

# The Shofar



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January/February 2021      Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5781

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Have a Happy and Healthy New Year, 2021!!



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### Schedule of Services

#### **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

### **Check out our website**

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### Office Hours

#### **Monday - Thursday**

8:30am - 4:30pm

#### **Friday**

8:30am - 2:00pm

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the building.**

### ***Reset the mi she'beirach list***

(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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I really like listening to music. I have a very unique playlist, from Harry Chapin to Shania Twain, from Billy Joel to The Monkees. When I sat down to write this article, I shuffled my playlist as I always do. Styx's "The Best of Times" came on. It struck me how timely this song is, even though it was written in 1980. For those of you unfamiliar with the song, here is an excerpt:

*I know you feel these are the worst of times, I do believe it's true.  
When people lock their doors and hide inside, rumor has it, it's the end of Paradise.  
But I know, if the world just passed us by, baby I know, I wouldn't have to cry, no no  
The best of times are when I'm alone with you, some rain some shine, we'll make this a world for two  
Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime,  
We'll take the best, forget the rest, and someday we'll find, these are the best of times.*

*The headlines read, "These are the worst of times," I do believe it's true.  
I feel so helpless like a boat against the tide.  
I wish the summer winds could bring back paradise.  
But I know, if the world turned upside down, Baby, I know you'd always be around.  
The best of times are when I'm alone with you.*

Truth be told, the song is a look back at the 1958 closing of the Paradise Theater in Chicago, where the band members are from. But it's the undercurrent that I find so apropos to the times we are in. Dennis DeYoung, who wrote the song, told *Songwriter Universe*. "For me, the song is simple. It's when the world goes mad, how do you cope? And in this instance, it's the love between two people, that they make their own paradise within their companionship, their love for each other, and their own home. And that's what 'The Best of Times' is about..." (<https://www.songwriteruniverse.com/dennis-deyoung-styx-2017.htm>)

In some ways, we are in the worst of times. As I write this article, the rules have once again changed. Gyms are closed again, public indoor dining is no longer possible, and even though religious institutions are exempt, we have made the decision to discontinue in-person services for the time being. But what I want to reinforce is how we can see this as the *best of times*. We have remained a congregation and a community despite the world "going mad":

- Every member of our congregation received a Chanukah Goodie bag courtesy of the Membership Committee (led by Ken Kaissar).
- On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we had 26 cars join us for the FJLC Chanukah Drive Through. Families received their goodie bags and were able to get out of their cars, recite the blessings and sing some songs together with other Beth El Families (with Charlie Lewin acting as a human dreidel).
- As a community, we recently celebrated two Bar Mitzvahs: a hybrid Bar Mitzvah (with the immediate family in person and extended family and friends on Zoom) and then a completely virtual Bar Mitzvah with the immediate family at their own home. Mazel tov to the Roskein and Braverman families.
- We continue to have twice daily minyans, which are always well attended.
- Our Education programs for children and adults have continued uninterrupted despite the move to Zoom (shout out to Karen Lewin and Helene Geiger for keeping these programs vibrant).
- Rabbi Weiss has made it a goal to reach out to every member on their birthday.

How have you been coping in this world? We've all been forced into our homes, so how have you made your own paradise there? For me, I have enjoyed seeing my parents every Friday when I deliver fresh baked challah to them. Soon, I will enjoy having both children home for 5 weeks, but in the meantime I have been enjoying the extra time I have gotten to spend with my daughter. Full disclosure, I have been enjoying watching more TV than I am used to watching but have come across some really great shows because of it. And I have connected and re-connected with long lost relatives who seemed to live too far away until Zoom became the norm for getting together.

I hope that, unlike the song lyrics, you have not locked your doors and hid inside. I also hope that you do not feel like the world is just passing you by. If you do, please reach out to the Rabbi, Larry or me. We will try to help you ourselves or connect you with someone who can help.

At some point, we will be able to look back at these times in the rear view mirror. When that happens, hopefully we will all be able to "take the best, forget the rest, and someday we'll find, these are the best of times" because we were able to spend them with the people we love.

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

Liz Ravitch  
Co-President  
[president@bethelyardley.org](mailto:president@bethelyardley.org)





Shalom Beth El Friends,

Anyone who was raised with a Jewish education in North America easily appreciates the annual irony of celebrating Tu B'Shevat, a holiday for trees, in the dead of our comparatively chilly winters. You might personally have memories of standing opposite a window revealing a snowy expanse outside, as indoors you hold up a small paper cup filled with dirt with a seed buried hopefully inside, your eyes aglow with youthful anticipation of something miraculous about to unfold. All too often, your little seedling meets the same harsh fate of many a Purim carnival goldfish. But -- notwithstanding the likely ensuing disappointment -- whatever happens later cannot and should not cancel out the genuine beauty of both the sprouting plant that you envisioned in your mind's eye and the genuine wonder it inspired in you.

While many of us have seen our worlds circumscribed over the past nine months, new forms of beauty, and with them, new forms of wonder, have continued to blossom. Whether parent and child beholding from the window the miracle of their avian counterparts bonding together in their nest, encountering spirituality in your garden during the warmer months, experiencing your neighborhood's architecture anew, or the creation of art inside -- beauty and wonder have not been put in quarantine.

Even in the thick of winter, during the colder months, connecting with the natural world is a gentle and yet awe-inspiring reminder that our world has truly not been canceled and that we can witness miracles if only we allow ourselves to notice them. This time of year, we begin our annual reading of the book of Exodus, in which Moses' iconic first encounter with G-d happens just after he takes notice of a bush caught on fire without being consumed. In the desert, where it is hot and dry, it would not be all that unusual for a bush to be aflame. Most people would likely not even notice that the bush was not being consumed. But Moses was paying attention and soaking in the rich details of his surroundings. The Torah emphasizes that he turned and looked. That is the precise moment when G-d appears to Moses, thus formally initiating our people's legendary journey to freedom.

In this way, the Torah is encouraging us to be curious and mindful of our surroundings, embracing the mysteries of the natural world. We can emulate Moses in taking this transitional time in our lives to deepen our connection with our surroundings, both in our homes and in nature. Perhaps then, we can understand Tu B'Shevat, the holiday celebrating the trees, as a well-timed opportunity to engage in a sense of renewed awe, even and especially during a season when we might forget about nature's infinite, awesome wonder.

With blessings of peace,

Rabbi Raysh Weiss  
rweiss@bethelyardley.org



See page 26 for Tu B'Shevat  
Seder information





Our FJLC and HaMoadon programs had a great first semester. While virtual learning on zoom presents many challenges, I am so proud of our Beth El children and teens for attending and participating in sessions. I am very thankful to our parents for helping to make sure their children log on to zoom and especially grateful to our dedicated faculty who have been working hard to create engaging, educational experiences. On Sunday, December 13th our FJLC and HaMoadon families had the opportunity to see each other briefly during our Hanukkah Drive Thru event. It was wonderful to watch children, parents and teachers socially distance in the parking lot while they enjoyed seeing each other in person. As I said during the Hanukkah candle lighting, the word *Hanukkah*, meaning dedication, is closely related to the Hebrew word *Chinuch*, meaning education. We are so blessed at Beth El to have congregants dedicated to creating community and dedicated to the education of our children, our future. I hope that everyone enjoys a well deserved, relaxing Winter Break, and I look forward to seeing you on zoom in 2021!

L'Shalom,

Karen B. Lewin  
Education Director & Youth Director  
klewin@bethelyardley.org





## ***Beth El Adult Education for January – February 2021***

We're starting the new year with a range of educational programs to fit your interests and 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! Check out the listings below and join us!

### ***Weekly Classes***

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

Wednesdays, 10:00am - 10:50am (through January 20)

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, 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.

#### **Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor?**

Wednesdays, 10:00am-10:50am (begins February 3)

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

The last few years have given rise to heightened political and religious tension, resulting in an increasingly polarized society and so-called "cancel culture," as it is referred to in the contemporary parlance. This miniseries will explore the ways Jewish wisdom, both ancient and modern, might equip us with the tools to respond to this fraught moment in the history of public and private discourse.

#### **Current Events Discussion Group**

Wednesdays, 11:00am - 11:50am (begins January 6)

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](http://jta.org)). The Jewish Telegraphic Agency news site can be found at [jta.org](http://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.

#### **Teachings in Jewish Renewal**

Thursdays, 9:00am - 10:00 am (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://](https://www.jewishrenewalhasidus.org/)

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## *Weekly Classes continued*

### **Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Comfort During the Winter Months**

Tuesdays, 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman

Each session begins with a body scan meditation led by Donna Wortzel, a certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor and guided meditation with periods of silence with Cantor Flo Friedman\*. Topics include the weekly Torah Portion or Holy Days/Festivals or Middot—Ethical Values. Sessions are sometimes enhanced with poetry and contemplative readings and music.

No prior experience is necessary. You are welcome to participate at any time. Come try it out! Gatherings include about 20 people from various synagogues in New Jersey and Bucks County, Pennsylvania; Congregation Beth El of Yardley; Temple Sinai, Summit, New Jersey; Flemington Jewish Community Center Summit JCC – Congregation Ohr Shalom; Adath Israel, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Shir Ami, Newtown, PA. Guests are welcome even if not affiliated with a synagogue.

## *Special Events*

### **Share Your Passion Series:**

#### **Moving Forward From the Winter of Our Discontent: Building Resilience and Finding Hope**

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:45pm

Facilitator: Dr. Melissa Hubsher, Clinical Psychologist

Resilience, which has been voted as the “Word of the Year”, is defined as the “process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress”, according to the American Psychological Association. Our resilience has certainly been tested this year, as individuals, as workers, and as parents. In this program, Dr. Melissa Hubsher will share some perspectives and tips on how to effectively promote continued resilience as individuals, and how to model that for our children.

### **\*\*New series\*\* The Hidden History of Beth El**

#### **Episode 1. Mystery of the Czech Torah Scroll**

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:45pm

Guest Speaker: Lois Roman, Trustee of the Memorial Scrolls Foundation

How did a Czech Torah scroll survive the Holocaust and end up in Yardley, PA? Miraculously, a treasure trove of Torah Scrolls from Czech synagogues survived the Holocaust. After WWII, the London-based Memorial Scrolls Trust, found and preserved more than 1,500 of these scrolls. Each one represents an important legacy of sorrow, but also of hope, for Jews worldwide. To share that message, the Trust has put many of their Torahs on permanent loan in caring communities around the world. One of these scrolls is at Beth El.

Join Lois Roman, Trustee of the Memorials Scrolls Trust, to learn the amazing history of our Torah Scroll ... where it came from... how it survived...and how it came to find its home at Beth El.





## *Special Events continued*

### Share Your Passion Series:

#### The Hidden Gems of Patient and Staff Care: Chaplains

Tuesday, February 16 at 7:45pm

Facilitator: Cantor Florence Friedman

During the Pandemic, chaplains have served as lifelines between patients and their families, especially when visitors have not been permitted in many hospital and care facilities.

- What is a Chaplain? What do Chaplains do? How are chaplains trained?
- What enables Chaplains to constantly walk into “the unexpected” and compassionately work with people during their most vulnerable times?
- What is Tele-Chaplaincy?

Cantor Friedman has completed 2 units of CPE, Clinical Pastoral Education and in addition to working at Robert Wood Johnson (Hamilton) she has had experience working at Greenwood Hospice and The New Jersey Cancer Institute. homes. She is an active member of the Pennington chapter of CPSP – The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy.

## *Monthly Series*

### Dive into Davening

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

Next Session: January 4 (upcoming sessions on Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 6, 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*

### Book Nosh

Sunday, January 10, 10:30am

Facilitator: Alex Geiger

Join us for a discussion about all things cultural, including books, art, music, film/TV, apps, and museum exhibitions – all with a Jewish theme.

### Beth El Book Club

Thursday, January 21, 7:45pm

Book Under Discussion: ***American Dirt*** by Jeanine Cummins

Facilitator: Joan Zuckerman

### About the book:

*American Dirt* follows the journey of a mother and son fleeing Mexico for America after their entire family is murdered on the orders of a local cartel kingpin. Before the slaughter, Lydia Quixano Pérez is a bookseller in Acapulco, mother to Luca and wife to journalist Sebastián. After Sebastián writes an exposé of the kingpin, Lydia and Luca are forced to undertake a harrowing journey

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through the desert to seek refuge in the United States. What our Beth EI reviewer says about this book: *American Dirt* is a page-turner! The story and its characters will grip you right from the start, and keep you enthralled. This novel is contemporary realism at its best – giving you a different perspective on events that are happening around us every day.

About our book club:  
Everyone is welcome!

## **Beth EI Book Club**

Here is the schedule of books for the rest of the 2020-21 season:

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

## **Adult Education Archive Page**

Did you know that recordings of many Adult Education events are available on the Beth EI Web page? Just go to [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), open the Education tab on the menu, and select “Adult Education Archives.”

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

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](mailto:adulted@bethelyardley.org)



## *PURIM*

Erev Purim, Wednesday, February 25

Purim Thursday, February 26

### **Beth EI's Got Talent/Skill**

All are welcome to participate!

We are looking for anyone who can juggle, sing, tell jokes, do magic, etc...to perform live or record their talent for an amazing Purim celebration.

**Interested?**

**Email [Barbara@bethelyardley.org](mailto:Barbara@bethelyardley.org);  
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# ***DIVE INTO DAVENING***

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

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January 4      February 1  
March 1      April 5      May 3      June 7



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## MINDFULLY SOOTHING THE BODY AND SOUL

Comfort During the Winter

**Jewish Meditation Sessions**  
**Tuesdays beginning January 5**  
**2:00pm - 2:45pm**

- EACH SESSION BEGINS WITH A BODY SCAN MEDITATION  
LED BY DONNA WORTZEL, CERTIFIED KRIPALU YOGA INSTRUCTOR
- EACH SESSION INCLUDES GUIDED MEDITATION AND PERIODS OF SILENCE WITH CANTOR FLO FRIEDMAN\*
- TOPICS INCLUDE THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION OR HOLY DAYS/FESTIVALS OR MIDDOT – ETHICAL VALUES. SESSIONS ARE SOMETIMES ENHANCED WITH POETRY AND CONTEMPLATIVE READINGS AND MUSIC
- No prior experience is necessary.
- You're welcome to participate at any time. Come try it out.
- Gatherings include about 20 people from various synagogues in New Jersey and (Bucks County) Pennsylvania:
  - ⇒ Congregation Beth El of Yardley
  - ⇒ Temple Sinai, Summit, New Jersey
  - ⇒ Flemington Jewish Community Center
  - ⇒ Summit JCC – Congregation Ohr Shalom
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  - ⇒ Shir Ami, Newtown, PA
- Guests are welcome even if not affiliated with a synagogue.

**\*\*Cantor Friedman is Cantor Emerita of Temple Sinai, Summit, New Jersey. She was trained as a Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Teacher in 2011 by The Institute for Jewish Spirituality. Cantor Friedman is a member in good standing of The American Conference of Cantors.**

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) for more information. To join virtually, click on Mind Body & Soul icon or Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73512153132?pwd=bUhZZkhsSGQrOE0vanFtWHFxb2d2UT09> . Questions? Contact Cantor Friedman: [florenceanne18@gmail.com](mailto:florenceanne18@gmail.com)



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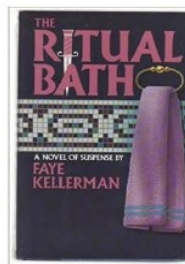
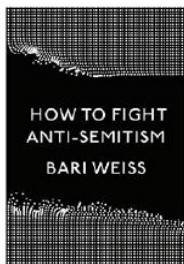
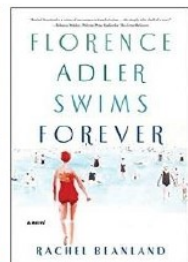
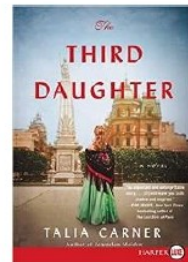
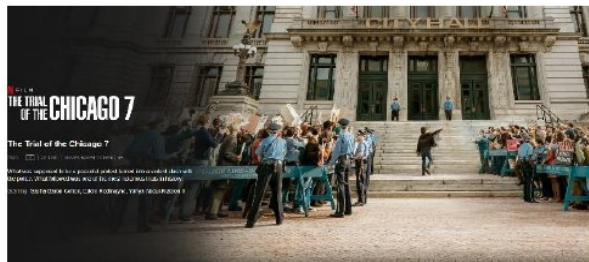
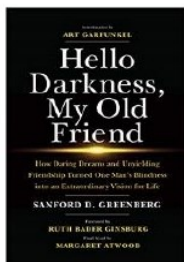
*For the literary omnivore who likes to graze*

*Next Meeting Will Be Virtual:  
Sunday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.*

*Please check the Beth El website for the Zoom link*

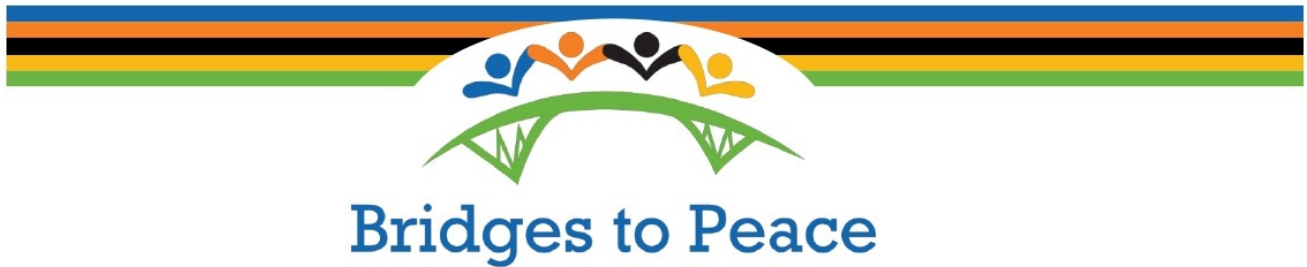
**Please Join Us on Zoom** to discuss all the interesting books, movies, TV shows, art exhibitions, Broadway shows, operas, and any other cultural happenings that have a Jewish theme, a Jewish author, or Jewish characters that you have run across since our last meeting.

## **Some of the Items Discussed at Our Last Meeting:**



For more information, please contact [AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com](mailto:AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com)





**Please Join Us for a Special Program!**

The Peace Center is proud to share our work with the community.

Learn about our programs and impact through personal stories that debunk the myths and demonstrate the “Bridges to Peace” created by bullying prevention, conflict resolution and social justice programming.

Hear personal stories about:

- ***Friendship after Racism***
- ***Courage after Bullying***
- ***Strength after Adversity***

Join Danny Thomas, Executive Director, and staff for inspiration through storytelling!

**Wednesday, January 20, 8:00 – 9:00 pm**

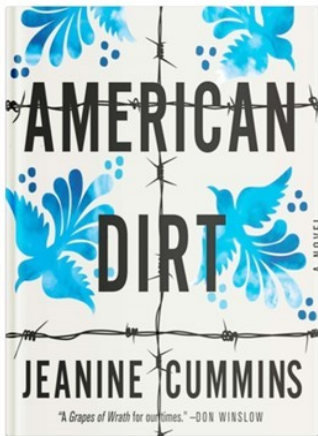
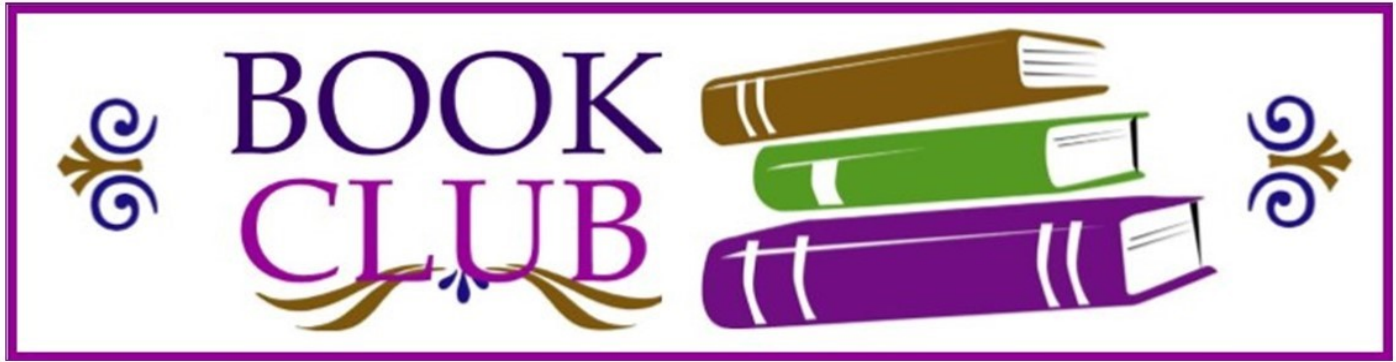
**Zoom Link:** Please use the Beth El Zoom link provided for this program.

Please contact Laura Lazar, [llazar@thepeacecenter.org](mailto:llazar@thepeacecenter.org) for additional information.



The Peace Center, 102 W. Maple Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047 215-750-7220





## ***Book Club***

**All are invited to attend, virtually**

***Thursday, January 21***

***7:45pm***

***American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins***

**Discussion Facilitator: Joan Zuckerman**

### **About the book:**

*American Dirt* follows the journey of a mother and son fleeing Mexico for America after their entire family is murdered on the orders of a local cartel kingpin. Before the slaughter, Lydia Quixano Pérez is a bookseller in Acapulco, mother to Luca and wife to journalist Sebastián. After Sebastián writes an exposé of the kingpin, Lydia and Luca are forced to undertake a harrowing journey through the desert to seek refuge in the United States.

What our Beth El reviewer says about this book: ***American Dirt*** is a page-turner! The story and its characters will grip you right from the start, and keep you enthralled. This novel is contemporary realism at its best – giving you a different perspective on events that are happening around us every day.

**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](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org) or [AdultEd@bethelyardley.org](mailto: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](mailto:AdultEd@bethelyardley.org).

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

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



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**Amazing True Stories  
from Beth El Archives**

*Hidden  
Treasures*

**\*\*New series\*\***

## **The Hidden History of Beth El**

**Episode 1**

### ***Mystery of the Czech Torah Scroll***

**Tuesday, January 26 at 7:45pm**

**Guest Speaker: Lois Roman**

**Trustee of the Memorial Scrolls Foundation**



### **How did a Czech Torah Scroll survive the Holocaust and end up in Yardley, PA?**



Miraculously, a treasure trove of Torah Scrolls from Czech synagogues survived the Holocaust. After WWII, the London-based Memorial Scrolls Trust, found and preserved more than 1,500 of these scrolls. Each one represents an important legacy of sorrow, but also of hope, for Jews worldwide.

To share that message, the Trust has put many of their Torahs on permanent loan in caring communities around the world. One of these scrolls is at Beth El.

Join Lois Roman, Trustee of the Memorials Scrolls Trust, to learn the amazing history of our Torah Scroll ... where it came from...how it survived...and how it came to find its home at Beth El.

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) for more information about the Holocaust Torah Scroll and to join virtually; click on the Virtual Beth El icon.



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Join Congregation Beth El Members for a Virtual Workshop  
**Dr. Melissa Hubsher**

***"Moving Forward From the Winter of Our Discontent:  
Building Resilience and Finding Hope"***

**Tuesday, January 12 7:45pm  
(immediately following minyan)**



Resilience, which has been voted as the "Word of the Year", is defined as the "process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress", according to the American Psychological Association. Our resilience has certainly been tested this year, as individuals, as workers, and as parents. Dr. Melissa Hubsher hopes to share some perspectives, and tips on how to effectively promote continued resilience as individuals, and how to model that for our children.

Dr. Melissa Hubsher is a Clinical Psychologist who is licensed in NY and in PA. She is lucky enough to have her passion become her profession. Currently, due to COVID, she is very busy seeing patients virtually.

Melissa graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from Barnard College of Columbia University, and was awarded her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University, in NY. She completed an Internship and a Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University.

The workshop will be 30 - 45 minutes including a question and answer format.  
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## Join Congregation Beth El Members for a Virtual Workshop



***Cantor Florence Friedman***

***“The Hidden Gems of Patient  
and Staff Care: Chaplains”***

**Tuesday, February 16 7:45pm  
(immediately following minyan)**

During the Pandemic, chaplains have served as lifelines between patients and their families, especially when visitors have not been permitted in many hospital and care facilities.

- What is a Chaplain? What do Chaplains do? How are chaplains trained?
- What enables Chaplains to constantly walk into “the unexpected” and compassionately work with people during their most vulnerable times?
- What is Tele-Chaplaincy?

Cantor Friedman has completed 2 units of CPE, Clinical Pastoral Education and in addition to working at Robert Wood Johnson (Hamilton) she has had experience working at Greenwood Hospice and The New Jersey Cancer Institute. She is an active member of the Pennington chapter of CPSP – The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy.

The workshop will be 30 - 45 minutes including a question and answer format.  
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## *Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor?*

**Wednesdays**

**Beginning February 3**

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

**Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss**

The last few years have given rise to heightened political and religious tension, resulting in an increasingly polarized society and so-called "cancel culture," as it is referred to in the contemporary parlance.

It has somehow become socially acceptable to stigmatize and completely cut off others with whom we vehemently disagree. We see this struggle play out every day between neighbors, family members, and among even friends. This past fall, we experienced an election in which all sides felt personally threatened by the prospect of the other side winning. What are we to make of the erosion of both fundamental trust and dialogue and how can we best respond to this social crisis?

This miniseries will explore the ways Jewish wisdom, both ancient and modern, might equip us with the tools to respond to this fraught moment in the history of public and private discourse.

Join us virtually on [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org); click on the Virtual Beth El icon.



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# BAKE MY DAY WITH MELISSA HOUGH

Come join all your Beth El friends for a social hour on Zoom featuring our very own expert baker, Melissa Hough. Melissa will demonstrate her favorite recipe for snickerdoodles and donut muffins before your very eyes. Make yourself a cup of tea, coffee or other adult beverage, and come kibbitz with your friends while also learning a new dessert recipe to wow your dinner guests when this pandemic is over!

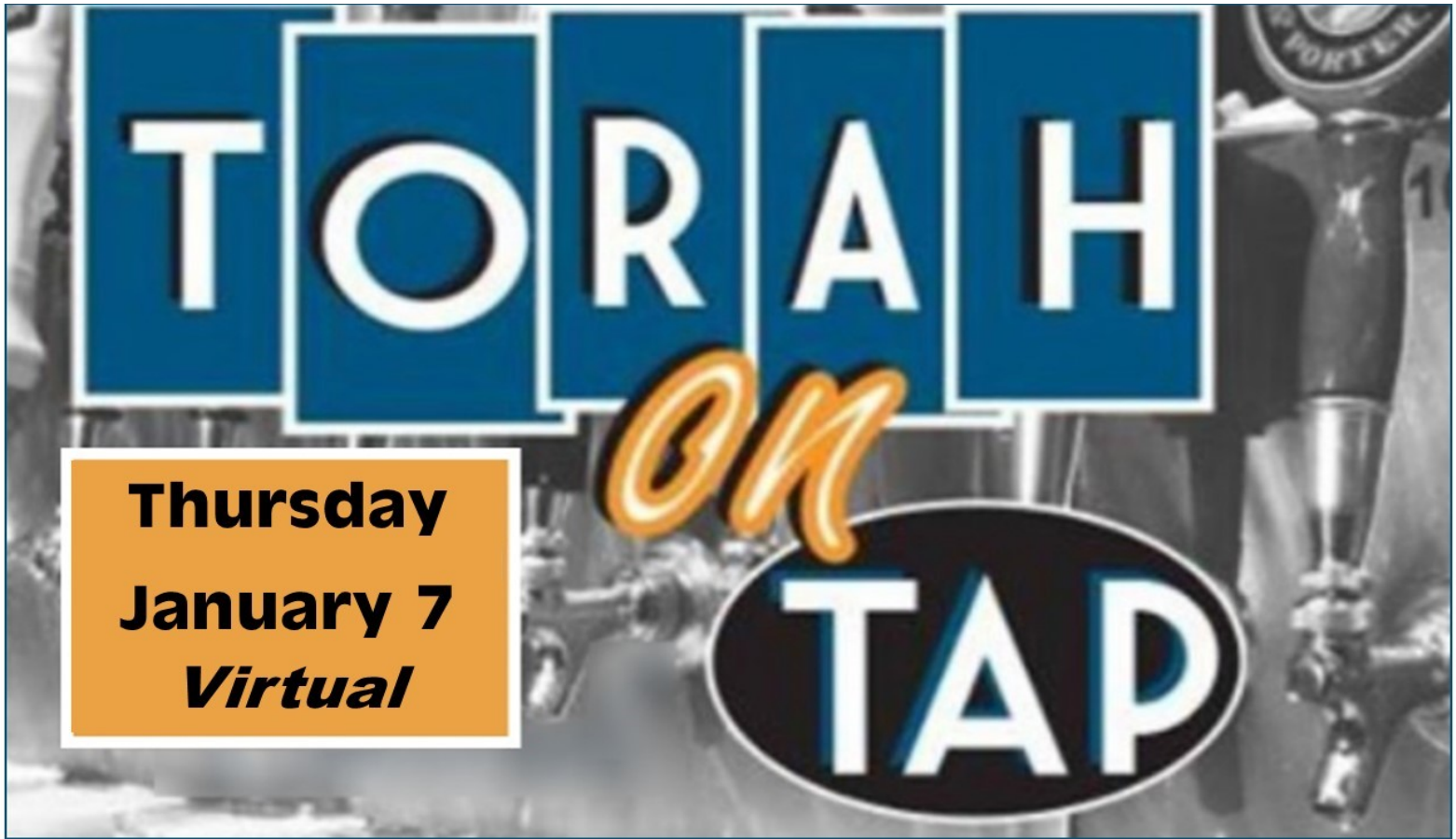
Sunday, January 24th, 2021 at 4PM  
Beth El Zoom



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**Thursday  
January 7  
*Virtual***

Join the Men's Club and Rabbi Weiss while we enjoy some spirits and discuss...

***Jewish Pub Trivia***

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

To join virtually, visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org); click on the Virtual Beth El Icon. **Save the Dates: 2/11; 3/11.**

For more information contact: Scott Kravitz; [themensclub@bethelyardley.org](mailto:themensclub@bethelyardley.org)



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Congregation Beth El Men's Club  
invites you to join us for an  
Online Live Adventure –  
Escape Room!

Thursday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

7:45pm

\$15 Per Player

Payment due by  
Monday, Jan 11th

## REMOTE ADVENTURE

# LIVE



## ESCAPE ROOM

Unbelievable escape room fun, interacting with your fellow congregants,  
from the comfort of your home.

Our group will be “virtually” locked in a room, with the mission to find and  
solve clues, escaping before time is up... you'll see a 360-degree view of  
real-life rooms with the ability to interact with items in the room and the  
added benefit of all team members being able to explore the room  
independently or together.

This will be fully hosted with real time assistance from a live  
Gamemasters/Host.

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) to register online. Questions? Contact Scott  
Kravitz, 410-340-2960 or [themensclub@bethelyardley.org](mailto: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

ONCE A MONTH ON SUNDAYS

January 3 & February 7 11:00AM

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org)

JOIN VIA THE BETH EL ZOOM LINK





## Share Shabbat Dinner has gone Virtual

**Friday, January 15**  
**7:00pm**

RSVP by January 11

**What a great way to still make connections with other members of our Beth El Community!**

Virtual Share Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday, January 15th. Please RSVP to: [shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com). You will be placed with other families for the virtual Share Shabbat Dinner. The RSVP deadline is Monday, January 11. In order to participate, you must have the Zoom App. We will be using the Virtual Beth El icon to access the Zoom link.

The Virtual Share Shabbat Dinner was a lovely, relaxing evening.  
A nice way to get acquainted -- or re-acquainted -- with other  
members of our Beth El Community.

Helene Geiger

It was so great to enjoy Shabbat dinner  
with friends in the midst of COVID-19 –  
and from 1000 miles away! Wonderful  
company and conversation. We are  
grateful to Cara and Susan for arranging  
it, and can't wait to do it again!

Marcia & Harry Kratz

Virtual Share Shabbat is helping usher in a new era of  
Shabbat. It is more about meaningful connections than regular  
traditions. Shabbat can be for everyone! We look forward to the  
next Virtual Share Shabbat Dinner!

Rachael & Rich Oring

*Meeting in someone's home to "Share Shabbat" with fellow congregants  
has always been one of our favorite Beth El events. It's been a great  
opportunity to both celebrate Shabbat and schmooze with some people we  
may otherwise have never met. The wonderful people who have been  
running this program have managed to transition it successfully to Zoom.  
We participated last month and plan to attend again because it's definitely a  
way to remain connected with our Beth El community whom we truly miss.*

Charlotte & Harold Denenberg

RSVP: [shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com) or call Susan Strouse, 215-355-8999 or Cara Weissman 713-899-0354.

Future dates: 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18



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Join us in a spirited celebration  
of nature's bounty.  
***Virtual Tu B'Shevat ...***  
The Birthday of the Trees  
***Thursday, January 28 at 7:45pm***  
Following evening minyan

***Enjoy poetry, songs & blessings, all while enjoying traditional foods grown in Israel.  
Join our spirited celebration of gratitude for nature's bounty.***

Here are the items you'll need to represent each of our seasons. In addition, you will need white & red wine or white and dark grape juice.

- ⇒ **Assiyah** - fruit/nut with inedible exterior, and edible interior (i.e. banana, orange, walnut, almond, pistachio).
- ⇒ **Yetzira** - fruit with edible exterior, and inedible interior (i.e. dates, olives, apricots, apples).
- ⇒ **Briyah** - entirely edible fruits (i.e. blueberries, strawberries, raspberries; seedless grapes, raisins).
- ⇒ **Atzilut** - red wine/dark grape juice and spiritual sustenance.

Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org). For more information call or text: Judy Nussbaum, 215-431-4729.



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## *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](http://www.bethelyardley.org) and click on the Virtual Beth El icon.



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

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

### **Mazel Tov to our upcoming B'nai Mitzvah**

Mazel Tov to Rachel & Adam Reiss in  
honor of their daughter,  
Addison's Bat Mitzvah (Jan. 9)

Mazel Tov to Judi & Gary Reiss in  
honor of their granddaughter,  
Addison's Bat Mitzvah (Jan. 9)

Mazel Tov to Ashara & Marc Shapiro in  
honor of their daughter,  
Brynn's Bat Mitzvah (Feb. 27)

# 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](mailto:barbara@bethelyardley.org).



# WELCOME

## Congregation Beth El Welcomes New Members...

Bruce and Jodi Finkel



- Mazel Tov to Michelle Flash in honor of her granddaughter, Kate Flash becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Mazel Tov to Cara and Marshal Davis in honor of their niece, Kate Flash becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Mazel Tov to Kathleen Petrucci and Glenn Roskein in honor of their son, Ethan, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- Mazel Tov to Rhoda Amster, in honor of her granddaughter, Jordyn Benz's marriage to Sam Rubinoff
- Mazel Tov to Judith Snyder in honor of the birth of her grandson, Yair
- Mazel Tov to Jennifer and Andrew Braverman in honor of their son, Ethan, being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- Mazel Tov to Mara Feldman and Mitch Marder in honor of their 40th anniversary

## Our Community Sends their Deepest Condolences to...



- ◆ Marshal and Cara Davis and Michelle Flash, on the passing of Marshal's grandmother, Florence Asherman, z"l; great grandmother of Maya, Jacob and Alison
- ◆ Harold and Charlotte Denenberg on the passing of Harold's brother-in-law, Cantor Daniel Gildar
- ◆ Sandra Hirsch on the passing of her husband, Stanley Hirsch; father of Dr. William (Dawn) Hirsch, Daryl (Mindi) Hirsch, and Louis (Antonia) Hirsch
- ◆ Francine Safir on the passing of her brother, Joel Safir



### SUPPORT BETH EL

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### JEWISH FEDERATION FOOD PANTRY

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





## *Thank you from The Membership Committee...*

The Membership Committee would like to thank the following volunteers who helped to deliver the Hanukkah Grab Bags to all of our members: Cara Davis, Phil Freidenreich, Flo Hurwitz, Grace Jacob, Ken Kaissar, Lee Kirsh, Shelli Krevitz, Brian and Lois Levey, Beth Sadoff, Eva Samachson, Perry Stein, Debra Wachspress, and Melisande Wolf.



An additional thank you to:

Michelle Flash for ordering all of our Hanukkah Goodies, ShopRite of Yardley, for their donation of the potato pancake mix and applesauce and Merry Eisenstadt and Cara Weissman for putting the bags together and making deliveries.

## *Congregation Beth El Community Hanukkah Candle Lighting...*



Thank you to Phyllis and Larry Schachter, Lewis Rose and Galina Sahknovich, The Stone Family, The Fishbein Family, and The Bunin Family, for opening your homes to us, and leading our community in the blessings for lighting the Hanukkah candles.





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  
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MAHZOR  
LEV SHALEM  
ROSH HASHANAH  
AND YOM KIPPUR

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

Suggested donation \$18

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

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

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



*Thank you for your generosity.*



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1****New Year's Day/Office closed****Reset mi she'beirakh list**

8:00am Morning Minyan

4:26am Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Shiru l'Adonai

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2****Parashat Vayechi**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

5:27pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3****No FJLC/No HaMoadon**

8:00am Morning Minyan

11:00am The Women of Beth El: The Secret Torah of Women

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

8:00am Morning Minyan

12:30 Dive into Davening Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Executive Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body &amp; Soul Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman

6:30pm Membership Committee

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues in America Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

11:00am Current Events Discussion

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

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:

Facilitator Seth Fishman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm The Men's Club Torah on Tap: Jewish Pub Trivia

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**

8:00am Morning Minyan

4:33pm Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9****Parashat Shemot**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services/Bat Mitzvah of Addison

Reiss

5:34pm Havdalah

8:00pm Comedy Night Fundraiser - prior registration required

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)

10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School

10:30am Book Nosh

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body &amp; Soul Facilitator:

Cantor Flo Friedman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Share Your Passion Workshop: Facilitator:

Melissa Freedman

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am 11:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of

Synagogues in America Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

11:00am Current Events Discussion

4:30pm FJLC (1st - 7th graders)

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14****Rosh Chodesh Shevat**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:

Facilitator Seth Fishman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm The Men's Club - Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00am Morning Minyan

4:40pm Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16****Parashat Vaera**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

5:42pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)

10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18****Martin Luther King Day/Office Closed**

8:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body &amp; Soul Facilitator:

Cantor Flo Friedman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:00am Morning Minyan

10:00am You Call that a Shul? The History of Synagogues

in America Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

11:00am Current Events Discussion

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

7:30pm Evening Minyan

8:00pm "Bridges to Peace" - Peace Center Program

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:

Facilitator Seth Fishman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Book Club

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:00am Morning Minyan

4:48pm Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23****Parashat Bo**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

10:00am B'nai Mitzvah University (BMU - 5th,

6th, &amp; 7th graders and Parents)

5:50pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)

10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School

4:00pm Bake My Day Facilitator: Melissa Hough

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25**

8:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Board of Directors Meeting

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:00am Morning Minyan

2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body &amp; Soul

Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Hidden History of Beth El: Czech

Holocaust Torah Scroll

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27**

8:00am Morning Minyan

11:00am Current Events Discussion

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

7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28****Tu B'Shevat**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study

Session: Facilitator Seth Fishman

7:30pm Evening Minyan

7:45pm Tu B'Shevat Seder

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00am Morning Minyan

4:57pm Candle Lighting

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including

Shiru l'Adonai

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30****Parashat Beshalach**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services

5:58pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

8:00am Morning Minyan

9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)

10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School

7:30pm Evening Minyan



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body & Soul Facilitator:  
Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor Facilitator:  
Rabbi Weiss  
11:00am Current Events Discussion  
4:30pm FJLC (1st - 7th graders)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:  
Facilitator Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:00pm The Men's Club Amazing Escape Room

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
5:05pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**Parashat Yitro**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including Jewish  
Philly Federation Program with B'nai Mitzvah  
University  
6:07pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

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 Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body & Soul Facilitator:  
Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor Facilitator:  
Rabbi Weiss  
11:00am Current Events Discussion  
4:30pm FJLC (1st - 7th graders)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:  
Facilitator Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm The Men's Club - Torah on Tap

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Rosh Chodesh Adar**  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
5:14m Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Parashat Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim**  
**Rosh Chodesh Adar**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
6:15pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
No FJLC (1st - 7th grade)  
No HaMoadon Hebrew High School  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**President's Day/Office closed**  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body & Soul Facilitator:  
Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Share Your Passion Workshop: Cantor Florence  
Friedman

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor Facilitator:  
Rabbi Weiss  
11:00am Current Events Discussion  
4:30pm FJLC (1st - 7th graders)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
5:22pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**Parashat Terumah/Shabbat Zachor**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
6:23pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
2:00pm Mindfully Soothing the Body & Soul Facilitator:  
Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:00am Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor Facilitator:  
Rabbi Weiss  
11:00am Current Events Discussion  
4:30pm FJLC (1st - 7th graders)  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**Erev Purim**  
**Ta'anit Esther**  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session:  
Facilitator Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**Purim**  
8:00am Morning Minyan  
5:30pm Candle Lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Shiru  
l'Adonai

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**Parashat Tetzaveh**  
9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including the Bat  
Mitzvah of Brynn Shapiro  
6:31pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

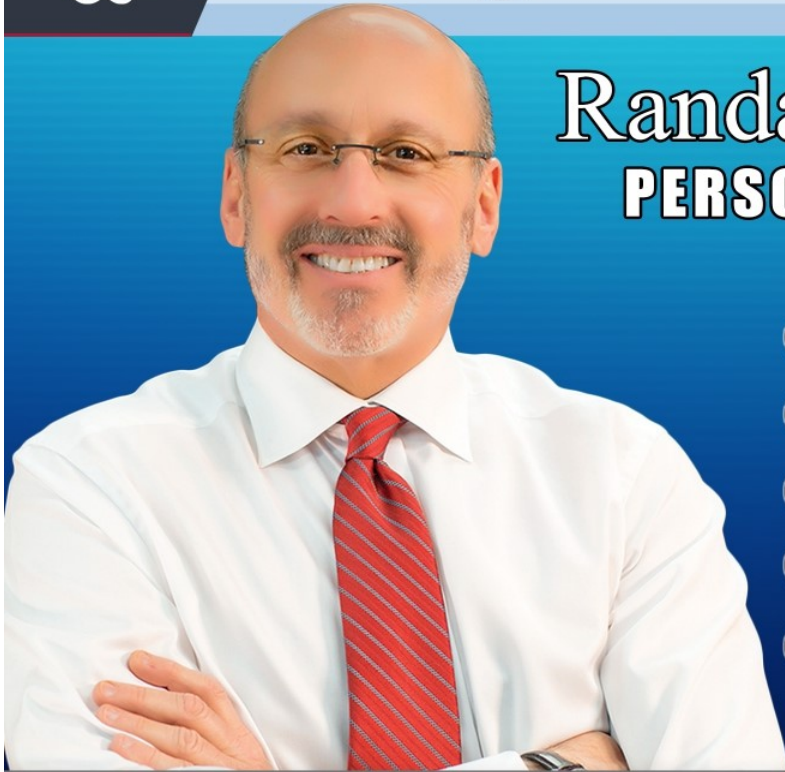






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