

The Shofar



The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County
November/December 2020

Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5781



The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute
presents

Rachael Cerrotti

"We Share the Same Sky"

an award-winning documentary photographer,
writer, educator and producer

Sunday, November 1
2:00pm

Please join us as Rachael takes us on a visual journey into the evolving relevance of the past. She will speak about how her grandmother survived the Holocaust as well as her own journey with being wrapped inside of the intimate corners of her family story for so many years. During her talk, we will journey from Central Europe into Scandinavia and then across the United States, addressing topics such as refuge, immigration, intergenerational trauma, and resilience.

For more about Rachael: www.rachaelcerrotti.com

For more about We Share The Same Sky: www.sharethesamesky.com

"Trauma and Resilience"

"Immigration"

"Social Justice"

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FIRST NIGHT

Thursday
December 10

Happy
Thanksgiving

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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday Evening Services

6:00pm

Saturday Morning Services

9:30am

Sunday Evening Minyan

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

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www.bethelyardley.org



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am - 2:00pm

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(list of our loved ones in need of healing)

January 1 April 1

July 1 October 1

The list will be cleared and compiled anew
to reflect more recent changes. Email
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Shalom Chevrei (Dear Friends),

Now that we are through the holidays, who could have predicted where we would be today? A year ago, in my fall newsletter, I was telling you about all the opportunities we would have to get together over the upcoming year. No one could predict the pandemic that would ensue or the distance from each other we would all be required to keep. To quote one of my wife, Phyllis' favorite movies, *Maid in Manhattan*, "What defines us is how well we rise after falling." Many would consider the pandemic an epic fall. But we have been able to rise and stay strong during these difficult times. It makes me proud to be a part of a community that is always there for one another; for saying kaddish, getting help at the store, or getting a ride to the doctor. We can be proud that over these past 8 months, we have had a virtual minyan twice a day, every day, for our congregants and guests to be able to come together to pray and even schmooze a little afterwards. Our FJLC school has reopened virtually and our adult education has continued. And just recently we have begun having in person services for small groups on Shabbat. I believe that we have risen to create a "new normal" to be proud of.

After a lot of preparation from our RAC committee and the many hours put in by Steve Young to create our ability to have virtual High Holiday services, we are now into 5781. We have just started the month of Marcheshvan, the only month to have no holidays or commandments to fulfill. According to the Tanach, it is the month set aside to rebuild the Temple when the Mashiach comes. With no signs yet that the Mashiach has come or any other commitments, we are able to catch our breath, take pride in our accomplishments and look forward. Our next steps will take us towards Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. As I mentioned recently to Myles Oring at his Bar Mitzvah, this month gives time for us to come up with a nice Hanukkah list. It also allows us to give thanks for the good things we have in our lives.

While we may not be rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem right now, we still need to keep up our synagogue in Yardley. Many of you have contributed to our Yom Kippur Appeal by making online donations. The YKA is and has always been an important part of our budget, allowing us to upgrade and provide upkeep to our building. For those of you who may not have had a chance, the YKA is still open and donations can be made online through our website (www.bethelyardley.org) or by calling the office (215-493-1707). I hope that you will participate in this non-traditional YKA and help support Beth El.

As you begin to think about Hanukkah, please remember that our Women of Beth El Gift Shop is open. If you would like to come in, you can set up an appointment to meet with Michelle Flash, Michelle Schachter or Phyllis Schachter for a private shopping experience. Please keep up to date with ongoing and upcoming events on the Beth El calendar or through our weekly emails.

Please remember to vote. Stay happy, stay healthy and stay safe.

Larry Schachter
Co-President
president@bethelyardley.org

Happy 
Hanukkah



Shalom Friends,

You may have seen the “Thanksgiving is cancelled” meme which has been circulating throughout social media recently. Such a pronouncement reminds me of the great anxiety and concern about how we would welcome in the new Jewish year throughout the broader Jewish community as we approached the High Holidays this year. But what we learned is that Jewish holidays are never cancelled. And that we make the most of whatever life throws our way. And that there are always caring, talented community members who can snap into action and step up heroically during a moment of great need. And that no skill is irrelevant in these times (I didn’t expect my experience in college using OBS, Open Broadcaster Software, as a radio DJ would one day be relevant to my work as a rabbi!). And that we might even be pleasantly surprised in the process. Our friends and family are never cancelled. And our community is never cancelled.

This year has required us to think outside of the box and imagine different, new ways to connect and celebrate our Judaism. I must admit, celebrating Sukkot meals with only my household present felt very strange. We absolutely love hosting guests, especially on Sukkot, and something felt very empty without our usual stream of cherished friends and acquaintances sitting with us. But such a year is an invitation for us to reflect on the values of hosting and of the holidays themselves.

Maimonides taught that anyone who sits comfortably with their family within their own walls and does not share with the poor is performing a mitzvah not for joy but for the stomach. To avoid falling into this trap, we are donating to causes that seek to overturn hunger and causes that help promote equity and human rights, causes that align with the themes and values of this holiday and support our community. In this way, we both continue to provide for others, fulfill mitzvot, and infuse our lives, and our sukkah, with a spirit of love and caring for others.

You are no doubt reading this letter after Sukkot, but please consider donating whatever you may save on food and entertaining because of having fewer guests joining you at your table for the Thanksgiving. Join us in being mindful of our own blessings and recognizing the needs of those who might need our help at this very difficult time. Remember that Sukkot, the holiday that served as a model for Thanksgiving, emphasizes the ephemeral quality of our lives, by moving us into temporary, flimsy structures for an entire week. May this season bring stability and also cause us to be mindful of how dear and fragile our gifts in this world are, and may we open our eyes and our hearts, to the needs of those around us.

B’virkat shalom – with blessings of peace,

Rabbi Raysh Weiss
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Tzedakah

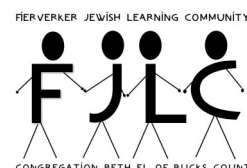


The Beth El Education Department kicked off its programs on Sunday, September 13th with a special Shofar Drive Thru for our FJLC and HaMoadon families which was well attended and brought a lot of *ruach* to our community! I am very proud of our Beth El children and teens who have been showing up to weekly FJLC and HaMoadon virtual sessions. Virtual learning is not easy and we are blessed to have a wonderful group of children and teens who attend regularly, even after a full day of remote learning. I am also very proud of our FJLC and HaMoadon parents. This could easily have been the year to say, "let's skip Hebrew school this year as things are so challenging." I am so grateful to our parents for making sure the children attend our remote sessions, for helping them to stay focused, and for showing them the importance of Judaism and Jewish education in our lives even when the going gets tough. Lastly, I am very proud of our faculty! Virtual learning brings many pedagogical challenges. The faculty has stepped up to the plate since the summer working hard to find new and creative ways to excite and engage their learners. In fact, the faculty put together a set of *chugim* or elective sessions for our FJLC learners to capture their attention in an entirely different way! Younger students are engaged in *Hebrew Through Movement* and exploring *Hiddur Mitzvah*, beautifying a mitzvah through creating Jewish ritual artwork. Our older students have the opportunity to choose from 4 electives; *What Would You Do? Build Your Own Jewish Board Game*; *Tik Tok T'filah* and *Drash and Dragons*. Todah Rabbah, thank you so very much to everyone who has made this year a great success so far!

L'Shalom,

Karen B. Lewin

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Education Director & Youth Director
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MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

Ethan Roskein: Saturday, November 28



Ethan Roskein, son of Glenn Roskein and Kathleen Petrucci will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 28. For his Bar Mitzvah Project Ethan wanted to do something for schools in Africa. Most schools in Africa cannot afford to have a Library. Ethan's Bar Mitzvah Project is to support *The African Library Project* which enables people from all over the world to donate books and money so that a library can be made. 1,000 books and \$500 is all that is needed to make a library. Ethan thinks every kid should have a library to be able to read books, so his goal is to donate enough books and money so that at least one library can be made in Africa.

Ethan Braverman: Saturday, December 19



Ethan Braverman, son of Andrew and Jennifer Braverman will be called to the Torah on Saturday, December 19. For his Bar Mitzvah Project he selected two of the themes from his Torah portion: dreams and hunger. During the first part of 2020, Ethan learned about and raised \$1,500 for the Sunshine Foundation. The Sunshine Foundation's mission is to "answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children ages three through eighteen, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to financial strain that the child's illness may cause." Each year, the foundation makes children's dreams come true by sending them on a Dreamlift to Disneyworld for a day. Through the generous donations from Ethan's family and friends, as well as the Beth El community, Ethan was able to raise enough money to send four children on Dreamlifts. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, the May 5, 2020 trip was cancelled. Ethan is looking forward to the 2021 Dreamlift and making the dreams of four or more children come true. Ethan also helped the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) to combat hunger in our community. The JRA serves over 6,000 diverse low-income individuals and families in the Philadelphia area. Ethan visited the JRA warehouse multiple times over the past year to pack boxes of food and deliver the food to residents in the area.

BUCKS COUNTY JEWISH YOUTH
CHAVERIM GROUP FOR 3RD-4TH GRADERS
PRESENTS

MAIN STAGES LIVE

Virtual Variety Show

Sunday, November 15th @ 2pm

Engaging
Challenges!

High Energy
Games!

Trivia!

JOIN US FOR 45 MINUTES OF FUN!

This is a FREE event!

Register online at

<https://tinyurl.com/chaverim20>
and receive Zoom link via email.

Questions? Contact Karen Lewin
karen@bethelyardley.org

Bucks County Jewish Youth
Kadima Group for
5th-7th Graders Presents

MAINSTAGES VARIETY SHOW

-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST @ 7:00 PM-

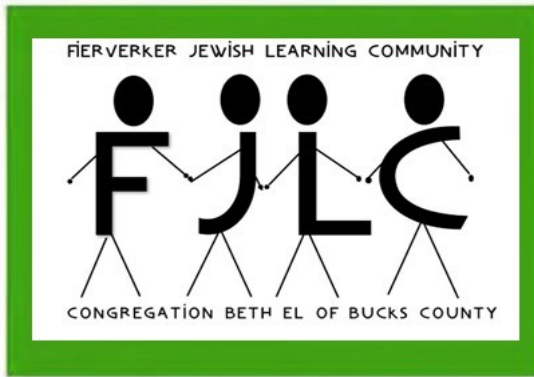
TRIVIA CHALLENGES! | ACTIVE GAMES!

HIGHLY ENGAGING! | 100% FUN!

FREE EVENT! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/kadima20>
and you will be emailed a zoom link.

Questions? Contact Karen Lewin, karen@bethelyardley.org



BAR-BAT MITZVAH UNIVERSITY (BMU)



**Calling All 5th, 6th &
7th Graders
& Parents!**

**Join us on Saturdays
at 10am as we pray,
learn, practice, study
& enjoy!**

**Put these dates on
your calendars!**

**November 7th - Virtual
December 5th - TBA**

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, 6th and 7th grades, it is strongly recommended that B'nai Mitzvah learners attend Shabbat Morning Services at least once a month in order to become familiar with the service and gain comfort as both a participant and leader. For more information, contact Karen Lewin, Karen@BethElYardley.org or 215-493-1707 x3.

Beth El Adult Education for November - December 2020

We're closing out the year with a range of educational programs to fit your interest and your schedule. All programs will be held on Virtual Beth El, using the icon link to Zoom found on the website (unless otherwise noted). There's something for everyone: weekly classes; monthly series; special programs; discussion groups and our new book club. Learning has no age limit. Come join us!

Weekly Classes

Inner Torah Traditional Torah study focusing on the weekly Torah Reading.

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 10:50am

Facilitator: Ruth Schapira

In this weekly interactive session, you'll experience the Torah portion of the week in a deeper way, and derive some of the inner meanings hidden beneath the surface of the text. No prior study or Hebrew skills required.

Ruth Schapira facilitates educational experiences that offer insight and meaning into our Jewish tradition. She leads online and in-person groups using creative and contemplative techniques for groups such as LimmudFSU Labs, The Mussar Institute, and synagogues.

You call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering

Wednesdays, 10:00am - 10:50am

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

Since the spring of 2020, with the outbreak of the Coronavirus, American synagogues have found themselves in the thick of an existential identity crisis and forced to adapt in dramatic and new ways. How this identity crisis, and the ensuing changes it has inspired, will ultimately affect American Jewry remains to be seen, but a survey of the many ways American synagogues have redefined themselves over the years will help frame our understanding of the current moment. This mini-series will explore the development of the institution of the synagogue, with a special emphasis on the history of the American synagogue, beginning from the colonial period until today, examining the shifting priorities and social changes that propel key developments and their ramifications.

Current Events Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 11:00am - 11:50am

Facilitator: Rotating

Come and discuss the latest news with a Jewish slant in our weekly virtual discussion group. What will we talk about? Any topic that makes it to the front page of the Wednesday morning edition of The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (jta.org). The Jewish Telegraphic Agency news site is free, no subscription or sign-in required. **Class Rules:** Keep it interesting. Keep it civil. And end every session with a joke.

Teachings in Jewish Renewal

Thursdays, 9:00am – 10:00am (Ongoing)

Facilitator: Seth Fishman

Join us for discussions of Reb Zalman's writings and their relevance to Jewish life and spiritual growth. Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (1924-2014) was the founder of the Jewish Renewal movement. He was an integrator of many approaches to bring together Jews of all denominations, with a holistic view that Judaism should be accessible to all. ALEPH (the Alliance for Jewish Renewal) describes Jewish Renewal as a trans-denominational approach to revitalizing Judaism. It combines egalitarianism, the joy of Hasidism, the informed do-it-yourself spirit of the chavurah movement, and the accumulated wisdom of centuries of tradition.

Seth Fishman met Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi in 1989 and began working for him as a gabbai in 1990. He studied with him for 24 years, transcribed many of his articles, and served as webmaster for Reb Zalman's blog. Visit Seth's website at <https://www.jewishrenewalhasidus.org/>.

Introduction to Jewish Mindfulness Meditation: A Practice of Transformation and Healing

Tuesdays, 2:00pm – 2:45pm

Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman

NOTE: This is a separate link from Virtual Beth El. Click on the “Mindfulness Meditation” icon under “monthly events” on the Beth El homepage and link from there.

Be curious and learn: What is meditation? Why meditation? Experience a short, guided meditation and short period of silence. Ask questions for further inquiry.

Jewish Mindfulness is a practice that helps us with our lives through a lens of:

- Acceptance
- Loving kindness
- Compassion and love
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- Intention and learning to accept change from moment to moment

It ultimately leads to wisdom, equanimity, and freedom. In Jewish Mindfulness Meditation, Judaism is the *yesod*, the foundation, and mindfulness is the *derech*, the path.

Cantor Florence Friedman was trained as a Jewish Mindfulness Meditation teacher in 2011 with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She is Cantor Emerita at Temple Sinai in Summit, New Jersey.

Special Events

Join us on Sunday, November at 2:00 as we welcome our guest speaker, Rachael Cerrotti for “We Share the Same Sky”

How can we use the lessons of the Holocaust to build a better world today? Please join us as Rachael Cerrotti takes us on a visual journey through time and space. We will travel with her through Holocaust-torn Central Europe and Scandinavia into today's United States, addressing topics such as refuge, immigration, intergenerational trauma, and resilience.

Rachael Cerrotti is an award-winning documentary photographer, writer, educator and producer. Her work focuses on exploring the intergenerational impact of memory and migration.

You can find more information about this program – and links to Rachael Cerrotti's work – please see the cover of today's Shofar or visit www.bethelyardley.org.

Share Your Passion: Jewish Genealogy

Tuesday, November 10 7:45pm

Facilitators: Phil Freidenreich and Liz Ravitch

Want to find out how to trace your family history? Check your weekly emails for details. Don't want to miss this one? email AdultEd@bethelyardley.org,



Monthly Series

Dive into Davening

Meets the first Monday of the month at 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Next Session: November 2 (upcoming sessions on Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, June 7)

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

Wondering about the meaning and significance of the prayers we chant? Curious as to why these particular words were chosen to be included in the service? Join Rabbi Weiss for a fast-paced, one-prayer-per-session dive into the story behind our davening. In English. All levels warmly welcomed!

For Book Lovers

Beth El Book Club

Calling all readers! Beth El's new book club is open to all adults. Whether it's fiction, current events or memoirs, you'll find something of interest to read and discuss. The book club meets on Thursdays from 7:45pm to 8:45pm through Virtual Beth El.

Join us for the next Book Club on **Thursday, November 19** at 7:45pm, when we'll be discussing *How to Fight Anti-Semitism* by Bari Weiss.

Discussion Facilitator: Jerry Schapira

About the book:

On October 27, 2018, eleven Jews were gunned down as they prayed at their synagogue in Pittsburgh. It was the deadliest attack on Jews in American history. For most Americans, the massacre at Tree of Life, the synagogue where Bari Weiss became a Bat Mitzvah, came as a total shock. But anti-Semitism is the oldest hatred, commonplace across the Middle East and on the rise for years in Europe. So that terrible morning in Pittsburgh raised a question Americans can no longer avoid: Could it happen here?

Like many, Weiss long believed this country could escape the rising tide of anti-Semitism. With its promise of free speech and religion, its insistence that all people are created equal, its tolerance for difference, and its emphasis on shared ideals rather than bloodlines, America has been, even with all its flaws, a new Jerusalem for the Jewish people. But now the luckiest Jews in history are beginning to face a three-headed dragon known all too well to Jews of other times and places: the physical fear of violent assault, the moral fear of ideological vilification, and the political fear of resurgent fascism and populism.

Look for These Events in 2021

Art of Inner Hebrew: Get creative in this hands-on workshop where Art and Jewish Spirituality meet up. Each class has two sessions. Advanced RSVP is required. Choose either a January or March class. Call the office, 215-493-1707 or email barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Facilitator: Ruth Schapira

JANUARY 2021:

1st Session on Thursday, January 7, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

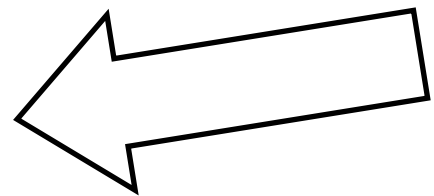
2nd Session on Thursday, January 14, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

OR

MARCH 2021:

1st Session on Sunday, March 7, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

2nd Session on Sunday, March 14, 10:30 am - 11:30 am



Book Nosh: The next Book Nosh will be on **Sunday, January 10 from 10:30am to 11:30am**. Come join us for a discussion about all things cultural, including books, art, music, film/TV, apps, and museum exhibitions – all with a Jewish theme.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THESE GREAT ADULT ED CLASSES AND PROGRAMS!

Beth El Book Club – 2021 Books

Wondering what to read next? Here is the schedule of books for the rest of the 2020-21 season:

Thursday, Jan 21: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Thursday, Mar 18: *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

Thursday, May 20: *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage

Thursday, July 15: *The Secret Gift* by Ted Gup

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Thursday, January 28 (time and format TBD)

Seder Leader: Judy Nussbaum

Tu B'Shevat is sometimes known as the Jewish "New Year of the Trees." It's the holiday when we celebrate our connection to our planet and our environment. Come, learn, and celebrate with us at Beth El.

Here are the items you'll need:

- * Light and dark wine/grape juice, and at least one fruit or nut from each group:
 - ⇒ *Assiyah* - white wine/grape juice, and fruits/nuts with inedible exterior, and edible interior: banana, orange, walnut, almond, pistachio
 - ⇒ *Yetzira* - white wine or grape juice with a dash of red, and fruits with edible exterior, and inedible interior: dates, olives, apricots, apples
 - ⇒ *Briyah* - red wine/grape juice with a dash of white, and entirely edible fruits: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries; seedless grapes, raisins
 - ⇒ *Atzilut* - all red wine, or grape juice, and spiritual sustenance
- * Bring your joyous spirit, and join in the celebration.
- * Questions? Call Judy Nussbaum, 215-431-4729.

And a Few Surprises!

Check the next Shofar – and your weekly emails – for more education programming in 2021!

The Adult Education Committee welcomes your feedback and help as we continue to plan for 2021.

- Is there a topic you'd like to learn about, or to teach?
- Are you good with social media?
- Do you have art, photography or writing skills?
- Do you enjoy planning events?

All volunteers warmly welcomed! Please contact adulted@bethelyardley.org.





NEW on the Beth El Website: Adult Ed Archives

Did you know that many of the Adult Education programs are now archived? Under the drop-down menu of the Education section on Congregation Beth El's website, look for "Archived Adult Education Classes". You'll find links to many recent programs, including the popular Share Your Passion series.

The first "**Young Leaders Edition**" of the Share Your Passion series featured Henry Cohen, a sixth-grader, talking about environmental activism. He discussed the importance and impact of climate change, as well as practical steps we can take, individually and as a community, to protect our environment.

Other **Share Your Passion** workshops now in the archives include:

- **Portion Distortion** with Penny Bardfeld
- **An American Guide to Soccer** with Rich and Rusty Gorelick
- **Starting a Backyard Garden** with Jack Wellerstein
- **Understanding the Recent US Supreme Court Ruling Prohibiting Employment Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity** with Jill Cohen
- **Jewelry Making** with Ashara Shapiro
- **The Environment: Taking Responsibility** with Henry Cohen
- **Voting FAQ** with Larry Kanner, Mitch Marder, and Ben Wachspress

Other programs in the archives include talks from this fall's **Elevate Your Elul** and last spring's **Cheesecake Chats** during Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, along with sessions from the Bucks County Kehillah's **Virtual Wellness Day** in May.

Take a look and catch up on something you might have missed! You can find the archive at <https://www.bethelyardley.org/archived-adult-education-classes.html> or visit www.bethelyardley.org and click on the Education Tab.

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Facilitated by
RABBI WEISS

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Email all questions to Rabbi Weiss the Sunday prior to the class:
rweiss@bethelyardley.org.

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March 1 April 5 May 3 June 7



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Inner Torah

Tuesdays

10:00am - 10:50am

On Virtual Beth El

We will journey through the Torah and discuss the ways in which the weekly portion (*Parashat HaShavua*) relates to our lives and thereby gain a deeper understanding of its messages.



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She has training as a counselor and Mussar facilitator and also writes a blog that has appeared on *eJewishPhilanthropy* and is listed among the top 50 Jewish blogs on Feedspot. She currently is completing research for her doctorate in Jewish education.

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INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

***A PRACTICE OF TRANSFORMATION &
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*CANTOR FLORENCE FRIEDMAN***

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2:00PM - 2:45PM***

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Rabbi Alan Lew, z"l, said that, "Meditation always moves us from one place to another: from unconsciousness to awareness, from tension to relaxation, from being scattered to being centered, from a shallow relationship with our environment and ourselves to a deeper one, from sleep to wakefulness, from a sense of God's presence to the sense that God was in this place and I didn't know it."

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Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information. To join virtually, click on Jewish Mediation Icon. Questions? Contact Helene Geiger, Adult Education Chairperson, adulthood@bethelyardley.org.



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You Call that a Shul? **The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering**

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

**Wednesdays
10:00am - 10:50am**

Since the spring of 2020, with the outbreak of the coronavirus, American synagogues have found themselves in the thick of an existential identity crisis and forced to adapt in dramatic, new ways. How this identity crisis and the ensuing changes it has inspired will ultimately affect American Jewry remains to be seen, but a survey of the many ways American synagogues have redefined themselves over the years will help frame our understanding of the current moment. This mini-series will explore the development of the institution of the synagogue, with a special emphasis on the history of the American synagogue, beginning from the colonial period until today, examining the shifting priorities and social changes that propel key developments and their ramifications.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to join virtually, click on the Virtual Beth El icon.



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The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute Presents



Current Events Discussion Group

When: Wednesday mornings

11:00am - 11:50am

Where: Virtual Beth El

Come and discuss the latest news with a Jewish slant
in our weekly virtual discussion group.

What will we talk about? Any topic that makes it to the front
page of the Wednesday morning edition of
The Jewish Telegraphic Agency (jta.org).

*The Jewish Telegraphic Agency news site can be found at
jta.org. It is free, no subscription or sign-in required.

The rules: Keep it interesting.
Keep it civil. And end every session with a joke.

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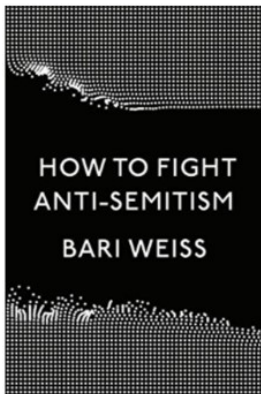
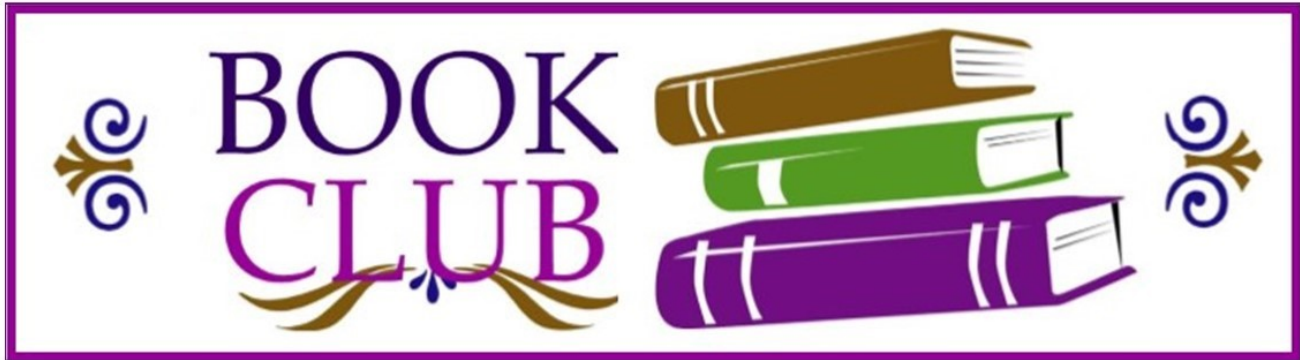
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Book Club

All are invited to attend, virtually

Thursday, November 19

7:45pm

How to Fight Anti-Semitism by Bari Weiss

Discussion Facilitator: Jerry Schapira

About the book: On October 27, 2018, eleven Jews were gunned down as they prayed at their synagogue in Pittsburgh. It was the deadliest attack on Jews in American history. For most Americans, the massacre at Tree of Life, the synagogue where Bari Weiss became a Bat Mitzvah, came as a total shock. But anti-Semitism is the oldest hatred, commonplace across the Middle East and on the rise for years in Europe. So that terrible morning in Pittsburgh raised a question Americans can no longer avoid: Could it happen here?

Like many, Weiss long believed this country could escape the rising tide of anti-Semitism. With its promise of free speech and religion, its insistence that all people are created equal, its tolerance for difference, and its emphasis on shared ideals rather than bloodlines, America has been, even with all its flaws, a new Jerusalem for the Jewish people. But now the luckiest Jews in history are beginning to face a three-headed dragon known all too well to Jews of other times and places: the physical fear of violent assault, the moral fear of ideological vilification, and the political fear of resurgent fascism and populism.

About our book club: Everyone at Beth El is invited to our book club. See below for Meeting Schedule and Reading List.

Book club membership: Everyone is invited! If you want to receive our email notices, please contact barbara@bethelyardley.org or AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.

Discussion leaders: We have a different discussion leader for each book. If you would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.

Want to read ahead? Here is the schedule of books for the rest of the 2020 - 2021 season:

Thursday, Jan. 21	7:45pm	<i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins
Thursday, Mar. 18	7:45pm	<i>White Fragility</i> by Robin DiAngelo
Thursday, May 20	7:45pm	<i>A History of the World in 6 Glasses</i> by Tom Standage
Thursday, July 15	7:45pm	<i>The Secret Gift</i> by Ted Gup



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***Virtual
DATES TBA***

Join the Men's Club and Rabbi Weiss while we enjoy some spirits and discuss current events and how they connect to Judaism.

Dates to be announced. Check your emails and website, www.bethelyardley.org for more information.

7:30pm minyan 8:00pm Torah on Tap

To join virtually, visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the Virtual Beth El Icon.

For more information contact: Scott Kravitz; themensclub@bethelyardley.org



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WoBE & Rabbi Weiss

ASK YOU TO JOIN US AS WE
DISCUSS, SHMOOZE AND NOSH

THE SECRET TORAH OF WOMEN

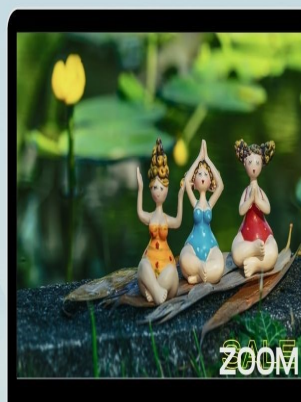
FOCUSING ON A DIFFERENT
TEACHING RELATED TO
WOMEN IN THE TORAH

EVERY MONTH BEGINNING
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 AT 11AM

JOIN VIA THE BETH EL ZOOM LINK

YOGA

BETH RABINOWITZ



PEACEFUL PACKAGES

Packages include rose water
essential spray bottle,
calming candle, healthy
snack and a mindfulness
gift. They are \$10 each and
can be picked up from
Congregation Beth El.

RSVP

WOMENOFBETHEL@BETHELYARDLEY.ORG
OR CALL MICHELLE FLASH
(215) 284 - 5624

JOIN US

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 5
AT 7:45 PM

TAKE TIME

Come spend some time as
we flow through very
simple, easy and safe
calming movements. We
all deserve time to breath
intentionally, reflect and
feel renewed. Learn poses
and breathing techniques
which are easy and
beneficial to everyday life.

GET COMFY

Get comfy on the floor, sofa
or chair, turn down the
lights, find a quiet peaceful
place and enjoy yourself.



Share Shabbat Dinner has gone Virtual

**Friday, November 20
7:00pm**

RSVP by November 15

Share Shabbat is a wonderful opportunity to make connections with members of our Beth El community. John and I were joined by a couple we did not know and someone we've known for years. By the end of our Share Shabbat, we realized in addition to Beth El Sisterhood, and children, we had so much more in common than we ever realized! What an evening! Make your Beth El connections by joining us at the next virtual Share Shabbat!

- John and Barbara Bess Pashak

Friday night was the first Share Shabbat of our New Year. Although it definitely looked different on ZOOM, it enabled those who attended to connect with other congregants and enjoy Shabbat together. What a nice way to be with friends and other members of the Beth El community. If you haven't tried Share Shabbat on ZOOM, you should.

- Michelle Flash

Susan, I want to thank you and Cara for making Share Shabbat a success. My husband and I think it is a wonderful way to meet and get to know people in small groups. We really enjoyed Share Shabbat when it was "in person" and now that we can't meet in person the virtual is a great way to keep in touch and get together with others. We hope this program will continue. Again, thanks to the people responsible for putting this program together.

- Ethel Berman

On Virtual Share Shabbat

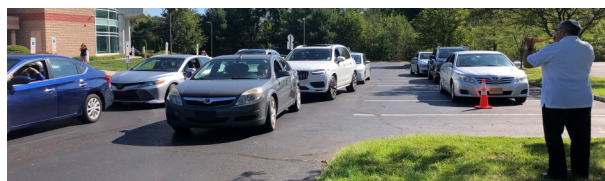
As we learn in Bereshit: "It is not good for man to be alone." One of our most popular programs at Beth El is Share Shabbat, a wonderful opportunity to meet, and get acquainted with fellow congregant families, as we enjoy the beauty of sharing Shabbat dinner. Particularly at this time of great challenge, and uncertainty, it is vitally important to engage with others, to combat the effects of isolation. Thanks to Lewis Rose for proposing Virtual Share Shabbat, and thanks to Cara Weissman and Susan Strouse for working to implement the plan, to bring it to fruition.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Virtual Share Shabbat evening, and we're eagerly looking forward to the next one. It was wonderful to "see", (albeit virtually), our Beth El friends, and catch up on life." *Let the good in me connect with the good in others, until the world is transformed through the compelling power of love.* Reb Nachman of Bratslav.

- Judy Nussbaum

RSVP: shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com or call Susan Strouse, 215-355-8999 or Cara Weissman 713-899-0354.
Future dates: 12/18, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18

SHOFAR DRIVE THRU & "BRAG BAGS" & FJLC KICK OFF



We are looking for a 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 to pray with friends and neighbors, and be there to support a person saying kaddish or in a period of mourning.

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 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



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

THANK YOU

For the health of the staff and our Beth El members,
continue calling the office before coming to the
building; call 215-493-1707 x4 (all calls are being
forwarded to Barbara Schwartz,
Synagogue Administrator's, cell phone) or
email barbara@bethelyardley.org.



Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...

- ◆ Rhoda Amster, on the passing of her husband, Dr. Bernard Amster, z"l; father of Bonnie (Vincent), Melanie (Craig), and Shari (Thomas); grandfather to Jordyn (Sam), Sydney, Max, Matheson, and Sima.
- ◆ Michael, Michelle, and Jeanette Weinberg; Marsha Flager; Melissa and Conrad Hough; Adam and Mallory Flager; along with Jason and Jodi Flager and their families; Linda Weinberg, and Sarah, Ricky, and Julia, Rina, and Eve Gratz, on the passing of their dear brother, uncle, husband, father, and grandfather, Dr. Paul Weinberg.



Happy 50th anniversary to Ethel & Edward Berman

Happy 52nd Anniversary to Marian & Milt Berger

Mazel Tov to Rose and Michael Koretsky on the marriage of Rachel and Eldad

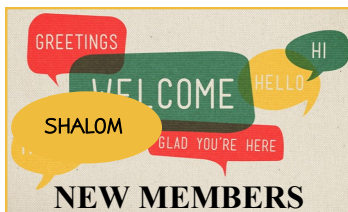
Mazel Tov to Melissa and Jeffrey Freedman on their anniversary

Mazel Tov to Judi and Gary Reiss on the birth of their granddaughter,
Hannah Kendall Sillman

Happy 44th anniversary to Gail and Howard Lander

Mazel Tov to Ella Goldmacher & Aron Galonsky in honor of their son, Gregory, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to Rachael & Rich Oring in honor of their son, Myles, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah



Sandie and Stanley Hirsch



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Call 215-493-1707 to make arrangements to pick them up.
Gift cards come in \$100.00 denominations.



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Simply Go to:
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JEWISH FEDERATION FOOD PANTRY

The Jewish Federation's Food Pantry at KleinLife in Northeast Philadelphia features an innovative model where clients get to choose what food they receive (no pre-packaged food).
Contact Jeremy Heller, mail@jeremyheller.com for more information.

CHESED

חסד

Beth El's Chesed Community is here for you!

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



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

*rides to doctor appointments, Shabbat Services and programs

*occasional food shopping

*set up for a Shiva house

*babysitter referrals

*meals

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

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

The possibilities are endless!

For assistance or more information contact:

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

סדור
לב שלם
Siddur
Lev Shalem
לשבת ויום טוב
FOR SHABBAT
& FESTIVALS

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.

מחזור
לב שלם
MAHZOR
LEV SHALEM
ROSH HASHANAH
AND YOM KIPPUR

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.

Siddur Lev Shalem/Mahzor Lev Shalem Donation

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I wish to donate (check one or all that apply):

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Please use a separate piece of paper for additional book plate donations. Mail your check with this form to
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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 7th graders.

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

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



Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**Daylight Saving Times End**

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
11:00am The Women of Beth El: The Secret Torah of Women
2:00pm We Share the Same Sky with Rachael Cerroti
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:31pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**Parashat Vayera**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
10:00am B'nai Mitzvah University Shabbat (BMU) - 5th, 6th, 7th graders & Parents
5:30pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan
7:45pm Share Your Passion Workshop: Genealogy Facilitated by Phil Freidenreich & Liz Ravitch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:25pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**Parashat Chayei Sarah**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
5:24pm Havdalah
9:00pm Happy Hour Event

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00am Morning Minyan
7:30pm Evening Minyan
7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**Rosh Chodesh Kislev**

10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan
7:45pm Book Club - "How to Fight Anti-Semitism" by Bari Weiss

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:20 Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services
7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner - RSVP required

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**Parashat Toldot**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
5:19pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**Office closes at noon**

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**Thanksgiving Day - Office closed**

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**Office Closed**

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:16 Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Shiru l'Adonai

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**Parashat Vayetzei**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Roskein
5:16pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:15 Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Parashat Vayishlach
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
10:00am B'nai Mitzvah University Shabbat (BMU) - 5th, 6th, 7th graders & Parents
5:15pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Hanukkah: Candle 1

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 - Hanukkah: Candle 2

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:15pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Hanukkah: Candle 3

Parashat Vayeshev
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
5:15pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Hanukkah: Candle 4

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 Hanukkah: Candle 5

8:00am Morning Minyan
12:30pm Dive into Davening
7:30pm Evening Minyan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Hanukkah: Candle 6

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 - Hanukkah: Candle 7

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America and the Evolving Art of Gathering Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss
11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Hanukkah: Candle 8

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00am Morning Minyan
4:17pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services
7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Parashat Miketz
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services with Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Braverman
5:18pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 - Office closes at noon

8:00am Morning Minyan
12:30pm Dive into Davening
7:30pm Evening Minyan
7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Office closes at noon
8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

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7:30pm Evening Minyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Office closes at noon
8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman
7:30pm Evening Minyan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office closed
8:00am Morning Minyan
4:21pm Candle Lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services with Shiru l'Adonai

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parashat Vayigash
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services
5:22pm Havdalah

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00am Morning Minyan
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School
7:30pm Evening Minyan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00am Morning Minyan
10:00am Inner Torah Facilitator: Ruth Schapira
7:30pm Evening Minyan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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11:00am Current Events Discussion Group
4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th grades)
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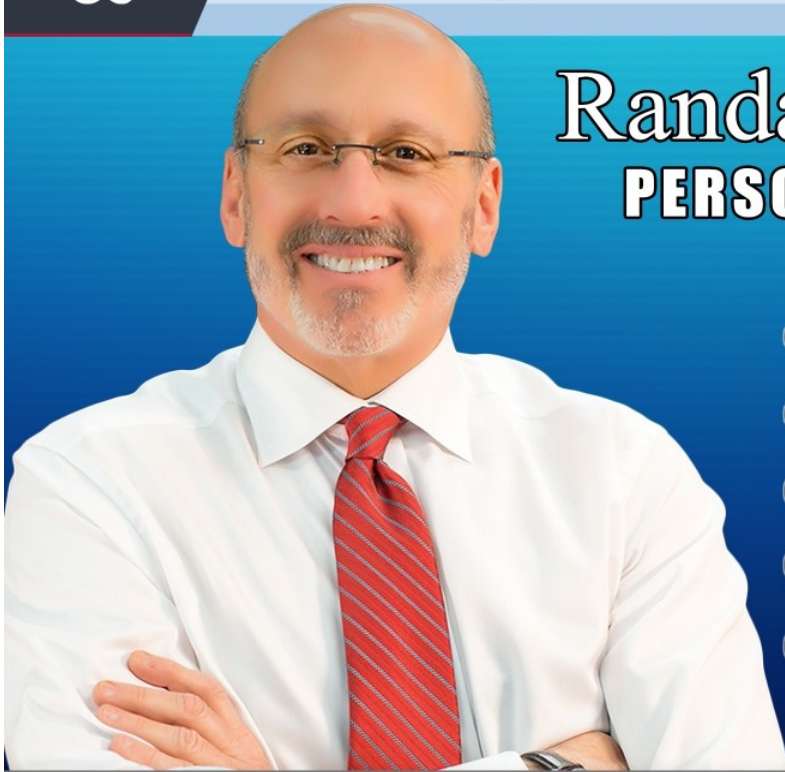
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