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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Schedule of Services

Monday - Friday

Morning Minyan 7:00am & 8:00am
on holidays
(in person & virtual)

Monday - Thursday

Evening Minyan 7:30pm
(virtual only)

Friday Evening Services

6:00pm (in person & virtual)

Saturday Morning Services

9:30am (in person & virtual)

Sunday Minyan

Morning Minyan 8:00am
& holidays
(in person & virtual)

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Reset the mi she'beirahk 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 barbara@bethelyardley.org or call 215-493-1707, prior to the reset date.

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Deadlines for the Shofar are on the 16th of the month **prior** to the new edition coming out; except if it falls on Shabbat or a Jewish holiday.



I have always been taught that Jews are from one of two ethnic backgrounds: Ashkenazic or Sephardic. Ashkenazic Jews are from Eastern and Central Europe. Everyone else is Sephardic...or so I thought. It was not until this past summer while talking with Ken Kaissar that I learned that there are Jews who do not fall neatly into either of these categories. I was right about Ashkenazic Jews. They do mostly come from Eastern and Central Europe. But the rest of the Jewish population are not, in fact, all Sephardic. Jews of the Iberian Peninsula (e.g. Spain, Portugal) and Northern Africa (e.g. Morocco and Algeria) are generally Sephardic Jews. The third major group are Mizrahi Jews who are from Middle Eastern ancestry (e.g. Iraq, Yemen, and Egypt). Besides these major groups there are many smaller groups encompassing a single geographic area (e.g. the Felashim from Ethiopia and the Igbo from Nigeria).

I've been thinking a lot about this over the last few months. How is it that I went to Akiba Hebrew Academy and Camp Ramah and never learned that there are more than two ethnic backgrounds? I was reminded of this misinformation on Shabbat, when in our Etz Chaim Chumash some of the Haftorot are delineated by only Ashkenazic and Sephardic portions. I pointed this out to Ken, and he replied simply, "I'm not in there. I guess I don't count." He didn't seem upset about it...but I was. I think what upset me the most is that I am not the only one who has been taught this way.

You might be wondering why I chose to write about this. First, is to hopefully spark the interest of some of you who were taught the way I was to learn more about the diverse ethnic backgrounds of Judaism. Second, because I think it relates to how we look at our own community. I recently met with Larry Schachter and Mindy Albuck, our Rabbinic Search Committee Chairpeople, to discuss the composition of the committee. We all agreed that we wanted a diverse committee, but what, exactly does that mean? Which demographics are the important ones to use as we select congregants for the committee? We discussed general things like age, gender, and family (e.g. young family or empty nester). We talked about specific things like if they go to services or serve on a committee (no, ethnic background was not discussed). After a very long discussion, we came up with a list of people which we hope reflects the broad demographics of our community. Along with Mindy, Larry, and me (as an ex-officio member) the Search Committee members are: Andrew Braverman, Stephanie Bunin, Robin Cohen, Eric Fishbein, Michelle Flash, Phil Freidenreich, Helene Geiger, Jen Goldstein, Amy Kaissar, Norman Marinoff, Rich Oring, Beth Sadoff, Leon Weissman, Jack Wellerstein, and Steve Young. This committee will be working endless hours over the next few months writing our application, reading rabbi's resumes, meeting with candidates, and arranging for congregational visits. It is an arduous task, and I thank them all for sitting on the committee.

As we start the search for our next spiritual leader, we are blessed that Rabbi Weiss will still be with us for the next eight months. I do not want to wait eight months, however, to thank Rabbi Weiss and her family on behalf of the entire congregation for their support, dedication and love over the past two+ years. As we all know, the past year and a half have been incredibly challenging for all of us – and that is especially true for Rabbi Weiss who has had to navigate COVID while trying to get to know each of us, serving as our spiritual leader over Zoom and helping to keep our community cohesive and connected – while at the same time raising her own family. I am confident that whatever path Rabbi Weiss and Rabbi Rank choose, they will be successful and wish them only the very best.

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

Elizabeth Ravitch
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Shalom friends,

Believe it or not, it is already November, and as our kids are eager to remind us, Hanukkah is nigh upon us. The Talmud recounts a famous debate between students of the School of Shammai and students of the School of Hillel. Discussing the question of how to kindle the Hanukkah candelabra, Shammai insisted, “Pochet v’holekh” – that the number of candles is successively decreased. Therefore, we light eight candles on the first night, seven candles on the second night, and so on. Hillel, on the other hand, asserted, “Mosif v’holekh” – that the number of candles is increased, beginning with one candle on the first night, two on the second night, and so on.

We need to understand that this was not an arbitrary dispute. Rather, this controversy reveals divergent points of view; different attitudes and stances toward life. Students of Beit (the school of) Shammai were hard-headed realists, perhaps with a touch of cynicism. Students of Beit Hillel were idealists and visionaries. Truth be told, we are all – each of us in one way or another, and at different times – students of one school or another.

The realist can always point to some undeniable aspect of experience that encompasses both the physical and human worlds. In the physical world, for example, even the tallest candle eventually burns out; physical objects crumble and the hardest, most durable substances eventually disintegrate. The physicists’ Second Law of Thermodynamics asserts that all energy gradually runs down.

The same applies in the human sphere. We all begin enterprises with enthusiasm and hope. But familiarity and daily repetition dulls our enthusiasm. Cynics, in discussing marriage, for example, often describe it as a “settling down.” The same weariness, they insist, takes hold of us in our chosen careers, in our volunteer work, and in the enthusiasm we once brought to Jewish life. The principle that applies in the physical world – a creeping dullness and waning energy– also applies to these areas of human existence. Therefore, they insist, in the spirit of Beit Shammai, we diminish the number of candles to reflect what takes place in real life.

Students of Beit Hillel disagree. They maintain that from the perspective of Jewish faith, we need to add candles. View life in this world, they would insist, from the perspective of what we are capable of becoming. G-d alone is; Man is yet to be. Jewish faith is messianic, anchored in the hope for a brighter future. For the prophets, the ‘golden age’ lay not in the past, but in the future. “In the days to come,” the prophets declare; or “it shall come to pass,” or “behold a great day is coming.” Beit Hillel would insist that human beings are the only creatures with the power to transcend themselves or to transform their societies.

And in the human sphere, real friendships do not have to peter out; real marriages do not have to become ‘humdrum;’ they can grow stronger, and the gifts with which we are blessed – nature, music, laughter, family, people, and faith – can grow. The “way of life,” Beit Hillel would tell us, leads upward.

And as for the rabbinic debate, long ago our tradition decided to favor the school of Hillel. The increasing candles we light on Hanukkah should be a sign that whatever it is we hold precious, whatever it is we hold sacred, we should add new understanding, fresh insight, and for Jews, more good deeds, lest, G-d forbid, they may be diminished and we with them.

As we approach Hanukkah this year, light more Hanukkah candles, by all means, and remember to add, in every way, more light each day.

With blessings of meaning and light,

Rabbi Weiss
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As I write this, I realized that it has been two months since I started as Principal at Congregation Beth El and what an awesome two months it has been.

We had successful High Holiday Junior Congregation Programs. The students were so thrilled to be back and their enthusiasm was contagious.

For our first two days of Religious School, we all had school programs to learn about and celebrate the fall holidays. We did a Tashlich program, decorated the sukkah, spent time in the sukkah, learned about Ushpezin (special Sukkot visitors) and invited our own, wrote our Hebrew names in Torah Script, made flags for Simchat Torah, and more. It is wonderful to see the community where the students and teachers are creating together as they learn.



Thank you to Abigail Greenberg for facilitating a Tallit Making Workshop for our sixth and seventh grade students as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The tallitot are so creative and hold meaning for each of the students. They also learned how to tie the tzitzit, fringes, and what all the knots and coils mean.

Upcoming events and activities during November and December:

BMU - B'nai Mitzvah University (5th - 7th grade): November 20 and December 4

Tot Shabbat: November 6 and December 6

FJLC Hanukkah Program: December 5



Mazel Tov to the recent and upcoming B'nai Mitzvah Families...

Casey and Skylar Jelen

Alina Dorfman

Jordyn Algazi

Charlie Lewin

Ethan Braverman

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Shari Sabath, MEd

Principal

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Robyn Hessberger: Treasurer



My family moved to Yardley 25 years ago and joined Congregation Beth El shortly after. The congregation's friendly and welcoming environment was a big part of our decision to join. My husband Lee, son Marc and daughter Elyse have enjoyed many happy occasions at Beth El. My husband and I have both been very involved. Lee had served as Treasurer for many years and Men's Club President. I was a co-chair of the Membership Committee and spent several years directing Beth El's then preschool. I am a Certified Public Accountant and the Assistant Business Administrator of a public school district in New Jersey. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer.

Lee Kirsh: 2nd Vice President



My name is Lee Kirsh and I am currently a Vice President of Congregation Beth El. My wife, Stacy, and I are native to Lower Bucks County and live in Langhorne. We have three children – Dora (19), Leyna (16), and Eli (12). We've been members since 2013, following our search for a spiritual home and a place to enroll our children in religious school. Upon setting foot in the shul, we immediately felt the warmth and embrace of the community and knew we belonged. Being active at Beth El is fulfilling to me and sets a good example for our children.

Judaism has played a big role throughout my life. My grandparents were survivors of the Shoah and taught me life lessons I carry with me every day. As a child, I spent my summers at the JCC in Ewing and URJ Camp Harlem in the Poconos and I was very active in synagogue youth programs. I was excited to see my children get involved in USY and spend their Summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. We are currently planning Eli's Bar Mitzvah at Beth El next Spring.

I am Managing Partner of Advantage Insurance, an independent agency in Langhorne Borough, where I specialize in developing business and personal insurance solutions for my clients. I enjoy competing year-round in roller hockey, bowling in a fundraising league and rooting for my favorite teams – Philadelphia Flyers and Penn State Nittany Lions. Currently, you're likely to find me most days at the Grundy Ice Arena in Bristol or rooting for the field hockey and lacrosse teams on the George School turf.

Ken Kaissar: Membership Committee Chair & Religious Activities Committee



Ken Kaissar has been a member at Beth El since 2009. Currently, he is a Co-Producing Director at the Bristol Riverside Theatre. He holds a BFA in directing from Carnegie Mellon University and an MFA in playwriting from Columbia University. Ken is also the host of the podcast *The Audition Helper* available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and wherever you get podcasts. He spent 14 years moonlighting as a paralegal at the law firm Skadden Arps, Meagher and Flom in order to support his theatre habit. Ken is also a playwright and his plays have been performed or developed by the Philadelphia Theatre Company, Delaware Theatre Company, Phoenix Theatre Company, Fusion Theatre Company, Wordsmyth Theater Company, Jewish Repertory Theatre, Urban Stages and Passage Theatre. His play *THE VICTIMS OR WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT* (published by McFarland & Company, Inc.) was developed by Golden Thread Productions and Silk Road Rising. His adaptation of Geoffrey Chaucer's *THE CANTERBURY TALES* was commissioned by Columbia University. His other plays include *A MODEST SUGGESTION* (available on Amazon), and *A LEG UP*.

Wendy Algazi: Board Member



Both raised in Yardley, my husband Jon and I moved back to the area from Lafayette Hill in 2009 when our older daughter Jordyn was 2 years old. Growing up, Judaism played a big role in my life, starting with nursery school, kindergarten and camp days at the JCC in Ewing. Jon and I actually met at a JCC Mommy and Me in 1980! We both grew up in conservative synagogues and USY was an important part of my life during my high school years. Jon and I served as USY Co-Presidents, even winning most improved chapter. I attended the University of Delaware and have worked in the field of IT audit and controls compliance since graduation. We have two girls Jordyn, age 13 and Lexi, age 10. I enjoy cooking, eating, reading, traveling, exercising, shopping and spending time with family and friends. We are excited and thankful to be planning Jordyn's Bat Mitzvah at Beth El this November. We truly appreciate the warmth and community that Beth El provides and I'm enjoying my time on the board.

Tom Moore: Board Member & Inclusivity Committee Chair



Shalom, everyone! My name is Thomas Moore, and I'm proud to serve on the Beth El Board. I'm even prouder to be a member of the Beth El community, which I've called home for the past three-plus years. I live in Langhorne with my husband, Steven Schimchak and our very spoiled French Bulldog, Kevin Quigley. Professionally, I am proud to work for Glenmede Trust Company in Philadelphia, where I serve as a Relationship Manager on Glenmede's Endowment and Foundation Management team. I moved to Bucks County in 2006 for a position at Merrill Lynch in Hopewell, NJ, where I worked for about a dozen years. I previously lived in Reading, PA, where I worked for the Berks County Community Foundation as a development officer and as an attorney in private practice. When I am not working or engaged at Beth El, I've been a long-time volunteer with the Reading Buccaneers Drum & Bugle Corps. I have also volunteered with my alma mater and various LGBTQ organizations and causes. I am a proud alumnus of Gettysburg College and the Dickinson School of Law, and I also hold a Master of Laws degree from Villanova University.

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MONDAY, OCT 18TH 8:00P TO 10:00P
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Join us at Congregation Beth El as we celebrate Shabbat!

TOT SHABBAT

LED by teacher and Congregation Beth El member CARYN BOISSELLE

CHILDREN ages 0 - 5 & PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS

Do you have small children or grandchildren? Enjoy an engaging service with singing, stories, and tons of fun! All are welcome to attend.

Saturdays 10:00am

November 6

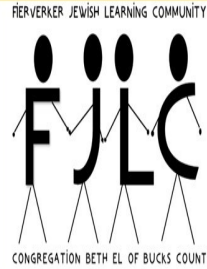
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Visit www.bethelyardley.org to sign up.



Calling all 5th - 7th
Graders

Pray

Learn

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Study

Enjoy

Saturday Services
10:00am - 12:00pm

November 20

December 4

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 6th and 7th grades, it is strongly recommended that B'nai Mitzvah learners attend Shabbat morning service at least once a month in order to become familiar with the service and gain comfort as both a participant and leader. For more information call the Education Office, 215-493-1707 x3.



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Jordyn Algazi — November 6



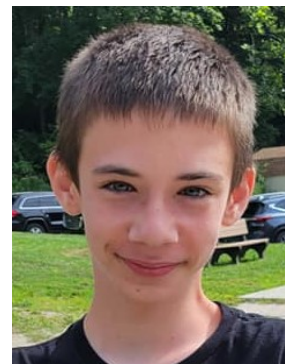
Jordyn Algazi, daughter of Wendy and Jon Algazi, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 6, 2021. For her mitzvah project, Jordyn wanted to help the community during the pandemic. She raised \$3000, which was used to provide meals from local restaurants to essential workers such as nurses at St. Mary Medical Center, local grocery store employees and nursing home employees at the Watermark Senior Living in Philadelphia where Jordyn's great-grandmother Toni (Nona) used to live. Additionally, Jordyn gathered clothing from her own closet as well as friends and family and donated a significant amount of clothing to the organization Cradles to Crayons. This organization works to provide children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. Mazel Tov!

Charlie Lewin — November 13



Charlie Lewin, son of Karen and Joe Lewin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 13, 2021. For his mitzvah project Charlie wanted to focus on literacy as he has a great love of reading. Charlie found out that in the 200+ public schools in Philadelphia, only 7 of them have functioning libraries with teacher librarians. Every teacher in the Philadelphia public schools is required to have a library in their classroom but they aren't given any money to create one. Charlie decided to run two book drives, one at his summer camp and one at his school to collect gently used books to donate to an organization called the Philly Book Bank. The Philly Book Bank helps teachers and the community get books and resources for the children they serve. Educators are able to get up to 375 books per school year, as well as supplemental classroom supplies. Charlie's book drives collected over 3,000 books to benefit Philadelphia public school children. Mazel Tov!

Ethan Braverman — December 4



Ethan Braverman, son of Andrew and Jennifer Braverman will be called to the Torah on Saturday, December 4, 2021 for his 2.0 in person Bar Mitzvah. For his Bar Mitzvah Project he selected two of the themes from his Torah portion: dreams and hunger. Ethan learned about and raised \$1,500 for the Sunshine Foundation. The Sunshine Foundation's mission is to "answer the dreams of chronically ill, seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children ages three through eighteen, whose families cannot fulfill their requests due to financial strain that the child's illness may cause." Each year, the foundation makes children's dreams come true by sending them on a Dreamlift to Disneyworld for a day. Through the generous donations from Ethan's family and friends, as well as the Beth El community, Ethan was able to raise enough money to send four children on Dreamlifts. Ethan also helped the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) to combat hunger in our community. The JRA serves over 6,000 diverse low-income individuals and families in the Philadelphia area. Ethan visited the JRA warehouse multiple times over the past year to pack boxes of food and deliver the food to residents in the area. Mazel Tov!

Adult Ed – November and December 2021

From arts and culture to food to history to Jewish thought, you'll find a variety of programs for 2021-2022. Whether it's in person, on Zoom, evenings, weekends or weekdays, come join your friends for some interesting, fun, participatory and informative classes.

Weekday DAYTIME Learning

Dive Into Davening:

First Monday of the month, 12:30pm – 1:00pm, starting November 8

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 on Virtual Beth El)

Jews & Food:

Wednesdays, 10:00am - 10:50am Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

From Biblical times to today, Jews have had a complicated relationship with food. So many rules – and yet so many ways to use food in our traditions and celebrations. Join Rabbi Weiss as we explore the Jewish menu from a historical and cultural perspective. (Meets on Virtual Beth El)



Current Events Discussion Group:

Wednesdays, 11:00am - 11:50am

Come and discuss the latest news with a Jewish slant in our weekly 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 website is free; no subscription or sign-in required. The rules: Keep it interesting. Keep it civil. And end every session with a joke. (Meets on Virtual Beth El)



Walk & Talk:

Join Rabbi Weiss on Thursday November 4 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Meet at the Tyler State Park Boathouse parking lot. Bring your stadium chair, a water bottle, snack and comfortable walking shoes.

Weekday EVENING Learning

Beth El Book Club:

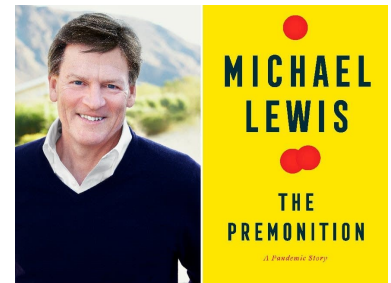
Meets on Thursdays at 7:45pm on Virtual Beth El

November 11, 2021: *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis

Facilitator: Alex Geiger

About the Book

"COVID versus the US. What went wrong? ...the lessons of "The Premonition" apply to more than just the CDC. They tell us why government bureaucracies fail..." "...non-fiction that reads like a thriller..." "Lewis...take(s) a group of characters to flesh out a complicated theme and turn(s) it into a gripping story..."



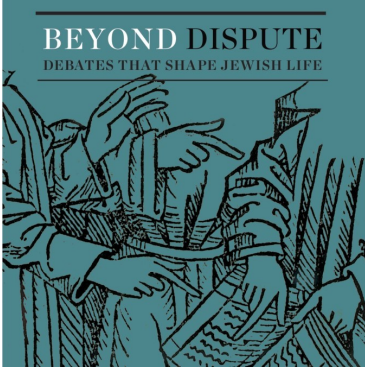
Want to read ahead? Future selections and book club dates will be...

December 2, 2021: *How to Make a Life: A Novel* by Florence Reiss Kraut

February 24, 2022: *Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century* by Jessica Bruder

March 31, 2022: *Eternal: A Novel* by Lisa Scottoline

May 26, 2022: *The Cellist* by Daniel Silva



Weekend Learning

Great Jewish Debates:

Sunday, November 21 at 2:00pm

The Beyond Dispute series offers substantive, text-based exploration of debates, some famous and others less-known, that have shaped Jewish life. The sessions uncover the essential questions that underlie the conflicts, and explore their resonance for contemporary Jewish life to build a more inclusive view of the Jewish past, present, and future.

Save These Dates in 2022!!

There is great Adult Ed programming coming your way in 2022.

Be sure to save these dates!

January 4, 7:45pm, on Virtual Beth El: Midrash Writing Class. Unleash your creativity in this hands-on writing workshop. We will pick a minor Biblical character, then “read between the lines” to imagine what the Torah left out. We will write a short Midrash (creative interpretation) during the workshop. No Torah expertise or writing experience required.

January 23, 10:30am, on Virtual Beth El: Book Nosh. Jewish-themed culture talk about books, films, music, art, or apps – usually with a side of bagels. Discussion leader: Alex Geiger

January 30, 10:00am, on Virtual Beth El: Wandering Jews/Uganda. We will continue our global travels, this time visiting a Jewish congregation in Uganda. Come learn about contemporary Jewish issues and compare notes on “doing Jewish” in Uganda, Africa.

February 8, 8:00pm, on Virtual Beth El: Hebrew Calligraphy Project. Hands-on workshop with artist Rachel Jackson. Learn how to create decorative Hebrew lettering and scrollwork, while making a Mizrach wall-art piece for your home. Advanced sign-up and purchase of Hebrew Calligraphy Kit (\$18 <https://www.bethelyardley.org/form/hebrew-calligraphy.html>; must purchase by Dec. 27).

February 27, starting at 10:00am, on Virtual Beth El: Wellness Day. Join congregants from Beth El and Brothers of Israel for topics and activities relating to health and wellness. Save the date now, watch for more information in upcoming emails.

We need your help! If you have ideas for programs; are good at social media; have art, photography or writing skills; or like to plan events... then we'd like to hear from you! All volunteers warmly welcomed. Please contact adulted@bethelyardley.org.

Beth El Book Club Off to a Great Start!



Beth El Book Club started out our reading year with a special treat – an author visit. Esther Amini, author of ***Concealed: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter Caught Between the Chador and America***, spent an hour with us on September 30. Esther gave us deeper insights about the book and what it was like to make the transition from a more-or-less medieval culture to modernity. She also did a reading from the book and answered audience questions.

If you missed her talk, it's not too late to catch up. You can find it on the Adult Ed Archives website page, or on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zQM7dIAAik>.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. We'll be discussing ***Premonition*** by Michael Lewis. The meeting is on Thursday, November 11 at 7:45pm. We will use the Virtual Beth El Zoom.

Don't Miss Out: Sign Up to Learn Hebrew Calligraphy from a Master Artist



Artist Rachel Jackson, of Binah Designs, will be teaching us Hebrew Calligraphy on February 8, 2022 on Virtual Beth El. She will teach us lettering and decorative scrollwork. We'll use her techniques to create our own piece of Hebrew "Mizrach" wall art for our homes. A "Mizrach", which means "East", is traditionally hung on an eastern wall to designate which direction to face when praying at home.

The class is informational, interactive, and a lot of fun. To get the most out of it, we strongly suggest that you buy a Hebrew Calligraphy Kit (\$18), which includes paper, tracing templates, and calligraphy pens. Rachel will show us how to use all of the tools in the Kit, and we'll have time to try the tools for ourselves and ask questions.

Rachel is hand-assembling all of our Hebrew Calligraphy Kits. **She needs all of our orders before Monday, December 27, 2021.** Orders must be pre-paid (check or credit card; credit card transactions will be charged a 2.9% fee) through the synagogue office. We won't be able to fill orders after that – **so get your orders in now so you don't miss out!** Here is the link on our website: <https://www.bethelyardley.org/form/hebrew-calligraphy.html>

Did you miss a program this past year?

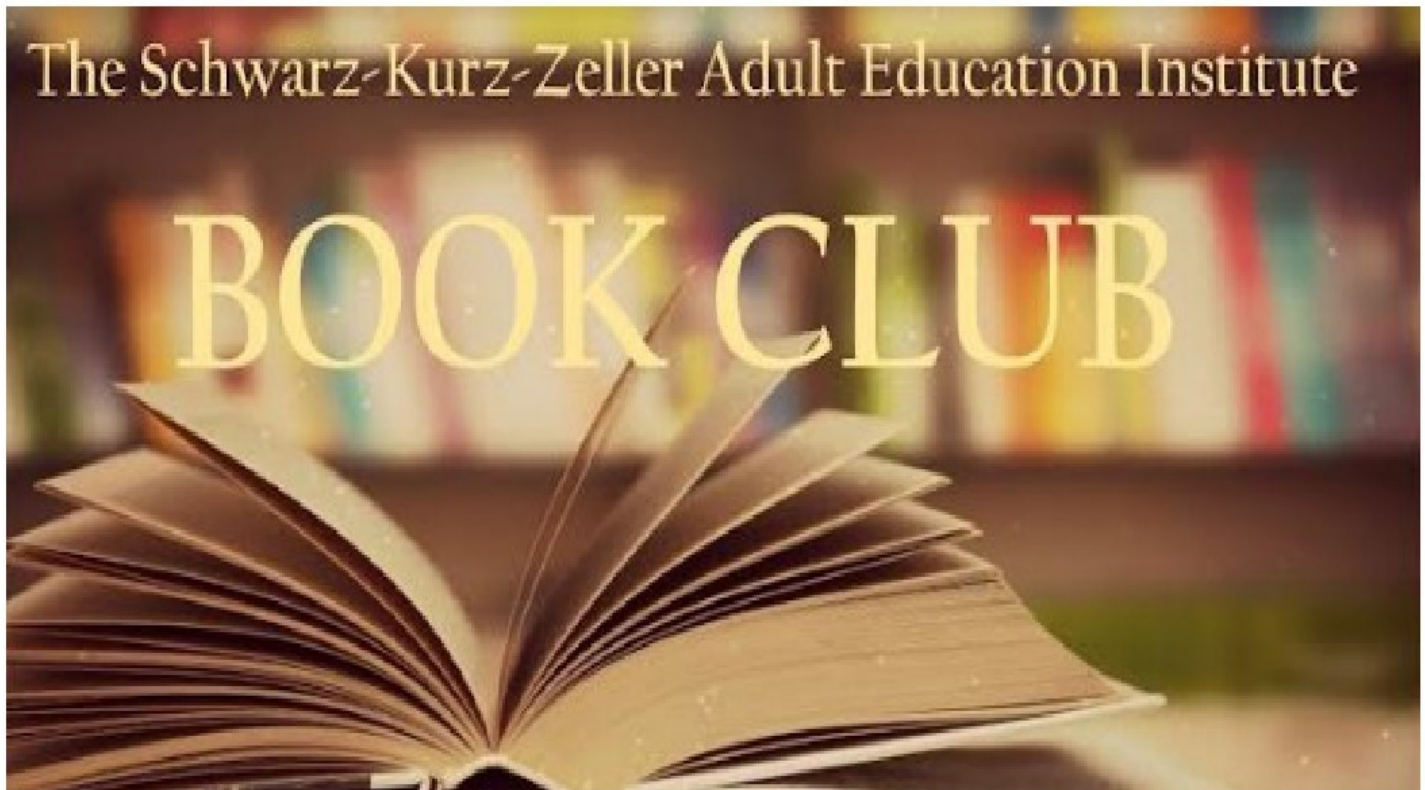
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We have them recorded for you.

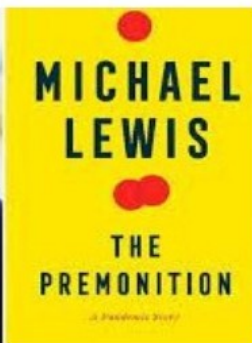
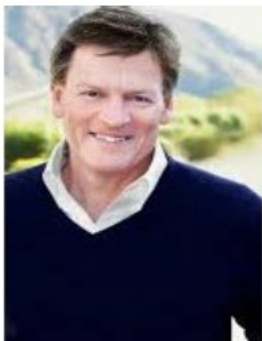
Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the "Archives" tab or click on the "Learn" tab for the Adult Education Archives.

Anything underlined is a link to a video. Enjoy!





Thursday, November 11 at 7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El
The Premonition: A Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis



About the Book

"COVID versus the US. What went wrong? ...the lessons of "The Premonition" apply to more than just the CDC. They tell us why government bureaucracies fail..."

"...non-fiction that reads like a thriller..."

"Lewis...take(s) a group of characters to flesh out a complicated theme and turn(s) it into a gripping story..."

Michael Lewis is the best-selling author of *Liar's Poker*, *Moneyball*, *The Blind Side*, *The Big Short*, *The Undoing Project*, and *The Fifth Risk*. He lives in Berkeley, California, with his wife and three children.

Discussion Leader: Alex Geiger

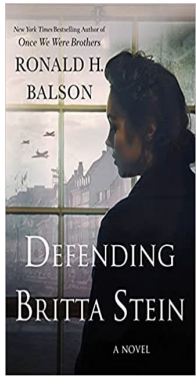
About our Book Club: Everyone at Beth El is invited to our book club! To sign up for Book Club notifications, please email your contact info to AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.



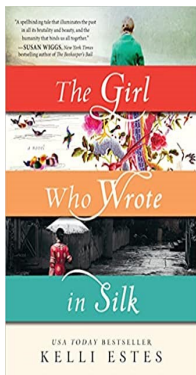
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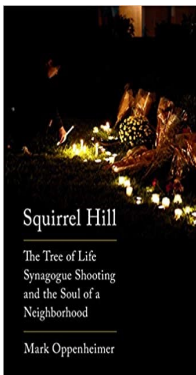
Items Discussed at October 17, 2021, Book Nosh Zoom Meeting



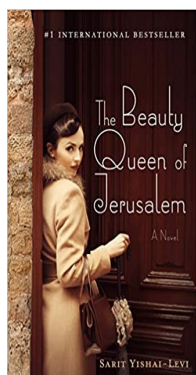
Defending Britta Stein, by Ronald H. Balson. This latest book from the well-known author of ***Once We Were Brothers*** tells the story of a 90-year-old Jewish woman in Chicago who is outraged when a local restaurateur is chosen for an award by the Danish/American Association for his many civic and charitable contributions. Britta Stein knows better. She spray-paints “Coward,” “Traitor,” “Collaborator,” and “War Criminal” on the walls of his restaurant. Litigation ensues, we learn a great deal about wartime heroics and atrocities in Denmark, and are treated to a terrific courtroom drama by Mr. Balson who is, in addition to a best-selling author, an internationally known trial lawyer.



The Girl Who Wrote in Silk: A Novel of Chinese Immigration to the Pacific Northwest, by Kelli Estes. This novel tells the intertwined stories of a contemporary young woman, just out of business school, and a 19th-century Chinese-American girl who, along with her family, is victimized by violent anti-immigrant prejudice and by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Both young women, living in their separate eras, fall in love, complications ensue, coincidences emerge, and hidden truths are revealed. The plot is conventional but the background information is enlightening and relevant to our current times.

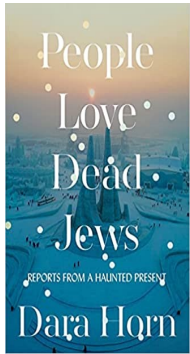


Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood, by Mark Oppenheimer. In the author’s own words, this brand-new book is a “piercing portrait of the struggles and triumphs of one of America’s renowned Jewish neighborhoods in the wake of unspeakable tragedy that highlights the hopes, fears, and tensions all Americans must confront on the road to healing.”

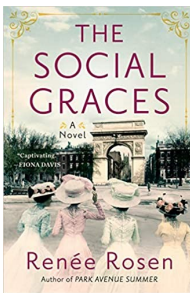


The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem, by Sarit Yishai-Levi. The author was born in Jerusalem in 1947 to a Sephardic family that has lived in the city for seven generations. She has published four non-fiction books. This is her first novel, which quickly became a bestseller in Israel, and is now available in an English translation. It tells the story of four generations of women, each more beautiful than the next, each trapped in a loveless relationship, and each with secrets to tell. Already an Israeli movie and now an Israeli TV show, this series will be streamed to your screens, suitably subtitled very soon. But read the book first.

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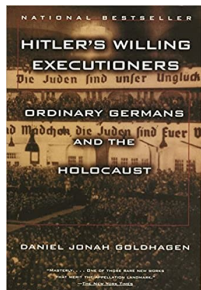
People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present, by Dara Horn. An important new book from the best-selling Jewish novelist. This one is non-fiction, about a topic which we hate to think about, but which we must face head on. It's a fairly short book comprising 12 interconnected essays, written with verve, humor tinged with sarcasm, deep historical knowledge, and profound insight. Should be required reading for every American Jew.



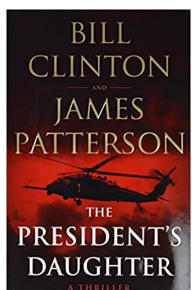
The Social Graces, by Renée Rosen. The author, who grew up in “a very traditional Jewish household” in the Midwest, has turned her satirical gifts to a decidedly secular topic in her latest best-seller. It tells the story of one of the most remarkable feuds in history: Alva Vanderbilt and Mrs. Astor's notorious battle for control of New York society during the Gilded Age. A fun read with lots of gossip, scandal (Alva gets divorced and marries a Jew!), lavish masquerade balls, exclusive clambakes, and over-the-top fashions.



Final Account – a Documentary. This film, which is available on Netflix, is basically a series of interviews with some of the last survivors of Hitler's Third Reich, many of whom still insist that they did not see, hear, or do anything wrong. It raises interesting questions about conformity, willful blindness, flexible morality, and the participation of ordinary Germans in the greatest crimes in human history.



Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust, by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen. The author was a young history professor at Harvard when he published this book in 1996. The book, which became an international bestseller, sparked the “Goldhagen Debate,” which continues to this day, about the perpetrators of the Holocaust and ordinary Germans' role in it.



The President's Daughter: A Thriller, by James Patterson and Bill Clinton. From the Amazon description: “Matthew Keating [is] a one-time Navy SEAL and a past president ... A madman abducts Keating's teenage daughter, Melanie, turning every parent's deepest fear into a matter of national security. As the world watches in real time, Keating embarks on a one-man special-ops mission that tests his strengths: as a leader, a warrior, and a father.” According to our reviewer, no Jewish content but a fun read. Plus, we get some insight into how Bill Clinton sees himself now. Ah, the benefits of old age.

What's This About a Film Club?

If you are a film fan, we hope you will join our new Film Club. Meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM on Virtual Beth El.

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 8:00pm: Our first film is *Three Identical Strangers*. Watch the film (available on HULU, Amazon Prime, Google Play, Vudu, YouTube and Apple TV, or on DVD and Blu-ray) prior to December 21, and join us for a discussion.

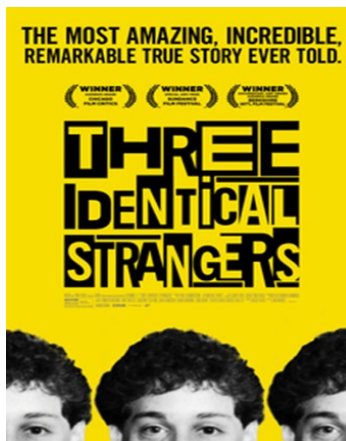
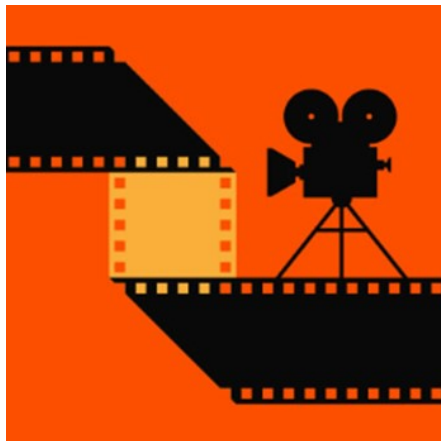
Here's how it works: Every other month, we'll pick a film for everyone to view. You'll get at least a month to view it, and you can view it with other club members, or on your own. Then we'll meet to discuss the film – and pick the next one to view.

The films we choose can be first-run or classics, available in theaters or streaming. We are open to most genres (although we are not too excited about Horror). It's going to be up to the club to suggest films and choose the one they want to view each month.

Next up: “*Three Identical Strangers*” (directed by Tim Wardle, winner of BAFTA Award for Best Documentary, 2018); Winner of the Sundance Film Festival’s Special Jury Award in 2018 PG-13; 2018; Documentary; 1 hour 36 minutes
<https://www.uphe.com/movies/three-identical-strangers>. It’s available to stream on Hulu, Google Play, Vudu, YouTube, Apple TV, and Amazon Prime Video. (Some services may charge \$3.99 to view the movie.) We’ll be meeting (on Virtual Beth El) to discuss the film. Hope you can join us!

About the Film:

“Three strangers are reunited by astonishing coincidence after being born identical triplets, separated at birth, and adopted by three different families. Their jaw-dropping, feel-good story instantly becomes a global sensation complete with fame and celebrity, however, the fairy-tale reunion sets in motion a series of events that unearth an unimaginable secret — a secret with radical repercussions for us all.”



Future Film Club dates: January 25; March 15; and May 3. What will we watch? Bring your ideas to the discussion on December 21st! Films can be anything from documentaries to first-run movies to classics, in theaters or streaming.



Lights...Camera...Action!

Beth El Film Club

Virtual

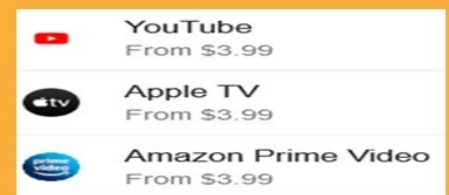
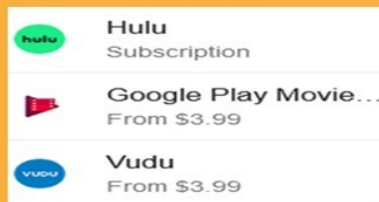
Tuesday, December 21

8:00 pm

“Three Identical Strangers”

What to do:

Watch the film before
December 21 and join us to
tell us what you thought!
See ways to view the movie
on the right.



Also available on Blu-ray and DVD

Winner of the Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Award in 2018

Documentary; 1 hour 36 minutes

<https://www.uphe.com/movies/three-identical-strangers>

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For more information, email adulthood@bethelyardley.org



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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:
rabbi@bethelyardley.org.

To join virtually, visit www.bethelyardley.org.

Save the Dates

November 8 December 6 January 3
February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2



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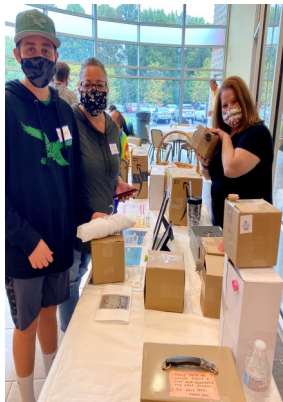
A Message from The Back to Shul Barbecue Committee

Mother Nature could not stop us from having our Welcome Back to Shul BBQ event. Despite the damp and dreary weather we had our day! Many thanks are in order to the multitude of wonderful and flexible volunteers. Special thanks to Barbara Schwartz, without whom we could not have such wonderful and organized events at Beth El. Also special thanks to Shoprite for their beyond generous food donation, as well as Lipkin's Bakery for the oversized sheet cake and Panache Catering for the challah rolls. Thank you to Norma Gomez and John Bijaczek for getting our building ready!

Thank you to Michael Weinberg and the Beth El Men's Club for grilling the yummy burgers and dogs, despite the rainy day!

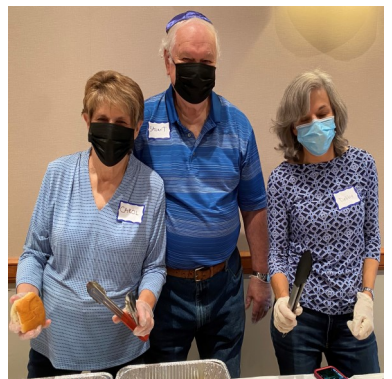
Special thanks to all the committees and their leaders and representatives who took the time to set up tables to showcase what they do for Beth El: Membership, Social Action, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Israel Committee, Hazak, Adult Education and PTO/religious school.

Many, many thanks to the following volunteers; with apologies in advance for anyone whom may have been accidentally not listed:



Michael Weinberg
Cara Weissman
Larry Schachter
Tom Moore
Dan Wachspress
Scott Kravitz
Ari Sadoff
Ruth Laks
Helene Geiger
Lauren Young
Mindy Albuck
Carol Benderson-Lighter
Stuart Lighter
Liz Ravitch
Bonnie Schachter
Felice Bernstein

Jenifer Goldstein
Shanna Jelen
Stephanie Bunin
Whitney Bunin
Beth Sadoff
Estelle Blaustein
Debbie Sokol
David Sokol
Marian Berger
Milt Berger
Sandie Hirsch
Shari Senior
Lee Kirsh
Penny Bardfeld
Lenny Bardfeld



Meet Rabbi Weiss at the
Tyler State Park Boathouse Parking Lot

Bring your stadium chair, a water bottle, snack,
and comfortable walking shoes.

WALK & TALK

Thursday, November 4
1:30pm

GOT GAMES?
The Membership Committee presents...

GAME NIGHT

Pray and Play

Tuesday, November 16

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come on out and play your favorite games with fellow congregants! We will stop play at 7:30pm for Evening Minyan (on Zoom too) then resume play.

Bring your favorite board game, deck of cards, Mah Jongg Set & card or play Ping Pong! All are encouraged to attend. All levels of Mah Jongg players welcome. Register online/call the office by November 10. Visit www.bethelyardley.org.

For more information contact: membership@bethelyardley.org

Taking Down the Sukkah

We would like to thank all of the Men's Club Volunteers who helped to both assemble and take down the sukkah. All of the wonderful events wouldn't have happened this year without your help with the sukkah.

Pool Night

The Men's Club had a really fun evening shooting pool and playing Ping Pong, at Fusco's the Spot, in Feasterville-Trevose, on October 7th.



JCC & The Men's Club Night Out

The JCC is holding a Men's Night Out at Top Golf on Sunday, Nov 14th from 4-7pm. It is \$100 per golfer or \$540 for a 6-person bay. I would like to see how many Men's Club participants we can get to join. **Sign up now!**

Contact Scott Kravitz,
mensclub@bethelyardley.org.

Save the Date: Men's Club Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 11 2:00pm - 7:00pm

We look forward to many more fun events, such as Axe Throwing, Top Golf, Torah on Tap, and more.



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

November 18

December 16

January 27

February 17

March 24

May 19

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

visit www.bethelyardley.org.

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



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FOCUSING ON A DIFFERENT
TEACHING RELATED TO
WOMEN IN THE TORAH

Sunday, November 7

11:00am

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to join virtually.
For more information about Sisterhood, email
sisterhood@bethelyardley.org.

An Oneg is a lovely way to honor Someone you love, to celebrate an upcoming Simcha, or to remember a loved one in a special way. It's a great way to mark a special event: birth, engagement, wedding, anniversary, birthday, graduation, or the return to good health.

As a recognition Sponsor, your name and dedication will be read from the bima. You will be helping to celebrate Shabbat with the warmth and sense of community that are characteristic of our temple family.

The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$18.

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- 3- Call the synagogue office 215-493-1707



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You get the full value of your gift cards at \$100 denomination!
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August 19 "Opening Event"

Beth El Sisterhood kicked off our season with our "Marvelous" opening event with tasty food, jewelry shopping and fabulous door prizes! It was amazing to be back in-person to start the new year off with a bang.



September 23 "Sangria in the Sukkah"

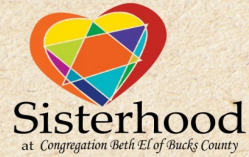
What an exciting way to end our beautiful holiday season with "Sangria in the Sukkah!" It was a great night to sip and enjoy with so many beautiful sisters of Beth El!! We even invited some of our famous women from Jewish history.



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BROADWAY OVERTURES

Guest Speaker: Richard Knox

Sunday, November 14

11:00am



Richard Knox will speak about how the act of weaving one song into another within a narrow time frame is an art unto itself and allows the composer to work independently of the lyricist to create an often underappreciated component of the show. During this program we will have an opportunity to watch symphonic orchestras perform the overtures to several classic Broadway musicals, including “Showboat,” and “Guys and Dolls.”

Be prepared for a wonderful experience reliving a host of melodies that have become an essential part of American music.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information about the program and Richard Knox or visit his website RKnoxlectures.com. To join virtually, click on the Virtual Beth El graphic. The Zoom link will be open 10:45am.

Hazak has programming throughout the year.

For more information about the program or Hazak email: hazak@bethelyardley.org

WELCOME BACK LIVE

*Usher in Shabbat
with LIVE Music*

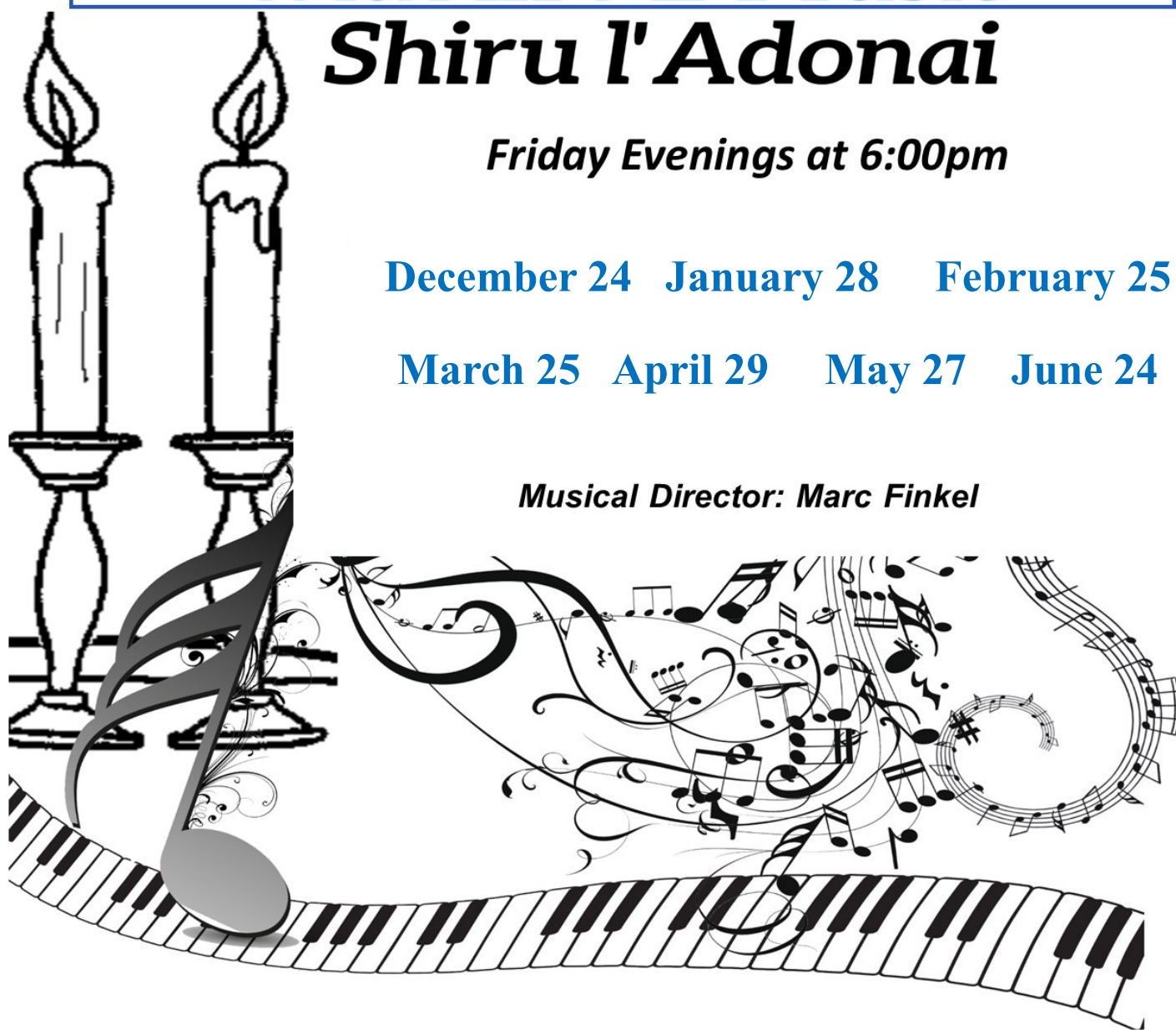
Shiru l'Adonai

Friday Evenings at 6:00pm

December 24 January 28 February 25

March 25 April 29 May 27 June 24

Musical Director: Marc Finkel



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*We are looking for packed birthday kits in a
non sealed box/ zip loc bag or individual items.*

*Each birthday kit should include the
following:*

- * Disposable cake or cupcake pan*
- * Cake Mix*
- * Frosting*
- * Candles*
- * Vegetable Oil*

*Optional: balloons, decorations, streamers,
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Drop off anytime between October 1- November 18

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Click here to purchase items through our special Amazon link - Birthday Kits- 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
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Please NO homemade food, no items that need refrigeration, no items that need a can opener, and no glass containers.



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Let's Get Cooking

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Tuesdays

November 9 December 7

4:00pm - 7:30pm



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



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You Can Help Feed Them

Beth El is participating in a program to feed homeless people through AHTN (Advocates for Homeless and The Needy), along with many other local places of worship. It's easy! Just sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DABA628A7F85-cooking1>

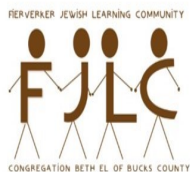
Then cook one or several hot meals at your house. Deliver them to Felice at 129 Knights Bridge Drive at 4:15 pm. From there they go to St. Johns where they are picked up by AHTN at 5:00 pm and delivered directly to the folks living in cars and tent camps.

Signup for November 10

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DABA628A7F85-cooking1>

Call with any questions, or contact the Beth El Social Action Committee for more information, Felice Bernstein 215-499-9368.





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Cost: \$12 for a box of 24 latkes.

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Please visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the image of latkes and fill out an online form or fill in the form below.

Pick up your order on Sunday, November 21st from 11:45am to 12:00pm.

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Name: _____

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Honor someone you know by donating a book to the Beth El library through the Fierverker Jewish Learning Community (FJLC) sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

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All money donated to this fund benefits the advancement of Jewish education for FJLC (PreK through 7th grade).

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Suggested donations are \$18.00.

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All credit card transactions will incur a 2.9% fee.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the PTO tab under "ENGAGE" or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cheshvan 25 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Cheshvan 26 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	Cheshvan 27 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Cheshvan 28 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 6:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Cheshvan 29 7:00am Morning Minyan 1:30pm Walk & Talk 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 7:00am Morning Minyan 5:34pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	Kislev 2 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Jordyn Algazi 10:00am TOT Shabbat 5:00pm Private Party 6:33pm Havdalah
Kislev 3 7:00am Morning Minyan 12:30pm Dive into Davening 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 4 7:00am Morning Minyan 12:30pm Dive into Davening 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 5 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook For a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 6 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 7 Veteran Day 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm Book Club	Kislev 8 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:27pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	Kislev 9 Vayetzai 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Lewin 5:26pm Havdalah
Kislev 10 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School 11:00am Hazak Program 4:00pm JCC & Men's Club Top Golf Outing 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 11 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	Kislev 12 7:00am Morning Minyan 6:30pm Play & Pray Game Night 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 13 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 14 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Torah on Tap	Kislev 15 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:22pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	Kislev 16 Vayishlach 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 10:00am Brail Mitzvah University (BMU - 6th/7th grade & parents) 5:21pm Havdalah
Kislev 17 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 9:00am Gan & Gan Kalan (K - 2nd) 9:00am Sisterhood Open House: Hanukkah Shop 10:30am HaMoadon Hebrew High School 2:00pm Great Debates 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 18 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 19 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 20 No FJLC Office Closes at Noon 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 21 Office Kislev 21 Close Thanksgiving Day 8:00am Morning Minyan	Kislev 22 Office Closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 4:18pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	Kislev 23 Shabbat Mevarchim Vayeshev 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:17pm Havdalah
Kislev 24 Erev Chanukah No FJLC 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 25 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 26 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 27 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	Kislev 28 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm Book Club	Kislev 29 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:16pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	Kislev 30 Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Milketz 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Braverman 10:00am Brail Mitzvah University (BMU - 6th/7th grade & parents) 5:16pm Havdalah 6:30pm Private Party

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28 Erev Chanukah <u>No FJLC</u> 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	29 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	1 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	2 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm Book Club	3 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:16pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	4 Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Miketz 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Braverman 10:00am Brail Mitzvah University (BMU) - 6th/7th grade & parents 10:00am TOT Shabbat 5:16pm Havdalah 6:30pm Private Party
5 Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet <u>FJLC Special Day</u> 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 9:00am Gan & Gan Katlan (K - 2nd) 10:00am Baby Naming: Jason & Erica Abrams (Alana Sara) 10:30am HalMoaddon Hebrew High School 7:30pm Evening Minyan	6 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 12:30pm Dive into Davening 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	7 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Cook for a Friend 7:30pm Evening Minyan	8 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	9 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	10 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:15pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	11 Chanukah 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:16pm Havdalah
12 Chanukah 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 10:30am HalMoaddon Hebrew High School 11:00am "The Secret Torah of Women" Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 7:30pm Evening Minyan	13 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	14 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	15 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 4:30pm FJLC (3rd - 7th) 7:30pm Evening Minyan	16 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Torah on Tap	17 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:17pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	18 Chanukah 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:17pm Havdalah
19 Chanukah 8:00am Morning Minyan 9:00am FJLC (1st - 7th grade) 10:30am HalMoaddon Hebrew High School 11:00am Hazak Program 7:30pm Evening Minyan	20 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting	21 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm Film Club	22 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Jews and Food Series Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss 11:00am Current Events 7:30pm Evening Minyan	23 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	24 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:20pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services including Shiru l'Adonai Musical Services	25 Chanukah 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:21pm Havdalah
26 Chanukah 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	27 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	28 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	29 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	30 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Evening Minyan	31 Chanukah 7:00am Morning Minyan 4:25pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Evening Services	1 Chanukah 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services 5:26pm Havdalah

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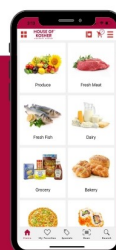
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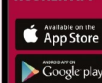
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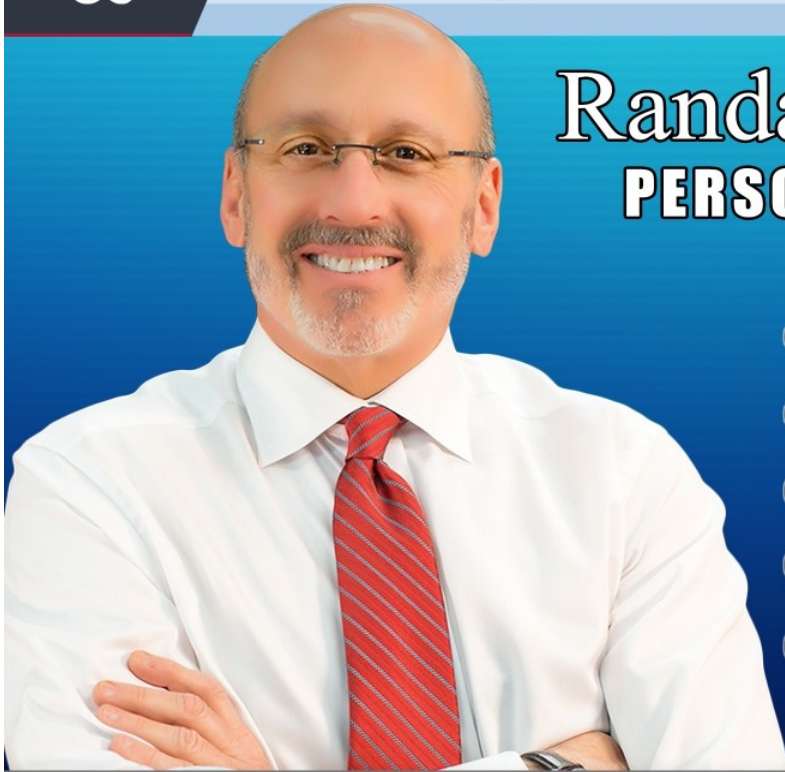
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