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I am Count ben Count and I am counting on you to be counted at our Purim Celebration! Grover, Elmo and Cookie Monster and more will all be here to be counted with you!



Monday, March 9, 2020

5:45pm - Learning Siyyum with Rabbi Weiss

6:15pm - Pasta Dinner & Ice Cream Bar

7:00pm - Full Megillah Reading with Music-Sensational, Muppetational Fun!

Special Prizes for those dressed in costumes!

Name:	Purim dinner registration Cell #	
# of Adults (\$15/adult):	# of children 3-13 years old (\$10/child):	Household maximum=\$50

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**Email Executive Committee Members** executivecomittee@bethelyardley.org



We have one for minyan. We need 9 more.

#### Schedule of Services

Monday - Thursday Morning Minyan 7:00am

Evening Minyan 7:30pm

Friday Evening Services 6:00pm

**Saturday Morning Services** 9:30am

**Sunday Morning Minyan** 8:00am

Check out our website www.bethelyardley.org



#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

**Friday** 

8:30am - 2:00pm

May/June Shofar Deadline April 14

#### mi she'beirakh list reset dates

(The list of our loved ones in need of healing)

January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1

The list will be cleared and compiled anew to reflect current changes. Please be sure to call the office, 215-493-1707 x4, or email barbara@bethelyardley.org, prior to the reset dates.

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Shalom,

Another spring is upon us. I remember back to the fall when I did so much to prepare for the winter – I checked my snowblower, filled up the salt bucket, and tested my generator. With what has been the mildest winter in recent memory, we can now anticipate the warmth of summer with our backs intact and our shovels safely tucked away. There is an old Yiddish proverb, "We plan, God laughs." Similarly the 18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote, "The best laid schemes of mice and men often go awry." Both of these quotes refer to our efforts at being prepared while understanding that things may change in a moment.

We continue to prepare throughout our lives - for the weather, for school, for b'nei mitzvot and weddings. But our plans can fall off the path that we have created, and when that happens it is important for us to have our community to rely on to get our lives back on track. It could be an unexpected blizzard, a bad grade on an exam, or losing power on the day of your bat mitzvah; but our community will come together to clear a driveway, help someone study for a class, or find a generator and candles to keep the party going. That is what makes our community a mishpacha, or family.

Beth El is planning many exciting events, including Schmooze and Shmear on select Sunday mornings, Shiru IAdonai instrumental Shabbat Services on Friday nights followed by a potluck dinner, and events sponsored by Women of Beth El, Men's Club, Hazak, and our Social Action Committee. And don't forget Capitol Steps coming up in the fall, just in time for the national elections. If you are interested in helping to plan or attend any of these events, please let me or the office know and we will be happy to get you involved with the right people.

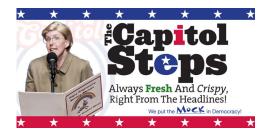
The 1979 World Series Champion Pittsburgh Pirates used the song by Sister Sledge, "We are Family" as their theme song throughout the season. The players actually treated each other like brothers. Every day the manager would present the lineup that he felt had the best chance of winning; if one of the players had a bad day, someone else was there to pick him up. Their sense of family gave them the assurance that they would be prepared to do what was needed to win. The power of family and community can help us stay on our best path. It takes everyone to prepare and then make our events successful. I look forward to seeing you all at Beth El this spring.

Happy Purim and Zissen Pesach.

Laurence Schachter Co-President

president@bethelyardley.org

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020



Shalom Friends,



Rabbi Akiva said: "Keep your words of Torah short. Because no one really wants to hear a long sermon." Fine, R. Akiva never said that. But don't you wish he had? After all, it seems some rabbis and scholars think it is a mitzvah to drone on and on, while the community wishes they would just wrap it up and move on to the kiddush.

This reminds me of a story: During a long dragged out speech by the community rabbi, a congregant fell asleep and began to snore loudly. The rabbi called out to the congregant sitting next to the snorer and said: "Wake him

up!" to which the congregant replied, "You put him to sleep, you wake him up!"

There is often a considerable gap between what self-perceived leaders offer and what their supposed followers want. And sometimes, when confronted with a seemingly formidable challenge, it is easy simply to turn away and not act. But sometimes that is impossible.

The story of the upcoming holiday of Purim perfectly illustrates the imperative for action during a time of crisis. The plot of the Book of Esther highlights the idea of human agency and responsibility for determining the course of history. In a place and time when Jews must have felt quite unprotected and vulnerable, they were called upon to act swiftly and decisively in order to ensure their very survival.

The verses that best encapsulate this imperative for action are in the fourth chapter of the Megillah, when Mordechai enjoins Esther to approach the king on behalf of the Jews. Sensing Esther's hesitation, he says, "Do not imagine to yourself that you will escape in the king's house from among all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and rescue will arise for the Jews from elsewhere, and you and your father's household will perish; and who knows: perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis." We are living in a period of great crises – environmental, geopolitical, economic, and social. We would do well to take heed of Mordechai's call in our own times, knowing that if we do not use our privileged positions to step up as leaders, urging others to speak up and act, if we do not take it upon ourselves to represent our own communal voices and interests, we may very well fall in the dust on the wayside of history. On this point, our sages remind us that we cannot rely on miracles (cf. Babylonian Talmud Megilla 7b and Pesachim 64b). We cannot outsource our redemption. Each of us must seize the moment and not just *join* the effort, but do what we can to *lead* the effort…even if that means speaking when others might prefer us to remain silent.

In the spirit of ownership of our future, I encourage all of us to consider voting in the ongoing WZO World Zionist Congress elections. These elections take place once every five years. WZC is a powerful body that directly affects the distribution of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in annual funding. This money, which flows through a group of organizations called, collectively, The "National Institutions" (The World Zionist Organization, The Jewish Agency for Israel, World JNF, and the United Israel Appeal) has a major impact on the lives of Israelis of all religions and backgrounds. Since 1897, every single Jew worldwide has had the opportunity to affect Israeli political and economic policy by voting in the World Zionist Congress elections.

In order to safeguard Jewish diversity, it is crucial we secure representation by voting for Mercaz (#6), the Zionist arm of the Conservative movement. The WZC elections run from January 21 to March 11. You can vote here: https://www.zionistelection.org/election/2a3b7a80-ba00-42ec-957e-c0375167a065

Now is a perfect time to make your voice heard.

Wishing you a happy Purim and a liberating Passover,

Rabbi Weiss

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#### Ken Kaissar, Board Member & Membership Committee Chair



Ken Kaissar has been a member at Beth El since 2009. He is a professional playwright and theatre director. In June of 2020, he starts his tenure, with his wife Amy, as Co-Producing Director at the Bristol Riverside Theatre. Ken's plays have been performed or developed by the Philadelphia Theatre Company, Delaware Theatre Company, Phoenix Theatre Company, Fusion Theatre Company, Urban Stages and Passage Theatre. His play LOOKING THROUGH GLASS was performed this past May at the Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York. His play A LEG UP will premiere at the Bristol Riverside Theatre in May of 2020. His play THE VICTIMS OR WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT (published by McFarland & Company, Inc.) was a runner-up for the 2009 Princess Grace Award and was honored by Middle East America: A National New Plays Initiative, a partnership of Golden Thread Productions, Lark Play Development Center, Silk Road Rising. His adaptation of Geoffrey Chaucer's THE CANTERBURY TALES was commissioned by Columbia University. His other plays include A MODEST SUGGESTION (available on Amazon), FAT MUSLIM GIRLS and NUDE STUDY. He holds a BFA in directing from Carnegie Mellon University and an MFA in playwriting from Columbia University. He also works as an acting coach. For more information, visit "www.theauditionhelper.com."

#### Seth Goldstein, Board Member



Most people are taken aback when I tell them I've been married for 10+ years and have 2 kids (this is what happens when you're 36 and look like you could still get offered a Kid's Menu). My wife, Dara, and I joined Beth EI shortly after we were married in 2009, as we were trying to look for the "right fit" for us in Bucks County. We met in USY and grew up in other local Conservative synagogues, so this was a really important decision for us. With our 2 children – Jordyn (7) and Corey (3), we know we made the right choice.

I grew to love the warmth and community at Beth El. I jumped at the chance to join the Board four years ago and be part of the new Congregant Engagement Initiative committee that formed late last year, with a goal of helping to bring younger families into our Shul.

I am a 4<sup>th</sup>-Generation Owner of Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Funeral Home. Dara, the kids and I love to travel - ask us about the time we got stuck in Prague for 2 days when Jordyn was 13 months old – and root for our Philly Sports teams. We love the Beth El Community and look forward to continuing to build our lives here.

#### Derek Cohen, Board Member



My name is Derek Cohen and I have been a member of Beth EI since 2009. I have served on the board since 2014 and currently sit on the Galilee Management, Mortgage and Security Committees. My wife, Robin, and I are the proud parents of Julie (a senior at Pennsbury HS) and Sam (5th grade). Both of our children have been participants in the education program at Beth EI. In addition, my parents (Herb and Joyce Cohen) and in-laws (Mel and Deanie Yasner) are members of Beth EI.

Outside of Beth El, I am a partner in the law firm of Goodwin Procter specializing in white collar criminal defense and investigations. Before entering private practice, I was a federal prosecutor for almost ten years in Philadelphia and Washington, DC (along with an extended assignment in New Orleans). In my free time, I like to golf, see live music, and find great restaurants. I'm also a member of the Krewe of Bacchus and ride on a float each Mardi Gras in New Orleans.



Sunday, March 1st 1-3 PM

Meet at ShopRite of Lawrenceville in Mercer Mall 3373 Brunswick Pike Lawrenceville, NJ.

Teams will purchase Kosher food items to stock the local JFCS food pantry.
Then we will head to Starbucks for an informal discussion on
Tzedakah and some treats. Pick up at the Starbucks across from Shop Rite.

Cost: \$10 Please RSVP & pay online: http://bucksyouth.weebly.com/busy

HELP US HELP OTHER

We have four for minyan. We need 6 more.

Congregation
Beth El



# Presenting... Congo

an educational and fun Shabbat program
for children PreK to 4th Grades



A SHABBAT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE!

UPSTAIRS IN ROOM 209

10:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays Mar. 21 Apr. 25 May 9

We ask that parents of children PreK - 4th grades accompany their child(ren) to mini congo.





### BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY



Calling All 5th -7th Graders & Parents! Join us on Saturdays from 10am-12pm in the Chapel as we pray, learn, practice, study and enjoy!

> Mar. 21 Apr. 25 May 9

During BMU sessions, we will form a community of learners and teachers as families come together to share the B'nai Mitzvah journey. Each Shabbat we will focus on an important aspect of B'nai Mitzvah in an effort to create a meaningful experience for all. In the 5th - 7th grades, 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@BethEIYardley.org or 215-493-1707 x3.



#### Diving into Davening: Emerging from the Depths with Rabbi Weiss

Shalom Community Members,

Growing up, I remember looking around Shabbat morning services and seeing everyone decked out in their most impressive flippers. I knew our neighbours and friends were serious about their Judaism when I saw the hefty tanks they lugged around the back of the sanctuary as they carefully re-positioned their snorkels. I myself had to adjust my diving mask when I spun around awkwardly to glare at a newcomer getting her feet wet for the first time, coming late into Pesukei d'zimra without appropriate gear. Without even thinking about it, I loudly gargled the opening line of Psalm 130, "From the depths, I have called out to you, G-d."

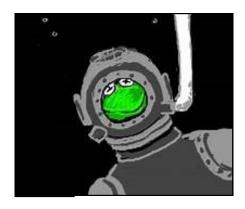
Imagine my shock upon arriving in Yardley, only to see an entire community gear-lessly plunge into praising and entreating the Divine. When an usher opened the door for me, she gestured at my snorkel and asked if she could "take that for me." When I understood her intention was not to borrow it, but to stash away my gear in the coatroom, I quickly retrieved my equipment and pridefully waddled my way into the sanctuary, carefully lifting each fin as I ascended the bima.

Especially when we recite The Song of the Sea each morning and as we prepare for our Passover seders, we each need to look inside of ourselves and our closets and figure out how we can truly dive in to achieve our people's freedom. Only when we are surrounded by other wetsuit-clad kin can we truly appreciate the meaning of *z'man cheiruteinu*, the time of our liberation. Let's do Passover right this year. The way our ancestors all came over from the Old Country in their wetsuits.

Making waves,

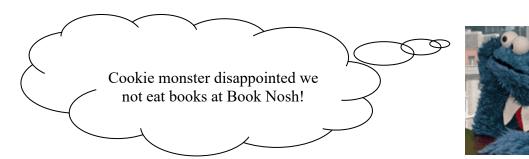
Rabbi Raysh Weiss

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#### **Early Spring Programming Round-Up**

Well it's hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner here at Beth El. To bring you up to speed with our exciting slate of upcoming programming, here are some selected highlights:



#### **Book Nosh:**

This popular recurring program is back in full swing with delectable selections including *Like Water for Chocolate, Grapes of Wrath, Green Eggs and (fake) Ham*, and the first third of *Eat, Pray, Love*.

#### **Stare Shabbat:**

Looking Who's Coming to Friday Night Dinner...and never stop. The goal of this bi-annual communal get-together is to determine who can keep their gaze open and focused the longest on their Shabbat dinner company.

#### **Climate Change:**

Beginning March 8. Until then, expect seasonal temps in the low 40's.

#### Bake for an Enemy:

Time to whip out your oven mitts, flour, festering resentments, and turn up the heat!

#### **Giant Congo**

(monthly Shabbat Services for all those between 6 and 8 feet tall)



#### Bible baBoker b'bongos

Read up on the portion of the week with Rabbi Weiss each Shabbat before services. If you fall asleep during our study, we'll rouse you from your slumber with bongos.

#### Tap on Torah

For all those repressed tap virtuosos, this is your monthly moment to shine! Come prepared to respond to Rabbi Weiss' Torah prompts through interpretative tap dance, all while earning miles on TAP Air Portugal.

#### **Beth El Wildlife Spring profiles**:

Everyone's favourite limping maternal deer has officially been added to the mi'sheberakh list. For those following along at home, her name is **Adeera bat Ayelet** and her favourite selection from Friday Night Services is Lekha-DOE-di.



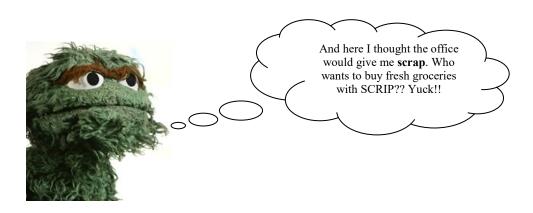


Spotted back from hibernation: a **baby rabbit** (name TBD, we're awaiting the bris) of the rabbit family who lives near Beth El has been spotted. He misheard that Beth El was warmly welcoming the new rabbit.

Also sighted: Our resident groundhog, **Punxsutawney Philly Phanatic** reportedly did *not* view his shadow this year. You know what that means: time to gear up for Passover cleaning early this year!

Fox News: Beth El is tightening its security and rounding up additional Shabbat morning ushers after one of the nearby **red foxes** pressed its nose against the main entrance doors a few weeks ago during services. "I was disappointed," admitted a student attending BMU that morning. "I was really hoping we'd once and for all find out what does the fox say."













#### Do a Mitzvah for our

# PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

#### MARCH 1 - 22

While shopping for Passover please pick up an extra food item for Congregation Tifereth Israel's Food Pantry. Please be sure it is marked "Kosher for Passover."

Matzah, matzah meal, cake/cookies, gefilte fish, grape juice, etc.

Drop off items at Congregation Beth El in the labeled boxes in the main lobby coat closet.



Passover 2020

#### PASSOVER 2020 First Seder Wednesday, April 8

It is time to begin thinking about Pesach. Good preparation is the key to a wonderful Seder and a meaningful Pesach.

Hametz (leaven) - The main ritual observance of Pesach is ridding our homes of all forms of leaven.

- First, all bread products should be removed, either donated to a food pantry, sold, given or thrown away by nightfall on the day before Pesach.
- Second, we do a ritual search for leaven (bedikat hametz), this year on the evening of <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 7</u>, traditionally by candlelight, using a feather and spoon to collect several pieces of specially placed leaven. This is a great ritual for the whole family! We then recite the formula for nullifying any unfound hametz (bittul hametz).
- In the event that some products are too expensive to actually be disposed of, they may be sold to a non-Jew for the duration of Pesach. Rabbi Weiss can act as your agent in that transaction if you sign the form in the synagogue or visit www.bethelyardley.org to sign up online **by Wednesday, April 1**.
- On the morning of the First Seder Night, Wednesday, April 8 we destroy the hametz (biur hametz) that we found the night before, usually by burning it, and we again recite the formula for nullifying unfound hametz.
   The rituals for searching, nullifying and destroying hametz can be found in a good Haggadah or visit www.haggodot.com.

#### <u>Ta'anit Bekhorim (Fast of the Firstborn)</u>

On the day leading into Seder, all firstborn Jews customarily fast from morning until evening. However, if one takes part in a mitzvah that includes a feast, the fast is cut short. Join Rabbi Weiss on **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00am morning minyan for some study.** 

#### Ma'ot Hittin

As on every Jewish holiday, it is praiseworthy to give to tzedakah so that others will have enough to eat and, in the case of Pesach, provisions for Seder. One wonderful opportunity for doing so is by contributing to Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger. We have their materials in the synagogue lobby or go to: http://www.mazon.org. Please make checks payable to Mazon and mail to: P.O. Box 96116 Washington, D.C. 20090.

#### <u>Seder</u>

The complex details of Seder are best addressed through a good Haggadah. The Rabbinical Assembly's Feast of Freedom includes a lot of wonderful material, and the Hartman Institute's <u>A Different Night</u> is great for kids, but many others are also worth checking out. Remember that the best Seder experience will be one where everyone participates by reading, acting out the story or telling their own stories of personal redemption. There are many online resources to help you enhance your Seder.

We have three for minyan. We need 7 more.



Passover 2020

#### Schedule of Passover Services

# Wednesday, April 8 (Erev Pesach - 1st Seder): Office Closed/Ta'anit Bekhorim (Fast of the First born) No evening minyan

7:00am Morning Minyan & study with Rabbi Weiss 7:13pm Candle Lighting /No Evening Services

#### Thursday, April 9 (Pesach I - 2nd Seder): Office Closed/No evening minyan

9:30am Pesach Services 8:14pm Havdalah

#### Friday, April 10 (Pesach II):

9:30am Pesach Services 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 7:15pm Candle lighting

#### Saturday, April 11 (Pesach III - Chol Hamoed):

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study with Rabbi Weiss 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 8:16pm Havdalah

#### Sunday, April 12 (Pesach IV - Chol Hamoed): No FJLC

8:00am Morning Minyan

#### Monday, April 13 (Pesach V - Chol Hamoed):

Office closes at noon

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

#### Tuesday, April 14 (Pesach VI - Chol Hamoed): Office closes at noon/No Evening Minyan

7:00am Morning Minyan7:19pm Candle lighting

#### Wednesday, April 15 (Pesach VII):

Office closed/No Evening Minyan

9:30am Pesach Services 8:20pm Candle lighting

#### DO A DOUBLE MITZVAH!

DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO GO FOR A SEDER OR

DO YOU HAVE SPACE AT YOUR SEDER TABLE FOR A GUEST?

Each year at the Passover Seder we recite the words, "Let all who are hungry, enter and eat, all who are in need, let them come celebrate Pesach."

In order to fulfill this prayer, we are matching those who have open seats at their seder tables with those who are looking for seders.

If you fall in either category, please call the office by Wednesday, April 1st, 215-493-1707 x4 or email barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Passover begins on Wednesday, April 8.

Thank you in advance to those who host, making it possible for others to fulfill the mitzvah of attending a seder.





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#### FJLC MITZVAH DAY

Oh what a day of Mitzvah Mania at FJLC this morning! Participants had fun and did amazing work.

- Pre-K to 3rd grades went to Attleboro with Rabbi Raysh Weiss. Children and senior residents focused on Tu B'Shevat with songs, trivia and a great picture frame flower craft.
- 4th-5th grades baked brownies and wrote thank you notes to firefighters at Beth El. Then we brought the treats and cards to the Yardley Makefield Firehouse so we could thank our firefighters for all they do to keep us safe. We had a great tour of the firehouse and even had the opportunity to go in the fire trucks.
- 6th-7th grades visited HomeFront's Family Campus in Ewing, NJ. After learning about HomeFront's mission to help the homeless, participants baked delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert for the residents' dinner.

Thank you so very much for everyone who participated, to our wonderful faculty for helping to coordinate, and to all the awesome parents who helped with carpools, baking, and crafts! I am so proud of our community!



Tu **B'Shevat** Seder









Bingo



















Pita making









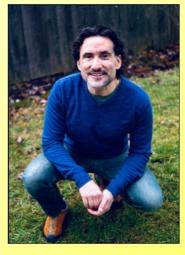






(Laugh Out Loud!)

### With Comedian Marc Kaye Sunday, March 15 10:15am Brunch & Program



Marc Kaye has been a regular on the comedy circuit spinning tales of growing up differently, as a member of the only Jewish family in a wealthy Connecticut suburb, navigating fatherhood, marriage...then divorce... strange looks while traveling and even stranger thoughts when not distracted!

Marc has performed in clubs from CT through Washington, DC on the East Coast and nationally, as well, often finding that there are no real regional differences that can't be overcome with humor. He recently appeared at the NJ Preservation 1867 Sanctuary in "Marc Kaye's Comedy Connection." He lives locally!

Please RSVP for the Marc Kaye Program by March 8. Payment must accompany RSVP.

No RSVPs will be taken after March 8.

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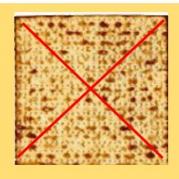
Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$20 For more information contact Charlotte Denenberg, 215-752-3122

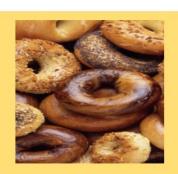
Please make check payable to HAZAK of Beth El and mail to:

Marian Berger 46 Sagebrush Lane Langhorne, PA 19047









# TIRED OF MATZAH? NEED BREAD? WE GOT IT!

The Membership Committee invites you to

Sunday
Schmooze &
Schmear

### Sunday, April 19 11:30am

Meet us in the lobby for coffee & bagels.





#### WITH COOK FOR A FRIEND

TUESDAYS at 5:00pm

March 3 April 1 May 5 June 2

Meet in the Beth El kitchen.

No experience required. Come spend an hour or two and help prepare nutritious, kosher meals for homebound seniors.

For more information contact: Beth Sadoff at bjaws999@gmail.com or 215-208-8006



Congregation **Beth El** 

# CHESED



#### 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 or Judy Nussbaum, 215-431-4729.



Congregation

# Spring into learning with these Adult Ed events March - April

#### Teachings in Jewish Renewal: Instructor Seth Fishman

A year-round, Chavruta-style text study based on the writings of Reb Zalman. Thursdays, 8:30am - 9:30am.

#### Dive into Davening (ZOOM Link Class): Instructor, Rabbi Weiss

First Monday of the month; 12:30pm - 1:00pm. Fast-paced, one-prayer-per-session dive into the meaning and significance of the prayers in our service. All levels warmly welcome! Available on Zoom Learning. Check your Friday email for the link.

#### Shulchan Ivri (Hebrew Table): Instructor, Rabbi Weiss

Improve your conversational Hebrew in this fun, low - key meet-up session. Monthly, last Monday of month from 12:00pm - 1:00pm. Meet at McCaffery's, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 635 Heacock Road. All levels welcome!

#### Bible BaBoker Torah Study, Saturdays: Instructor, Rabbi Weiss

Join Rabbi Weiss for a traditional Torah Study of the weekly Parashat. 8:45am - 9:25am (before Shabbat Morning Services). No prior knowledge required.

#### Jewish Women: A Historical Perspective: Instructor, Harriet Freidenreich

Wednesday mornings, 9:30am - 10:45am. (March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1) Lecture series on how the historical role of Jewish women changed over time, and helped to shape today's Judaism for **both men and women**.

#### It Doesn't Look Jewish with Rabbi Weiss

Wednesday mornings, 11:00am - noon. (March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1) Rabbi Weiss will continue her discussion of Jewish culture by exploring different aspects of Jewish visual imagery.

#### New - Special 3-part Series! Climate Change: Now and in the Future

This series is suitable for adults and teens. Sunday afternoons, 2:00pm - 3:30pm; March 8, 15 & 22. Our instructor and fellow congregant, Sheldon Miller, has taught extensively on Climate Change and currently consults with an NGO working with the United Nations on projects to mitigating the effects of Climate Change. Class is free. Registration requested, visit www.bethelyardley.org or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.



There are a ton of Adult Learning opportunities coming your way in May/June. Please <u>save</u> these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out. Flyers and sign-up information will be available soon.

**Sunday, May 3, 12:45pm - 4:00pm** Wellness Day. A variety of half-hour classes, panel discussions and workshops to help improve your (and your family's) physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

**Thursday, May 28, evening** <u>Tikkun Leil Shavuot</u>. It's traditional to usher in Shavuot with an evening of learning. Our program will feature dinner, a quick Erev Shavuot Service, followed by a menu of interesting and fun short-courses for you to pick and choose from.

**Sunday**, **June 7**, **2:00pm - 3:30 pm Book Event**. Topic is Alice Hoffman's <u>The World That We Knew</u>, which was this year's One Book One Jewish Community selection for Greater Philadelphia, and also was a 2019-20 National Jewish Book Award winner. Program will include a review from member of the One Book Selection Committee, and first-hand account from Ruth Hartz whose personal story helped to inspire Alice Hoffman's book. Light refreshments included. \$10/person (in advance); \$15 (at the door). This event is co-sponsored by Book Nosh, Hazak, and the Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute.



#### 3-Session Series on Climate Change for Adults and Teens

Sunday Afternoons; 2:00pm - 3:30pm

March 8, 2020: Introduction to Climate Change

March 15, 2020: Effects of Climate Change

March 22, 2020: The Way Forward

Instructor: Sheldon Miller

As Associate Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Chestnut Hill College, Sheldon Miller has taught courses relating to Climate Change for 13 years. He currently consults with an NGO working with the United Nations on projects relating to mitigating the effects of Climate Change.

Cost: FREE

Registration requested. Please register at www.bethelyardley.org or call the synagogue office, 215-493-1707 x4.



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Thursday, March 12th

7:30pm minyan at Beth El

8:00pm Torah on Tap at Penny & Lenny Bardfeld's home

- Join The Men's Club, The Women of Beth El & Rabbi Weiss monthly for Torah on Tap
- Original format; Rabbi Weiss will lead the discussion of critical topics in our Jewish lives
- . Participation from all is encouraged & welcomed
- . All are welcome to attend

RSVP to Lenny Bardfeld at pennyandlenny@comcast.com Penny and Lenny Bardfeld 1357 Brentwood Road Yardley, PA



#### Save the Date Sunday, March 15

Join The Men's Club as they assist FJLC students as they learn how to wrap tefillin.

8:00am morning minyan; breakfast9:15am Rabbi Weiss discussion about the Mitzvah of wrapping tefillin



Save the Date Sunday, March 22 9:00am

Yom HaShoah Candle Project at Beth El.

More information will follow.

#### WoBE invites you to

# A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt Performed by: Linda Kenyon

This performance is accompanied by our member appreciation brunch to celebrate Women in History



**Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 10AM** 

Come spend an entertaining Sunday with us!

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# SHARE SHABBAT DINNER



Mark your calendars March 20, June 5 7:00pm

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

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

We hope you will join us and be part of this wonderful experience! RSVP by Sunday, March 8 for March 20 to Susan Strouse 215-355-8999 or email shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com.









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The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I the LORD am your God.

# Refugee Shabbat and Congregational Luncheon Saturday, April 25

Save the Date! On April 25, Congregation Beth El will be a proud participant in HIAS's National Refugee Shabbat. At services and at a congregational luncheon following services, we will dedicate time to learn more about the plight of refugees and asylum seekers. With more than 70 million people worldwide who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence, we are now witnessing a major humanitarian crisis. We will come together as a community to learn more about this issue and how it relates to our Jewish values. We hope that you will join us for this important event.





Join Congregation Beth El on Friday, March 13 at 6:00pm

# Shiru

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Beth El will provide the dessert!

For more information contact:

Judy Nussbaum 215-431-4729 or Linda Greenberg 215-321-0503

**Musical Director: Marc Finkel** 



April 3

May 1

June 12



Congregation Beth El

### STUDY TORAH WITH US!



\*Bible BaBoker Saturdays

8:45am - 9:25am

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

\*Bible BaBoker will not meet on any Saturday there is a B'nai Mitzvah



Congregation **Beth El** 

#### Our Community Mourns the Loss of...

Beverly Bunin, grandmother of Ben (Stephanie) Bunin, great-grandmother of Zachary and Whitney

Esther Ruth Knopfmacher, wife of the late Arthur Knopfmacher, mother of Lewis (Susan) Knopfmacher, Phyllis Day, Joel (Mary) Knopfmacher, Jane Knopfmacher, grandmother of Daniel and Ben Knopfmacher, Amy (Mike) Fisher, Jenny Knopfmacher, Arthur Knopfmacher, great-grandmother of Jacob and Kayla Fisher

Brenda Dessel, Marlene Gordon's sister-in-law

Rachel Goldstein, wife of Carl; mother of Seth (Dara) and Josh (Lauren); sister of Luba (Ahuva) Kellman (Dan) and Isaac Roda (Denise): loving Bobe of Jordyn, Corey, and Brooke.

#### Mazel Tov to...

Shari and Ben Manis on the birth of their grandchild, Dalton

Cara and Marshal Davis on the birth of their daughter, Alison Ruby

Michelle Flash on the birth of her granddaughter, Alison Ruby Davis

#### We are looking for 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.

**Daily Morning Services:** Monday - Friday at 7:00am

Daily Evening Services: Monday - Thursday at 7:30pm

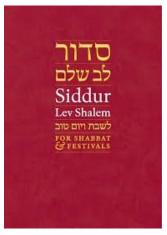
Weekly Sunday Morning Services: 8:00am

Count ben Count **loves** being minyan captain. **One** minyanaire, ha ha ha; **TWO** minyanaires, ha ha ha; **THREE** minyanaires...ha ha ha. We have 8 for minyan. We

need 2 more. Did I mention there will be scotch?

For more information call the synagogue office, 215-493-1707 x4. To sign up for evening minyan visit: www.bethelyardley.org, click on the Minyan icon.





#### The Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat and Festivals

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



# The Mahzor Lev Shalem for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

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#### **SUNDAY MARCH 1**

Passover Food Drive Begins until March 22

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC

9:00am Gift Shop Open

9:30am Mah Jongg & Midrash

1:00pm BUSY Shop & Stock

#### **MONDAY MARCH 2**

7:00am Morning Minyan

12:30pm Adult Ed - Dive Into Davening (ZOOM link)

2:00pm NAMI Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 3**

7:00am Morning Minyan

5:00pm Cook for a Friend

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 4**

7:00am Morning Minyan

9:30am Adult Ed - Jewish Women: A Historical

Perspective

10:00am Gift Shop Open

11:00am Adult Ed - It Doesn't Look Jewish

4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th)

6:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### THURSDAY MARCH 5

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teachings in Jewish Renewal

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### FRIDAY MARCH 6

7:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am Gift Shop Open

5:39pm Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 7**

Parashat Tetzavah/Shabbat Zachor

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

6:40pm Havdalah

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 8**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am The Women of Beth EI - Pack Shalach Manot

9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th)

9:00am Gift Shop Open

10:30am FJLC Purim Carnival

2:00pm Climate Change Program

#### **MONDAY MARCH 9**

Erev Purim/Ta'anit Esther

7:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm NAMI Meeting

5:45pm Learning Siyyum with Rabbi Weiss

6:15pm Purim Dinner

7:00pm Full Megillah Reading

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 10**

Purim

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

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 11**

Shushan Purim

7:00am Morning Minyan

9:30am Adult Ed - Jewish Women: A Historical

Perspective

10:00am Gift Shop Open

11:00am Adult Ed - It Doesn't Look Jewish

4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th)

6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting

6:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### **THURSDAY MARCH 12**

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teachings in Jewish Renewal

7:30pm Evening Minyan

8:00pm Torah on Tap at Penny & Lenny Bardfeld's

home

#### **FRIDAY MARCH 13**

7:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am Gift Shop Open

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services w/Shiru IAdonai

& Potluck Dinner

6:47pm Candle Lighting

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 14**

Parashat Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including

Girl Scout Sabbath

7:48pm Havdalah

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 15**

8:00am Morning Minyan/Breakfast hosted by The

Men's Club

9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th)

9:00am Gift Shop Open

9:15am FJLC Board Meeting

9:15am The Men's Club - World Wide Wrap

10:15am Hazak Program

11:00am PTO Board Meeting

1:45pm Kadima & Chaverim - Escape Room

2:00pm Climate Change Program

#### **MONDAY MARCH 16**

7:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm NAMI Meeting

7:30pm Board Meeting

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### TUESDAY MARCH 17

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:30pm Fundraising Committee

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 18**

7:00am Morning Minyan

9:30am Adult Ed - Jewish Women: A Historical

Perspective

10:00am Gift Shop Open

11:00am Adult Ed - It Doesn't Look Jewish

4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th)

6:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High

6:45pm Synagogue-wide Challah Bake

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### **THURSDAY MARCH 19**

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teachings in Jewish

Renewal

6:30pm Ping Pong Game

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### FRIDAY MARCH 20

7:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am Gift Shop Open

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

6:54pm Candle Lighting

7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner - Offsite

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 21**

Parshat Vayakhel/Pekudei/Shabbat HaChodesh

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Service

including Congregational Lunch

10:00am Youth Services

#### 7:55pm Havdalah **SUNDAY MARCH 22**

Passover Food Drive Ends

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th)

9:00am The Men's Club Yom HaShoah

Candles

9:00am Gift Shop Open

10:00am Women of Beth El

Membership Appreciation Luncheon

2:00pm Climate Change Series

#### **MONDAY MARCH 23**

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 24**

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

7:00am Morning Minyan

9:30am Adult Ed - Jewish Women: A

Historical Perspective 10:00am Gift Shop Open

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4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:45pm HaMoadon Hebrew High

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### THURSDAY MARCH 26

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teachings in Jewish

Renewal

7:30pm Evening Minyan

#### FRIDAY MARCH 27

7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Gift Shop Open

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

7:01 Candle Lighting

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 28**

Parashat Vavikra

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

8:02pm Havdalah

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#### **SUNDAY MARCH 29** 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC 9:00am Gift Shop Open **MONDAY MARCH 30** 7:00am Morning Minyan 12:00pm Adult Ed - Shulchan Ivri (Hebrew Meet Up) 7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY MARCH 31** 

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 1** 

7:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am Gift Shop Open

4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th)

6:45pm Hebrew High

**THURSDAY APRIL 2** 

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am Gift Shop Open

7:08pm Candle Lighting

8:09pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY APRIL 5** 

**MONDAY APRIL 6** 

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th)

9:00am Gift Shop Open

7:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm NAMI Meeting

**TUESDAY APRIL 7** 

**Search for Chametz** 

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 8** 

Office Closed/Gift Shop Closed

8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am FJLC Passover Program

12:30pm Adult Ed - Dive Into Davening

7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

9:30am Mah Jongg & Midrash

**FRIDAY APRIL 3** 

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5:00pm Cook for a Friend

11:00am Adult Ed - It Doesn't Look Jewish

6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting

8:30am Teachings in Jewish Renewal

9:30am Adult Ed - Jewish Women: A Historical Perspective

8:00pm Men's Club & Women of Beth El - Torah on Tap

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services w/ Shiru IAdonai & Pot-

SATURDAY APRIL 4 Parashat Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol

Reset mi she'beirakh list

Last day to sell Chametz

No Teachings in Jewish Renewal

No Evening Minyan 9:15am Congregational Security Training

9:30am Passover Services 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:14pm Candle Lighting

FRIDAY APRIL 10 Pesach II

Office Closed Gift Shop Closed 9:30am Pesach Services

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

7:15pm Candle Lighting

SATURDAY APRIL 11 Pesach III (CH"M) 8:45am Bible BaBoker Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

8:16pm Havdalah

SUNDAY APRIL 12 Pesach IV (CH"M)

Office Closed Gift Shop Closed No FJLC

8:00am Morning Minyan

MONDAY APRIL 13 Pesach V (CH"M)

Office Closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan

TUESDAY APRIL 14 Pesach VI (CH"M)

Office Closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:19pm Candle Lighting

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15 Pesach VII (CH"M)

Office Closed

No FJLC or HaMoadon Hebrew High

Gift Shop Closed 9:30am Pesach Service 8:20pm Candle Lighting

THURSDAY APRIL 16 Pesach VIII

Office Closed

No Teaching in Jewish Renewal

No Evening Minyan

9:30am Pesach Services with Yizkor Services

8:21pm Havdalah

**FRIDAY APRIL 17** 

Office Closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Gift Shop Open

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

7:23pm Candle Lighting

SATURDAY APRIL 18 Parashat Shmini

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

8:24pm Havdalah **SUNDAY APRIL 19** 

8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th) 9:00am Gift Shop Open 11:30am Schmooze & Schmear

#### THURSDAY APRIL 9 Pesach I - 2nd Seder **MONDAY APRIL 20**

7:00am Morning Minyan 2:00pm NAMI Meeting

6:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting

7:30pm Board Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan **TUESDAY APRIL 21** 

Yom HaShoah

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

Bucks County Kehillah Yom HaShoah

Program (TBD)

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22** 

7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Gift Shop Open 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:45pm Hebrew High

7:00pm Yom HaShoah Program

7:30pm Evening Minyan **THURSDAY APRIL 23** 

7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teaching in Jewish

Renewal

7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY APRIL 24 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar

7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Gift Shop Open

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

7:30pm Candle Lighting **SATURDAY APRIL 25** 

Parashat Tazria-Metzora/Rosh Chodesh

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Congregational Luncheon & Social Action

Committee - Refugee Shabbat

10:00am Youth Services 8:31pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY APRIL 26** 8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (3rd - 7th) 9:00am Gift Shop Open

9:15am FJLC Board Meeting

11:00am PTO Board Meeting

**MONDAY APRIL 27** 

7:00am Morning Minyan

12:00pm Shulchan Ivri (Hebrew Meet Up)

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY APRIL 28** 

Yom Hazikaron

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

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 29** 

Yom Ha'atzmaut

7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Gift Shop Open 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th)

6:45pm Hebrew High 7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY APRIL 30** 7:00am Morning Minyan

8:30am Adult Ed - Teaching in Jewish

Renewal

7:30pm Evening Minyan

No Evening Minyan/No FJLC or HaMoadon Hebrew High 7:00am Morning Minyan & study with Rabbi Weiss 7:13pm Candle Lighting

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