

The Shofar



The Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

May/June 2019

Nisan/Iyar/Sivan 5779

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO THE

8th ANNUAL
SHARE SHABBAT POT LUCK PARTY

FRIDAY, MAY 31 at 7 PM

HOSTED AT THE HOME OF
CARA AND LEON WEISSMAN
2 KEATS ROAD YARDLEY, PA 19067

PLEASE RSVP BEFORE MAY 22 TO
shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com

or CALL SUSAN STROUSE AT 215-355-8999
AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU CAN BRING

DAIRY/VEGETARIAN ONLY
PLEASE PLAN TO BRING ENOUGH FOR 12 PEOPLE

MAIN COURSE
VEGETABLE
SALAD
DESSERT/FRUIT

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY THERE...RAIN OR SHINE

See page 13 for Share Shabbat
Dinner testimonials

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Morning Minyan

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

Evening Minyan

Monday - Thursday 7:30pm

Shabbat Services

Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 9:30am

SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

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

BUBBES' JUDAICA SHOP HOURS

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

Visit our website

www.bethelyardley.org

NEXT SHOFAR DEADLINE

July/August Deadline
June 14

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: JUNE 24th - AUGUST 30th

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

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

YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration



Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:45pm - Documentary Film

8:15pm - Special Yom HaShoah Minyan

Including Memorial Prayers, Readings and Shoah Candle Lighting

Documentary Film

STEAL A PENCIL FOR ME

is a compelling documentary
feature film by Academy
Award nominee Michele
Ohayon about the power of
love and the ability of
humankind to rise above
unimaginable suffering.



If you have a personal connection to the Shoah and would like to participate in this program, please contact Karen Lewin in the office.

This program is open to the public and we
welcome teens and adults to join us.



**Congregation
Beth El**

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A Message from Barbara Fineman



When Dave and I joined Beth El more than 50 years ago we felt like we had found a new family. We began getting involved immediately in the Congregation as it was a great way to meet people and make friends. Levittown was still a young community and everyone wanted to get to know new members and make new friends, so young and old and rich and poor all worked together to enhance Beth El and help it succeed. I got very involved first in Sisterhood. We had Circles back then and each Circle was made up of women from either the section of Levittown you lived in or from a few sections near you. Meetings were monthly and you got to know your neighbors. At one meeting, our Twin Oaks Circle was looking for a chairman and no one wanted the job, so I said, "Let's make the last person who arrives our leader." Luckily for us, Eleanor Neff was the last person and she became our leader and because of her we all became very involved in that year's Paid-up Membership Dinner. Does anyone still remember?—the theme was Cafe Shalom which was on a boat. We made steamship centerpieces for each table and we got Zim Line folders for the program and used new, sprayed toilet plungers as stanchions which everyone had to go thru to enter. Eleanor did become Sisterhood president. All events, whether Sisterhood, Men's Club, or Congregation would have large committees and paid great attention to detail.

Eventually, I became Sisterhood president. When you were finished with that job you relaxed and usually became Synagogue secretary. At that time Dave was congregation president so we had almost all Executive Committee meetings at our house. Our daughter Jill got to sit on everyone's lap. I still remember when I answered the phone and Andy Flager called to talk to Dave about his wonderful idea of Galilee Village.

In 1975 our son was a Bar Mitzvah and I was the first mom to say the Brachot at a son's Bar Mitzvah. Eleanor Gutbezahl was our first female president and we were totally egalitarian. When she was president, we burned our first mortgage and that event was a huge success.

In the next few years we had Safam and another time Moshe Carlebach at Beth El. We did two fundraisers with Brothers of Israel at the Trenton War Memorial. One was with David Brenner and the other with Jay Leno. I think it was before Leno's performance that a local gospel singer who sang non-religious songs at Blue Ram Restaurant was the lead-in, and all she sang were religious songs and that didn't go over too well with the crowd. I wonder why!!

When it was time for Rabbi Fierverker to retire there was a sellout crowd of over 200 to his dinner. Laura Szabo-Cohen wrote the parody, Steve Weiner played piano and there was a huge cast. What fun we all had—including the rabbi. The only problem was people went back for more salmon before some got their firsts and that was a small problem!

In the next few years we had Rabbi David Eligberg and Rabbi David Seed as our leaders. I think I was more involved in Sisterhood than with the congregation. When we hired Jeff Pivo as our rabbi I became more involved. He came to my house soon after he was here because I was in charge of the 50th anniversary dinner dance and program. Since I no longer kept kosher, I bought a fresh bag of OU cookies and fruit that had to be peeled - and of course, he ate nothing because it was a fast day! I liked him and his wife Lisa immediately. He did ask if I went to services and I honestly told him I didn't and why. He asked if I'd try and I said yes I'd try to come regularly and if I stopped he'd know why. I never stopped unless I was ill or away.

At his request I started Hazak and have been thoroughly involved in that and continued thru Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg's tenure and while Rabbi Scott Hoffman was here. Now it's time for me to move on to Florida. It will be difficult going to another synagogue because every time I go to Beth El I feel like I'm home. There's still that warm, friendly feeling. You're my family up here and I'll truly miss you when I leave the area. I wish you continued success.

Rabbi's Message



It seems like I just arrived yesterday, but this will be my last Shofar article as rabbi of Beth El. The experience here in Yardley has been one I will treasure for the rest of my life, despite its brevity.

There are many aspects of life here at Beth El I enjoyed, from morning minyan to Shiru La' Adonai to Hebrew high school, but at the top of my list would have to be the wonderful adult education experiences. I had the honor of teaching on Wednesday mornings with Harriet Freidenreich and on Shabbat mornings through the "Bible BaBoker" series. I was also privileged to share educational experiences with Men's Club through "Torah on Tap" and through Women of Beth El through "Sangria in the Sukkah." This is in addition to many other informal experiences which enriched me immensely.

Shavuot, which we will celebrate in June, is inextricably bound up with the giving of Torah and its study throughout the generations. So perhaps it's fitting that shortly before my departure, we will have one more reminder of what, for me, stands at the center of Jewish life.

There are many people I would like to thank, far too numerous to mention here, but I would be remiss if I did not mention Larry Schachter as president and Leon Weissman and Brian Levey as the search committee heads who hired me. And of course my three colleagues here in the office, Barbara, Karen and Marian. I am forever in their debt for their kindness to me this past year.

I wish Beth El every success and I feel confident that my successors, Rabbis Raysh Weiss and Jonah Rank, will provide the outstanding religious leadership you deserve.

Scott A. Hoffman
Rabbi
Rabbi@bethelyardley.org

Education & Youth Director's Message



TEEN LEADERS WANTED - BE LIKE MOSES!

ATTENTION 7th - 11th GRADERS!!!!

- *Do you want to learn leadership skills that you will use your whole life?
- *Do you want something awesome and meaningful to include in your college applications?
- *Do you want to help run and participate in an exciting international teen organization?
- *Do you want to build friendships with people that you will never forget?
- *Do you want to make a difference in the world?

*Do you want to decide what activities to do such as Dorney Park, Paintballing, Sporting Events, Ski Trips, Tubing, or whatever you can imagine?

If even one of the answers to these questions is "YES!", then we want you to apply to run for the **BUSY Chapter Executive Board**. We are putting together current and future leaders to run BUSY and are looking for teens interested in joining this special team.

*(You do NOT need to be a current member of USY. We are simply looking for teens who want to be leaders in the community and help make a difference.)

For more information about our available leadership positions, please email Karen Lewin, Karen@BethElYardley.org.



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May 11

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Preparing Congregation Beth El's 6th & 7th Graders
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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

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.

B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El



Aaron Gross, son of Leslie and Michael Gross, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 4, 2019. For his mitzvah project, Aaron has combined his love of running with combatting homelessness. Through the ShoeBox Recycling Program, Aaron has been collecting gently used athletic shoes to support *Back on My Feet*, a national organization operating in 12 major cities across the U.S which combats homelessness through the power of running, community support and essential employment and housing resources. Mazel Tov!



Ava Gross, daughter of Leslie and Michael Gross, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 4, 2019. For her mitzvah project Ava has combined her love of animals with helping abandoned animals find loving homes. Ava has been collecting new or gently used leashes, toys, puppy collars, and treats for *Furever Yours Rescue*, a home based rescue that pairs abandoned and neglected animals with "forever" loving homes. These items are sent home with every adopted dog, like Ava's beloved dog Daryl. Mazel Tov!



Jordyn O'Brien, daughter of Staci and David O'Brien, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8, 2019. For her mitzvah project, Jordyn has been focusing on her love of music. Since the 3rd grade she has played violin, and in 4th grade, the saxophone. She loved entering 5th grade and continuing her love of music. So, even though she graduated, her love of the 5th grade music program has not. Jordyn goes to Maple Point Middle School at 6:45 am each Friday to work with one of her favorite teachers, Andrew Tanicello and his 5th grade musicians. Whether she is helping them tune their instruments, or taking attendance, she is by his side and will continue to do so next year as well. Mazel Tov!



Averil O'Brien, daughter of Staci and David O'Brien, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8, 2019. For her mitzvah project, Averil has been volunteering with Mr. Ray Weldie, a teacher at Maple Point Middle School. Mr. Weldie collects specific items, and sends individualized care packages to locals who have been deployed overseas. Averil helps put the items into boxes and writes out the customs forms to make sure they reach their destination. Help Averil help Mr. Weldie at Maple Point by shopping on the Amazon wishlist she put together for him at https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/giftlist/TYIV0H8ROLGF/ref=cm_gf_ss_gl. Her goal was to send many packages overseas, but each package counts! Mazel Tov!





Confirmation Class 2019!

Join us at Beth El on Friday, May 17th at 6pm for Shabbat Evening Services and Confirmation, followed by a celebratory Shabbat dinner. We will have the opportunity to hear from and honor these wonderful teenagers:

Harris Albuck, son of Mindy and Rick Albuck

Lynsie Lightman, daughter of Bari Frydman and Rob Lightman

Maya Young, daughter of Lauren and Steven Young

All are welcome!

Mazel Tov to Our Graduates!

High School Graduates

Aya Lightman, daughter of Bari Frydman and Rob Lightman

Joshua Lubin, son of Deborah and Steven Lubin

Shira Palmer, daughter of Gale and Wil Palmer

Alex Terr, son of Robin and Hal Terr

Max Young, son of Lauren and Steven Young

College Graduates

Molly Gorelick, daughter of Sandy Silverman and Rich Gorelick,
graduating from Dickinson College

Benjamin Greenberg, son of Linda and Ken Greenberg,
graduating from University of Vermont

Hannah Greenberg, daughter of Linda and Ken Greenberg,
graduating from University of Delaware

Cara Pasternak, daughter of Bernie Katz & Marjorie Chertok,
graduating from Montclair State University

David Levey, son of Lois and Brian Levey,
graduating from University of Pittsburgh

Brittany Lubin, daughter of Deborah and Steven Lubin,
graduating from Kutztown University

Purim Celebration & Chocolate Seder Pictures

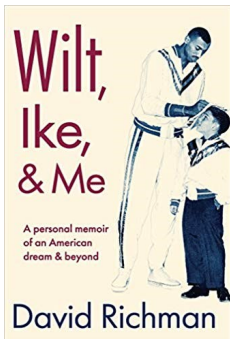


The Schwarz - Kurz - Zeller Adult Education Institute Presents



For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

Book Nosh – Special Author Event!



For our last meeting of the year, we've invited author David Richman to join us. He will discuss his new book **Wilt, Ike, & Me**. It's a rollicking tale of Philadelphia basketball in the 1960's; of native son Wilt Chamberlain, who delivered an NBA championship to Philadelphia; of Ike Richman, who founded the 76ers, brought Wilt back via a trade, and in whose house Wilt lived for two years; and of a teenage David Richman, who slept in the bedroom next door, and whom Wilt taught to drive and to be careful about birth control.

Our Author Event will be on Sunday, June 23 at 10:30am

Location: Congregation Beth El, 375 Stony Hill Rd, Yardley, PA – all are welcome but RSVP required.

Meet, Greet, and Eat: Copies of the book will be available for sale and the author will be happy to chat and autograph the book, whether you buy it at the event or bring your own copy with you. As always, bagels, schmears, coffee, and tea will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Who's invited? Schmoozers of *all ages, genders, and cultural predilections* are welcomed and encouraged. Whether you've read the book or just want to hear the author, whether you want to meet and chat with people who enjoy reading books, discussing arts and culture, and talking sports or simply want to nosh on our free bagels and schmears, **please come and join us.**

RSVP today, so we know how many bagels to buy. Visit www.bethelyardley.or for more information and to RSVP or call the office, 215-493-1707, ext. 4.

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Lenny Pierro

- ♦ Professional performer for over 30 years
- ♦ Produced, arranged, and performed on many CD recordings including his own, "Big Band Project"
- ♦ Works one-on-one with singing students
- ♦ Worked with jazz big bands, R&B horn sections and small jazz groups; performed at concerts, festivals and clubs throughout the area

Madison Rast

- ♦ North Carolina native; graduated from the prestigious North Carolina School of the Arts
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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 7:30pm minyan; 8:00pm Torah on Tap at Congregation Beth El.

May 16 June 6

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

Women of Beth El in pictures! The Member Appreciation Brunch on Sunday, March 31st was a wonderful way for everyone to get together. Linda Kenyon performed an inspiring one act play about Julia Child. Fun was had by all. Thank you to Estelle Blaustein for chairing the event and all that participated and volunteered to help. A special thank you to Sandy Berenbaum from Mid-Atlantic Region Women's League.



Special Shabbat Happenings at Beth El: ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join us for Congregational Shabbat
Luncheons following
Shabbat Morning Services

May 11
Graduation Shabbat

June 15

Calling all volunteers...

As you know, Congregation Beth El has a Congregational Luncheon once a month. All are welcome to attend. The Kiddush Krew is a group of volunteers that help to prepare for these luncheons. There is no cooking involved and no heavy lifting. We work, socialize, have fun and get to eat, too! If you are available the Friday morning before or you plan on coming to a luncheon and want to help, contact Diane Axelrod, 215-630-5318 or Cara Weissman, 215-736-2641.

Bible Ba-Boker - Saturday Mornings before Shabbat Services 8:45am - 9:25am



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

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Each Shabbat we have a list of Oneg and Kiddush sponsors included in our Shabbat Flyer, TV monitor and weekly email. The sponsorship helps to offset the cost of Kosher challah and cakes. The cost is \$18. To sponsor, please contact Carol Benderson - Lighter, 215-702-1361 or Jill Katz, 215-630-6563.



Share Shabbat

SHARE SHABBAT DINNER TESTIMONIALS

The 2018-2019 Share Shabbat Dinner season ended on a high note! Here are a few testimonials from participants:

Hosting Share Shabbat allows us to get to know our fellow congregants in a less formal and more personal way. We feel like we really know people after we sit down to a relaxed Shabbat dinner in which we can eat delicious food, drink nice wine, and laugh as much as possible.

-Ken and Amy Kaissar

We recently went to our first Share Shabbat and loved the experience. Having a nice evening with some couples we knew and some we just met was a wonderful way to start our weekend. We loved how welcomed our entire family felt with everyone who was there. It was also nice to have different generations sharing dinner together. I highly recommend joining the Share Shabbat community. I know we will do it again and look forward to hosting at our place.

-Stacy and Lee Kirsh

Share Shabbat is a special event that Beth El has been hosting for the past several years. It is a wonderful evening when members enjoy a dinner, socialize and connect in a way that brings them closer together. We loved the many times that we have both hosted and attended these dinners.

-Rita Pruzan and Barry Troll



We are looking forward to the 2019 – 2020 Share Shabbat Dinner season.

HOPE TO SEE YOU MAY 31 AT THE SHARE SHABBAT POT LUCK PARTY!

Susan Strouse
Cara Weissman
Share Shabbat Dinner Committee



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6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services under the star

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May 10



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Social Action Opportunities



GOT NEEDS?

We want to help!

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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

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For more information contact: Barbara or Marian in the office; 215 - 493 - 1707 x4



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For more information contact Lou Balcher: lbalcher@afkmc.org • Website: www.afkmc.org



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**Sunday, June 2, 2019
3:00pm**

**Congregation Beth El of Yardley
375 Stony Hill Road
Yardley, PA 19067**

**Reception to follow
RSVP by May 15, 2019
fivegreenbergs@msn.com**



Ezra Greenberg achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Ezra serves as Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 30 in Yardley. He completed his Eagle Scout Service project here at Beth El. The Eagle Scout Service Project, is the opportunity for a boy scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. Ezra designed, built and installed three sturdy, wooden shelving units for FJLC. In addition, as part of the installation of the shelving units, Ezra also organized school materials and placed them on the shelves. Ezra earned 46 merit badges and the Ner Tamid Jewish award. He has also attended the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and sailed in the Florida Keys at the Boy Scout's Sea Base High Adventure Camp. This summer he will be going on a mountain trek at Philmont, the Boy Scout's High Adventure Camp in New Mexico.

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Synagogue Administrator

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Our Community Mourns the Loss of:



Bennett Goldstein, grandfather to Seth Goldstein (Dara); great-grandfather to Jordyn and Corey

Mildred (Millie) Oring, mother to Rich Oring (Rachael); grandmother to Ethan, Myles and Logan



Mazel Tov to Gail and Howard Lander on the birth of their grandson, Lev

Mazel Tov to Leslie and Michael Gross on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Aaron and Ava

Mazel Tov to Staci and David O'Brien on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Jordyn and Averi

Mazel Tov to Ezra Greenberg on his Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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.

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.



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.

Anyone interested in volunteering can email Jeremy Heller directly at mail@jeremyheller.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 26 Nisan 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High 6:45pm Yom HaShoah Program (see page 2) 8:15pm Special Yom HaShoah Minyan	2 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	3 28 Nisan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:38pm Candle Lighting	4 29 Nisan Parashat Achrei Mot 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with B'nai Mitzvah of Ava & Aaron Gross 8:39pm Havdalah
5 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyar 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - 12:00pm FJLC (PreK-7th)	6 1 Iyar Rosh Chodesh Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	7 2 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm - 7:30pm Cook for a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 3 Iyar Yom HaZikaron 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm - 8:45pm HaMoadon Dinner with Parents (Last Day) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	9 4 Iyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 5 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Shiru La'Adonai with potluck dinner to follow 7:45pm Candle Lighting	11 6 Iyar Parashat Kedoshim No Bible BaBoker - Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Shabbat Luncheon and Graduation Shabbat 10:00am BMU Services 10:00am Mini Congo 8:46pm Havdalah
12 7 Iyar Mother's Day 8:00am Morning Minyan	13 8 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	14 9 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 10 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:30pm - 6:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	16 11 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Men's Club - Torah on Tap at Beth El	17 12 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Confirmation 7:52pm Candle Lighting	18 13 Iyar Parashat Emor 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:53pm Havdalah
19 14 Iyar Pesach Sheni 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am - Noon FJLC (Last Day PreK - 7th) 10:00am FJLC Israel Celebration 1:00pm Hazak Program	20 15 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	21 16 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	22 17 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	23 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	24 19 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:58pm Candle Lighting	25 20 Iyar Parashat Behar 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker - Torah Study with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:59pm Havdalah
26 21 Iyar 8:00am Morning Minyan 3:00pm Dolitsky/Gersham Anniversary Party (Private)	27 22 Iyar Memorial Day Office Closed 8:00am Morning Minyan	28 23 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	29 24 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 25 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	31 26 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:45pm Share Shabbat Dinner at Cara & Leon Weissman 8:04pm Candle Lighting	

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2 28 Iyar Yom Yerushalayim 8:00am Morning Minyan 3:00pm - 5:00pm Ezra Greenberg's Eagle Scout Court of Honor	3 29 Iyar 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30 NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	4 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:00pm - 7:30pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	5 2 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6 3 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Men's Club Torah on Tap at Beth El	7 4 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:08pm Candle Lighting	8 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot Parashat Bamidbar 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with B'nai Mitzvah of Jordyn & Avery O'Brien
9 6 Sivan Shavuot I 9:30am Shavuot Services	10 7 Sivan Shavuot II Office Closed 9:30am Shavuot Services with Yizkor 9:10pm Havdalah	11 8 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	12 9 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13 10 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm Annual Meeting	14 11 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:12pm Candle Lighting	15 12 Sivan Parashat Nasso 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:12pm Havdalah
16 13 Sivan Father's Day 8:00am Morning Minyan	17 14 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm - 3:30pm NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board Meeting	18 15 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	19 16 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	20 17 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	21 18 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:14pm Candle Lighting	22 19 Sivan Parashat Beha'alotcha 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:14pm Havdalah
23 20 Sivan 8:00am Morning Minyan 10:30am - 12:00pm Author Visit - David Richman	24 21 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	25 22 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	26 23 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	27 24 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	28 25 Sivan 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 8:14pm Candle Lighting	29 26 Sivan Parashat Sh'lach 8:45am - 9:25am Bible BaBoker with Rabbi Hoffman 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:14pm Havdalah
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