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A Magical, Musical Weekend

A PITCH PERFECT Weekend

at Congregation Beth El

Jewish PIZMON a cappella

NOVEMBER 22 - 24, 2019

RABBI RAYSH WEISS INSTALLATION WEEKEND

We are thrilled to announce the installation of our new Rabbi, Raysh Weiss, on the weekend of November 22 - 24, 2019. Rabbi Weiss will begin her tenure at Beth El this summer as she and her husband, Rabbi Jonah Rank and daughters, Ariana and Meital, transition from Halifax, Nova Scotia. We will host a three-day celebration for the community with something for everyone. Rabbinic installation is a long-standing tradition in the Conservative movement as we welcome our new spiritual leader.

We are just starting to plan the weekend activities, so if you weren't able to attend the first planning meeting, please reach out to any of the committee chairs listed below, as there are many opportunities to be involved. The big news is that our keynote entertainment will be the Jewish a cappella group Pizmon. Pizmon is the only co-ed Jewish a cappella group of Columbia, Barnard and JTS. This fabulous group of students includes our own Gil Levitan.

Pizmon will join us through the weekend, which will include a musical Shabbat Service and dinner Friday evening, Saturday Shabbat Services followed by a congregational luncheon with zmirot (singing) and our big fundraising event Saturday night, followed by a Sunday morning program for the students of FJLC.

This should be a wonderful weekend of sharing, singing and celebration for Beth El and Rabbi Weiss and her family. We hope you can be part of the fun. Look for future updates as they become available.

Today rabah,

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Lee Kirsh, lee_kirsh@yahoo.com

Beth Sadoff, bjaws999@gmail.com

Leon Weissman, weissmanleon@gmail.com

Installation Chairs

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Morning Minyan

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

Evening Minyan

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

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

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 24 - August 30

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 3:00pm

Friday

8:30am - 12:00pm

NEXT SHOFAR DEADLINE DATE

AUGUST 15

President's Message



On June 15th, we enjoyed our last Shabbat Luncheon of the year. We have been sponsoring these luncheons once a month since September and they usually correspond with the weeks when we have BMU (B'nai Mitzvah University) and Mini Congo. They are a wonderful time to talk with fellow congregants while enjoying some lunch. While most do not have a theme, this last one was for our "Shabbat of Appreciation" ... a time to thank and bid farewell to Rabbi Hoffman as well as

acknowledge all of our volunteers. During services, I had the opportunity to publicly thank all of the volunteers at Beth El who do everything from participating in services, to leading committees, to ushering, to setting up for that very luncheon (and every other one we enjoyed over the year). As I looked out on the congregation, I was in awe of the fact that there was someone in each and every row who volunteered to some extent, and it dawned on me that these were only the people that I knew about. It was clear that, if I tried to thank everyone individually, we'd be there for hours and I would definitely have left many people out. Instead, I asked everyone to think about the ways that they helped the congregation over the course of the year, and I am asking you to do that as you read this. Did you attend a weekday minyan? Did you "cook for a friend"? How about volunteering to help at BINGO? Whether you volunteer on a weekly basis or once or twice throughout the year, Beth El could not exist without you. So...not only do I want you to appreciate yourself for volunteering, but I want to again publicly thank you for all that you do for our community. We truly could not exist without all of the volunteers who do so much every single day.

In July, we will welcome Rabbi Raysh Weiss and her family to the Beth El Community. You will soon be receiving information about "meet and greets" that will be scheduled weekly until Rosh HaShanah. While some are targeted to specific groups others will be held for small groups in congregants' homes. I strongly encourage you to attend at least one of these get-togethers so that you can get to meet Rabbi Weiss. Please save the dates of November 22 - 24, 2019 for Rabbi Weiss' installation. We will start the weekend on Friday night with services and a pot-luck dinner. On Shabbat morning we will have services and the installation along with a Shabbat luncheon. Then, on Saturday night we will enjoy a catered dinner along with a concert by Pizmon, a student a cappella group from Jewish Theological Seminary (check them out at Pizmon.org). I hope you are all able to make at least one of the events over the Installation Weekend. More information and invitations will be sent out in the Fall.

On a personal note, I would just like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your Co-President. I am very excited to work with Larry and the Board and am honored to have been chosen for this position. I look forward to a great year!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Ravitch".

Liz Ravitch
Co - President

Rabbi's Message



Shalom Beth El!

The summer months, while full of the joy of outdoor activities, travel, and other adventures, also mark -- especially for students, teachers, and often for rabbis as well -- a period of anxious anticipation of transitions that are about to occur. This summer, the Beth El community is also in the midst of an exciting and challenging transition, as it has just bid a very fond farewell to Rabbi Scott Hoffman, who has devotedly served the community, sharing his unique Torah during this transitional year, and the community is now on the threshold of experiencing a new rabbinic presence in its midst.

I am struck by the fact that at the time of my writing this piece, we are approaching the Torah portion of Be'haalotekha, which teaches us -- in a brief, seemingly unlikely, but pivotal passage -- an important lesson about the sacred difficulty of such transitions:

And when the ark traveled Moses said: "Arise G-d and disperse Your enemies and those that hate You shall flee from before You." And when it came to rest he would say: "Return G-d, the myriads of the thousands of Israel." (Numbers 10:35-36)

You may be familiar with the Hebrew original of these two verses, "*va'yehi binsoa ha'aron*," which we traditionally sing at the outset of the Torah service as we open the ark and remove the Torah. But what is the relevance of these words to our reading of the Torah? To add to the enigma of these iconic words, these two verses, when they appear in a Torah scroll, are flanked by two inverted Hebrew letter nuns "נ". What could be the meaning of such a peculiar phenomenon?

According to the Gerer Rebbe (the spiritual leader of the Ger Hasidic sect), the portions right before and after these verses are meant to be cut off by the upside-down Hebrew *nuns*, so as to separate two bad things. The reason for this separation, according to the Gerer Rebbe, is because the Torah doesn't want to have two negative things in a row and thus inserts -- and even highlights! -- the very positive statement of faith in the Lord's salvation of Israel contained in Num. 10:35-36 in order to interrupt the negative accounts surrounding these verses. What negative things is the Rebbe referencing? One is the people's continual complaining and the other is the fact that, according to the Midrash, after receiving the Torah at Sinai, the Israelites departed in an unseemly hasty fashion.

According to this explanation, Numbers 10:35-36 -- now immortalized in our regular Torah service -- promises us protection and an ultimate return as a people—the very opposite of the discord embodied by the Israelites' constant complaining during their desert wandering and the disrespect exhibited by their hasty departure from the radically unifying and transformative theophany at Sinai. The Gerer Rebbe's understanding of the unusual placement and presentation of these verses cautions us that all transitions -- and particularly those involving Torah -- must be undertaken with careful and thoughtful purposefulness.

As the summer winds down, and we all begin to anticipate the upcoming end of the Jewish year, these verses offer a gentle reminder that every time and place we study Torah is a holy one, causing any sort of departure to be tinged with a certain trauma and sense of loss. While our family's transition from Halifax, Nova Scotia, a place where we learned so much transformative Torah, is a bittersweet one, we are eagerly anticipating joining the Beth El community and learning and thriving together as a community. We sincerely hope that, as the community has thrived and flourished under its previous rabbinic leadership for whom there is so much respect and admiration, so will we move on together through this transition with joy and excitement, bolstering one another with our enthusiasm and lovingkindness.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to embarking on a new journey together with you. Please introduce yourself to me and don't hesitate to remind me of your name. I am also excited to learn your story and dreams and to share mine with you. May this transitional time yield countless blessings for us all.

Raysh Weiss, Rabbi
rweiss@bethelyardley.org

Rabbi Raysh Weiss Bio

We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Raysh Weiss to Congregation Beth El. She was the rabbi of Shaar Shalom Congregation in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she also serves as an associate chaplain at Dalhousie University. She is an honors graduate of Northwestern University, where she majored in Radio, Television and Film and Comparative Literature; was a J. William Fulbright fellow in Ethnomusicology in Berlin, Germany; holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature; and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York in 2016.

Throughout her years in rabbinical school, Rabbi Weiss was a Wexner Graduate Fellow and served on the board of *T'ruah*: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights as well as the board of the National Havurah Committee. In 2015, Rabbi Weiss was named one of New York City's "36 Under 36" by the Jewish Week, and in 2001, she was a Bronfman Fellow in Israel.

Rabbi Weiss brings to her rabbinate her passions for building vibrant and inclusive community, encouraging spiritual and intellectual inquiry, and promoting social justice activism. She is particularly proud of a number of her pastoral accomplishments at Shaar Shalom, where she has served as Rabbi for the past three years. During this time she has initiated and facilitated a regular communal Jewish loss support group; she has introduced programs emphasizing social justice and community-building, such as launching Shaar Shalom's first-ever Tikkun Olam Committee and working with youth to create their own social action projects; and she has spearheaded several new educational initiatives, including the founding of the Halifax Communal Beit Midrash, the creation and implementation of a year-long, weekly Introduction to Judaism class, and the introduction of the Chai Mitzvah adult education curriculum to her synagogue, as well as the creation of several unique experiential educational opportunities for youth.

Rabbi Weiss is committed to promoting widespread Jewish literacy and to that end, she has written and published many pieces in a variety of publications aimed at the Jewish community at large. She is a regular columnist for the national Jewish newspaper, the Canadian Jewish News, and also writes for Jewish educational outlets such as myjewishlearning.com and Tablet and has designed complementary education resources for Simon Schama's *The Story of the Jews* (PBS).

Rabbi Weiss, who is both a vocalist and saxophone player, enjoys bringing music into all facets of her life and the lives of those around her. Other hobbies include cartooning, film-making, and cycling. Most of all, she enjoys connecting with people and helping them connect with one another in order to discover their potential together.

Rabbi Weiss is married to Rabbi Jonah Rank, and they are the proud parents of Ariana Weiss-Rank and Meital Weiss-Rank.

Who's Who on the Board

Larry Schachter, Co-President



My name is Larry Schachter, and I would like to introduce myself to those of you whom I may not have met over the past several years. My wife Phyllis and I, along with our two children Sam and Jeremy, have been members of Congregation Beth El for about 21 years. I grew up in Vestal, New York, a community in Upstate New York. I went to a religious Hebrew Day School for elementary and middle school and then moved to the public high school. My summers were spent at Camp Ramah in the Poconos where I was a camper, went on Ramah Seminar to Israel and ultimately became a counselor for three years. I met Phyllis on the first day of staff week as a senior counselor, which coincidentally was our birthday, and we have been together ever since. I received my undergraduate degree in Biology and Math from Union College and then went to Medical School at SUNY Syracuse. After graduating, Phyllis and I married and eventually settled in the Philadelphia area, where she grew up. Our older son, Sam, is a graduate of the Joint Program with JTS and Columbia University and will be studying for his masters next year as he applies to medical school. He was also the USY advisor over the past year and a half for our youth group, BUSY. Our younger son, Jeremy, is a rising senior Architect major at the University of Maryland, and is doing an internship in Tel Aviv this summer. Sam and Jeremy have both served as USY chapter presidents here at Beth El. I am a practicing anesthesiologist and the Director of Cardiothoracic Anesthesia at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton. When I am not at the hospital or synagogue, I like playing golf, traveling and relaxing with my family and friends. I have been the president of Congregation Beth El since June 2017 and I will be continuing as co-president with Liz Ravitch, a friend for many years whom I also met at Camp Ramah. Prior to my becoming president, I served as vice president for 6 years and as chairman of the Religious Activities Committee for approximately 10 years. Phyllis is one of the B'nai Mitzvah tutors at Beth El, and has served as the Youth Chair. Together, we have been active at Beth El since we first joined, and have celebrated both children's B'nai Mitzvah with our Beth El family. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone.

Elizabeth Ravitch, Co-President



Liz grew up in Yardley and graduated from Akiba Hebrew Academy in Merion. She attended the University of Rochester and received her BA in Psychology. She then returned to Philadelphia and attended Hahnemann University where she received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1995. After working in private practice for 10 years, she chose to "retire" so that she could raise her children, Sara and Ben, who are now 19. She worked part time at Lower Bucks Pediatrics from 2006 - 2017. She currently works as a Preschool Administrative Assistant and teacher's assistant and Religious School teacher at Kol Emet. She also teaches after school art enrichment classes at several local elementary schools. She has been a member of Beth El for 19 years, has served on the Board for most of those years and has participated in many committees. Liz also can be found with our youngest group of children on Shabbat Mornings when there is Mini Congo (Shabbat class for PreK-5th grades). She has also been active in the Bucks County Kehillah (representing Beth El) for 7 years. She is looking forward to serving as Beth El's co-president with Larry Schachter.

Honor Your Loved Ones in the Congregation Beth El Book of Remembrance 5780

Dear Congregant,

On Yom Kippur we recite Yizkor, the memorial service. Through Congregation Beth El's Book of Remembrance and the recitation of the Yizkor Service, each of us keeps lasting memories of our loved ones and continues our commitment to Judaism and synagogue life.

To participate in the Book of Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue office with your contribution. **The Book of Remembrance is prepared based on your response. If the form is not received by Monday, August 26th, your names will not be included.**

Congregation Beth El Book of Remembrance 5780

Please print legibly

_____ Please check here if you choose to keep the same names in the Book of Remembrance from last year. (If you forgot whose names appeared, please contact the office. We are happy to help you).

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Date received check:	Date emailed plaque:	Date received plaque:	Date notified family:
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Count Your Blessings! Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in the Count Your Blessings Tax Return fundraiser. We hope you found this to be a fun and easy fundraiser. Although this did not replace the IRS version, we hope that you were able to feel blessed by all the wonderful returns celebrated by you and yours.

As a result of this fundraiser we were able to raise over \$2,300 for Congregation Beth El. Since there was no major fundraising event this year each dollar matters and every return counts.

*Thank you to the following members who participated in this event:

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

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*occasional food shopping *set up for a shiva house *babysitter referrals *meals

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We have a group of volunteers that help with rides to appointments and synagogue, assist with a shiva home, light shopping & preparing meals when another member is unable to do this for themselves.



The possibilities are endless!

For volunteering and assistance information contact

Barbara or Marian in the office; office@bethelyardley.org or call 215 - 493 - 1707 x4



New! Social Action Committee!

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Diane Axelrod
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For more information contact Lou Balcher: lbalcher@afkmc.org or www.afkmc.org

BETH EL COMMUNITY CARES



Our Community Mourns the Loss of:



Sarann Fierverker, wife of the late Rabbi Emeritus William Fierverker, z"l; mother to Miriam Bavati;
Rachel Fierverker; Naomi Fierverker and grandmother to Jennifer

Susan Kitces, mother of Anna Kitces; mother-in-law to Seth Fishman; grandmother to Rebecca Kitces Fishman and
Laura Kitces Fishman



MAZEL TOV TO...



Ezra Greenberg on his Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Susan & Harve Strouse on the birth of their grandson, Max Finn Zuk

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Judi & Gary Reiss on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer to Mathew Sillman

Rachel & Adam Reiss on the marriage of their sister, Jennifer to Mathew Sillman



Welcome New Members to our Beth El Family

Sheila Milecofsky

We are looking for a few good Minyaneers

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

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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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	1 28 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	2 29 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	3 30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	4 1 Tammuz Independence Day Office closed Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan No Evening Minyan	5 2 Tammuz Office closed 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:13pm Candle Lighting	6 3 Tammuz Parashat Korach 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:13pm Havdalah
7 4 Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan	8 5 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	9 6 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm - 7:30pm Cook for a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 7 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Membership Committee Meeting - Off-Site 7:30pm Evening Minyan	11 8 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	12 9 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:11pm Candle Lighting	13 10 Tammuz Parashat Chukat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:10pm Havdalah
14 11 Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan	15 12 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	16 13 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	17 14 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	18 15 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	19 16 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:06pm Candle Lighting	20 17 Tammuz Parashat Balak 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:06pm Havdalah
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28 25 Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan	29 26 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 27 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	31 28 Tammuz 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan			

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4 3 Av 8:00am Morning Minyan	5 4 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan Memorial Plaque form due	6 5 Av No Cook for a Friend USY on Wheels 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	7 6 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 7 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	9 8 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:45pm Candle Lighting	10 9 Av Erev Tish'a B'Av Parashat Devarim Shabbat Chazon 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services Tisha B'Av Services More information with follow
11 10 Av Tish'a B'Av 8:00 Morning Minyan Tisha B'Av Services More information with follow	12 11 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Social Action Committee Meeting 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13 12 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 5:00pm - 7:30pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting	14 13 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 14 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	16 15 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:36pm Candle Lighting	17 16 Av Parashat Vaetchanan Shabbat Nachamu 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:35pm Havdalah
18 17 Av 8:00am Morning Minyan	19 18 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30pm NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	20 19 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	21 20 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	22 21 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	23 22 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:26pm Candle Lighting	24 23 Av Parashat Eikev 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:25pm Havdalah
25 24 Av 8:00am Morning Minyan	26 25 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan Book of Remembrance form due	27 26 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	28 27 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	29 28 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 29 Av 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:15pm Candle Lighting	31 30 Av Parashat Re'eh Rosh Chodesh Elul 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:14pm Havdalah

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