

The Shofar



The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County
January/February 2022 Tevet/Shevat/Adar 1 5782

Join us at Congregation Beth El's

ROCK'N ROLL
PURIM



Sunday
March 13
Carnival

Wednesday
March 16

5:30pm: Dinner
6:30pm: Maariv &
Megillah Reading

Thursday
March 17
7:00am Morning Minyan
Megillah Reading

More information will follow.

We have just begun the planning stages.
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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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www.bethelyardley.org

You may pay bills and make donations on the website. Log in to your member portal. Login box is in the upper right-hand corner; use your email and create your own password.



Reset the mi she'beirahk list

(list of our loved ones in need of healing)

January 14

The list will be cleared and compiled anew to reflect more recent changes. Email barbara@bethelyardley.org or call 215-493-1707 x4, prior to the reset date.

The Shofar - Congregation Beth El's Newsletter Issues

July/August, September/October, November/ December,
January/February, March/April, May/June



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.



On November 5, 2021 our congregation suffered a painful loss with the passing of Marian Berger, our “professional volunteer.” With the help of her husband, Milt, I write this memorial of an incredible woman.

Marian and Milt joined Congregation Beth El in July, 1970, shortly after moving to Levittown and having their first daughter, Wendy Joyce. Two years later, they had their second daughter, Debra Beth. After their children started school, Marian became involved with Sisterhood. The old Beth El building had an enormous kitchen. Sisterhood did all of the

catering for Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, extended Kiddush and special events. Marian was one of the cooks in the kitchen. She actually learned a lot about cooking by being part of the kitchen crew. They must have been great teachers and role models, because Marian was known as a great cook. After two years in Sisterhood, Marian won “Woman of the Year” at the annual paid-up membership dinner and she eventually became treasurer of Sisterhood. Marian was active with the PTO when her children were in Hebrew School. She helped to run the Purim Carnival and made hamantaschen. She also joined Hazak from its beginning. She was the treasurer and greeted people at the door when they came for food and entertainment.

When Marian started to volunteer in the Beth El Office, there were several other volunteers. Eventually, Marian became the only “full-time” volunteer. When Marian started doing the bookkeeping, all record keeping and billing were done manually using paper and pen, which is how she preferred it. Marian did not love using the computer, and according to Milt, she “suffered through” the installation of and conversion to three different synagogue software packages. When we switched to ShulCloud last year, Marian was completely overwhelmed by it, but with Barbara’s help she was able to familiarize herself with the necessary aspects to complete the bookkeeping. She was very much a team player and learned what she needed to in order to continue to do the billing.

Marian volunteered her time out of a love for the congregation and received nothing tangible in return. She truly loved greeting our members, hearing our stories and sharing in our joys and tears. She had an incredible memory for details, and made us all feel like we were the only ones in the world that mattered. Even on the High Holidays, she loved being one of the greeters at the door, because she knew almost everyone who belonged to Beth El.

On November 2, 2003, at a celebration for the first 50 years of Congregation Beth El, an award was presented to Marian “In recognition of her many years of dedicated and selfless service to Congregation Beth El.” I remember being at the celebration, and she was truly shocked and humbled to receive the award. I’m not sure she ever felt like she deserved the award, but every single person who interacted with her would absolutely say that she did.

As much as Marian knew about all of us, she was a private person who generally asked about others instead of talking about herself. Until her funeral, I did not know that she was a nurse. Although she preferred to not talk about herself, when asked, she always beamed with pride talking about her children and 5 grandchildren. For Marian, there was little difference between her daughters and their husbands...she treated her sons-in-law as if they were her own. Each of her grandchildren felt incredibly close to her and had a special relationship with her. She was truly a matriarch to her entire family.

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She was also a matriarch and role model to the Beth El community. We will all truly miss her. I miss her. I miss her two syllable “hi” every time I come into the building. I miss seeing her whole body laugh when I rolled my eyes at her every time she wanted to discuss billing. I even miss her apologizing to me for “taking so much of my time” reviewing bills (although every time she did, I’d roll my eyes at her again...and she’d laugh again). I miss catching up with her.

I believe her family summed up her life beautifully in her obituary: “Marian dedicated her life to her family, her community, her synagogue and to anyone who needed help. There are few people as caring and free from malice as Marian was. She never had an unkind word for anyone, was always the first to step up to help, and could always be counted on to work harder and longer than anyone else. Trained as a nurse, she epitomized the caring nature associated with nursing...Her time on this earth might have ended, but her impact will be felt for decades by the people she loved and cared for, and those who will remember her kindness and try to act as she would have. WWMD- What would Marian Do?”

Thanks to a generous donation from Milt, the synagogue office will soon be dedicated in Marian’s memory. I cannot think of a more fitting memorial to such an incredible woman.

Elizabeth Ravitch

Elizabeth Ravitch
President
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Milt and Marian on one of their family beach vacations in Wildwood, NJ, July 2018.

May Marian’s memory
be for a blessing.

Purim 2020

Larry Schachter, Barbara Schwartz, Marian Berger, Karen Lewin



Shalom friends,

As I write, we are winding down the secular calendar year of 2021, a year in which many of our loved ones experienced health challenges as the world as a whole navigated substantial turmoil and continued uncertainty. In the laws of *bikkur cholim*, the mitzvah of visiting the sick, in the Shulchan Arukh, the authoritative 16th century Jewish law code, there is a particularly striking phrase repeated throughout the commandment. The phrase that commanded my attention was “mevakesh alav rachamim,” which literally means “request for him mercy.” The phrase comes in the context of praying on behalf of a loved one who is ill and its resonances are great and many.

Notably, we are not simply commanded to pray for those who are ill – we are instructed to implore God for mercy on their behalf. I was especially struck that this exact phrase appears in a commentary on the section in the book of Leviticus dealing with a certain kind of spiritual and physical contamination, when the rabbis imagine the Torah’s description of the person afflicted with the spiritual and physical malady of *tzaraat* running through the camp declaring his status, “Impure! Impure!”—as a means to elicit communal compassion. In other words, the sick person’s declaration of her/his condition would automatically arouse her/his community into a state of prayer for mercy, thus expressing deep care.

The above notion of “requesting mercy” is a deeply powerful spiritual concept—one that feels all too fitting for this moment in time. In each instance of the rabbis encouraging us to request for mercy, we are reminded that we live communally, that we spiritually live through prayer and mercy, specifically, through invoking the divine quality of compassion for those for whom we care. There are times when we feel limited by what we can do physically for those we love who face life’s greatest challenges, such as illness and danger, but there is no limit to the mercy we can request for them and for our world. Our fellow people, our world – these are fragile and irreplaceable entities, and they are, indeed, most deserving of God’s infinite mercy.

One of God’s famous divine attributes mentioned both in the Torah and in rabbinic sources is mercy; in Aramaic, one of the names for God, *Rachamana*, actually derives from this very quality. As we turn to God for divine mercy, we also turn inward and reach for that essential God-given capacity for mercy which makes us most uniquely and divinely human. During what we hope and fervently pray are the final innings of the worst of COVID, during a time of heightened anti-Semitism and other forms of violent bigotry, and especially in the aftermath of a year of climate disasters sweeping the globe, including mass-scale flooding and fires, and more recently, the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky, we must remember that there is no better place to start to ask for mercy than our own hearts. At home, here at Beth El, we just recently lost a major pillar of our community, with the untimely passing of Marian Berger, longtime member and super volunteer. If you have visited or called our office over the years, you have undoubtedly encountered Marian’s signature warmth and thoughtful care. As a community, we feel her loss every day, and her example of kindness is a reminder of the divine mercy for which we pray.

In our prayers, we ask for mercy on behalf of those who are hurting—even on Shabbat, when we otherwise refrain from specific petitionary prayer. So urgent is the call for mercy that we ask for it each day and each moment. We ask for mercy as a community with the knowledge that we are surrounded by a loving community who would do the same for us.

Wishing you God’s continued mercy,

Rabbi Raysh Weiss, rabbi@bethelyardley.org



When I was in kindergarten, our teacher read us a story about a little red lighthouse on a huge river. The lighthouse had the very important job of protecting the ships and boats that traveled on the river with the help of its caretaker, the man with the keys. One day, a construction crew started building something on the riverbanks. The little lighthouse was intrigued by this and wondered what would finally be built. The man with the keys continued to come every day to turn on the lights and foghorn when needed. Eventually, the bridge was finished and towered over the little lighthouse. There was a blinking light on top of it. The lighthouse felt small and insignificant. Did the river need it anymore?

One foggy night, the man didn't come. The lighthouse took this as a sign that it was no longer needed and would be forgotten. The bridge was big and powerful, and the lighthouse couldn't compete. Boats and ships were still on the river and one of them almost ran aground because the lighthouse wasn't working. Finally, the man with the keys came and hurried to turn on the lights and the foghorn so the river could be safe again for the boats and ships.

The bridge explained that its light was for the planes not for vessels on the water and that the lighthouse was still very much needed. Together, the bridge, the man with the keys, and the lighthouse made the river safe for ships and planes alike.

It has been quite some time since I was in kindergarten and while I had to look up the details of the story, I did remember the message. One lighthouse can make a big difference. One person can make a big difference.

During January and February, we celebrate Tu B'Shevat and prepare for the celebration of Purim. Tu B'Shevat is the birthday of the trees but has become a symbol for conservation and protecting the environment. Each of us can do our part in protecting the world around us. On Purim we read the story of Esther. One woman was able to save an entire community by using her resources and believing in herself. From the little red lighthouse, we learn that we don't have to do something BIG or with a group to make a difference in the world.

On January 16, the FJLC will have our annual Mitzvah Day during the MLK Day of Service weekend. Each of us will do our small part in making a difference in the world by cooking, delivering food, collecting needed items, making cards and more. Just like the lighthouse, we will be making a difference in the community around us.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shari Sabath".

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Save the Dates
Gan & Gan Katan (K - 2nd Grade)
January 16 February 13
March 13 April 10

Penny Bardfeld, Board Member & Fundraising



Shalom Beth El friends! It is a pleasure to serve on the Beth El Board. It has been 7 years since Lenny and I moved from the Princeton area to Yardley with our 3 sons Jake (25), Eric (23) and Tyler (21). I grew up in Huntingdon Valley and Lenny is from Vineland, NJ and we both grew up at conservative synagogues.

After retiring from a sales career with Nestle Nutrition, I am currently a group fitness instructor and a Registered Dietitian teaching fitness classes and providing nutrition consultations. Lenny works for J&J Consumer Products in Skillman, NJ.

Since joining Beth El 7 years ago I quickly got involved, joined the board and have been involved with fundraising and planning events ever since. We have made wonderful friends and have enjoyed our Beth El social life! We spend summer weekends in Margate and enjoy running and spending time with our adorable fluffy furry babies Roscoe and Benny!

Helene Geiger, Board Member & Adult Education, Chair



I joined Congregation Beth El with my husband Alex five years ago, when we moved to Yardley after retiring. Before that, we lived for 35 long cold years in the snowbelt of Rochester, New York. Rochester is where we raised our two children. I started my business there, in the field of Corporate Education. So when we filled out our application to join Beth El, it seemed only natural to check the “Interested in Adult Education” box and get involved. Right from the start, Alex and I felt welcomed and valued in the congregation. Beth El feels like home. When not working on Beth El’s adult education programs, you can usually find me spoiling our grandkids, reading anything I can get my hands on, listening to opera, and watching EPL soccer.

Dan Wachspress, Board Member



Debbie and I moved to Yardley from Lawrenceville in 2002 – six months after our youngest son, Ben, was born - four years after his older sister, Anna, was born - and six years after his older brother, Jacob was born. If you subtract 7 years from Ben’s age and add that to twice Jacob’s age, you get my age, and if you add up the numeric value of the letters “D-E-B-B-I-E”, double it and add 1, you get Debbie’s age.

As a mother of three toddlers, Debbie did some shul and school shopping and decided that Lower Makefield was a great place to live. We joined Beth El and raised our kids here. Ken Greenberg and I led “mini-congo” for the kids every Shabbat morning. Anna and Ben spent Shabbat afternoon playing with Rabbi Pivo’s kids. Anna attended Ramah and made me recruit Men’s Club to build the Beth El gaga court. I attend morning Minyan on Fridays.

I’m an aerospace engineer who briefly dabbled in filmmaking but needed a profession where the money went in the “other” direction. I subcontract our family’s Tikkun Olam responsibilities to Deb, perhaps not kosher, but best for everyone. Deb chairs the Beth El Social Action Committee. Deb and I have been married for 26 years and I still pinch myself every day.

**Mark Fried,
Board Member**



Mark, his wife Alexis, and their two children, Steven and Carly, have been members for over 20 years. Mark served as President of Beth El, President of Men's Club, and is now a Beth El Board Member. He received the Federation of Jewish Men's Club Man of the Year award in 2009. Both children went to Beth El Hebrew school and were Bar Mitzvah here, as was Alexis in an adult B'Nai Mitzvah program. Mark was on the original committee to create the Galilee Fund. Mark and Alexis underwrote the installation of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Alexis was a member of the Design Committee for the new sanctuary. She worked with David Ascalon to design the stain glass windows, the new Ner Tamid, and the Ark doors. Mark is the owner and President of TFG Wealth Management, an SEC registered Investment advisory firm. He is regularly interviewed by local and national media on investment, economic, and related topics. In 2017 he wrote *Road Rules for Retirement*, a guide for preparing for retirement. Mark grew up in Margate, New Jersey and attended Atlantic City High School. He received a BS in computer engineering from Columbia University and a Masters in Finance and Public Policy from Wharton School University of Pennsylvania. In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, working out, trap and skeet shooting, spending time with his family, and has been a big fan of all Philadelphia sports teams for over 50 years.

**Shari Senior,
Board Member**



My family and I joined Beth El in 2015 and we have been active members ever since. I have served on the board for the past few years with roles on the membership committee, rabbi search committee, and assisting with several fundraisers and other events. I live in Langhorne with my husband Ian and my two boys Micah (15) and Asher (11). Both boys attend FLJC; Micah continuing his Jewish education in HaMoadon and Asher preparing for his spring 2023 Bar Mitzvah. Both boys also enjoy summers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos.

Prior to joining Beth El, I grew up locally in Holland and spent summers at Camp Ramah. I graduated from Council Rock and went on to study at the University of Pittsburgh, where I also enjoyed a semester abroad in London, England. After graduation, I had the unique opportunity to work abroad in London for two years, which is where I secured my favorite souvenir, my British husband.

Outside of Beth El, I work full time planning Corporate Events and Philanthropic initiatives for Freedom Mortgage. I am also active on the board of our Middle School Music Boosters program and volunteer within the music program at Neshaminy High School. Our boys are active musicians, Micah plays piano and is in the drumline on the award-winning Neshaminy High School Marching Band. He is also a participant in the school choir, band, and school musical. Asher is in his school's concert choir, select choir, school musical, and plays drums in the concert and jazz band. When I am not working, volunteering, or playing mom taxi, I am also an avid runner, completing numerous races including 14 marathons. Ian and I often enjoy marathoning together and travelling to complete destination races. Next up, Vermont Marathon in the spring 2022, where I'll be running for Ben & Jerry's!

When I am not running for exercise, you can often find me running around with our busy personal "Shagenda," as Ian calls it. I like to plan busy full lives for our family, which often includes time at the pool or beach, road trips, and trips to theme parks. One day when I slow down, I look forward to reflecting on all the fun memories we have made from our adventures.

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

January 22 February 12
April 2 May 7



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B'NAI MITZVAH UNIVERSITY (BMU)



**Calling all 5th, 6th & 7th
Graders**

**Pray
Learn
Practice
Study
Enjoy**

**Saturday Services
10:00am - 12:00pm**

**January 22
February 12 April 2
May 7**

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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Adult Ed – January and February 2022

From arts and culture to food to history to Jewish thought, you'll find a variety of programs in 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, 12:00pm – 12:30pm, January 3 and February 7

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).



Weekday EVENING Learning

Midrash Writing: Backstories of the Torah

Tuesday, January 4, 7:45pm – 9:15pm on Virtual Beth El

Facilitator: Helene Geiger

Unleash your inner creativity in this hands-on workshop. We'll pick a minor Biblical character, dig into their story as it is written in the Torah text, then “read between the lines” to imagine what the Torah left out. You'll write a short Midrash (creative interpretation) during the workshop. No worries – we will walk you through the process. No Torah or writing expertise required.



Jewish Calligraphy: Craft Project

Tuesday, February 8, 8:00pm on Virtual Beth El

Finally, an art project!! Artist Rachael Jackson will lead us in this hands-on workshop. You will learn how to use Hebrew calligraphy tools, and put them to use in the workshop to create a Hebrew calligraphy piece to hang in your home.

NOTE: You do not need to purchase the Hebrew Calligraphy Kit to enjoy the class. Please feel free to join in!

Beth El Book Club:

Thursdays at 7:45pm on Virtual Beth El

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

“About Nomadland”

“What photographer Jacob Riis did for the tenement poor in *How the Other Half Lives* (1890) and what novelist Upton Sinclair did for stockyard workers in *The Jungle* (1906), journalist Bruder now does for a segment of today's older Americans forced to eke out a living as migrant workers...Visceral and haunting reporting.” Connie Fletcher, *Booklist*

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Beth El Book Club:

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Want to read ahead?

Future selections and book club dates will be:

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

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

Beth El Film Club:

Tuesday, January 25, 8:00pm on Virtual Beth El

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

What will we watch? Films can be anything from documentaries to first-run movies to classics, in theaters or streaming. ***Check the weekly emails for further information on our next film!***

Future film club dates: March 15 and May 3.

Weekend Learning

Book Nosh:

Sunday, January 23, 10:30am – 12:00pm on Virtual Beth El

Discussion Leader: Alex Geiger

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

Wandering Jews Series: Uganda, Africa

Sunday, January 30 at 10:00am on Virtual Beth El

We will continue our global travels, this time in conversation with a Jewish congregation in Uganda. Come learn about Contemporary Jewish issues and compare notes on "doing Jewish" in Uganda, Africa.

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 face as Jews.

The Spiritual Dimensions of Wellness & Brain Health

Sunday, February 27, 3:00pm on Virtual Beth El

Guest Speaker: Ruth Schapira, Founder of Inner Judaism (www.innerjudaism.com)

In recent times, brain research has discovered that there's a connection between the health of your brain and your engagement with spiritual activities and thoughts.

Join us to learn more!



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Weekend Learning (Continued)

Escape to Shanghai

Sunday, February 20 at 2:00pm on Virtual Beth El

Before the Nazis invaded Austria, teen-aged Paul Hoffman was able to escape to Shanghai. He stayed there for 13 years, surviving the war in Europe, the Japanese invasion of Shanghai, a Chinese civil war, and a repressive takeover by the Communist regime. His daughter, Jean Hoffman Lewanda, will share photos and stories from Paul Hoffman's memoir, "Witness to History."



SAVE THE DATE!

The One Book, One Jewish Community Book selection for 2021-2022

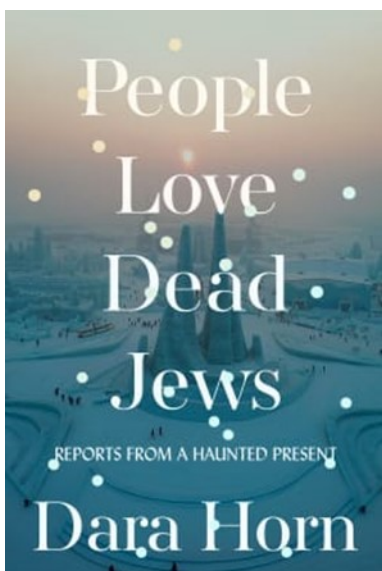
Register using this link: <https://www.gratz.edu/news-and-events/event-calendar/people-love-dead-jews>

Every year since 2006, "One Book, One Jewish Community" carefully selects a book to share across the Greater Philadelphia community. Congregation Beth El is a sponsoring member of "One Book, One Jewish Community."

We are pleased to announce that this year's "One Book" is *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present* by Dara Horn.

Dara Horn will be appearing at a One Book event on **Thursday, January 27, at 8:00pm**. The program, which is co-sponsored by Gratz College and Drexel University, will be held on the Drexel University campus. More information can be found at <https://www.gratz.edu/academics/degree/continuing-education/one-book-one-jewish-community>.

We will also be offering a discussion of the book here at Beth El, later in the year.



"People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present" is a startling exploration of how Jewish history is exploited to comfort the living. Reflecting on subjects as far-flung as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the blockbuster traveling exhibition called *Auschwitz*, the Jewish history of the Chinese city of Harbin, and the little known "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry, Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives as they continue to unfold in the present.

Horn draws on her own family's life — trying to explain Shakespeare's Shylock to a curious 10-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks at her children's school in New Jersey, the profound and essential perspective offered by traditional religious practice, prayer and study — to assert the vitality, complexity and depth of this life against an anti-Semitism that, far from being disarmed by the mantra of "Never Forget" is on the rise.

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Congregation Beth El and Congregation Brothers of Israel Teaming Up to Offer Two Special Programs



The Spiritual Dimension of Wellness and Brain Health Sunday, February 27, 3:00pm (on Zoom at Virtual Beth El) [See flyer in this issue for further information]

Recent research proves a surprising connection between the health of your brain and your engagement with spiritual activities and thoughts. In this program, we will examine the research findings, and explore how to use Jewish Spirituality techniques to improve your mental well-being. Facilitator: Ruth Schapira.

Ruth Schapira is the founder of *Inner Judaism* (www.innerjudaism.com), listed on My Jewish Learning's *The Hub*. She facilitates online and in-person educational experiences that offer participants deep insights and personal meaning into our Jewish tradition.

Ruth employs creative and contemplative techniques to foster community among learners, drawing on her counseling background and training as a Mussar facilitator. She has taught for organizations such as Limmud North America, CAJE-Miami, The Mussar Institute, Regional Hadassah, and synagogues. She writes a popular blog and *Inner Focus*, a newsletter for subscribers. She is completing research for her doctorate in Jewish education from Gratz College, has an MA in counseling from NYU and undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Fine Arts.



Exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife: Contemporary Implications Tuesday, March 29, 8:00pm (on Zoom; see flyers in the March Shofar for link)

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife? Unequivocally, the answer is yes! Unfortunately, in contemporary Jewish life we have lost touch with traditional Jewish wisdom on the afterlife. In this program, we shall explore Judaism's teachings on life after death, particularly in Kabbalah – Jewish mysticism.

Through discussion, story-telling and study of texts, we shall explore the relevance of these teachings in dealing with the human encounter with death. We shall also discover the connection between Jewish teachings on the afterlife and traditional Jewish death rituals. Facilitator: Reb Simcha Raphael, Ph.D.

Reb Raphael is Founding Director of the DA'AT Institute for Death Awareness, Advocacy and Training. He has been Adjunct Faculty in Religion at LaSalle University and Temple University, and works as a psychotherapist and spiritual director in Philadelphia. He has written extensively on death and afterlife, is the author of the groundbreaking *Jewish Views of the Afterlife*, and is co-editor of *Jewish End-of-Life Care in a Virtual Age: Our Traditions Reimagined*. His website is www.daatinstitute.net.

Wandering Jews Series: UGANDA, Africa**Sunday, January 30, 2022****10 AM on Virtual Beth El**

We will continue our global travels, this time in conversation with a Jewish congregation (the Abayudaya, or “People of Judah”) in Uganda. Come learn about contemporary Jewish issues and compare notes on "doing Jewish" in Uganda, Africa.

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 face as Jews.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to join virtually.



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JEWS



Wednesdays, 10:00am – 10:50am

Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

If we are what we eat, then what does gefilte fish, cholent and an entrenched distaste for pork say about us? Food is a powerful vehicle for understanding not only Jewish religious practice and spiritual strivings, but for appreciating our cultural identity, history, and ethical commitments as well.

Our exploration will consist of a formidable smorgasbord of ancient and modern perspectives, drawing from a vast range of texts and practices to help us understand how, what, why, and with whom we eat. Come learn with us and walk away with new-found knowledge...and hunger pangs.

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DIVE INTO DAVENING

**Facilitated by
RABBI WEISS**

First Monday of the Month

12:00pm - 12:30pm

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 virtually.

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

January 3 February 7

March 7 April 4 May 2



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MIDRASH WRITING: BACKSTORIES OF THE TORAH FACILITATOR: HELENE GEIGER

Unleash your inner creativity in this hands-on workshop. We'll pick a minor Biblical character, dig into their story as it is written in the Torah text, then "read between the lines" to imagine what the Torah left out. You'll write a short Midrash (creative interpretation) during the workshop. No worries – we will walk you through the process. No Torah or writing expertise required.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:45pm – 9:15pm

Visit www.bethelyardley.org; Click
on virtual Beth El. For more
information: email
adulthood@bethelyardley.org



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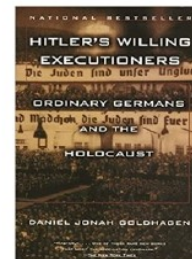
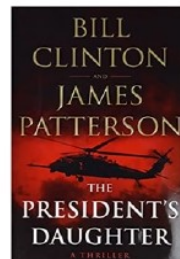
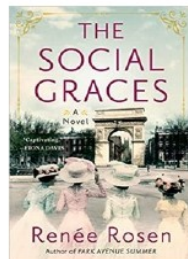
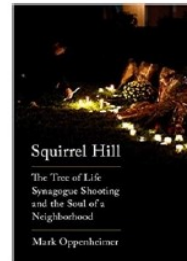
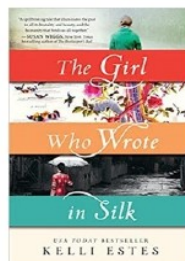
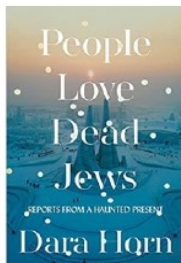
For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

*Next Meeting Will Be Virtual:
Sunday, January 23, 10:30 a.m.*

*Please check the Beth El website for the Zoom link.
Visit www.bethelyardley.org*

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

Some of the Items Discussed at Our Last Meeting:



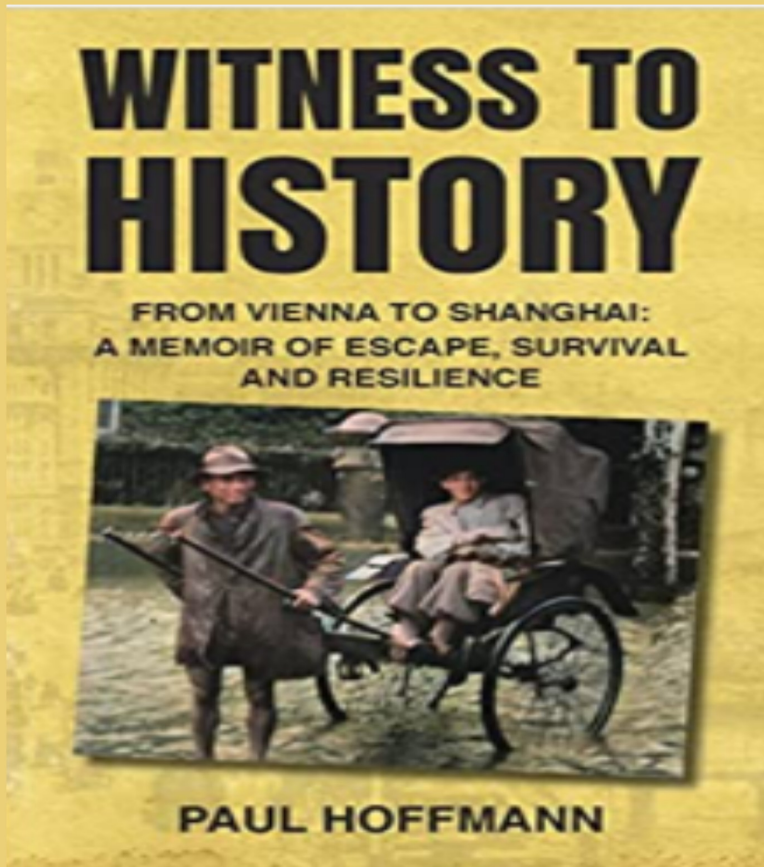
For more information, please contact AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com

The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute

"Escape to Shanghai"

Sunday, February 20
2:00pm

Virtual Beth El



GUEST SPEAKER

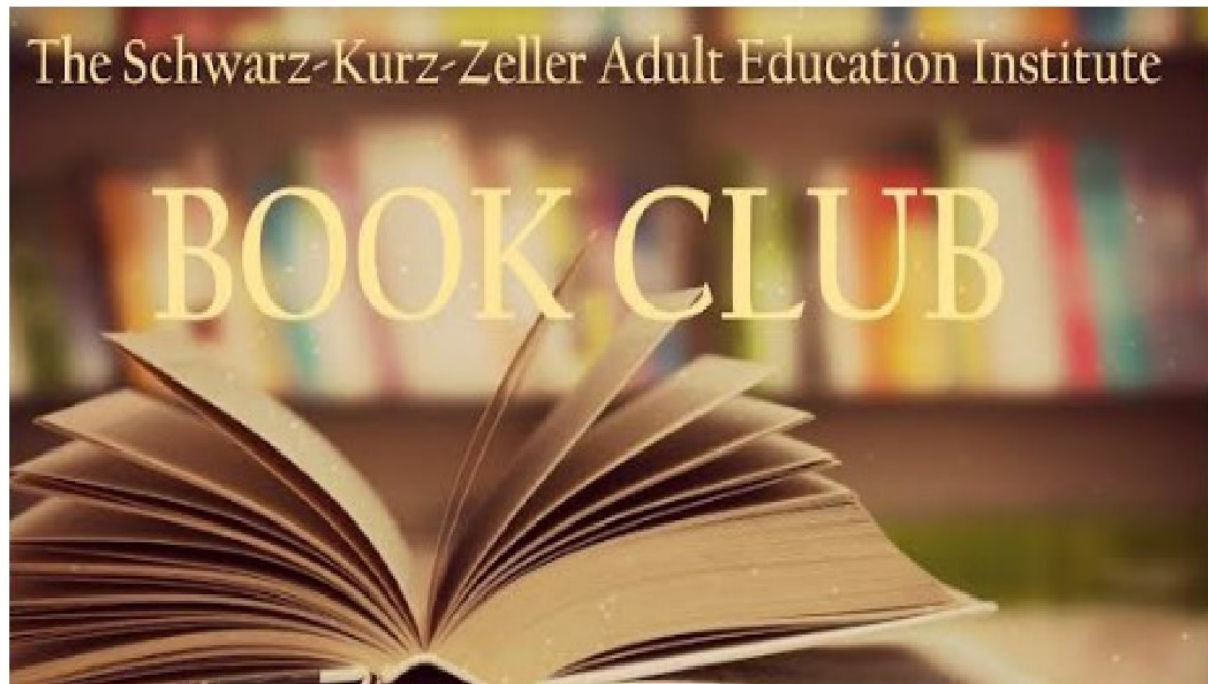
Jean Hoffman Lewanda, Paul's daughter

Shortly before the Nazis invaded Austria, the Hoffman family found an escape-hatch for their 18-year-old son, Paul. He joined a few thousand Jews in Shanghai. On his own in China, living under challenging conditions, Paul found a way to thrive. He stayed in Shanghai for the next 13 years – through a World War, the brutal invasion of Shanghai by the Japanese, a violent Chinese civil war, and finally the takeover by a repressive Communist regime. Please join Jean Hoffman Lewanda, Paul's daughter, as she shares stories and photos from her late father's memoir, "Witness to History."



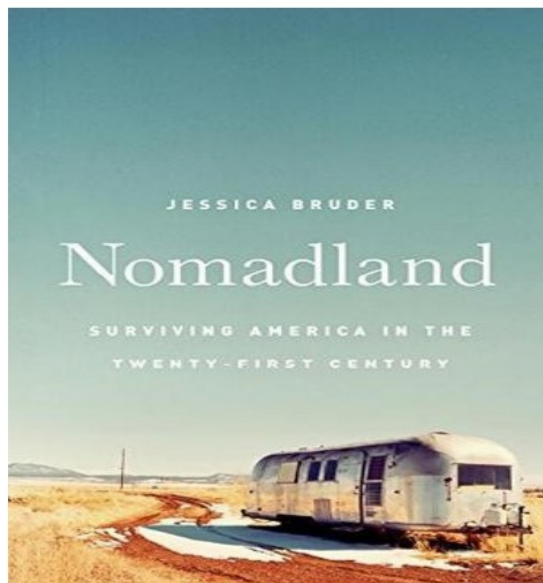
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Thursday, February 24 at 7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El

Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century by Jessica Bruder



About the Book

"What photographer Jacob Riis did for the tenement poor in *How the Other Half Lives* (1890) and what novelist Upton Sinclair did for stockyard workers in *The Jungle* (1906), journalist Bruder now does for a segment of today's older Americans forced to eke out a living as migrant workers...Visceral and haunting reporting." *Connie Fletcher, Booklist*

"...an important if frustrating new work influenced by such classics of immersion journalism as Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nickel and Dimed* ... *Nomadland* is part of a fleet of recent books about the gig economy. More than most, it's able to comfortably contain various contradictions ..." *Parul Sehgal, The New York Times*

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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Congregations Beth El & Brothers of Israel present

The Spiritual Dimensions of Wellness & Brain Health

Guest Speaker: Ruth Schapira



Founder of Inner Judaism (www.innerjudaism.com), listed on
My Jewish Learning's, The Hub.

Sunday, February 27 3:00pm
Virtual Beth El

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

In recent times, brain research has discovered that there's a connection between the health of your brain and your engagement with spiritual activities and thoughts.

About Ruth Schapira

Taught for organizations such as Limmud North America, CAJE-Miami, The Mussar Institute, Regional Hadassah, and synagogues.

Completing a doctorate in Jewish Education from Gratz College, holds an MA in counseling (NYU) and degrees in Psychology and Fine Arts.

Trained as a Mussar Facilitator, using creative and contemplative techniques to foster spiritual growth.

***Funded by The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute and
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For more information email
adulthood@bethelyardley.org.



Adult Education & Sisterhood Present

Crowd Sourcing PESACH

Collaboration of
recipes, ideas, and
traditions.

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 27 @ 2PM
VIA ZOOM

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

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JOIN SISTERHOOD & HAZAK
FOR A



TRADITIONAL *Passover*
SEDER

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 3, 2022
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Blood Drive
Congregation Beth El

SOCIAL HALL
375 Stony Hill Road
Yardley, PA 19067

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CongBethEl to schedule an appointment.

Presenting donors will get a coupon for a free medium hot coffee and classic donut courtesy of Dunkin while supplies last

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Join the Men's Club and Rabbi Weiss while enjoying spirits and discussing the latest topics.

Thursday, January 27

Virtual evening minyan at 7:30pm followed by Torah on Tap.

Save the dates: February 17, March 24, May 19

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



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Virtual
TORAH  FUND
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
Event

"My Mother, My Inspiration".
Daughters honoring mothers,
and sharing their legacies.



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Blyweiss Schachter**



PANELIST

**Cara Flash Davis
&
Michelle Flash**



PANELIST

**Cara
Dickstein Weissman**

February 2, 2022

Rosh Chodesh Adar 1

8:00 - 9:30 PM

Zoom event

When you RSVP, be sure to
reserve your boxed dessert.
As you log onto zoom,
grab your dessert, drink of
choice, sit back and enjoy
the inspirations!

Box dessert - \$5
Pick up at Beth El on
February 2 between
2:00pm-6:30pm

Please REGISTER by January 26, 2022!

All are welcome to attend

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at Congregation Beth El of Bucks County

ShopRite, McCaffrey's or Giant ...we have gift cards for you!



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- 1- Click here to purchase your gift cards online.
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You get the full value of your gift cards at \$100 denomination!
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You will make a big impact on our fundraising efforts!



You may use Venmo to pay for scrip: @Sisterhood-BethEl or www.venmo.com/u/Sisterhood-BethEl

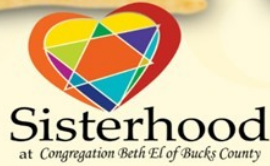
The Sisterhood at Beth El presents

THE SECRET TORAH OF WOMEN

Sundays at 11:00am on Virtual Beth El
Facilitator: Rabbi Weiss

January 9 February 6
March 6 May 1

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



Share the Sweetness of Purim by giving Shalach Manot Purim Treats

It's a Purim tradition to send sweet treats and warm wishes to friends & family within our community and those whose spirits would be lifted by this kind gesture.

Queen Esther

Participate in a Mitzvah to send gift bags to the entire congregation. Your family name will be listed on the card in each bag. Your name will also be listed as a top tier sponsor.

\$360

Mordechi

Participate in a Mitzvah to send gift bags to the entire congregation. Your name will be printed on the card placed in each bag.

\$118

Groggers

Participate in a Mitzvah to send gift bags to any one in the congregation. The bag will include your name on the card. Each individual bag is \$18 each

\$18

**Order through
March 2, 2022**

Please return your form or click here for an online option. We accept checks payable to Beth El Sisterhood or Venmo - @Sisterhood-BethEl

If you have any questions, please email sisterhood@bethelyardley.org

חג פורים שמח

A Happy Purim to you and your loved ones!

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**Pick up Shalach Manot Bags
Wednesday, March 16 from, 10am-6:30pm or Thursday, March 17, from 10am-4pm**



Fill out the form below to place your Shalach Manot order by March 2.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell#: _____

_____ QUEEN ESTHER: \$360.00

Send Shalach Manot to the entire congregation. Your name will be listed on the card in each bag and your name will be listed as a top tier sponsor.

List how you would like your name to appear on the card:

_____ MORDECHAI: \$180.00

Send Shalach Manot to the entire congregation. Your name will be listed on the card placed in each bag.

List how you would like your name to appear on the card:

_____ # of bags - GROGGERS: \$18.00 EACH SHALACH MANOT BAG

Send Shalach Manot bags to individual members, friends and family at Congregation Beth El. This option also enables you to purchase additional Shalach Manot bags for family and friends outside of Congregation Beth El. Each bag will include its' own card with your name on it.

List how you would like your name to appear on the card:

List names of whom you would like to send Shalach Manot to:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Mail check made payable to: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood; 375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA 19067

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to order online and pay by credit card or Venmo or bill your account.



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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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Beth El Sisterhood

ONEG



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ReServe your Oneg! Your next Simcha is around the corner!

<https://www.bethelyardley.org/sisterhood-beth-el.html>

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Please email sisterhood@bethelyardley.org or call the office 215-493-1707 x4 to reServe your Oneg

The background of the entire page is a warm, orange-toned collage of musical instruments and notes. On the left, a large acoustic guitar is partially visible. At the top center is a xylophone. To its right is a triangle and a mallet. On the right side, there are several musical notes of different colors (yellow, blue, orange). At the bottom right, a large brass instrument, possibly a tuba or euphonium, is shown. The text is centered on a white rectangular area.

COME ONE COME ALL!

SHIRU L' ADONAI

Open Call for all Musicians

Be Prepared to
help add live
music to
monthly Friday
night services

PLEASE EMAIL FOR DETAILS
SHIRULADONAI@BETHELYARDLEY.ORG

Hanukkah candle lighting on Zoom.

Thank you to all of you who participated.
Special thank you to the Zoom Hanukkah
candle lighting hosts!



Did you know there was a garden at Congregation Beth El?

Did you know there was a Garden Committee? If you would like to get involved,
call the office, 215-493-1707 x4 or email barbara@bethelyardley.org.





A special thank you goes out to our 2021 volunteers:



Linda Greenberg
Joy Finkel
Beth Sadoff
Shelli Krevitz
Diane Axelrod
Lynn Schwartz
Melissa Freedman
Estelle Blaustein
Ruth Laks
Carol Benderson-Lighter
Merry Madway Eisenstadt
Sandy Silverman

You Can Help Feed The Homeless

Beth El is participating in a program to feed homeless people through AHTN (Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need), 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.

Sign Up for January 12, or January 31

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C094DABA628A7F85-cooking1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DABA628A7F85-cooking1)**

Call with any questions, or contact the Beth El Social Action Committee for more info

Felice Bernstein 215-499-9368



Beth El of Yardley
Social Action Committee
PRESENTS

POVERTY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

HELP US FIGHT THE LOCAL NEED!

Join our Breakfast Bag Drive

- 1** Help us create healthy Breakfast Bags for Senior Citizens in need. Purchase pre-packaged food items (below) and clear gallon ziploc bags.
- 2** Every Breakfast Bag should have 6-8 items from the list below
- 3** Assemble as many bags as you like!
Drop off in bin in front of the garage by Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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). Please NO homemade food, no items that need refrigeration, no items that need a can opener, and no glass containers. Specific allergy free bags will gladly be accepted too!

Suggested Breakfast Items

High protein breakfast items (low in sugar that are individually wrapped)

Granola Bars (breakfast bars)

Individual Bags of Nuts

individual cups of peanut butter

individual bags of crackers

individual Small Boxes of Raisins

Individual Cups of Applesauce



Individual Crackers w/Peanut Butter or Cheese

Low Sugar Oatmeal Packets

Individual Packets of Carnation Instant Breakfast

Individual Coffee Packs

Cans of V-8 juice (low sodium)

Individual bottles of Orange juice and or Cranberry juice (NOT juice cups with tinfoil as a closure, they do not travel well in bags)

Individual Tea Packs

Gallon size zipper bags



If you have any questions please Contact: Rachael Oring ~ rachoring@gmail.com or 609-658-8623



Bucks Council Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement (BCICRR)

Congregation Beth El is pleased to be engaged with the Bucks Council Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement (BCICRR) as the community plans to settle a refugee family from Afghanistan in the new year. There are many moving parts to this process and there is a big need for additional volunteers to assist with short-term transportation and child-care. Offers of help do not need to be a regular weekly commitment.

To learn more about this important initiative or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.bcicrr.org.

For more information, contact Debbie Wachspress, co-chair of social action at debwachspress@gmail.com.

Let's Get Cooking



with COOK FOR A FRIEND



Tuesday

January 11

4:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us in the Beth El kitchen.
No experience required. Come spend an hour or two and help prepare nutritious, kosher meals for homebound seniors.

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



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Save the Date: Tuesday, January 18 8:00pm
Congregation Beth El & Bucks County Kehillah
Civil Rights Discussion

Congregation Beth El

January 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 (29 Tevet) No FILC Morning Minyan 8:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	3 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat Morning Minyan 7:00am Dive into Davening 12:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm	4 (2 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Midrash Writing 7:45pm	5 (3 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am FILC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	6 (4 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	7 (5 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:32pm Shabbat Evening 6:00pm	8 (6 Shevat) Bo Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 5:26pm
9 (7 Shevat) Morning Minyan 8:00am FILC (1 st – 7 th) 9:00am "Secret Torah of Women" 11:00am BUSY Israeli Program 1:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	10 (8 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	11 (9 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Blood Drive 2:00pm Cook For a Friend 4:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	12 (10 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FILC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Membership Comm Meeting 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	13 (11 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	14 (12 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:39pm Shabbat Evening 6:00pm	15 (13 Shevat) Beshalach Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 5:40pm
16 (14 Shevat) Social Action Program/ Tu B'Shevat Seder (virtual) FILC Special Day Morning Minyan 8:00am FILC (1 st – 7 th) 9:00am Gan & Gan Katan 9:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	17 (15 Shevat) Tu B'Shevat Office Closed MLK Day Morning Minyan 8:00am	18 (16 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Beth El & Bucks County Kehillah Program Civil Rights Discussion 8:00pm	19 (17 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FILC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	20 (18 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	21 (19 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 4:47pm Shabbat Evening 6:00pm	22 (20 Shevat) Yitro Shabbat Morning 9:30am Aufruf 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah University 10:00am Tot Shabbat 10:00am Havdalah 5:48pm
23 (21 Shevat) Morning Minyan 8:00am FILC (1 st – 7 th) 9:00am Book Nosh 10:30am Israeli Dinner 6:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	24 (22 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Director Meeting 8:00pm	25 (23 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Film Club 7:45pm	26 (24 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FILC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	27 (25 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Torah on Tap 8:00pm	28 (26 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle 4:55pm Shabbat Evening 6:00pm	29 (27 Shevat) Mishpatim Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 5:56pm
30 (28 Shevat) Morning Minyan 8:00am FILC (1 st – 7 th) 9:00am Wandering Jews- Uganda 10:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	31 (29 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm		Tu B'Shevat Save the Date January 16 Virtual Program More information to follow.			

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February 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (30 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Adar I Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	2 (1 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar I Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FJLC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Sisterhood Program 8:00pm	3 (2 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	4 (3 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:04pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm	5 (4 Adar I) Terumah Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 6:05pm
6 (5 Adar I) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1 st - 7 th) 9:00am "The Secret Torah of Women" 11:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	7 (6 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Dive into Davening 12:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm	8 (7 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Hebrew Calligraphy Class 8:00pm	9 (8 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FJLC (3 rd – 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	10 (9 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	11 (10 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:12pm Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm	12 (11 Adar I) Tetzaveh Shabbat Morning 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah University 10:00am TOT Shabbat 10:00am Havdalah 6:13pm
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- Milt Berger on the passing of his wife, Marian Berger, z"l; mother of Wendy (Richard) Einhorn, Debra (William) Covert, and grandchildren Megan, Andrew, Eric, Amanda, and Michelle.
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A Special Thank You from Marian Berger's, z"l Family

Milt Berger, Wendy (Richard) Einhorn, Debra (William) Covert, and grandchildren Megan, Andrew, Eric, Amanda, and Michelle.

Please accept our fondest thank you to the Beth El Community for all of the comfort, support and hugs you gave to me and my family. For over fifty years, Marian participated in many activities at Beth El, including Sisterhood, Hazak and the Beth El Office. What she enjoyed most were the frequent discussions she had with her many friends and acquaintances. We will be forever grateful for all of the cards, gifts, donations and words of sympathy that we received over the last several weeks. We especially took pleasure in hearing personal stories that congregants told about their conversations with Marian. I also want to give a big shout out to the Beth El Minyaners for giving me the opportunity to say Kaddish.

Thank you from Barbara Schwartz, Synagogue Administrator

Thank you for the countless phone calls, emails, and texts checking in on me after Marian's passing. The love and support you had for Marian was a given. Marian was a volunteer and member at Beth El for 50 years! But the love and support you all have had for me has been overwhelming. I have always felt Beth El was my home away from home, as well as my synagogue away from my synagogue; you all have made me feel more like a family member.

A special thank you to Harve Strouse, past Treasurer, for helping with the finances; David Kleinman for placing bookplates in Chumashim and Siddurim and Debbie Lubin for helping out the first week answering phones.

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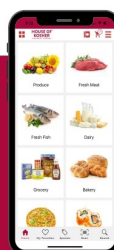
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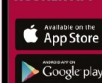
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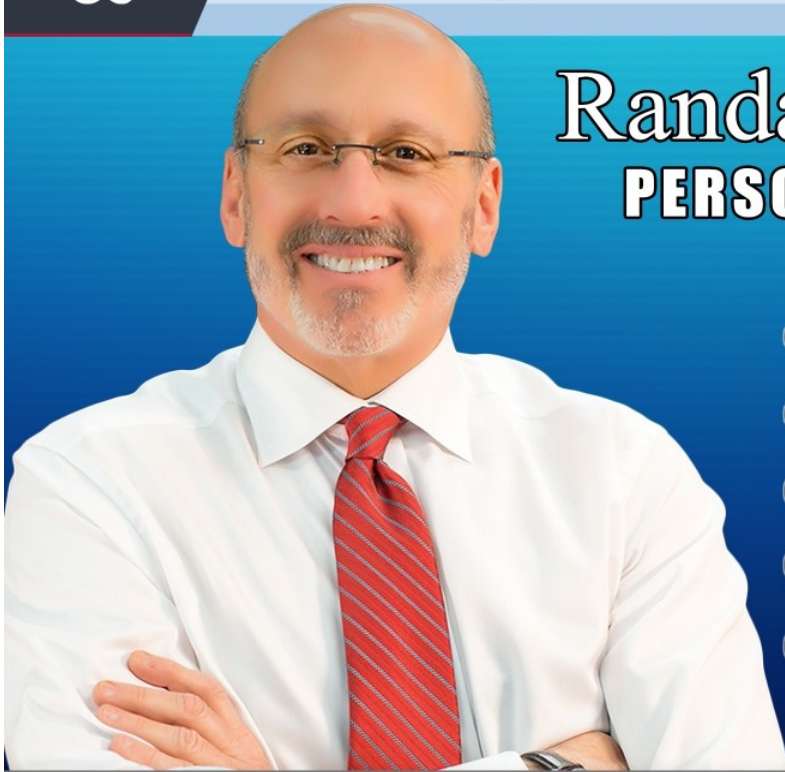
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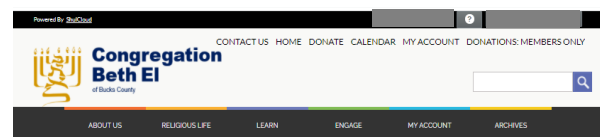


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