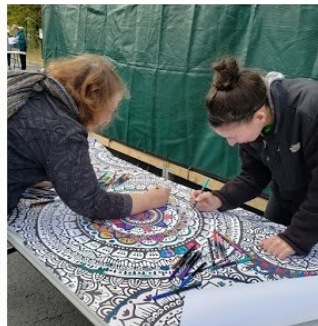
The Splash Back to Shul Barbecue was a huge success thanks to all of our current, prospective and new members who showed up on Sunday, September 15. The waterslide and dunk tank were a big hit! Thank you to the Men's Club for barbecuing all of the hamburgers and hot dogs that were donated by ShopRite. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to organize this event from set up to clean up and everything in between. A special thank you goes out to all the participants who volunteered to be dunked. You all were very brave!





## Sukkot 2019 at Beth El

Sukkot 2019 was a joyous and exciting time! The Men's Club did a great job building the sukkah! We had a beautiful day for the A Sukkah for All program, during which FJLC and members of the community participated in mitzvot focusing on hunger. While the weather outside kept us from eating in the sukkah for Pizza in the Hut, 129 guests came to participate! Everyone ate pizza and extra-large oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies from Lipkin's Bakery. Everyone had a great time meeting new members and connecting with old friends.





## FJLC LeV Goes To JRA

FJLC 4th - 7th graders went to the Jewish Relief Agency on Sunday, October 27th to pack and deliver food to those in need in our area. Despite the rain, the group delivered 82 boxes of food to a Bensalem apartment complex. Many thanks to all the parents who drove out to Northeast Philly today to help us participate in this great mitzvah!






## HaMoadon Hebrew High School

Our HaMoadon Hebrew High School for 8th-10th graders, kicked off the year on Wednesday, October 16th. During our second session, we collaborated with the Cook for a Friend crew at Beth El to help package 100 dinners for seniors. Special thanks to Beth Sadoff for giving us the opportunity to participate in this mitzvah! Following a delicious dinner we started our first session of electives, which include, creating Jewish Information Graphics, how to keep a kosher home and exploring Jewish comedians, performers and writers.





# Hazak



**SEARCHING  
FOR  
SOUSA**

**WITH DR. JERRY E. RIFE, LECTURER & MUSICIAN**

**November 10th at 10:15am**

## *Brunch and Program*

- ◆ Experience clips from the documentary, *The American Experience*, which was a film made for PBS that celebrates John Philip Sousa's post as director of the United States Marine Band
- ◆ Dr. Jerry E. Rife, associate producer of the film, will summarize the appeal of Sousa and his music in America coming of age in the early years of the 20th century
- ◆ Dr. Rife will explore the musical and social influences Sousa's work has had on our society today

Dr. Jerry E. Rife



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Hazak presents Searching for Sousa. RSVP by November 1. Payment must accompany RSVP.  
No RSVPs will be taken after November 1

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

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

Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$20 For more information contact Charlotte Denenberg, 215-752-3122

Please make check payable to HAZAK of Beth El and mail to:

Marian Berger 46 Sagebrush Lane Langhorne, PA 19047





**Join The Men's Club, The Women of Beth El  
& Rabbi Weiss for Torah on Tap at Congregation Beth El**

Discuss the weekly Torah portion while enjoying some spirits!  
No Torah knowledge needed. All are welcome to attend.

**Monthly Thursday night meetings at 7:30pm for minyan  
and 8:00pm for Torah on Tap**

**November 14 December 19 January 9**

**February 6 March 12 April 2**

**May 7 June 4**

**For more information contact:  
Rich Oring, [richoring@ncfg.com](mailto:richoring@ncfg.com) or 609-658-4594**



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## Men's Club Program

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### Making charitable contributions. What you need to know.



Please join the **Men's Club of Beth El** for a presentation on different ways you can make charitable contributions to Beth El or any other nonprofits.

This discussion will be dealing with many alternative ways you can make donations while also taking full advantage of the new tax code.

All members are welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring parents, grandparents or any guest you feel might benefit from this presentation.

### **Event Information**

Date: Wednesday, November 13th

Time: 8:00pm (please join minyan at 7:30pm)

Cost: No cost for anybody

Presenters: James Putman—Eaton Vance, Richard Oring—Men's Club

RSVP: [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or Call the office at (215) 493-1707 x4.

Light refreshments will be served

# Adult Learning

*A Year of Jewish Learning for Grownups!*

## Taking Your Temperature on Adult Learning...

We want to meet the Adult Learning needs of all of our congregants.

***But first, we need your input.***

- ★ What do you want to learn?
- ★ Do you prefer multi-day programs, or one-day courses?
- ★ When is the most convenient day/time for you to learn?
- ★ Can you come to Beth El, or would you rather learn on-line?

## ***Make your voice heard!***

If you were unable to come to the focus group on Sunday, October 27th and have some ideas or comments, please email Helene Geiger, Adult Education Chair, [adulted@bethelyardley.org](mailto:adulted@bethelyardley.org).

***Second, we need your participation.*** When you show up for a course, you are voting with your feet. Our Wednesday morning courses were well-attended last year, so we are offering them again this year. But we're also offering some alternative daytime and evening programs, hoping to find out what works best for the most people. So, if a class is scheduled for a time/date/format that meets your needs, let us know by coming to the classes.

## **Wednesday Morning Classes – Back Again, Better Than Ever!**

### **9:30am - 10:45am Jewish History: The Sephardi Experience (Oct. 23 – Dec. 18, 2019):**

Join Congregation Beth El Member & Professor Harriet Freidenreich, to learn about trends and events that shaped our history. Harriet's courses usually sell out when she offers them at Temple University. We're so lucky to have her here at Congregation Beth El!

### **11:00am - 12:00pm Contemporary Trends: It Doesn't Look Jewish (Oct. 23 – Dec 18, 2019):**

What does "being Jewish" mean – and how is that expressed in our current culture? Join Rabbi Weiss for a survey of Jewish images and architecture – and what they tell us about what it means to be Jewish. Spoiler alert: There will be a field trip!



## ***New classes for the Fall!***

### **New! Dive Into Davening**

First Monday of the month, 12:30pm - 1:00pm: (Begins Monday, November 4)

This fast-paced, one-prayer-per-session dive will explore the meaning and significance of the prayers in our services. All levels warmly welcome! Instructor: Rabbi Raysh Weiss.

Also available on Zoom Learning. A link to access the class will be emailed before each class.

### **New! Introduction to Jewish Spiritual Practices**

Meets 12:00pm - 1:30pm: Nov. 7, Nov 14, Nov. 21

Discover how Jewish mindfulness, visualization, meditation, and chanting have been used for centuries -- and get a 'small taste' of these methods by experiencing them firsthand. Tap into the wealth of Jewish knowledge and experience of our instructor Ruth Schapira (formerly director of Jewish Leadership & Learning, Mussar Institute; Director JCHS, Gratz College).

Instructor: Ruth Schapira

Lunch-and-Learn (bring dairy or pareve lunch)

### **New! Teachings in Jewish Renewal**

Seth Fishman is leading a chavruta-style text study based on the writings of Reb Zalman. Meet up on Thursday, right after morning Minyan.

Thursdays, 8:30am - 9:30am (year-round)





*For the literary omnivore who likes to graze*

## *Book Nosh is Back!*

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

*Our Next Meeting will be on  
Sunday, November 3, at 10:30 a.m.*

**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, computer apps, art exhibitions, Broadway shows, operas, and any other cultural happenings that have a Jewish theme, a Jewish author, or Jewish characters. Below is 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 them to alexandergeiger@aol.com

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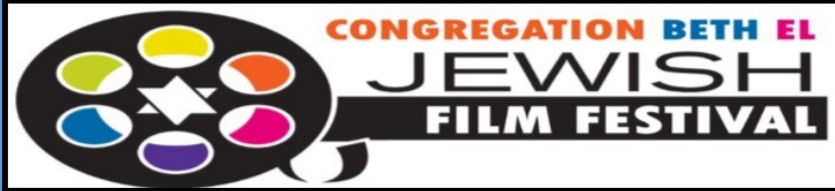
***Mondays 6:00pm - 7:45pm***

(November 4 - December 16)

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# Adult Education - The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Institute - Jewish Film Festival



**Redemption:** November 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm: 2018 Israel, Drama 1 h 44 m; Hebrew with subtitles

A moving film about universal themes and the challenge of living in two different worlds in harmony.



**Shoelaces:** November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm: 2018 Israel, 90 m; Hebrew with subtitles

A complicated relationship between an aging father and his special needs son, whom he abandoned when he was a young boy. The father's kidneys are failing, and the son wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father's life, to do something meaningful in life.



## **DOUBLE FEATURE**

**Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People:** December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm: 2018 USA 86 m English

Joseph Pulitzer is an American icon who spoke of "fake news" over 100 years ago. He fought the dangers that the suppression of news had for democracy long before our present threats to freedom of the press.



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## JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

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Includes popcorn, snacks & drinks

Indicate number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ 11/9 \_\_\_\_\_ 11/16 \_\_\_\_\_ 12/7

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check made payable/mail to: Congregation Beth El 375 Stony Hill Road Yardley, PA 19067

**Reservations preferred. We will have your reservation at the sign in table on the day of each film.**

**For more information contact, Judy Nussbaum 215-431-4729**

## Social Action Opportunities

### INTRODUCING BETH EL'S SOCIAL ACTION OUTREACH



#### **Make a Difference in the New Year!**

**The Social Action Outreach Committee is sponsoring the following activities this fall and winter:**

**NOVEMBER 2019:** Donate your gently worn coats, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts, as well as new socks, from November 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Items can be men's, women's or children's clothing, in all sizes. Please note that socks should be new socks only! Look for the big yellow box in the lobby. Items will be donated to the Levittown Homeless Shelter and Cradles to Crayons.

**Coming in January 2020:** Join your friends from Beth El on **Sunday morning, January 19, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Jewish Relief Agency** as we help pack boxes of food and toiletry items for delivery to residents in Northeast Philadelphia. Some clients are elderly, others are ill, and some are in need of help for a short time as they get back on their feet.

Once a month, the Jewish Relief Agency <https://www.jewishrelief.org/> packages and delivers food and toiletries to over 6,000 individuals and families in need. Their warehouse is located at 10980 Dutton Road in Northeast Philadelphia.

For more information, contact Diane Axelrod at [socialaction@BethElYardley.org](mailto:socialaction@BethElYardley.org).

**The Social Action Outreach Committee welcomes your help**, as a committee member or a participant in any of our programs. For more information about how you can become involved, contact Diane Axelrod at [diane.axel@yahoo.com](mailto:diane.axel@yahoo.com).



# Let's Get Cooking

**WITH COOK FOR A FRIEND**

**TUESDAYS at 5:00pm**

**November 12    December 3    January 7    February 4**  
**March 3                      April 1**

**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](mailto:bjaws999@gmail.com) or  
215-208-8006**



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# Social Action Opportunities - Chesed Community - Acts of Loving Kindness

# CHESED

# חסד

## ***Beth El's Chesed Community is here for you!***

Each member of Congregation Beth El is a vital part of our caring community. We gladly share in each other's simchas and seek to be supportive of one another when we are experiencing challenges in our lives.



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

- \*rides to doctor appointments, Shabbat Services and programs
- \*occasional food shopping
- \*set up for a Shiva house
- \*babysitter referrals
- \*meals

## ***We would love to add some more volunteers to our list.***

Please call the office to let us know how you can assist us with the Chesed Community.

*The possibilities are endless!*

## ***For assistance or more information contact:***

Barbara or Marian in the office;  
[office@bethelyardley.org](mailto:office@bethelyardley.org) or  
 call 215 - 493 - 1707 x4



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## Shabbat Happenings

### STUDY TORAH WITH US!



#### ***Bible BaBoker***

Saturday Mornings before Shabbat Services  
8:45am - 9:15am

Join Rabbi Weiss for a traditional Torah study  
of the weekly Parsha.  
No prior Torah knowledge required to participate.

## Join us for Shabbat Services

Friday Evening  
Services at 6:00pm

Saturday Morning  
Services 9:30am



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### SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

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Each Shabbat we have a list of Oneg and Kiddush  
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Kosher challah and cakes. The cost is \$18.



To sponsor at Oneg for Shabbat contact  
Carol Benderson - Lighter, 215-702-1361  
Jill Katz, 215-630-6563

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## Shabbat B'Yachad

**Our family tree grows stronger when  
we spend Shabbat together.**

Friday at 6pm!  
November 15 (6th & 7th)  
December 20 (4th & 5th)  
February 21 (PreK-3rd)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us to celebrate Shabbat **TOGETHER**  
for a spiritually uplifting experience as our own  
youth participate in leading selected parts of the service!

Following services, please plan to join us for  
**SHABBAT DINNER!** We will supply the main courses,  
delicious lasagna and macaroni & cheese, vegan option  
and desserts. Please RSVP by November 4th; call the office,  
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## Shabbat Happenings

### **SYNAGOGUE-WIDE SHABBAT LUNCHEONS**

Join us for lunch following Shabbat Morning Services  
Current, prospective and new members welcome

**November 23**

(Rabbi Weiss Installation - RSVP requested;  
Call 215-493-1707)

**December 21**

**January 25**

**February 8**

**March 21**

**April 25**

**May 16**

**June 20**

**(Shabbat of Appreciation)**



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## BETH EL COMMUNITY CARES



### *Our Community Mourns the Loss of:*

Frank Shandelman, husband to Barbara Shandelman



### MAZEL TOV TO...



Mazel Tov to Ruth and Jack Laks on the birth of their grandson, Griffin Benjamin McBride

Mazel Tov to Tina and Michael Rettig on the engagement of their daughter, Mara to Lee Millstone

Mazel Tov to Iris and Buzzy Fenster on the birth of their great granddaughter, Zoe Rose

Mazel Tov to Farrah and Michael Seidler in honor of their son, Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah



### *Welcome New Members to our Beth El Family*

Jason and Erica Abrams

Arthur Loev

Toby Adler

Shari and Ben Manis and Charlotte Sisson

Eric and Julie Halpern and their children, Hazel & Ruby

Linda & Verne Simon

Marnee & Craig Lipkin and their children, Ivy & Sullivan

Andrew Stone & Julie Zaidler and their children,  
Nathaniel & Ilan

Scott and Alycia Loev and their children, Ethan,  
Ariel & Jackson

### *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

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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 (no pre-packaged food) and use a touchscreen to make their selection.

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## Cemetery Plots at King David Memorial Park



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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 3 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  5:38 Candle Lighting  6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services - Shabbat in the Round & Potluck Dinner	<b>2 4 Heshvan</b> <b>Parashat Noach</b> 8:45am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Weiss 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:00pm Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Kravitz & Evening Party 6:37pm Havdalah
<b>3 5 Heshvan</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan  9:00am - 12:00pm FJLC (Pre-K - 7th)  10:30am - 12:00pm Book Nosh	<b>4 6 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 11:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 12:30pm - 1:00pm Dive into Davening with Rabbi Weiss 2:00pm - 3:30pm NAMI Meeting 6:00pm - 7:45pm Hebrew Reading Skills Course 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>5 7 Heshvan</b> <b>Election Day</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>6 8 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30-10:45 The Sephardi Experience with Harriet Freidenreich 11:00am - 12:00pm It doesn't Look Jewish with Rabbi Weiss 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd-7th) 6:45pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>7 9 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:30am - 9:30am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session with Seth Fishman  12:00pm - 1:30pm Intro to Jewish Spiritual Practices with Ruth Schapira  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>8 10 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  4:30pm Candle Lighting  6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner Off site	<b>9 11 Heshvan</b> <b>Parashat Lech-Lecha</b> 8:45am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Weiss 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Pearlberg 5:29pm Havdalah 7:30pm Film Festival
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<b>24 26 Heshvan</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan  9:00am - 12:00pm FJLC PreK - 7th  10:00am Installation with Pizmon, FJLC & Rabbi Weiss	<b>25 27 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  6:00pm - 7:45pm Hebrew Reading Skills Course  7:30 pm Evening Minyan  7:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>26 28 Heshvan</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  7:30 pm Evening Minyan	<b>27 29 Heshvan</b> No FJLC No HaMoadon Hebrew High Office closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:45am The Sephardi Experience with Harriet Freidenreich 11:00am - 12:00pm It doesn't Look Jewish with Rabbi Weiss 7:30 pm Evening Minyan	<b>28 30 Heshvan</b> Thanksgiving Day Office Closed No Intro to Jewish Spirit No Teachings in Jewish Renewal/ Study Session Rosh Chodesh Kislev  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>29 1 Kislev 5780</b> Office Closed Rosh Hodesh Kislev  8:00am Morning Minyan  4:16pm Candle Lighting  6:00 Shabbat Evening Service	<b>30 2 Kislev</b> <b>Parashat Toldot</b> 8:45am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Weiss 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:16pm Havdalah



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<b>1 3 Kislev</b> <b>No FJLC</b> 8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>2 4 Kislev</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  12:30pm-1pm Dive into Davening with Rabbi Weiss 2:00pm - 3:30pm NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>3 5 Kislev</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  5:00pm - 7:30pm Cook for a Friend  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>4 6 Kislev</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am - 10:45am The Sephardi Experience with Harriet Freidenreich 11:00am - 12:15pm It Doesn't Look Jewish with Rabbi Weiss 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC 3rd-7th grade 6:45pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>5 7 Kislev</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:30am - 9:30am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session with Seth Fishman 7:30pm Adult Education Program 7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>6 8 Kislev</b> 7:00am Morning Minyan  4:15pm Candle Lighting  6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services - Shabbat in the Round & Potluck Dinner	<b>7 9 Kislev</b> Parshat Vayetzei 8:45am - 9:15am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study class with Rabbi Weiss 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:15pm Havdalah 7:30pm Film Festival
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<b>22 24 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah Begins</b> <b>Hanukkah: 1 Candle</b> <b>No FJLC</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>23 25 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah: 2 Candles</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>24 26 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah: 3 Candles</b> <b>Office Closes at noon</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan	<b>25 27 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah: 4 Candles</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>No FJLC</b> <b>No HaMoadon Hebrew High</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>26 28 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah: 5 Candles</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  8:30am - 9:30am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session with Seth Fishman  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>27 29 Kislev</b> <b>Hanukkah: 6 Candles</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan  4:22pm Candle Lighting  6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	<b>28 30 Kislev</b> <b>Parshat Miketz</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b> <b>Hanukkah: 7 Candles</b> <b>No Bible BaBoker-Torah Study</b> 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  5:23 Havdalah
<b>29 1 Tevet</b> <b>Hanukkah: 8 Candles</b> <b>No FJLC</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>30 2 Tevet</b> <b>Hanukkah ends</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b>  7:00am Morning Minyan  7:30pm Evening Minyan	<b>31 3 Tevet</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan				

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