

# The Shofar



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May/June 2021 Iyar/Sivan/Tammuz 5781

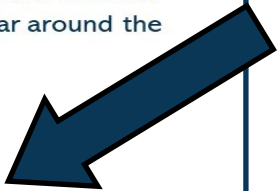
**The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute presents...**

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## **Scholar** in Residence

**Tzafrir Barzilay**

Tzafrir Barzilay is the author of *Poisoned Wells: Accusation, Persecution and Minorities in Medieval Europe, 1321- 1422* (forthcoming, University of Pennsylvania Press). Tzafrir Barzilay is a Kreitman postdoctoral research fellow at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. He is interested in the development of the common perceptions of Jews and Christians, and their change throughout the Middle Ages, in particular around the subject of water.



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**Sunday, May 23 1:00pm**

**“Plague, Libel & Suspicion”**



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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

**Please call before coming to  
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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**The deadline for  
May/June  
Shofar**

**June 16**

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I love Spring. Maybe it's the beautiful flowers, blooming trees and green grass. Maybe it's the increased hours of daylight. Maybe it's because I have a Spring birthday. Even though I don't know exactly why I love Spring, I just do. It makes me happy. I recently asked a bunch of preschoolers what they like about Spring (in case you don't know, I work at a preschool). Most of their answers didn't surprise me and were a lot like mine: they said the flowers, playing outside, and "my dog's birthday." One answer, however, was so unique that it made me stop for a minute and really think about it. A little boy who just turned 5 said that his favorite thing about Spring is "licking the rain." Think about that. It is something so simple, so pure, so innocent. It is out of the box thinking at its best. That is one of the things I love about my job. I get to spend my day with kids who are so creative in everything they do.

Creativity in thought does not stop in childhood, but it is often more difficult for us as adults to creatively think "out of the box". However, that is what we are going to be asking you all to do. We need to use this unprecedented period in history to be our precious chance to rethink our role as a congregation, as well as to reshape our strategic direction for the post-COVID world. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out a survey to find out what you find most important as we think about re-opening our doors. As we look towards the future of our congregation, I ask you all to think about what you like best about Beth El. Maybe it's the people. Maybe it's the prayers. Maybe it's our beautiful building. Maybe it's the way we came together during a global pandemic and continued to be a community. And as we slowly open the building again, what is important to you? Is it gathering together for morning or evening minyan? Praying together in person for Shabbat? Attending Hebrew School in the building? Having in-person committee meetings? Finally, how do you envision us celebrating being able to gather together once again. Would you like a Shabbat luncheon? Maybe a big gala where we can get dressed up? Or perhaps you'd like to see us have a family event like a barbecue or picnic. Or maybe it's a combination of all of these things. I also invite you to reach out to me personally if you find the survey does not address all of your needs.

Being president of a synagogue is a tough job. Next month, Larry Schachter will be completing his fourth year as President of Beth El and will be receiving a well-deserved new title, "Immediate Past President." Larry is fiercely dedicated to our community and has seen Beth El through some of the toughest challenges and changes we have experienced in the nearly 70 years we have been a congregation with a diplomacy that is admirable. He has also been a wonderful role model for me as I stepped into this role a few years earlier than I had expected. I want to sincerely thank Larry, his wife Phyllis, and their sons Sam and Jeremy for all of the dedication they have shown to Beth El. Although I will certainly miss Larry's partnership, I will continue to value his thoughtful guidance and his friendship.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring and take the time to enjoy the beautiful flowers, blooming trees and green grass. I look forward to seeing everyone again as soon as possible.

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

Liz Ravitch  
Co-President  
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There is always a reason to celebrate. Sometimes, when life feels particularly isolating and challenging, we need to remind ourselves actively of this essential truth and make space and time to ritualize our celebration. About a year ago at this time, I was reflecting on the challenge of quarantine-era birthdays and decided to start calling Beth El community members on their birthday.

There were times I did not reach the honoree and just left messages, times I learned that certain numbers required updating (and speaking of that: just a reminder to keep your eye out in the coming weeks for an email about how to update your account through our wonderful new ShulCloud system!) and there were also many times when the special day provided an excuse for me to catch up with the amazing members of our beautiful community. This experience has afforded me a special window, into not only your day-to-day lives, but also into what makes a special day truly special to you. You may not be surprised to learn that the best celebrations that members shared with me involved spending time with loved ones, whether virtually or now, increasingly, in-person.

As a Beth El community, we were recently fortunate to celebrate Israel's 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday together with so many of you in high style and fun. We rocked out to Cantor Ariel Wyner's Jewish bluegrass band Kol Kahol while enjoying delicious Israeli food. The best part of the evening for me was seeing everyone's radiant smiles and remembering that we truly have so much to celebrate and so many reasons to thank God.

Now, more than ever, we have to set aside time to celebrate. And fortunately, our tradition is especially good at doing just that. Celebrations reveal our personal and shared values. As a society, we often celebrate individual birthdays, national holidays marking events deemed historically important, major transition points in our education, and certain family-building milestones. But as Jews, we take celebrations to a new level, packing our collective calendar tightly with occasions to reflect and rejoice as a people. I often joke and say that as Jews we are always preparing for a holiday, celebrating a holiday, or recovering from a holiday. As Jews, for example, we keenly understand that what is for anyone else an aimless Saturday is actually the holiest of days, packed with meaning and joy. The difference between yet another day and a holiday is how we ritualize it together.

Ritualizing your special moments brings them to life in a way you will always remember. Ritualizing involves intentional planning and goal-setting: what is the desired outcome of this gathering? Who should be there and why? What role will they play in this celebration? What is it that we are celebrating? Just as important as reaching a certain milestone is the ability to pause, reflect, and make it meaningful of them with those important to you.

More than ever, we are reminded that celebrations give much-needed definition to life's legitimately wonderful moments, especially during this past year when the passage of time could sometimes feel a bit shapeless and arbitrary. The act and attitude of celebrating also has tangible health benefits – celebrating promotes both psychological and spiritual wellness, which often translate into physical benefits as well. Studies affirm that taking the time to express gratitude regularly actually bolsters one's overall energy and health. Something as simple as regularly recording in a journal the things for which you are grateful actually helps achieve this positive outcome.

A great way to mark time is by anticipating a moment of celebration, by looking ahead to a time you expect to share joy with loved ones. I have adopted this practice as a nightly ritual with our kids as we put them to bed, thinking out loud about special days ahead that we are eagerly anticipating. Our Torah and rabbinic tradition know this strategy all too well, and it is one of our best-kept secrets for success as a people. During this time on the Jewish calendar, as we move from Passover to Shavuot, we traditionally study the tractate "Ethics of the Fathers," a book of eternal wisdom, which reminds us (4:1) "Who is wealthy? The person who rejoices with his lot." Rejoicing, we know, means taking the time and space to lift up our gratitude in ways we will remember and cherish. Or, as Rabbi Nahman of Breslov more colorfully puts it, "Gratitude rejoices with her sister joy and is always ready to light a candle and have a party."

So let's take a cue from our tradition, light a candle, have a party, and cover our calendar with celebrations!

To life!

Rabbi Raysh Weiss  
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Shavuot is a Jewish festival held on the 6th (and usually the 7th) of Sivan, fifty days after the second day of Passover. It was originally a harvest festival, but now also commemorates the giving of the Law (the Torah).

### **Shavuot Services Schedule**

All services will be held virtually. Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org); click on Virtual Beth El icon.

Sunday, May 16

8:00pm

Erev Shavuot Services

Monday, May 17

9:30am

Shavuot Services

Tuesday, May 18

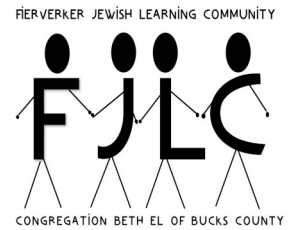
9:30am

Shavuot Services including Yizkor Services

**Join Us** on Erev Shavuot, Sunday, May 16 for “Cheesecake Chats.”  
See page 12 for a full schedule of programming.



As I am writing this article in April for the May/June edition of The Shofar, I am influenced by a very important phrase from *Parshat Kedoshim*, which was the weekly *Parshah* in the last week of April. *Kedoshim* starts with the words, "and you shall be Holy" (*Kedoshim Tihyu*). Martin Buber says, "Holiness is not found in rising above the level of one's neighbors but in relationships, in human beings recognizing the latent divinity of other people, even as God recognizes the latent divinity in each of us. God can make things Holy as in *Shabbat* [Genesis 2:3]." As human beings, we can be God-like by exercising our power to sanctify spaces, moments and objects in our lives.



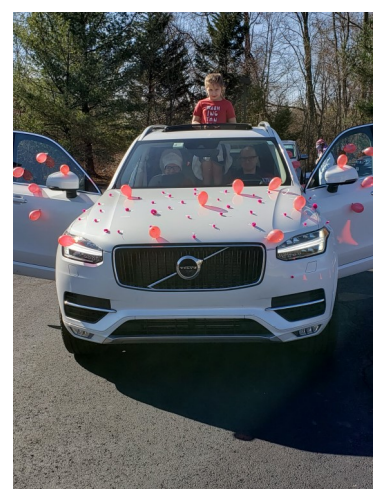
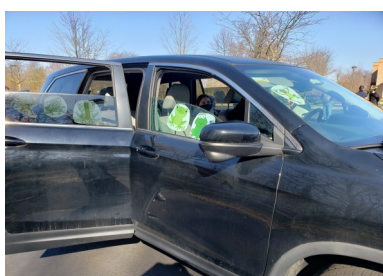
The past year has presented challenges for everyone. Between quarantining, social distancing and mask wearing, the idea of exercising our power to sanctify spaces, moments, and objects in our lives is not particularly appealing and may not seem particularly important. Nevertheless, I am proud to say that our Fierverker Jewish Learning Community (FJLC) and HaMoadon teens have risen to the challenge of doing just that throughout the religious school year.

I never thought it would be possible, but I have had the privilege this year of witnessing first hand our Zoom classes create sacred spaces and sacred moments. Every Sunday morning the entire FJLC gathers on Zoom for *Havdalah* and a short *Shacharit* service. It is a true joy to see the participants' bright shining smiles as they enter our Zoom space and greet one another. While we cannot sing together because Zoom group singing is a challenge, watching our children sing on mute the words of *Havdalah* and the prayers of *Shacharit* re-energizes my spirit. Even though I often have to sing alone, I am blessed to feel their presence with me.

In our individual HaMoadon and FJLC classes on Zoom I have watched the value of *kehillah kedosha*, or creating sacred community, develop. HaMoadon sessions begin with a special prayer that thanks God for the mitzvah of studying Torah, sung to a beautiful tune. Our teens have delved deep into meaningful topics, sharing opinions, insights and wisdom with one another on what it means to be Jewish. As I observe FJLC classes, I notice that participants intently check in on each other and inquire when a classmate is absent. As these children ponder Jewish values, practice chanting prayers and explore the Jewish holidays I am in awe of the connections I see that are being built between children and teachers.

This year we have had the opportunity to meet in Beth El's parking lot three times, for Rosh HaShanah, Hanukkah and Passover. Each time we had a FJLC/HaMoadon drive thru, parents dedicated themselves to bringing their children out to see others in their community, even just for 30 minutes. The *ruach* (spirit) felt at these drive-thru events was incredible as children, parents and teachers excitedly greeted each other from a distance.

The members of HaMoadon and FJLC have definitely created holy spaces this year, even virtually and even in the face of challenges. It is my hope that we continue to succeed in finding spaces and moments of holiness to share with each other.



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## MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



### Bryn Haimovitz, Saturday, May 22

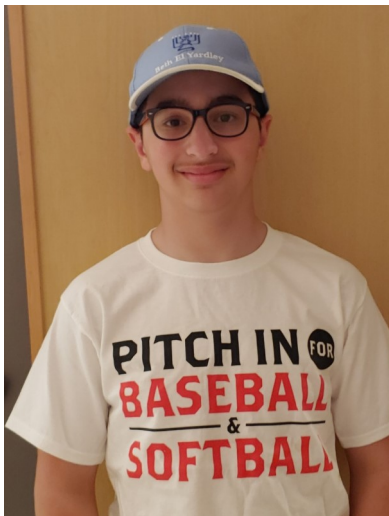
**Bryn Haimovitz**, daughter of Lisa and Kevin Haimovitz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Bryn wanted to help the community during the pandemic. For her mitzvah project, Bryn combined her love of dance and helping children by teaching a weekly zoom dance class. She made new friends, gave parents a weekly "break" and kept kids active and social. Mazel Tov!

### Justin Freed, Saturday, June 12



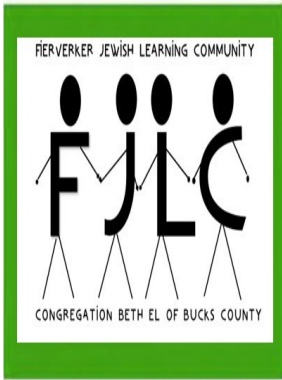
**Justin Freed**, son of Stacye & Joe Freed will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 12, 2021. For his mitzvah project, Justin collected and donated baseball equipment to *Pitch in for Baseball and Softball*. He reached out to friends, teams, and schools and picked up equipment as well as held an equipment drive. Justin then organized and delivered it all to *PIFBS*. Justin has been playing baseball since he was a little kid and could never imagine any child not being able to have a chance to play the game he loves just because they didn't have the proper equipment. This is why he decided to do this as his Mitzvah project. Mazel tov!

### Connor Landau, Saturday, June 19



**Connor Landau**, son of Peter & Meredith Landau, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 19, 2021. For his mitzvah project, Connor collected baseball and softball equipment to be donated to *Pitch In for Baseball and Softball*. This organization distributes equipment to children worldwide that can't afford equipment to play the sport. They also distribute money that they collect to countries and little leagues that need financial assistance to help more kids enjoy the sport. Mazel Tov!





## 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!

May 8

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.



**10:30AM ON ZOOM**  
**MAY 15TH JUNE 5TH**  
**MAKE FRIENDS!**  
**CELEBRATE SHABBAT!**  
**SINGING, STORIES & FUN!**

Join us at Zoom.us  
Meeting ID: 215 493 1708 Passcode: 408115



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# ***DIVE INTO DAVENING***

Facilitated by

**RABBI WEISS**

**First Monday of the Month**

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**

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! Meets the first Monday of the month.

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

To join virtually, visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org), click on the Virtually Beth El icon.

**May 3**



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## Beth El Adult Education for May - June 2021

When you are looking for Adult Education, Beth El is the place to be. There is something for every interest and every schedule. **All programs will be held on Virtual Beth El, using the icon link to Zoom found on the website [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) (unless otherwise noted).** Please check out the listings below and join us!

### Weekly Classes

#### Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor?

Wednesdays, 10:00am - 10:50am through May 12

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 through May 12

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, 8:30am - 9:30am

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/>



## **Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Spring Awakening**

Tuesdays, 10:45am – 11:15am (May 11, 25 & June 8, 22)

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.

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**

### **Wandering Jews/Stockholm**

Sunday, May 9 at 1:30pm



This time, Congregation Beth El will wander to Stockholm, Sweden for a conversation with Rabbi Ute Steyer of the Great Synagogue of Stockholm. We'll also get a chance to meet some of the Great Synagogue's congregants. Our topic of discussion is “Being Jewish Publicly”. It will be interesting to explore how being Jewish in Sweden compares with our own experiences, as well as what we learned from previous “Wandering Jew” venues (Oklahoma City, OK and Abjua, Nigeria).

### **Share Your Passion: “Retirement Fun” with Loren Hurwitz**

Tuesday, May 4 at 7:45pm (immediately after minyan)

Retirement is your chance to turn the page and concentrate on the activities that matter to you. In this session, our own Loren Hurwitz will share how he turned his “toys” into adult hobbies that are fun and meaningful. You'll also get a chance to talk about the hobbies and pastimes that are making your senior years “golden”. Together, we'll spark new ideas – and maybe meet some fellow congregants who share our interests.

### **Scholar in Residence: “Plague, Libel & Suspicion” with Tzafrir Barzilay**

Sunday, May 23 at 1:00pm

Sadly, we are once again living through a plague year. Previous plagues have brought devastation, but it is the aftermath of plagues that may be even more dangerous. Historically, plagues have unleashed social unrest, wars, famines – and, of course, waves of violent antisemitism.

Join us to listen to the lessons of history, from a scholar whose research is focused on plagues and their aftermath. Tzafrir Barzilay is a Kreitman Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. His forthcoming book, “Poisoned Wells: Accusation, Persecution and Minorities in Medieval Europe 1321-1422” is about to be published by University of Pennsylvania Press.

Register online: Visit [www.bethelyardley.org](http://www.bethelyardley.org) or use this link to register on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693?pwd=ZUkuc2R5dDhHbHNeM0EenClnTlAwbEPIRQZGk> This is a separate Zoom link from Virtual Beth El.

## Erev Shavuot Cheesecake Chats (Virtual Programming)

Sunday, May 16 (see time schedule below; Shavuot Service Schedule times on page 5)

Once again, we will be hosting a “Tikkun Leil Shavuot,” a/k/a an adult learning teach-in, on the afternoon and evening leading up to Shavuot. Please join us for one or all of our sessions!

- **2:00pm - 3:00pm: Laura Szabo Cohen**

- Thou Shalt Not Covet - A Jewish Take on Minimalism by Marie Kondblatt**

Okay, it's not really Marie Kondblatt. But Laura promises that it'll still be good inspiration as we prepare for Shavuot.

- **3:00pm - 4:00pm: Ruth Schapira**

The Inner Meaning of 'Thou Shalt Not Covet'

What makes the wording of this commandment so unique? Are there reasons why this commandment is the last of the Ten? We will explore the deeper meaning behind this commandment and grapple with thought-provoking questions to frame our learning."

- **6:30pm - 7:45pm: Bucks County Kehillah Teach-in**

- **8:00pm Erev Shavuot Services**

Join Rabbi Weiss for Erev Shavuot Services.



## Monthly Series

### Dive into Davening

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

Next Session: May 3

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

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## 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, May 20** at 7:45 pm, when we'll be discussing ***A History of the World in 6 Glasses*** by Tom Standage.

Discussion Leader: Sheldon Miller

About the book: continued on the next page



## **Beth El Book Club (continued)**

About the book: *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage.

**“There aren’t many books this entertaining that also provide a cogent crash course in ancient, classical and modern history.” -Los Angeles Times**

Beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola: In Tom Standage's deft, innovative account of world history, these six beverages turn out to be much more than just ways to quench thirst. They also represent six eras that span the course of civilization—from the adoption of agriculture, to the birth of cities, to the advent of globalization. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the twenty-first century through each epoch's signature refreshment. As Standage persuasively argues, each drink is in fact a kind of technology, advancing culture and catalyzing the intricate interplay of different societies. After reading this enlightening book, you may never look at your favorite drink in quite the same way again.

## **Looking Ahead: Beth El Book Club’s Choices for 2021 - 2022**

Want to read ahead? Our next session will be held on Thursday, July 15. The book under discussion will be *The Secret Gift* by Ted Gup. Discussion leader will be Arleen Barisa.

## **Adult Education Archive Page**

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

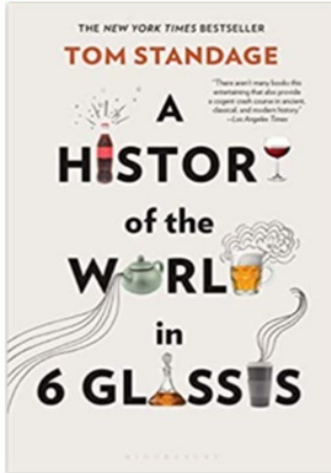
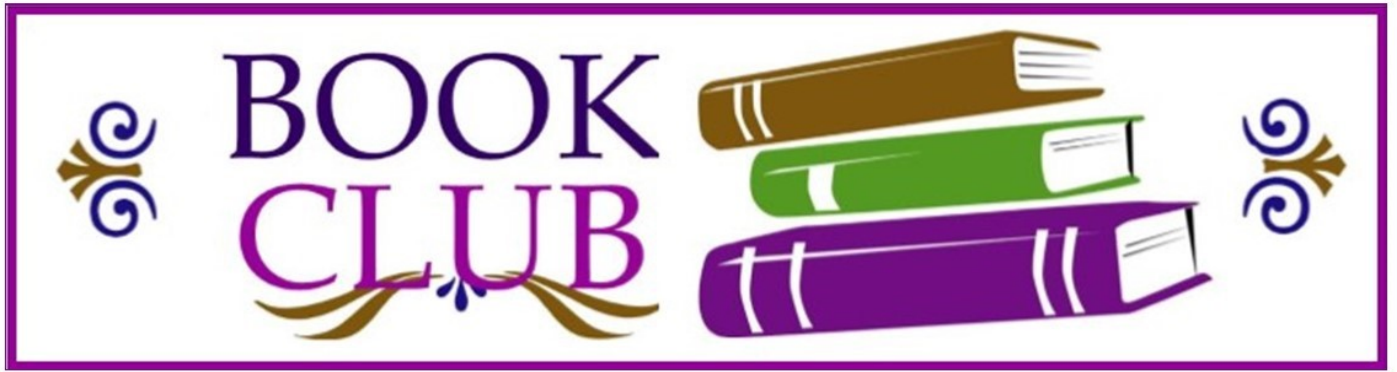
## **Adult Education Volunteers Wanted:**

We welcome your feedback and help as we continue to plan for 2021 - 2022.

- 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?



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**All are invited to attend, virtually**  
**Thursday, May 20**  
**7:45pm** Following Minyan

***A History of the World in 6 Glasses***  
 by Tom Standage  
**Discussion facilitator: Sheldon Miller**

**About our book club: All adults – both men and women – encouraged to attend!**

About the Book:

**The New York Times Bestseller**

Beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea, and Coca-Cola: In Tom Standage's deft, innovative account of world history, these six beverages turn out to be much more than just ways to quench thirst. They also represent six eras that span the course of civilization—from the adoption of agriculture, to the birth of cities, to the advent of globalization. *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* tells the story of humanity from the Stone Age to the twenty-first century through each epoch's signature refreshment. As Standage persuasively argues, each drink is in fact a kind of technology, advancing culture and catalyzing the intricate interplay of different societies. After reading this enlightening book, you may never look at your favorite drink in quite the same way again.

**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, July 15 7:45pm ***The Secret Gift*** by Ted Gup



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## MINDFULLY SOOTHING THE BODY AND SOUL

*Spring Awakening*

**Jewish Meditation Sessions**  
**Tuesdays May 11, 25 & June 8, 22**  
**10:45am - 11:15am**

- 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
  - ⇒ Adath Israel, Lawrenceville, New Jersey
  - ⇒ 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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## Last class will be Wednesday, May 12



*Shalt Thou Cancel Thy Neighbor?*

*Wednesdays*

*10:00am - 10:50am*

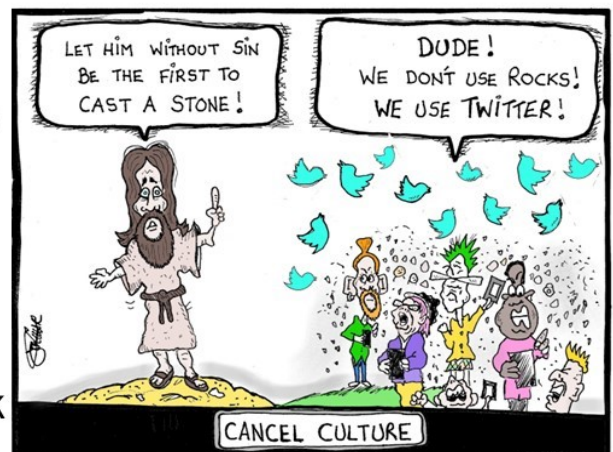
*Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss*

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.

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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](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.

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join virtually. Click on the Virtual Beth El Icon.

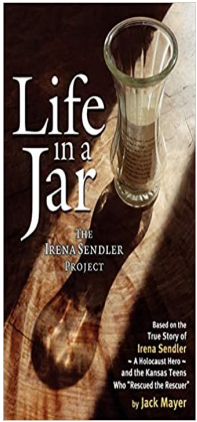
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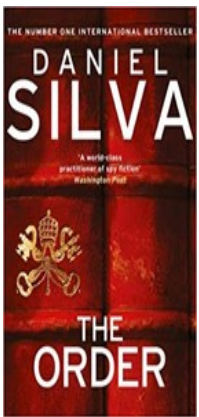
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## Items Discussed at April 18, 2021, Book Nosh Zoom Meeting



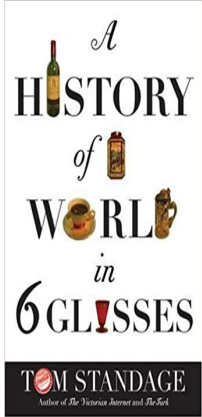
**Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project**, by Jack Mayer. In the wake of Holocaust Remembrance Day, it was only appropriate that we started our discussion with a couple of stories of Jewish survival. First, we discussed this book about a Polish Catholic social worker, named Irena Sendler, who saved 2,500 Jewish children from certain death in the Warsaw ghetto. After the war her story was suppressed by the Polish government. It was rediscovered by three high school girls from a rural school district in Kansas, working on a history project. They turned it into a play they called *Life in a Jar*, which eventually became a worldwide sensation.



**The Order**, by Daniel Silva. This is book number 20 in the popular thriller series, which features the former Israeli intelligence operative Gabriel Allon. Allon, who would like nothing better than to settle down to a quiet life of an art restorer, keeps getting called back from retirement to deal with one more vicious Palestinian terrorist. Many of our Book Nosh members can't wait to get their hands on the latest instalment in the series. For those who have never heard of Daniel Silva, you may wish to give it a try. But start with the first book in this series (not the first book published by Silva), called **The Kill Artist**, and work your way to the latest installment.



**The Collector's Apprentice**, by B. A. Shapiro. This is the final volume in a trilogy that also includes **The Art Forger** and **The Muralist**. If you like stories that mix interesting characters, plot twists, and lots of detail about the art world and the people who inhabit it, you'll like this series of novels, actually based on true events. This latest volume centers on the story of Albert Barnes, who acquired a wonderful collection of impressionist art and built a museum in Merion, PA, to house it. He despised the Philadelphia art establishment and left a will prohibiting his collection from being moved. After his death, the Philadelphia art establishment stole the collection and moved it to Philadelphia, turning the original museum building and grounds into a storage shed. They spend a lot of time and money patting themselves on the back for this "achievement."



**A History Of The World In Six Glasses.** Tom Standage. An excellent non-fiction book sure to appeal to readers of all ages and genders who like to imbibe their history effortlessly and with a beverage of their choice. The author manages to talk about Mesopotamia, Egypt, ancient Rome, medieval Europe, and the Enlightenment while ostensibly discussing beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea and Coca-Cola. This book is the May selection for the **Beth El Book Club**. It will be discussed at the next Book Club meeting on **Thursday, May 20, at 7:45pm** (right after minyan).



**Waiting for Anya** is a 2020 movie (based on a true story as they say) currently available on Amazon Prime. It is a film adaptation of a YA novel of the same name by Michael Morpurgo. It is set in a southern French village, occupied by Nazi soldiers during WWII. The entire village cooperates to rescue a group of Jewish children and smuggle them over the mountains into Spain. Somewhat simplistic and saccharine but may be an easy-to-take introduction to the horrors of the Holocaust for young people who have yet to run across this slice of history in their school curricula.



*For the literary omnivore who likes to graze*

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



# Wandering Jews

## Next stop: Stockholm, Sweden



The Wandering Jews series connects us to the contemporary Jewish experience around the world. We are opening conversations with far-flung Jewish congregations, to learn about one another in the context of common issues we all face as Jews. Next stop: Stockholm, Sweden.

*Sunday, May 9 at 1:30 pm*



*Rabbi Ute Steyer and  
The Great Synagogue of Stockholm  
(Sweden's largest synagogue)*

*Join us for a transatlantic conversation  
about being Jewish publicly.*

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Join Congregation Beth El Members for a  
Virtual Workshop with

**Loren Hurwitz**

***“Retirement Fun”***

**Tuesday, May 4 7:45pm**  
**(immediately following minyan)**

Turning toys into meaningful adult hobbies is only one activity helping me have fun as I achieve my goal of being retired the same number of years that I worked. I have six more years to go and want to share some of these hobbies, but also want to learn what others are doing. So bring your toys, and let's have some fun!

My 31 year professional career was in, and around, Information Technology. I've also volunteered with many non-profits, including the Lambertville Historical Society, for whom I lead historical walking tours of Lambertville. I've taught religious school in Reform, Reconstructionist, and Conservative synagogues. I've been a member of Congregation Beth El since about 1994.

The workshop will be 30 - 45 minutes including a question and answer format.

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

**Thursday, May 27**

**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.

For more information contact: Scott Kravitz; [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

SUNDAY AT 11:00AM

MAY 30

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

JOIN VIA THE BETH EL ZOOM LINK





## ***SHARE SHABBAT DINNER HAS GONE VIRTUAL!***

**Friday, May 21 7:00pm**

Times have definitely changed with the pandemic. Share Shabbat Dinners will now be held on ZOOM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. What a great way to still make connections with other members of our Beth El community!

RSVP by Wednesday, May 19 to [shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com). You will be placed with other families for the virtual Share Shabbat Dinner. In order to participate, you must have the Zoom App.

We look forward seeing you at the Shabbat table!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at: [shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:shareshabbatdinner@yahoo.com) or call Susan Strouse at 215-355-8999 or Cara Weissman at 713-899-0354. Future dates: 6/18.

Susan Strouse  
Cara Weissman  
Share Shabbat Dinner Committee

# ***Usher in Shabbat with Music***

***Join Your Friends on Zoom  
for***

## ***Shiru l'Adonai***

***Friday May 28***

***Friday, June 25***

***at 6:00pm***

***on the Beth El Link***

**Marc Finkel Music Director**



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## Cooking Hot Meals for the Homeless



A hearty THANK YOU to Felice Bernstein, Linda Greenberg, and Joy Finkel for cooking hot meals in their homes for Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) just before Pesach began. A special shout out to Benjamin Greenberg for helping to transport the meals! The project is off to a great start and we encourage others to take part in this mitzvah by signing up to help cook, even as little as one meal for one person one time. Anyone can sign up to cook and package dinners in their own home! All dinners should be packaged in a plastic or aluminum

disposable container and include plastic utensils and a napkin. All meals should include a protein, a vegetable, a carbohydrate, and a piece of fruit or dessert. Deliver the HOT meals to Felice Bernstein at 129 Knightsbridge Drive, Yardley from 4:00pm - 4:15pm on the day you have selected and she will make a delivery to St. John's Church in Yardley where people without homes are fed. To sign up to cook meals, click on this Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DABA628A7F85-cooking>. For more information, contact Felice at 215-499-9368 or fdmmm@verizon.net. NOTE: there are no provisions for storing any leftovers.

## Monthly Food Collection Drive

During the month of March, Beth El & the Breakfast Club for Seniors packed and collected more than **1,100 breakfast bags** for senior citizens in need. These bags included oatmeal, instant breakfast drink mix, fruit cups, granola bars, snack crackers, fruit or vegetable juice, tea bags, and instant coffee packets. Many thanks to our Beth El family, Abrahams Hebrew Academy, Pennsbury National Honor Society students, and the greater Yardley community for their outpouring of support in donating so generously to feed the hungry. The Bucks County Opportunity Council, the county's largest anti-poverty organization, filled their signature fruit and vegetable truck with our donations and are delighted to be partnering with us! Stay tuned for an update on the success of our April protein collection drive.



## SNAP Challenge



Kudos to all those who participated in our SNAP Challenge (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as "food stamps") that took place April 24 – May 1. The purpose of the challenge was to help raise awareness about the stress of poverty and the extreme difficulty of eating on a food budget of just \$4.75/day per person. The awareness raised by personally participating was meant to provide a taste of the difficulties of feeding a family on such a minimal allotment. By educating ourselves in this first-hand way, we hope to inspire further awareness about the stresses of living in poverty and how we can all become change-makers and informed advocates. THANK YOU to Joy Finkel, Beth Sadoff, Eli Sadoff, and Debbie Sokol for organizing this powerful experience for our community to learn, grow, and inspire future activism around anti-poverty initiatives.



## Social Action Committee Members

Thank you to our re-booted Social Action Committee for all their leadership and hard work in launching these programs! Members of the committee include: Linda Greenberg & Debbie Wachspress (co-chairs), Diane Axelrod, Felice Bernstein, Merry Eisenstadt, Joy Finkel, Melissa Hubsher Freedman, Ruth Laks, Judy Nussbaum, Rachael Oring, and Debbie Sokol. If interested in getting involved with the committee, please email the committee co-chairs at [socialaction@bethelyardley.org](mailto:socialaction@bethelyardley.org). Everyone is welcome!

### May

**Amazon Wish List - Spice Up Spring**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24YROGBQVZ7VI?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24YROGBQVZ7VI?ref=wl_share)

#### Financial Contributions

Mail directly to the address listed on the flyer -

Checks made out to Breakfast Club for Seniors OR via Paypal

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/Breakfast4seniors>

### June

**Amazon Wish List - Healthy food collection**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28G1F2YKK3UAZ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28G1F2YKK3UAZ?ref=wl_share)

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## Spice Up Spring with a Spice Kit Drive

It's as easy as 1-2-3 to create spice kits with Bucks County Opportunity Council for families in need!

- 1 Purchase pre-packaged, non-perishable foods and a clear gallon zip lock bag (see suggestions below).
- 2 Every Spice kit should include 4-6 spices and 1 oil.
- 3 Assemble as many bags as you like!

Drop off in bin in front of the garage by:

**Thursday, May 23th.**

1498 E Revere Rd Yardley, PA 19067



Any items listed below may be dropped in the bin in place of assembled Ziploc bags. Or, click here to purchase items through our special [Amazon link](#) and they will ship directly to us. To make a financial contribution through PayPal, [click here](#) or send a check payable to Breakfast Club for Seniors to the address above. All donations are 100% tax-deductible (501(c)3 organization ID # 46-4567353).

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|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| • Olive Oil   | • Thyme    | • Onion Powder  |
| • Avocado Oil | • Cinnamon | • Garlic Powder |
| • Canola Oil  | • Basil    | • Cumin         |

**Every spice kit should have 4-6 spices and 1 oil.**

Please NO homemade food, no items that need refrigeration, no items that need a can opener, and no glass containers.

Contact Rachael Oring at [rachoring@gmail.com](mailto:rachoring@gmail.com) or call 609-658-8623 for more information!



**HELP**  
Bucks County Opportunity Council  
FILL PANTRY SHELVES WITH:  
**GLUTEN FREE, LOW SODIUM, HEALTHY  
FOODS IS WHAT WE NEED!**  
Drop off no later than June 18th

**Ways you can give:**  
Donate food & drop it off  
OR  
click below for helpful links  
Amazon Food Wish List  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28G1F2YKK3UAZ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28G1F2YKK3UAZ?ref=wl_share)  
PayPal Donations:  
<http://paypal.me/Breakfast4seniors>

**Drop off all food in  
front of the garage  
by June 18:**  
1498 E. Revere Rd  
Yardley, PA 19067

**Suggested items:**  
Canned Vegetables  
Dried Fruits  
Gluten free protein bars  
Canned meats soups  
Cereal  
Nuts  
Beef Jerky  
Rice  
Beans  
Flax  
Kasaha  
Nut flour  
Gluten free snacks

Click here to purchase items through our special Amazon link - Gluten-Free, low sodium, healthy items- Food Drive, and they will ship directly to us. To make a financial contribution through PayPal, click here or send a check payable to Breakfast Club for Seniors to the address above. All donations are 100% tax-deductible (501(c)3 organization ID # 46-4567353). Please NO homemade food, no items that need refrigeration and no glass containers.

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Providing nutritious meals  
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# 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).



## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

June 28th - August 27th

### **Monday - Thursday**

8:30am - 3:00pm

### **Friday**

8:30pm - 12:00pm

# Happy Father's Day

# Happy Mother's Day



## ***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

Sunday at 7:30pm

### **Sunday Morning Services:**

8:00am

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## ***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).





**WELCOME**

## Congregation Beth El Welcomes New Member...

Doug Greene



- ◆ Mazel Tov to Lisa and Kevin Haimovitz in honor of Bryn begin called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Stacye and Joe Freed in honor of Justin being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Meredith and Peter Landau in honor of Connor being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

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

- ◆ Laurie (Al) Kleinhaus, on the passing of her mother, Gertrude Meyers, z"l; grandmother of Michelle (Lee) Schachter; great-grandmother of Andrew, Alexis and Jake.
- ◆ John (Barbara Bess-Pashak) Pashak, on the passing of his sister, Mary Coad, z"l; aunt to Heather Pashak and Jeremy (Jena) Pashak; great aunt to Ethan.
- ◆ Aron (Ella Goldmacher) Galonsky, on the passing of his mother, Leona Galonsky, z"l; grandmother of Greg and Rebecca.
- ◆ The Family of Barbara Shandelman, z"l.
- ◆ Stuart (Carol Benderson-Lichter) Lichter on the passing of his mother, Phyllis Cowan, z"l.
- ◆ Bill (Arleen) Barisa on the passing of his mother, Florence Barisa, z"l.
- ◆ The Pashak Family and Jena on the passing of her mother, Linda Jenofsky; past member of Temple Sinai and guest to Congregation Beth El.



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23-1538398](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1538398)**



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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](mailto:mail@jeremyheller.com)  
for more information.



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Siddur  
Lev Shalem  
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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.

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

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

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9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
8:37am Havdalah

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade)  
10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School  
11:00am Social Action: SNAP Challenge Discussion on Beth El Zoom  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm One to One Relational Meeting

**MONDAY, MAY 3**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 4**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Share Your Passion Workshop "Retirement Fun"  
Facilitator: Loren Hurwitz

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**

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)  
6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:43pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, MAY 8****Parashat Behar-Bechukotai**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
10:00am B'nai Mitzvah University (BMU 5th - 7th grade and parents)  
8:44pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, MAY 9****Mother's Day****No FJLC or HaMoadon**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
1:30pm Wandering Jews: Stockholm, Sweden  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm One on One Relational Meeting

**MONDAY, MAY 10****Yom Yerushalayim**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 11**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:45am Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Spring Awakening Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12****Rosh Chodesh Sivan**

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, MAY 13**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 14**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Confirmation  
7:49pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, MAY 15****Parashat Bemidbar**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
10:30am Shabbat Playdate (age 5 and younger)  
8:50pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, MAY 16****Erev Shavuot****No Evening Minyan**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:30am FJLC & HaMoadon in person program in person  
2:00pm "Cheesecake Chats" Thou Shalt Not Covet  
Facilitator: Laura Szabo Cohen  
3:00pm "Cheesecake Chats" The Inner Meaning of Thou Shalt Not Covet Facilitator: Ruth Schapira  
6:30pm Bucks County Kehillah Shavuot Teach In  
7:51pm Candle Lighting  
8:00pm Erev Shavuot Services

**MONDAY, MAY 17****Office closed****No Evening Minyan**

9:30am Shavuot Services I  
8:52pm Candle Lighting

**TUESDAY, MAY 18****Office closed****No Evening Minyan**

9:30am Shavuot Services II including Yizkor Services  
8:53pm Havdalah

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study  
Session Facilitator: Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Book Club "The History of the World in 6 Glasses by Tim Standage Facilitator: Sheldon Miller

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner –prior registration required  
7:56pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, MAY 22****Parashat Nasso**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including the Bat Mitzvah of Bryn Haimovitz  
8:57pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
1:00pm Scholar-in-Residence: Tzafrir Barzily  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm One on One Relational Meeting

**MONDAY, MAY 24**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:00pm Board of Director's Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:45am Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Spring Awakening Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 27**

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, MAY 28****Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Shiru 'Adonai Musical Shabbat  
8:02pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, MAY 29****Parashat Beha'alotcha**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:02pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, MAY 30**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
11:00am The Women of Beth El The Secret Torah of Women: Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, MAY 31****Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5****Parashat Sh'lach**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
10:30am Shabbat Playdate (age 5 and younger & their caregiver)  
9:07pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
11:00am The Women of Beth El & Hazak Program  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm One on One Relational Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:45am Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Spring Awakening Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10****Rosh Chodesh Tamuz**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Teachings in Jewish Renewal/Study Session  
Facilitator: Seth Fishman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm Annual Meeting

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11****Rosh Chodesh Tamuz**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12****Parashat Korach**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including Bar Mitzvah of Justin Freed  
9:11pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
9:00am Outdoor Morning Minyan Service  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services  
7:00pm Share Shabbat Dinner - prior registration required  
8:13pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19****Parashat Chukat**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services including Bar Mitzvah of Connor Landau  
9:13pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20****Father's Day**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
7:30pm Evening Minyan  
7:45pm One on One Relational Meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
10:45am Mindfully Soothing the Body and Soul: Spring Awakening Facilitator: Cantor Flo Friedman  
7:30pm Evening Minyan

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**

8:00am Morning Minyan  
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Shiru l'Adonai Musical Shabbat  
8:14pm Candle Lighting

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26****Parashat Balak**

9:30am Shabbat Morning Services  
9:14pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27****Tzom Tammuz**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 28**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

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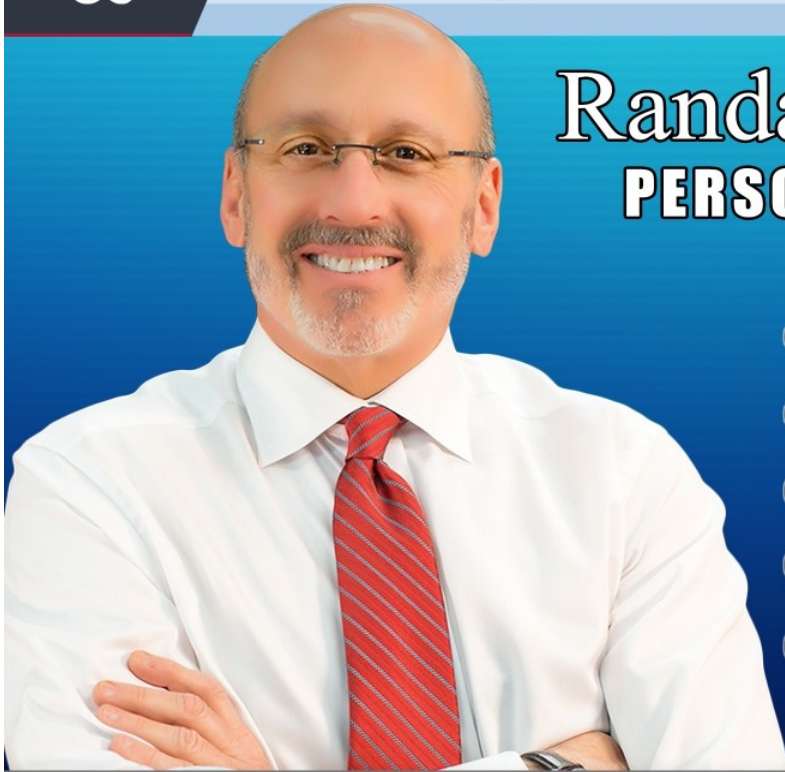
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