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## A CONVERSATION WITH UNORTHODOX ACTOR ELI ROSEN

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Morning Minyan 8:00am  
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6:00pm

#### **Saturday Morning Services**

9:30am

#### **Sunday Evening Minyan**

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July 1 - August 28

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What a year it has been!! When Larry and I first wrote to you about closing the building, we were making decisions week-by-week, always hoping that we'd be able to get back into our building "next" week. Now, it's been 3 months since we've been able to gather together in person to pray, to learn and to socialize. Although I enjoy seeing so many of you virtually, there is nothing quite like being able to gather together. To that end, we have formed a new "Re-opening Task Force" (RTF) so that we can safely get back into our building and once again pray, learn and socialize together. The task force is led by Brian Levey and includes our professional staff and Presidents as well as Jill Cohen, Michelle Flash, Phil Freidenreich, Rich Gorelick, Gretchen Merchiere, Lewis Rose, Glenn Roskein, Joan Rubin Kritz, Lee Schachter and David Sokol.

The mission of the RTF is to "develop a plan that enables Congregation Beth El to reopen in a way that ensures the safety of our congregants and professional staff". We will be as transparent as possible, informing you as we have updates. However, if you have questions between updates, feel free to contact one of us and we will do our best to answer.

Many of you have been asking about the High Holidays. I'd like to emphasize that the RTF will NOT be specifically addressing how the High Holidays will be handled. The Religious Activities Committee (RAC) will determine a plan based on the RTF's decisions about the number of people who can safely congregate together in the building. With that in mind, the RAC is working with two possible scenarios:

- ◆ If we return to being in "red" then we will have a fully on-line High Holiday celebration. We do not yet know if that will be using Zoom or a live-streaming service. We are looking into several options.
- ◆ If we are in "yellow" or "green" then we will likely be having a hybrid celebration (a combination of in person and live streaming).

We do not yet know exactly how this will work, but it will involve small groups of congregants entering the building to pray together.

We know that there are some of our congregants who will not feel comfortable gathering together in person in September. I want to emphasize that we still plan to offer the live-stream option for those congregants who do not want to or cannot gather together. We are very proud of the virtual programming we have offered since March. We continued to have twice daily minyanim, and even added a Sunday evening minyan. Shabbat, Passover and Shavuot services were offered virtually as well. We've had many adult education classes and programming, including a day-long Wellness Day in May and a Book Nosh in June. Our annual meeting had a record number of congregants attending and Hazak offered a wonderful Live concert (via YouTube) by Avi Wisnia. Our Hebrew School didn't miss a beat and quickly and seamlessly went virtual in March. In July, you can look forward to a discussion with Eli Rosen and a partnership with Ramah Day Camp which is offering on-line activities for kids all month.

When the building finally does re-open you will notice changes, many of which still have to be determined by the RTF. It is possible you will need to have your temperature checked before entering the building and you may be required to wear a mask. There may be designated entry and exit doors. We will do our best to post signs to help you keep track of these changes. I also want to let everyone know that effective July 1, Karen Lewin will be working part time. This was a difficult decision made by the Board of Directors at the May meeting.

In a recent sermon, Rabbi Weiss said, "we can't reopen because we never closed." I love this statement, because it truly was only our building that has been closed since March. Our community has stayed open, active and vibrant. We supported each other in times of loss, celebrated together for holidays, Confirmation, and graduations, and helped each other when congregants needed support. In my December article, I thanked everyone for making Beth El one of my "miracles". I hope that you all feel now, more than ever, that Beth El is truly a miracle because we have come together in the most beautiful way at a time when we had to remain physically far apart. I once again thank you all for being miracles in our community. I look forward to safely gathering with you soon.

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

Elizabeth Ravitch  
Co-President  
president@bethelyardley.org

Shalom Friends,



This month, July 2020, marks our family's one-year anniversary at Beth El. What feels now like an eternity ago, you welcomed us in ways I can characterize only as above and beyond. As I recovered last summer from a complicated illness, still not knowing exactly how I would "land," you greeted us with signature Beth El warmth and thoughtfulness. As the year progressed, my appreciation and admiration for this deeply caring and talented community only deepened. I feel both proud and blessed to build community together. And here we are, a year later, this time with many unknowns as well as deep, existential crises, on a collective scale. What gives me solace is knowing we approach all of the myriad of challenges together.

These past three months have likely been some of the toughest many of you have seen, navigating your own workloads, becoming your children's co-teachers, and trying to wrap your heads around the specter of a pandemic and all its related tendrils. And for some in our community, you've seen worse. Our community includes heroic Holocaust survivors, survivors of strokes, cancer, tragic losses, and estrangement.

I feel deeply for all of you.

All our Beth El staff and leadership feels deeply for you, even while many of them are thrown into the same boat with you. This is not an easy period, particularly because we are currently steeped in the unknown, and predictability and routine are our last bastions of comfort in a world that can feel topsy-turvy, even when there is no virus, social restriction, or upwelling of social inequalities looming over us.

There is one thing we can be secure about, and that is that this period will end.

*Gam Zeh Ya'avov.* Whether it is four months or even a year, life will return to some form of a predictable, sensible, and manageable pattern. We hope and pray to help our society overcome the formidable inequalities we are witnessing until they are a historical memory. This era will slowly recede into the distance. It will get smaller and smaller as the years go on, and it will be remembered for all sorts of things, some of which we can predict now, and some, we can even control.

Each of us is experiencing this period differently. Some of us, especially those living in senior living facilities, are feeling heightened loneliness; some of us, including retirees and students in transition, are bored and bingeing on Netflix; some of us, especially those of us who have the unique fortune of maintaining steady work, and especially working parents of young children, and even more so parents with multiple children and/or children with special needs, feel like we are drowning.

For some of our kids, perhaps it will be "That Spring of 2020 when That I Never Fully Finished Learning Long Division Because My Parents Had To Teach It To Me At Home", or "That Spring When Every Day was Pajama Day" or "Those Weeks When My Siblings And I Fought Every Day Over The iPad Until Our Parents Took It Away And Told Us It Was Broken Even Though It Clearly Wasn't."

For the adults, we might remember it as the Pandemic of 2020 or the Recession of 2020 or The Days The World Stood Still. We will remember that life got really, really hard, really, really fast, and that the luxuries we had taken for granted, seemed -- for the first time in a long time -- as though they could dissolve in an instant.

The whole story has not yet unfolded and perhaps none of these will be the prevailing memories of this time. But this memory does not have to be written for us by chance or by others' actions or descriptions.

There are some things that we can take within our control. As Jews, we are blessed with the special gift of Shabbat -- a perfect time to step back from the events swirling around us and to take the time together, as families, to take stock and create our own unique narrative of what is happening and our own priorities -- even while it is happening. On Shabbat, as individuals and as families, we have the time to take - time to reflect on some of the things we might be learning from this very peculiar and extraordinary period in which we are living.

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We can marvel at some of the solutions we have created to deal with new problems; we can look with pride at our children who have mastered the Brave New World of the technology that helps us stay connected in this time of potential isolation, and we can admire their creativity, their innocence, and learn from their resilience. And -- in creating our own personal narrative -- perhaps we will arrive at a place where our personal and familial values and priorities begin to become more clear -- and maybe even more compelling -- than ever before.

It is not my intention to gloss over the very real pain and frustration and fear and exhaustion that many are feeling. Nor do I mean to overlook the very real losses that all of us have been forced to accept, such as the cancellation of joyfully anticipated trips and vacations and the inability to celebrate major life milestones with friends and loved ones -- not to mention loss of jobs and financial security, lost opportunities, and, worst of all, loss of loved ones.

There are no two ways about it: this is hard. Let us try, at least, to take control of the one thing we can, which is the narrative we build around how we faced this time, together, as a synagogue, as a community, with our friends and family, and as individuals who are far more resourceful, empathic, and resilient than we typically acknowledge.

Our commitment as a synagogue during this time has been to continue coming together -- to pray, to learn, to schmooze, and to heal and create a living, breathing virtual Beth El, even if that platform only serves us for a few months.

Our synagogue was not designed to be remote, and we look forward to the time when we can once again gather in our beautiful building as a community. In the meantime, we have built an intricate, virtual 'ark' to carry us through a temporary flood.

Our focus is on building an inclusive, meaningful, warm, heimish Jewish experience. Your priorities may have shifted during this time. This is the nature of a health scare. Hopefully, routines have emerged, and that is enough. Hopefully, you and your family are healthy and safe, and that is enough. Hopefully, internet continues to work, and that is enough. Knowing what "enough" is has become a lost art in the instant gratification culture of contemporary American society, but as Jews, we play the long game. We are a people who know that what we have is enough, and we can be grateful for that.

Please continue thinking about and discussing your individual and family priorities throughout the next phase of this evolving event. Beth El is here for you, not just as a brick and mortar synagogue, but as a community that transcends the confines of a physical building. We are all in this together. Traditional religious worship and practice is vital to our hearts and souls as Jews, but sometimes we must also acknowledge that if we can stay healthy, and if we can stay balanced, and if we can stay together, that will be enough for the time being.

In so many facets of life during this difficult time, we will learn to discern between our wants and our needs and discover what is truly "enough." As Jews who sing "Dayenu" every year at the Seder, as we did even at the outset of this lockdown period, we may just be learning to appreciate this concept on a much deeper level right now.

May we all have what we need—our health, our love, our commitment to each other and our neighbors, to the Jewish community, and to the principles of kindness, justice, and compassion for which our synagogue stands —and may that be enough.







Dear Congregation Beth El,

I want everyone to know that we have FJLC and HaMoadon families that are truly amazing! Beginning on Sunday, March 22nd we transitioned our school year to virtual learning online. It was not always easy to pay attention, to refrain from using the chat features of Zoom or to refrain from finding funny and beautiful virtual backgrounds. But we did it! I am so proud of all of our children and teens for the hard work they put into creating an online community for Jewish education.

A special thank you goes out to all the parents who have been managing their children's online learning sessions and getting their children involved in our virtual learning. A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful faculty. Virtual learning is something that was new to everyone. The faculty members took it upon themselves to spend time creating online lessons that engaged children and teens in a variety of subjects. I cannot thank the faculty enough for all their hard work.

On one of our last days of HaMoadon, our teens had the opportunity to gather with other teens around the area for a comedy show with Joel Chasnoff, who is both a comedian and former lone soldier who made aliyah. It was an entertaining and educational day. On the last day of FJLC, participants had the opportunity to engage with the Bible Players. Everyone enjoyed learning about Israel, and we ended the sessions and the year with a special Havdalah service.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun filled summer. I pray that we will all be together in person soon!

l'shalom,

*Karen B. Lewin*

klewin@bethelyardley.org

## Shari Senior – Board Member



My family and I joined Beth El in 2015 and we have been active members ever since. I have served on the board for the past few years with active roles on the membership committee, rabbi search committee and assisting with several fundraising events. I live in Langhorne with my husband Ian and my two boys Micah (13) and Asher (10). Both boys attend FLJC, are active in the youth group and enjoy summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Micah just recently became a Bar Mitzvah this past January, as he proudly led the congregation in the entire service.

Prior to joining Beth El I grew up locally in Holland and spent summers at Camp Ramah. I graduated from Council Rock and went onto study at the University of Pittsburgh, where I also enjoyed a semester abroad in London, England. After graduation I had the unique opportunity to work abroad in London for two years, which is where I secured my favorite souvenir, my British husband.

Outside of Beth El, I work full time planning Corporate Events and Philanthropic initiatives for Freedom Mortgage in Marlton, NJ. I am also active on the board of our Middle School Music Boosters program where both of our boys participate in the school's choirs, band and musicals. I am also an avid runner, completing numerous races including 13 marathons. Ian and I often enjoy marathoning together and travelling to complete destination races. When I am not running for exercise you can often find me running around with our busy personal "Shagenda," as Ian calls it. I like to plan busy full lives for our family; which often includes, sports, time at the pool or beach, road trips and theme parks. One day when I slow down, I look forward to reflecting on all the fun memories we have made from our adventures.

## Michael Weinberg - Board Member, Men's Club Treasurer, & Cemetery Committee Chair

Michael Philip Weinberg, who is this guy? Michael Weinberg has been a part of Congregation Beth El for over 61 years and has spent a lot of time in the building on 21 Penn Valley Road in Levittown with his mom, Claryne and dad, Alan, who were founding members of the Synagogue, originally known as Levittown Jewish Center. Michael is the current Men's Club Treasurer. He sees the challenge of young and older Men's Club members finding their place in the shul and delivering interesting topics to bring individuals, and families together, for fun, socialization, learning, and even a little bit of fundraising, by leading the annual Passover Pickle Run. Michael is the Chair of the Cemetery committee, keeping track of the plots owned by the shul or giving a personalized tour at King David Memorial Park in Bensalem, PA.

Michael graduated from Pennsbury High School and at first wanted to be an architect attending University of Miami. His artistic abilities were with his voice and not in drawing or design, so Michael returned home to attend Temple University. He graduated in 1983 and has worked as a Medical Technologist in laboratories in local hospitals. Michael currently works for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System as a Senior Clinical analyst for the Corporate Information Technology department. Translation: Computer Geek! Always in search for knowledge, Michael returned to school and earned his MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix in 2008.

Michael follows the Philadelphia professional sport teams with the Flyers being his favorite followed by the Phillies, Eagles, and even the 76ers. Michael rides a recumbent trike and has raised funds for and participated in the City to Shore 150 MS Bike Ride for the past 10 years and is preparing for the 2020 ride in October. Michael has a collection of self-made tallitot and is willing to help anyone design one to their liking and teach them how to tie the tzitzit. In the minute amount of spare time, Michael likes photography, travel, and genealogy.

Michael is married to Michelle Tapper from Akron, Ohio and was one of the last weddings held at our 21 Penn Valley Road location. Their daughter Jeanette is a Graduate of Pennsbury High School, and Beth El's Hebrew School. Fun Fact, Jeannette's Bat Mitzvah party was interrupted by a snowstorm and power outage on October 29, 2011. Michelle and Michael also care for their "son", BuBu (pronounce BooBoo) Weinberg, a 26-year-old Congo African Grey Parrot. Yes, BuBu talks!

Some of the great joys that Michael has at Beth El are directing the crew of Sukkah Builders, leading the second Tuesday night of the month Minyan, or any Minyan he attends, and calling his assigned list of congregants sharing Board of Directors news, checking in, and chatting.



## **Phil Freidenreich, Past President, Chair of the Building & Grounds and Security Committees, Member of the Religious Activities Committee, and Ba'al Koreh**



Harriet and I have been members of Beth El since we moved to the community in 1978. We grew up in Conservative synagogues, Harriet in Ottawa, Canada; I, in Highland Park, NJ. Our parents were very active in their respective Jewish communities. We both attended Jewish elementary day schools. Harriet and I met at International House in New York when we were both studying for our PhDs. Our sons David and Aron celebrated their Bar Mitzvah at Beth El.

I was President of Beth El for a total of seven years (1994-1999 and 2001-2003). During my term the Perez (school) Wing was built and the congregation moved from Levittown to Lower Makefield. I distinctly remember with great joy the day we marched from Levittown to Yardley carrying our Torot. I also remember how our community held together for the High Holiday services immediately after 9/11.

As a Past President, I have remained very active in the synagogue. I have served on a total of four Rabbinical Search committees, co-chaired multiple Capital Campaign committees, and served as Hazzan Sheni for the High Holidays for over 40 years.

I am very grateful to all of the members of the Beth El community who have supported the congregation throughout the years, in good times and in bad, and to all those who stepped forward to assume leadership roles. Congregation Beth El is a very important part of our lives and we hope that it will continue to thrive.

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## **Judi Reiss – Board Member**



Judi Reiss has been a resident of Lower Makefield Township for 45 years. Both she and her husband, Gary, have been involved in community activities and projects while raising their 5 children. Judi was active in the Edgewood and Abrams Hebrew Academy PTOs and was a member of the Abrams Board of Directors. While teaching in the Trenton Public Schools, she helped and provided guidance to restarting the PTO at King Middle School.

Judi is a past President of the Makefield chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) and a former member of its National Board.

After losing her son, Joshua, at the World Trade Center, Judi worked with the other local victims' families to help establish the Garden of Reflection. She has worked diligently to raise funds to maintain the Garden and to organize many of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance programs.

She became a member of the Environmental Advisory Council in Lower Makefield and was elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors. In November 2017, Judi was elected Bucks County Prothonotary.

She was a Board Member of her synagogue's Sisterhood and designed and led several years of the Tot Shabbat programs. She delivered Meals on Wheels to senior citizens and volunteered one day every week for several years at the Greenwood House for the Aged. Judi and Gary are in their same home where they raised their children and now have their two dogs, Rosie and Max.



## Helene Geiger - Board Member, Adult Education, Chair



I joined Congregation Beth El with my husband Alex three years ago, when we moved to Yardley after retiring. Before that, we lived for 35 long cold years in the snowbelt of Rochester, New York. Rochester is where we raised our two children. I started my business there, in the field of Corporate Education.

So when we filled out our application to join Beth El, it seemed only natural to check the "*Interested in Adult Education*" box and get involved. Right from the start, Alex and I felt welcome and valued in the congregation. In only three years, Beth El feels like home.

When not working on Beth El's adult education programs, you can usually find me spoiling our grandkids, reading anything I can get my hands on, listening to opera, and watching EPL soccer. Or these days, just look for me on Zoom.

## Board of Directors 2020-2021

**Presidents:** Larry Schachter & Elizabeth Ravitch

**Vice Presidents:** Brian Levey, Beth Sadoff, Lee Kirsh

**Education Vice President:** Gretchen Merchiore

**Secretary:** Steve Young

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**Board of Directors, term ending 2022:** Penny Bardfeld, Helene Geiger\*, Michael Jelen, Staci O'Brien\*, Ian Schachter

**Three Past Presidents:** Leon Weissman, Mark Fried, Randall C. Flager & Michael Rettig

**Women of Beth El Presidents:** Michelle Flash, Debbie Lubin

**Men's Club President:** Scott Kravitz

**Hazak President:** Charlotte Denenberg

**Galilee Proceeds Management Board:** Derek Cohen (2022) Phil Freidenreich (2022) , Michael Koretsky (2021), Michael Rettig (2021), Randall Flager (2021), (Derek Cohen and Phil Freidenreich are being re-nominated to the GPMB)

**Presidential Appointee:** Rich Gorelick

\*denotes new Board Member

# Honor Your Loved Ones in the Congregation Beth El Book of Remembrance 5781

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 Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, your names will not be included.** The Book of Remembrance will be formatted as a PDF. A hardcopy is available upon request.

## Please print legibly

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 215-493-1707 or visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org). We are happy to help you).

Please add additional names below.

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## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

It is traditional to recite Kaddish on the Yahrzeit of a loved one. You can also express your love and appreciation by purchasing a Yahrzeit plaque. These plaques are mounted on a special memorial board in our chapel and are lit during the month of the Yahrzeit. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office. For plaques to be engraved and mounted in time for Yom Kippur, please return the form, with payment, to the synagogue office no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 17TH**.

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2. Hebrew name of deceased and his/her father and mother's name:  
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3. English date of death including year. Please indicate if before or after sunset:  
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4. Hebrew date of death if known: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Relationship to deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Relationship to deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check, made payable to: Congregation Beth El, in the amount of \$750 for members or \$900 for non-members for each plaque requested.

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Join Congregation Beth El Members for a Virtual Workshop  
**Jack Wellerstein**

***"Starting a Backyard Garden"***

**Tuesday, July 7th 7:45pm**  
**(immediately following minyan)**

Having growing pains? Join Jack for tips and tricks to green up your thumb and upgrade your garden! Jack will tell us:

- How do you start up a brand new garden...*successfully*?
- What are some ways to get better results from your existing garden?
- Program will include lots of Q&A, so be sure to bring your most pressing gardening questions!



About Our Presenter: Jack Wellerstein has been growing things all his life. His first garden was on his family's farm, where he learned from farm workers who knew how to grow anything. Even as a grown up in a city row home, Jack always had a container garden on the back porch. Now he enjoys having a substantial backyard garden in his Yardley home.

The workshop will be 30 - 45 minutes including a question and answer format.  
Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org); click on the Virtual Beth El icon to join virtually.



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## Summer of (Virtual) Learning

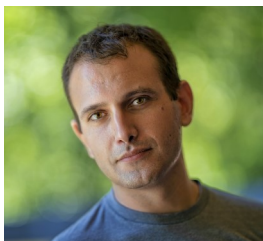
We hope you are enjoying sunny skies and warm breezes this summer. But when you come inside, please join us on Zoom for a full slate of summer learning.



### Racial Justice Series:

#### **“Sharing Stories in Challenging Times”**

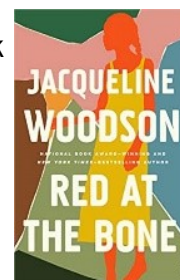
Before we can hope to heal the racial tensions in our society, we must learn to talk honestly about what divides us and what unites us. One way to do that is through personal stories. We have invited Ben Fink, community organizer with the Roadside Theater, who has used the art of “Story Circles” to help communities break down seemingly insurmountable barriers of race, class, religion and politics. With Ben’s help, we hope to work together to find new possibilities for thinking, working, and acting together to heal the world.



The first Story Circle took place on **Tuesday, June 30 at 7:45** (via Zoom). **Additional sessions** will be held in July (TBD). Attendance is limited to ensure full participation in this interactive presentation. You **must pre-register** to receive the private link to these sessions. You will be able to register at [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), email [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org), or call 215-493-1707 x4.

### Book Discussion of *Red at the Bone: A Novel*

Please join Beth El’s new Book Club to discuss ***Red at the Bone*** by Jacqueline Woodson. This beautifully written book moves forward and backwards in time to explore how past injustices continue to resonate today as young people and their families navigate America’s fragmented racial landscape. We will meet on **Thursday, July 16 at 7:45 pm (after minyan)**. Discussion leader is Estelle Blaustein. Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org). For more about the Book Club, see the Book Club article in this issue.



### Film/TV Discussion of Documentary *13th*:

In July, Netflix is airing the documentary “**13th**” by Ava DuVernay. The documentary explores the history of race and our criminal justice system by looking at the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It argues that today’s practice of mass incarceration operates as an extension of slavery. Please join Rabbi Weiss on **Thursday, August 13 at 7:45 (after minyan)** to discuss “**13th**” and what it can tell us about moving forward toward racial justice in our country. Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org). And stay tuned for additional Film/TV discussion sessions in August.



### Share Your Passion Series:

In June, we enjoyed two sessions in this popular series. On June 2, Penny Bardfield spoke to us on Portion Distortion, all about how to stop super-sizing and regain control over our nutritional intake. On June 16, Rich and Rusty Gorelick introduced us to the sport of professional soccer – and got us charged up and ready to follow MLS and international league teams.



Join us on **Tuesday, July 7**, to share gardening tips from fellow congregant and master gardener Jack Wellerstein. Whether you are an experienced gardener or gardening newbie, this is your chance to get your questions answered and beautify your corner of the world! Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org).

Do you have a passion to share? We’d love to learn from you! No technical expertise required. Please email Rabbi Weiss, [rweiss@bethelyardley.org](mailto:rweiss@bethelyardley.org) or [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org).

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## Summer of (Virtual) Learning

### CANTILLATION CAFE

#### Cantillation Café:

Want to learn to chant Torah? Rabbi Weiss is hosting a series of short, small-group sessions for people who want to get comfortable reading Torah. All are welcome to attend. Basic Hebrew reading ability is encouraged but not required. Sessions run from **June 24 through July 22, 7:45pm - 8:15pm**. On Zoom. Please register online [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), email [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org) or call 215-493-1707 x4.

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Joining a Meeting

Dive into Davening with  
Rabbi Weiss  
Mondays (once a month)  
12:30pm - 1:00pm

#### Dive into Davening:

Whether you are just getting your feet wet or ready for a deep dive into Jewish prayer, this program is for you. Join Rabbi Weiss on **July 6 (first Monday of the Month) from 12:30pm - 1:00pm**. Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org).



#### Shulchan Ivri (Hebrew Table) with Rabbi Weiss:

Improve your conversational Hebrew in this fun, low-key meet-up session. **Monthly, last Monday of month; 12:30pm - 1:00pm**. All levels welcome. Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org).

Teachings in Jewish Renewal:  
Instructor, Seth Fishman  
Thursdays  
9:00am - 10:00am

#### Teachings on Jewish Renewal:

Join Seth Fishman for a chavruta-style text study based on the writings of Reb Zalman. **Thursday mornings 8:30am - 9:30am** (after minyan). Join Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org).

#### Are You Missing Out?:

Have you missed out on Adult Ed programming from earlier this year? It's not too late. We have recorded many of the Zoom sessions and put them on Congregation Beth El's website. On [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), choose the Education tab and click on the Adult Education menu item.

#### What's Coming This Fall?:

We're planning an exciting slate of learning opportunities for the fall. There will be opportunities for "traditional" classes – but expect some surprises, too.

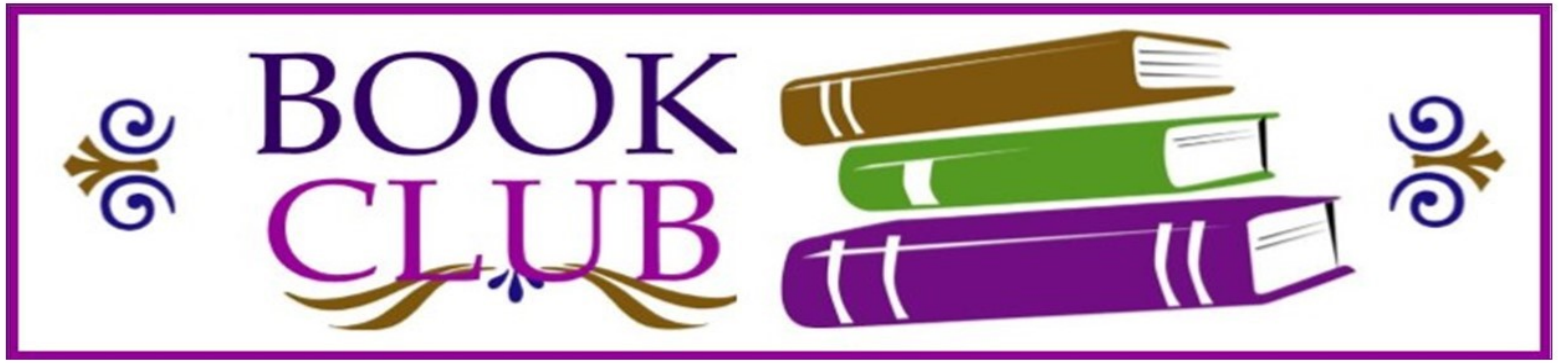
We are still in the planning stages. If you have suggestions or want to get involved in Adult Ed, please let us know at [AdultEd@bethelyardley.org](mailto:AdultEd@bethelyardley.org).

## Coming in August

Virtual Beth El introduces **30-day Boost** Nutrition Program with Penny Bardfeld, MS, RD. This nutrition program is designed to help jump start, or BOOST your nutrition. If you or someone you know are interested in weight loss, maintenance or just improving nutritional health, consider joining this small group program where participants learn simple and realistic strategies to effectively achieve nutrition goals. Participants will meet for "live" small group meetings once per week for 4 weeks. In between meetings members will receive group and individualized feedback and personalized assessments.

Stay tuned for more information and program fees.





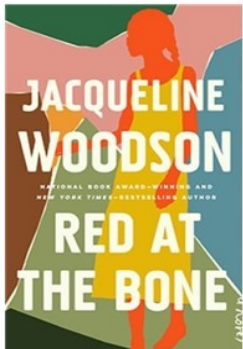
## ***Book Club Forming Now!***

**All are invited to attend, virtually.**

***Thursday, July 16 at 7:45pm***

Beth El Yardley is starting a Book Club. We'll be reading and discussing good books – books that are meaty, meaningful, **and** fun to read. Whether you are into novels, memoirs, non-fiction, or none-of-the-above, come join in.

We'll be meeting monthly on the **Third Thursday of each month at 7:45pm** (just after minyan).



Our first meeting is ***Thursday, July 16 at 7:45 pm*** on Zoom. The book under discussion is award-winning ***Red at the Bone*** by Jacqueline Woodson. It's a short novel but an important one. It's also a great read, with plenty to talk about. **Estelle Blaustein will be our discussion leader for this session.**

Also on the agenda, we'll be taking nominations for books to read in future months. So come, get involved, and shape this book club to make it your own!

**Find the Beth El Book Club on Virtual Beth El at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org).  
For more information, email [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org) or Helene at [AdultEd@bethelyardley.org](mailto:AdultEd@bethelyardley.org).**

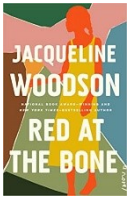


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## Items Discussed at June 14, 2020 Book Nosh Zoom Meeting

You won't want to miss this!



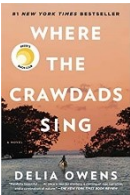
**Red At The Bone**, by Jacqueline Woodson. There is a new Book Club coming to Beth El! First meeting (via Zoom) will be on Thursday, July 16, at 7:45 pm. The Adult Ed Committee, which is organizing this new Book Club, has chosen the above title as its inaugural selection. Please read it between now and July 16, and then log on for the discussion and become a Charter Member of the new Beth El Book Club.



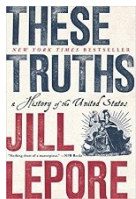
**Unorthodox**, a limited, 4-episode series on Netflix. The story of a young woman, brought up in a Hassidic community in Brooklyn, trying to escape the constraints of her community and establish her own identity. Several of our members have already watched this series and each one of them recommended it highly.

Don't miss this! →

**Eli Rosen**, actor, from “*Unorthodox*” will be live with Congregation Beth El member and moderator, **Chuck Lustig**, on Thursday, July 9 at 8:00pm. See front page of this Shofar and visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) for more information.



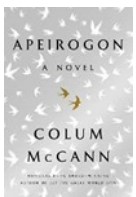
**Where The Crawdads Sing**: A Novel, by Delia Owens. This is a coming-of-age story of a young girl growing up, all by herself, in the marshes of North Carolina. It is also a murder mystery and a lyrical ode to the natural wonders of marshlands and the plants, insects, birds, and other critters that inhabit them. No Jewish content but a really good book.



**These Truths: A History of the United States**, by Jill Lepore. Lepore is a professor of American History at Harvard University and a staff writer at The New Yorker. She writes that: “Americans are descended from slaves and slave owners, from conquerors and the conquered, from immigrants and from people who have fought to end immigration. A nation born in contradiction will fight forever over the meaning of its history, but engaging in that struggle by studying the past is part of the work of citizenship.”



**A Secret Gift**: How One Man's Kindness--and a Trove of Letters--Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression, by Ted Gup. Gup is a professor of Journalism at Emerson College. This book describes the anonymous charitable efforts of his immigrant Jewish Orthodox grandfather to help families in Canton, Ohio, affected by the Great Depression in 1933.

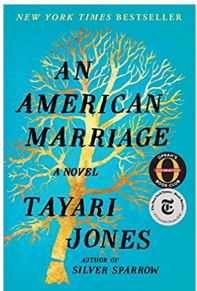


**Apeirogon**: A Novel, Colum McCann. Two fathers, one Palestinian the other Israeli, each lose a daughter to the interminable Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They are on opposite sides of the conflict. Yet, when they learn of each other's stories, they recognize the loss that connects them. Together they attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace.

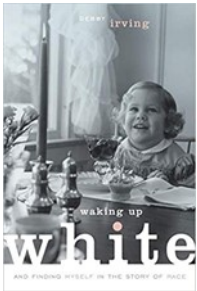
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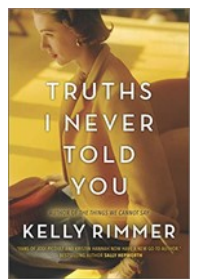
**Minnie-rella** (World of Reading Level 1), by Lisa Ann Marsoli (Adapter), Ashley Mendoza (Author), Loter Inc. (Illustrator). Our youngest participant thought this book was just peachy.



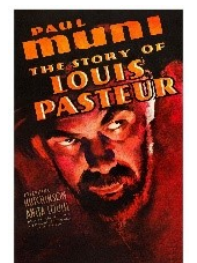
**An American Marriage**, by Tayari Jones. This novel focuses on the marriage of a middle-class African-American couple, Roy and Celestial, who live in Atlanta and whose lives are torn apart when Roy is wrongfully convicted of a rape he did not commit. No Jewish content but relevant in light of current events. The book was published in February 2018, was chosen for Oprah's Book Club, and won the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction.



**Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race**, by Debby Irving. According to the author, "Her one-step-forward-two-steps-back experience of racial understanding eventually led her to dig deeply into her own white privilege, where she found truths she never knew existed. Waking Up White describes that journey and the lessons learned along the way."



**Truths I Never Told You: A Novel**, by Kelly Rimmer. After her father is moved to a care facility, his daughter discovers evidence that her mother, who she believed had died in a car accident when she was a toddler, had actually suffered from postpartum depression. As a mother of a newborn herself, the daughter discovers hidden ties to her mother.



**The Story of Louis Pasteur** is a 1936 American black-and-white biopic, which stars Paul Muni as the renowned scientist whose discoveries in microbiology revolutionized agriculture and medicine. Muni won an Academy Award for Best Actor, the screenwriters won for Best Screenplay and Best Story, and the film itself was nominated, but did not win an Oscar for Best Picture. Available for free on Amazon Prime.



# CHESED

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## ***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 or  
call 215 - 493 - 1707 x4



*Mondays*

## March 30 - May 7

Happy Birthday to Myles Oring (March 30)

Happy 5th Birthday to Wonder Lewin (The Lewin Family Cat) (April 2)

Happy 4th Anniversary to Lewis Rose & Galina Sakhnovich (April 3)

Happy Birthday to Barbara Schwartz (April 4)

Happy Birthday to Cara Weissman (April 5)

Happy Birthday to Noah Kravitz (April 7)

Happy Birthday to Debbie Lubin (April 11)

Happy Birthday to Galina Sakhnovich (April 20); From Lewis Rose

Happy Birthday to David Birnbaum (April 28)! Love, Sue and Jake

Happy Birthday to Scott Kravitz (April 30). Love Jen, Samantha and Noah

Happy Birthday Stephanie Fisher (May 5); Love, Mom and Dad

Mazel Tov to David Cutler on completing his Master's Degree;  
Love, Ruth and Fred Cutler

Happy Birthday to Liz Ravitch (May 2); Love Sara and Ben

Happy 1st Birthday to Max Zuk (May 3); Grandson of Susan & Harve Strouse

Happy Birthday, Joyce Cohen (May 4); Love, Herb

Rebecca Keren Eisenstadt, daughter of Merry and David Eisenstadt, is was a featured performer in a Facebook Live Stream show with the National Yiddish Theatre-Folksbiene. "On the Air: Vintage Radio Plays from the Golden Age of WEVD Yiddish Radio."

Happy Birthday 10th birthday, Asher Senior (May 7); Love, Ian, Shari and Micah Senior



*Mondays*

## May 8 - June 1

Mazel Tov to Sophie, on graduating early from Barnard College of Columbia University in December, with high honors; Love, Mom, Dad, and Zachary

Mazel Tov to Rebecca Sokol on her engagement to Tighe Beach; Love, Debbie and David Sokol and Flora Klein

Mazel Tov to David Cutler on completing his Master's Degree; Love, Ruth and Fred Cutler

Mazel Tov to Harris Albuck who was elected regional president of Mizrach USY

Mazel Tov to Jacob Wachspres on his graduation from Princeton with a major in math. He starts work this summer at a trading company in Bala Cynwood doing mathematical modeling for sports betting. With so much love from Mom, Dad, Grandma Sheila, Anna & Ben

Mazel tov to Eli Weinberger on his graduation from Stevens Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Computer Science; Love, Michael, Meredith and Natan

Happy 95th Birthday to Toni Algazi (May 11); Love The Algazi and The Balcher Families

Mazel Tov to our confirmands, Leyna Kirsh and Ethan Oring! During this school year Ethan and Leyna met one on one with Rabbi Weiss to engage in major discussions about various aspects of Judaism. During our Zoom Confirmation service on Friday, May 22nd, Leyna and Ethan each shared with the congregation their thoughts on what being Jewish means to each of them.

Happy 17th wedding anniversary to Shari and Ian Senior (May 23)

Happy Birthday to Harold Denenberg (May 30); Love, Charlotte

Mazel Tov to Julie Cohen (Robin & Derek) on her High School Graduation

Mazel Tov to Emma Gobora (Jill Gobora) on her High School Graduation

Mazel Tov to Dora Kirsh (Stacy & Lee Kirsh) on her High School Graduation

Benjamin Wachspres (Debbie & Dan Wachspres) on his High School Graduation

Tara Weber (Abby Weber & Jon Weber) on High School Graduation





*Mondays*

**June 1 - June 15**

Mazel Tov to Rebecca Sokol on her graduation from University of Colorado Law School;  
Love, The Sokol and Klein Families

Mazel Tov to Molly Finkel on completing her Masters E.D. in Counseling from University of Pennsylvania and on her acceptance to the Doctoral in Psychology program at Ferkauf School of Psychology at Yeshiva University for fall 2020;  
Love Joy and Marc Finkel

Happy Birthday to Jeremy Schachter (June 1); Love Phyllis, Larry and Sam

Congratulations to Sam for graduating from his Masters Program at Drexel and for getting into Drexel University College of Medicine; Love Phyllis, Larry and Jeremy

Happy Birthday to Jen Kravitz (June 4); Love, Scott, Samantha and Noah

Mazel tov Asher Senior on your move up to Middle School; Love, Shari and Ian Senior

Mazel Tov Micah Senior on your acceptance into National Junior Honor Society; Love, Shari and Ian Senior

Happy Birthday to Jack Wellerstein (June 11); Love, Margie and Family

Mazel Tov to Cara and Marshal Davis on the naming of their daughter, Alison; big sister, Maya, and big brother, Jacob

Mazel Tov to Michelle Flash on the naming of her granddaughter, Alison Davis

During these challenging times, Congregation Beth El also wants to hear and share good news about your families. Let's share joy and happiness! Please know that Beth El is always here for you, both to celebrate your joys and support you in your moments of hardship. If you need anything or would like to volunteer to assist others, email: [checkins@bethelyardley.org](mailto:checkins@bethelyardley.org).

Email all submissions to [barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org) by Sunday morning 9:00am.  
All good news will be shared on Monday mornings.

*Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences*  
*March 1, 2020 - June 15, 2020*

Condolences to Marc (Karen) Shoemaker on the passing of his mother, Esther Shoemaker z"l; grandmother to Dr. Daniel Shoemaker and Matt Shoemaker.

Condolences to Stephanie (Ben) Bunin on the passing of her grandmother, Anita Melofsky z"l; great-grandmother to Zachary and Whitney.

Condolences to Denah Heller on the passing of her brother, Lazer Fleisher, z"l.

Condolences to Susan (Lewis) Knopfmacher on the passing of her Uncle Lazer Fleisher, z"l and great-uncle to Daniel and Ben.

Condolences to Meredith (Peter) Landau on the passing of her father, Irwin Ash, z"l; grandfather of Connor.

Condolences to The Dermer Family on the passing of long time member, Harriet Dermer, z"l; wife of the late Leonard Dermer, z"l; mother of Steven Dermer, Denise Fleisher (Michael) and Susan Goldman (Hal), grandmother of Corey, Stefanie, Rachel, Ross, Alyssa, Wes, Taylor and Brandi, great-grandmother of Matthew, Eli, Zachary and Ryan.

Condolences to Michael (Tina) Rettig on the passing of his mother, Mary Sendick Rettig, z"l; Mary's husband, Leo, and children Charles (Leanne); grandchildren Mara (engaged to Lee Millstone), Max, Breena and Guy.

Condolences to RoseMary Berger on the passing of her brother, David Appelman, z"l.

Condolences to Ken (Rebecca) Good on the passing of his father, William John Good, z"l; grandfather of Amanda and Alex.

Condolences to The Horowitz Family on the passing of long time Congregation Beth El Member, Irma Horowitz, z"l.

Condolences to Robin (Jordan) Lieberman on the passing of her Aunt Deborah Schwartz, z"l; great aunt of Andrew and Michelle.

Condolences to Ella (Aron Galonsky) Goldmacher on the passing of her grandmother, Olga Kogen, z"l; great-grandmother of Gregory and Rebecca Galonsky.

Condolences to David (Natalie) on the passing of his mother, Nora Tyler, z"l; grandmother of Steve and Alex.

Condolences to Estelle Blaustein on the passing her husband, Bill Blaustein, z"l; father of Eric Blaustein.

Condolences to Estelle Blaustein on the passing of her brother-in-law, Edward "Ed" Bergman, z"l.

Condolences to Hal (Robin) Terr on the passing of his mother, Frances Terr, z"l; wife of the late Dr. Leonard Terr, z"l; grandmother of Alex and Courtney.

Condolences to Dr. Marvin (Adrienne) Loev on the passing of his brother, Dr. Bernard Loev z"l; husband of Pearl; uncle of Scott Jeffrey (Stephanie) Loev and Beth (Glenn) Delsignore.

Condolences to Eric (Robyn) Fishbein on the passing of his Uncle Larry Loeber, z"l; great uncle of Elijah and Hannah.

Condolences to Marvin (Mickey) Dickler on the passing of his sister, Anita Dickler Rosenstein, z"l.

Condolences to The Dermer Family on the passing of Steven Dermer, z"l.

## *We are looking for few good Virtual 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.*

**Daily Morning Services:** Monday - Friday at 8:00am

**Daily Evening Services:** Monday - Thursday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 7:30pm

**Weekly Sunday Morning Services:** 8:00am

For more information call the synagogue office, 215-493-1707 x4.  
Join us virtually, visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) and click on the Virtual Beth El icon.



## ***Ways in which we can help you and you can help us during the Coronavirus Pandemic***

- If you would like to be part of a check-in team and/or are available to assist members who can't leave their homes with picking up food or medicine, please let us know, and we can connect you.
- If you are in need of help picking up groceries, medicines, etc. please do not hesitate to let us know.
- To receive assistance or to volunteer, email [checkins@bethelyardley.org](mailto:checkins@bethelyardley.org)



My synagogue is open.  
It's open everyday because my  
synagogue is not a building.  
It is the people who are helping  
each other and their community.  
It is the prayers for those who are  
struggling medically, financially,  
and emotionally.  
My synagogue never closed, it just  
opened in every home.

-Unknown Author

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The Siddur Lev Shalem has all the prayers and psalms with commentary, spiritual reflections and historical background for some of the readings.

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### The Mahzor Lev Shalem for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

The Mahzor Lev Shalem's running commentary presents both a historical overview and insight into the meaning of prayers. Many readings focus on spiritual issues and tikkun olam, as well as reflections, stories and quotes.

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## ***Do a Mitzvah! Dedicate a Book!***

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

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

Suggested donation \$18

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

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

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



*Thank you for your generosity.*

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PROGRAMS ARE VIRTUAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

***Reset mi she' beirakh l'et***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Cantillation Cafe

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
8:14pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JULY 4**

***Parashat Chukat-Balak***

***Independence Day***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:13pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
12:30pm Dive into Davening  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Share Your Passion Workshop with  
Jack Wellerstein - "Starting a Backyard Garden"

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Cantillation Cafe

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

***Tzom Tammuz***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:00pm A Conversation with Eli Rosen - actor from  
"UnOrthodox"

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
8:11pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

***Parashat Pincus***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:11pm Havdalah Services

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JULY 13**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY, JULY 14**

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Cantillation Cafe

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth  
Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Book Club

**FRIDAY, JULY 17**

***Memorial Plaques due***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
8:07pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**

***Parashat Matot-Masei***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:07pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JULY 20**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
12:30pm Shulchan Ivri with Rabbi Weiss  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Board Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 21**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22**

***Rosh Chodesh Av***

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7:30pm Evening Minyan  
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**THURSDAY, JULY 23**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
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7:30pm Evening Minyan

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
8:02pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

***Parashat Devarim/Shabbat Chazon***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:01 Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

***Erev Tish'a B'Av***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

***Tish'a B'Av***

Kehillah Tish'a B'Av Services (TBA)  
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with Seth Fishman

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

8:00am Morning Services  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:55pm Candle Lighting





**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1*****Parashat Vaetchanan/Shabbat Nachamu***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:54pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
12:30pm Dive into Davening  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:47pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8*****Parashat Eikev***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:46pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Film Discussion - "13" documentary

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:38pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15*****Parashat Re'eh***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:36pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
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**MONDAY, AUGUST 17**

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7:30pm Evening Minyan  
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7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

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7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Book Club

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21*****Rosh Chodesh Elul***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:28pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22*****Parashat Shoftim***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:26pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

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7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

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12:30pm Shulchan Ivri  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

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7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

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7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Check in with Rabbi Weiss

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal with Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28*****Book of Remembrance form due***

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:17pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29*****Parashat Ki Teitzei***

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:16pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
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