

The Shofar



The Bi-Monthly Publication of Congregation Beth El of Bucks County
March/April 2022

Adar I & II - Nisan 5782

Join us at Congregation Beth El's

ROCK 'N ROLL PURIM

Sunday
March 13
Carnival

Thursday
March 17
7:00am Morning Minyan
Megillah Reading

Wednesday
March 16

5:30pm: Dinner
6:20pm: Costume
Parade
6:30pm Maariv &
Megillah Reading

We hope you will join us in person.

Look for emails to RSVP
in the upcoming weeks or visit
www.bethelyardley.org.

SAVE THE DATE: BINGO IS BACK!
SUNDAY, MAY 1 12:00PM
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

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**GPMB Members up for re-election this year.

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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)

Check out our website

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 1 April 1 October 4 July 1

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.



One of the things I like about being an ex-officio member of the Search Committee is hearing Leon Weissman and Steve Young “argue” about who has been at Beth El longer. While Leon was born into Beth El, he moved away for many years so there is a gap in his membership. Steve has been a member ever since he was in aleph class with no gaps. While I am sure they could sit down and actually do the math, the mystery about it is one of the things that makes it fun.

On February 2, Sisterhood presented an event called “My Mother, My Inspiration” where four Beth El members discussed their mother-daughter relationships. Cara Weissman was born into Beth El because her mother, Dorothy Dickstein, was a founding member. Phyllis Schachter, and her mother, Bonnie Blyweiss, joined Beth El around the same time 20+ years ago. Michelle Flash joined when her daughter, Cara Davis was a young teenager and now Cara and her family are also members.

In addition to the families above, we have other multi-generational families like the Abrams, Algazi/Balcher, Fierverker/Bavati, Flager/Hough, Gutbezahl, Heller/Knopfmacher, Klein/Sokol, Koretsky, Milecofsky/Wachspress, Miller/Pollock, Schachter/Kleinhaus, and Weber and Weinberg families (I apologize if I missed anyone). And there are a lot of others who are siblings and cousins with each other.

All of this got me thinking about how many multi-generational families we have. This time I actually did the math. Nearly 20% of our members come from multigenerational families. Some are children who were raised at Beth El who either joined once they became adults or came back at some point as adult members. Others are members who joined as adults and then their parents joined to be with them. I’m not sure if there is a statistic out there about multigenerational members at other synagogues, but I couldn’t find one. I think that is because Beth El is truly a special place, even for those of you who are in the other 80% like I am. It is an inclusive place where lifelong members are friends with newcomers. Where older members are friends with younger members. Where we take care of each other’s kids. Where we call to check on each other’s parents. We are all family, if not by blood then by our love and commitment to Beth El.

We will soon celebrate Purim and it feels more exciting than usual. Two years ago, Purim was the last community gathering we had before we needed to close the building for Covid. Last year, Purim was completely virtual. This year, Purim is back! Everyone in the congregation will receive a Mishloach Manot bag (if you want to send any, the deadline is March 2nd). On Sunday, March 13th the PTO will have their Purim Carnival. Then, on Purim itself (Wednesday, March 16th), we will have a dinner, and then the entire congregation will come together for a costume parade and Megillah reading. I am wishing you all a joyous and fun-filled Purim!! I am looking forward to celebrating with my Beth El family!

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

Elizabeth Ravitch
President
president@bethelyardley.org



From generation to generation



Shalom friends,

Our tradition holds that Purim and Yom Kippur are actually inextricably bound to each other. At first, this connection might seem odd or even offensive – isn't Yom Kippur the most somber of days and Purim the most frivolous holiday on the Jewish calendar? But the Rabbis teach that the Hebrew word for Yom Kippur, Yom Kippurim, the day of atonements, is actually "*Yom k'Purim*," meaning, yom "a day" -- k' -- like" -- purim. So, if we apply the transitive relation in logic (if $A=B$, then $B=A$) i.e., if Yom Kippur is "like Purim," then the reverse must also be true: Purim must be like Yom Kippur. In this spirit, please allow me to offer to you a series of heartfelt apologies concerning several announcements you may have received from us in the last few months.

I would first like to apologize for my lack of oversight in the communications this past fall surrounding our outdoor Elul mindfulness day of programming ("Sunday in the Park with Judaism"). I now recognize I unintentionally misled several congregants when I accidentally wrote, "Join us for an intergenerational deep dive into the meaning of the season; evening services and medication [sic!] to follow." Some showed up and were disappointed by the inaccuracies; others purposefully avoided the event for fear of medication.

Next, I offer my sincere apologies for any misunderstanding that emerged from the time I promoted a session I was teaching on theodicy and wrote the following, "Everyone is welcome to join us tonight for my class, 'Making Meaning Out of Senseless Suffering' – come early and be part of our Re-Opening Task Force meeting."

To anyone who attended Shabbat morning services a couple of weeks ago, I want to apologize for my poor choice of wording when I opened services by reminding those in attendance that, "For those of you who have kids and don't know it, this week, we have BMU ("Bar Mitzvah University") in the small chapel beginning at 10am." Please know that I trust that you are deeply aware whether or not you have progeny.

Another apology is owed to the unnamed congregant who understood my existence to be conditional when I tried to reassure her, "I'm here if you need anything." Please be reassured that I am, indeed, here -- even if you do *not* need anything!

Finally, we all apologize for any confusion created by one of our new parking lot signs. Violators of our parking policies will, not, in fact, "be fine."

Wishing you and yours an unapologetically joyous Purim,

Rabbi Raysh Weiss
rabbi@bethelyardley.org





When you ask children to name their favorite Jewish Holiday, they often say Hanukkah. They like the food, the decorations, and, of course, the presents. Often the second favorite is Purim. Again, they like the food (who doesn't like Hamantaschen), the fun of dressing up, and groggers. For as long as I can remember, my favorite holiday has been Passover. I love the anticipation, the ceremony, and, of course, the food.

I anticipate that first taste of matzah, enjoy making new types of charoset, and eating matzah and butter. I love finding new ways to make the Passover seder fun and relevant to my family's life and having discussions about what we can learn from the themes in the Haggadah. I can still hear my father z"l reading "This is the bread of affliction" like he did every year. By the end of the holiday, I've had enough matzah pizza and Passover popovers, doing dishes, and cooking every meal. I'm ready to not eat matzah for the next year, order take out, and begin to anticipate Shavuot and cheesecake.

In my opinion, creating a space for these memories to be created is the essence of Jewish Education. We work together – teachers, families, congregants – to create experiences that foster a love of Judaism and inquiry in our children. Over the last two months, we have had many programs in the Religious School and HaMoadon that I hope has done just that and there is still more to come!

We had a very successful Mitzvah Day of Service in honor of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. HaMoadon and the Zayin class visited the Jewish Relief Agency and delivered meals to a senior building. The younger students created Birthday Bags, decorated a Welcome sign for the Afghan refugees who will be settling in our area, and notes for Meals on Wheels recipients for Purim.

Since Rosh Chodesh Adar 1, we have been having fun in anticipation of Purim. Every day of school, we dress a different way. For example, Funny Hat Day, Funky Sock Day, Blue and White Day, Jewish Hero Day, Superhero Day, Tie Dye Day, etc. It's been fun seeing the students show their excitement for Purim by dressing up.

Over the next two months, we are looking forward to some awesome celebrations and programs creating great memories and experiences for our students and families.

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 13	Purim Program and Carnival
March 16	Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading
March 20	Words to Action Program facilitated by the ADL for Middle and High School Students.
March 27	Hiddur Mitzvah Program: Creating covers for our siddurim
April 10	Passover Program

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Shari Sabath, MEd
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Staci O'Brien Board Member



My family is my everything. Jordyn is about to be 16, Averi 15. David and I have been married going on 21 years now. As a family we love traveling together, there is much to learn out and about. Recently we visited four corners, Arizona, and soon California.

I graduated from Penn State University with my degree in photography where I wanted to be a dark room specialist. But here and now, as I continue to grow, I sell medical insurance for my own agency. I love meeting new and exciting people all the time and learning their stories.

My maternal grandparents were holocaust survivors, and they laid a good Jewish foundation for me growing up, one that I try to pass on to my family.

Beth Sadoff Board Member & Cook For a Friend, Chair



I am a native of Jacksonville, Florida and graduate of Tufts University and American University Washington College of Law. After law school, I moved to Wilmington Delaware in 1990 where I was a staff attorney at Community Legal Aid. In 1991, I attended a "Jew Hop" in Philadelphia where I met my future husband, Ari. We married in 1993 and moved to Newtown a year later, where we had Eli (1995) and Noah (1998). After years spent volunteering as a breastfeeding counselor and serial PTO President, I decided to make a living doing what I loved – traveling and planning trips for others. I haven't done much of either in the past two years but I'm hopeful for 2022.

We joined Beth El around 10 years ago and moved to Yardley 5 years ago. At Beth El, I have served as Board Secretary and Vice President, and I am currently a Board member and co-chair of the Social Action committee. I have also run the Cook for a Friend program since its inception 9 years ago.

My hobbies include travel (I honestly have never had a bad vacation), tennis (fortunately, I don't have to be good at something to enjoy it), word puzzles and cooking.

WE WANT YOU

to get involved...

Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the ENGAGE tab to view all of Beth El's committees or click on the ABOUT US tab; scroll down to Leadership & Professionals.

Passover 2022



For a full schedule of service times, Passover resources and Passover programs, visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on the Passover graphic.

Danny Seidler: Saturday, March 26, 2022



Danny Seidler, son of Farrah and Mike Seidler, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 26, 2022. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Danny decided to get involved with the Breakfast Club for Seniors which is a non-profit organization that provides breakfast packages to Bucks County Seniors in need. With rising food prices and isolation forced on many older adults two years into the COVID pandemic, there are many who don't have enough to eat and need help. With the help of Danny's family and friends, near and far away, he collected thousands of healthy, nutritious breakfast items. And, with the assistance of his friends he collated over 600 bags to be given to those who are experiencing food insecurities. In his free time, Danny loves playing baseball, basketball and flag football. He also enjoys cooking, traveling and is a member of his middle school's math club.

Eli Kirsh: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Eli Kirsh is the youngest child of Lee and Stacy Kirsh. He attends Newtown Friends School where he is a seventh-grader participating in the yearbook and American Math Competition clubs. He is an extremely hard worker in school and is known to help out when anyone has technology issues. Eli also participates in sports outside of school. He started ice skating at the young age of two years old then progressed to the Learn to Play Hockey class where he discovered his passion for the sport. He is an avid ice hockey player and has played in both the defensive and offensive positions. Currently, he loves playing goalie for the Grundy Senators and Pennsbury Falcons Ice Hockey teams.



Eli does not have a lot of free time, especially during hockey season. When he has free time, he can be found on the gaming computer he built with his Poppy or on the ice rink he built with his dad in the backyard. His favorite game on his computer is FortNite, but he hopes to get a flight simulator very soon to practice flying airplanes. The ice rink in the backyard has been a gift. When the weather is cold enough, he can be found practicing dekes, or tricks on the ice. The ice rink is definitely Eli's happy place. Since sports are extremely important to him, Eli has chosen to volunteer to help an organization called *Leveling the Playing Field*. This organization was founded in 2013 in response to the growing inequity between those that can afford to play sports and those that cannot, and the prominent role the cost of sporting goods was playing in that gap. The founder realized the volume of equipment that goes to waste from elementary school-aged kids all the way up to our professional sports franchises.

In response, he decided to develop essentially a food bank for sports equipment. Eli wants every child that wants to participate in sports to reap the emotional and physical benefits sports have offered to him. He is doing this by collecting new and gently used sporting equipment for *Leveling the Playing Field* so it can be donated to local youth sports families, schools, youth organizations, after-school programs, and youth sports leagues to make sure that during and after school sports are accessible to all children. In the future, Eli hopes to play for the NHL or become a pilot for a major airline flying all over the world.

Rebecca Galonsky: Saturday, April 30, 2022



Rebecca Galonsky, daughter of Aron Galonsky and Ella Goldmacher will be called to the Torah on Saturday, April 30th, 2022 for her Bat Mitzvah.

Becca is aware she has grown up fortunate in that she has never wanted for anything, experienced food insecurity or other impacts of poverty. With that said, she has learned that many children are less fortunate and she wants to help them. As such, Becca has been organizing a drive to collect arts and craft items, school supplies and books (she is a passionate reader) via Cradles to Crayons.

Becca loves playing basketball - for her school team, for her AAU/Travel team, or any pickup game she can get in. She takes great pride in being a straight A student, student council member for the past several years, as well as her theater work. Becca loves science and one day hopes to become a physician. We know she will accomplish whatever she sets her mind to.



Dear Congregation Beth El Family,

Much has changed since we sent our very first "Count Your Blessings Tax Return" to Beth El members in early 2019. Who would have known that just a year later our world as we knew it would be turned upside-down. We are still reeling with so much loss; loss of plans, school, events, and sadly for some, friends, and family.

This year as you prepare to file those dreaded IRS Tax Returns, we thought it would be a great time to once again, count our blessings and record and "file" accordingly.

Participation is purely optional and provides a tax-deductible way to support Beth El. Fill out form on this page and return it to Congregation Beth El. This is one "tax return" that enables you to derive the pleasure and satisfaction of giving while "paying up." Most importantly, have FUN with this Fundraiser!

Ways in which you may participate:

- Mail or drop off your completed form (see enclosed) with a check made payable to Congregation Beth El by April 15, 2022. (375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA 19067).
- Donate online: Log into your Member Portal (www.bethelyardley.org; top right-hand corner; use your email and password; click on link on home page, "Count Your Blessings").
- Call Barbara Schwartz, Synagogue Administrator, in the Beth El Office (215-493-1707 x4) or email barbara@bethelyardley.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Congregation Beth El! On behalf of your fundraising team, we wish good health and many blessings in the year 2022.

Penny Bardfeld
Meryl Broadbent
Lee Kirsh
fundraising@bethelyardley.org

Year 5782	BETH EL "Count Your Blessings" Tax Return		2021	(00) Official Use – Do not write or staple in this space.
For the year Jan 1 – Dec. 31, 2021			XYZ NO. 1234-5678	
First name		Last name	Spouse's first name (if applicable)	
Phone number		E-mail	Your ID No. (if known)	
Home address (number and street)		Apt. No.		
City, State and ZIP code				
Would you like to donate \$5 in appreciation of our Beth El staff? If so, please place an X in the "yes" box			Yes	No
Reminder: Please "tax" yourself as generously as possible. Your tax deductible gift supports Beth El.			Note: checking "yes" will increase your overall donation by \$5.	
Filing Status		Suggested Value	Donation	
	I have a significant other/spouse	\$2.00	_____	
	I/We have ___ Children	\$3.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ Brothers/Sisters	\$1.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ Parents	\$2.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ Grandparents	\$2.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ Grandchildren	\$2.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ Nieces/Nephews	\$1.00 each	_____	
	I/We have Friends	\$5.00	_____	
	I/We have ___ Pets	\$2.00 each	_____	
	I/We celebrated ___ Mitzvot in 2021	\$1.00 each	_____	
Taxable Holdings		Suggested Value	Donation	
	I/We live in a house, condo or apartment	\$2.00	_____	
	I/We own or rent a vacation home	\$2.00	_____	
	I/We took ___ vacations in 2021	\$1.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ televisions	\$1.00 each	_____	
Donations to benefit Beth El				
	I/We have ___ computers/tablets/ipads	\$1.00 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ cellphones	\$0.50 each	_____	
	I/We have ___ bluetooth speakers/Alexa	\$0.50 each	_____	
	I/We have WIFI in the house	\$2.00	_____	
	I/We have a dishwasher/washer/dryer	\$0.50 each	_____	
	I/We have a stocked refrigerator	\$1.00	_____	
	I/We have ___ cars	\$1.00 each	_____	
	I/We have a savings/retirement account	\$1.00	_____	
	I/We have health insurance	\$1.00	_____	
	I/We have a job	\$1.00	_____	
	I/We am/are Beth El member(s) for ___ years	\$0.25	_____	
	Extra Blessings you would like to add	\$_____	_____	
	Beth El Staff Appreciation fund (see top)	\$5.00	_____	
Please count your blessings and "tax" yourself accordingly		Total Donation _____		
PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO CONGREGATION BETH EL BY APRIL 15.				



B'NAI MITZVAH UNIVERSITY (BMU)

Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information.



Calling all 5th, 6th & 7th Graders

Pray Learn
Practice Study

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

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.



Presents

WORDS_{to}ACTION

Empowering Students to Address Antisemitism

Join us IN PERSON for an interactive program for middle and high school students that provides resources and tools to respond to antisemitism and anti Israel bias in any form, including:

- Stereotypes and Prejudice
- Hate Speech/ Free Speech
- Vandalism
- Anti Israel Incidents

Sunday, March 20th at 10 AM
for all students in Middle and High School

To RSVP and for more information contact Shari Sabath, Principal
at school@bethelyardley.org or 215-493-1707

ADL is a leading anti-hate organization. Founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of antisemitism and bigotry, its timeless mission is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all - adl.org



CHILDREN ages 0 - 5 & CAREGIVER

TOT SHABBAT

LED by teacher and Congregation Beth El member CARYN BOISSELLE

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

April 2 May 7

Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information.



March and April 2022

We're getting ready for Spring with a range of engaging classes and programs to keep you learning. Whether in Zoom or in person, we hope you will join your friends for an informative and fun experience!

Weekday DAYTIME Learning

Dive Into Davening:

First Monday of the month, 12:00pm – 12:30pm, March 7 and April 4

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 – 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)

IN THE ARCHIVES

Visit www.bethelyardley.org

Guest Speaker

Rabbi Morris Allen

Discussed the history of Kashrut and bringing current Kashrut certification rules into alignment with ethical concerns.

New Class!

The Abrahamic Religions: (NEW! Starts April 26)

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11:00am Facilitator: Harriet Freidenreich

This 7-week class, which starts after Passover on April 26, will explore the three western monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, from a comparative and historical perspective. See flyer in this issue for more details.

(Meets in person at Beth El)

Weekday EVENING Learning

Film Club: "A Serious Man" by Joel and Ethan Coen

Tuesday, March 15 at 8:00pm

"A Serious Man", sometimes referred to as the Coen Brothers' most underrated film, is a darkly humorous story about one ordinary person's quest to become a serious man. View the film on your own (available on most streaming platforms for \$3.99). Then join us for the discussion on March 15.

(Meets on Virtual Beth El. Popcorn optional)

Jewish Views of the Afterlife

Sponsored by Congregations Beth El and Brothers of Israel

Tuesday, March 29 at 8:00pm

How does Judaism conceive of the individual's fate after death? Join Simcha Paull Raphael as he guides us through a compilation of answers found in the Bible and Apocrypha, Rabbinic literature, Medieval Midrash, Kabbalah, and Hasidic thought.

(Meets on Congregation Brothers of Israel Zoom. **Advance Registration Required. Visit www.bethelyardley.org for registration link**)

Book Club: Eternal by Lisa Scottolini

Thursday, March 31 at 8:00pm

In "Eternal", #1 best-selling author Lisa Scottoline offers a sweeping and shattering epic of historical fiction fueled by shocking true events, the tale of a love triangle that unfolds in the heart of Rome, in the creeping shadow of rising fascism and anti-semitism.

Discussion Leader: Joan Zuckerman.

Continued

WeekEND Learning

Crowdsourcing Pesach -- Joint Event with Beth El Sisterhood

Sunday, March 27 at 11:00am

Get ready for Passover with a little mutual aid from Beth El friends. Instead of running all over town to fill up your Pesach pantry, join our roving reporters to hear what's in stock (and what's not) in different area supermarkets. Learn new recipe ideas to change up your Passover menus for Seders and throughout the holiday. Live and in person in the Beth El Social Hall! Advanced registration required by March 21. Visit www.bethelyardley.org or call Beth El office, 215-493-1707 x4.

Wanted: Roving Reporters for *Crowdsourcing Pesach*

WANTED

We're looking for a few intrepid shoppers to visit area supermarkets before March 27. Your assignment: To report back on what's in-stock in the Kosher for Passover aisle.

We'll give you a checklist of the items we're looking for at each store.

Please let us know when you can shop, and what supermarket (s) you'd like to cover.

Respond to: AdultEd@BethElYardley.org

Book Nosh

Sunday, April 24 at 10:30am

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. Facilitator: Alex Geiger (Meets in Person at Beth El)



Wandering Jews Series: Uganda, Africa

Sunday, May 1 at 10:00am

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. (Meets on Virtual Beth El)

Hebrew Calligraphy Class is on the Archive Page



We've had a lot of requests about Rachel Jackson's "Hebrew Calligraphy" class, which took place on February 8. If you missed it – or just want a quick review of Rachel's technique -- never fear. The recording is available on the Adult Ed Archive Page.

Find it here: <https://www.bethelyardley.org/adult-ed-archive.html>

or visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on ARCHIVES tab.

“Jewish Views of the Afterlife” will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, March 29, at 8:00pm. To access Reb Raphael’s program, **Registration IS Required.** Register online at www.bethelyardley.org or click on the flyer in your weekly email. For questions, please call the Beth El office, 215-493-1707 x4 or email AdultEd@bethelyardley.org.



Anything underlined is a link to a video. Enjoy!

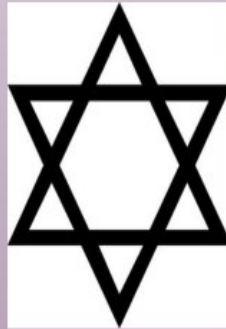
Abrahamic Religions



TUESDAYS
April 26 - June 7
with Harriet Freidenreich



In person



10:00am - 11:00am

Course Description

The Abrahamic Religions provides a brief introduction to the three western monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in comparative historical perspective. Topics will include: Holy Scriptures, beliefs and practices, ideas of G-d, religious sects and denominations, and gender roles. The course will combine lectures and discussion. Class participation will be welcome.

About the facilitator

Harriet Freidenreich is professor emerita of history at Temple University in Philadelphia, where she taught a wide range of courses in Jewish history, European women's history and gender history. Her publications include *The Jews of Yugoslavia* and *Jewish Politics in Vienna*. Her most recent book is *Female, Jewish and Educated: The Lives of Central European University Women*. She is a member of the editorial board of *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*.



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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

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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

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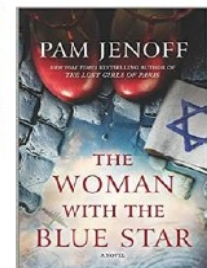
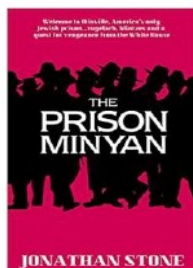
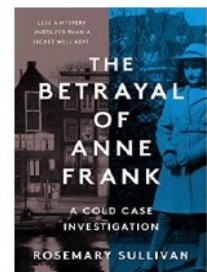
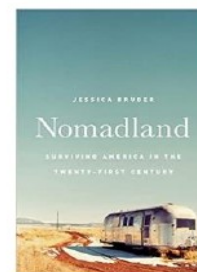
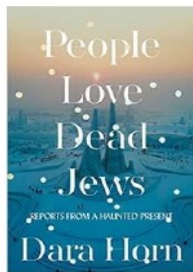
For the literary omnivore who likes to graze

*Next Meeting Will Be in Person (we hope)
Sunday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.*

FREE – Bagels, Schmears, Coffee & Good Conversation

Please Come and 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.

Some of the Items Discussed at Our Last Meeting:



For more information, please contact AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com



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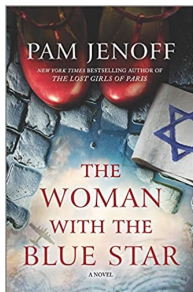
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Book Nosh

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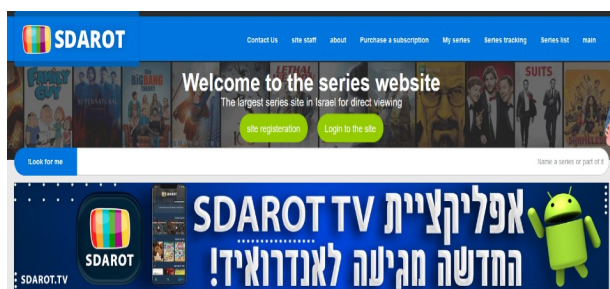
The Prison Minyan, by Jonathan Stone. A wonderfully diverting comic novel set in Otisville Prison, which is a minimum security facility in upstate New York. A crew of Jewish fraudsters, tax evaders, trigamists, and forgers, including two rabbis (one Orthodox and the other Reform) meet for minyan, eat Kosher snacks, and discuss current events and the Talmud. All is well until a celebrity convict, who has upset the 45th president, shows up. Suddenly, this white-collar country club loses its gemütlichkeit. Highjinx ensue. A real fun read and a nice change of pace.



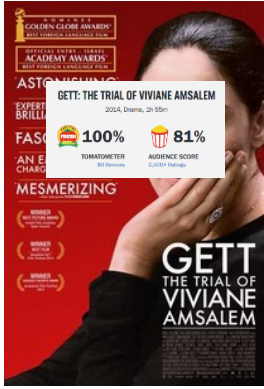
The Woman with the Blue Star, by Pam Jenoff. This novel, set in the Kraków Ghetto during World War II, tells the story of Jews trying to survive by hiding in the sewer tunnels beneath the city. The plot centers on a meeting between a Jewish girl in the sewer and an affluent gentile girl living in the lap of luxury above ground. According to the official blurb, this book is, “inspired by incredible true stories ... and an unforgettable testament to the power of friendship and the extraordinary strength of the human will to survive.” In fact, the story about Jews surviving in the sewers beneath the Łódź ghetto is true. The rest of this book is, unfortunately, wishful fantasy.



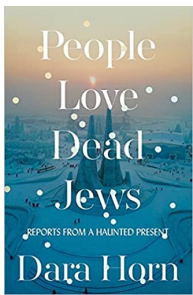
The Club, a Turkish TV series currently streaming on Netflix. Set in Istanbul in the 1950's, this show introduces us to the Sephardic Jews, Armenians, and Greeks who had called Istanbul home for centuries. There are many intrigues, plots, romances, and the usual potboilers that make TV streamers so addictive, but there are also interesting tidbits about the history, cultures, rituals, and languages of non-Muslim groups in Turkey that have now mostly disappeared under the pressure of the increasingly Islamist government.



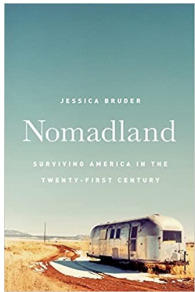
SDAROT.TV is an Israeli streaming service that is available to subscribers outside of Israel free of charge, although you do have to create an account. A great selection of TV shows in Hebrew or with Hebrew subtitles. Shows shot originally in English are still in English, making them accessible for the Hebrew-challenged among us.



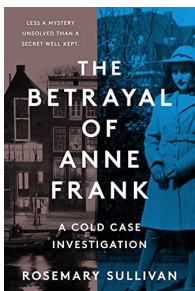
Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem is a movie about a woman in Israel trying to get a divorce. Doesn't sound too exciting but in fact it's riveting and thought-provoking. On RottenTomatoes.com it has a 100% published-reviews score, which I have never seen before. Typical quote from a review: "After having seen [Ronit] Elkabetz here it's difficult to imagine anyone else in the role. She is simultaneously epic yet intimate in her portrayal, projecting the universality of her conflicts ... [S]he wears that story on her face and in her body language and in every word that she speaks." The movie is available for free on Amazon Prime.



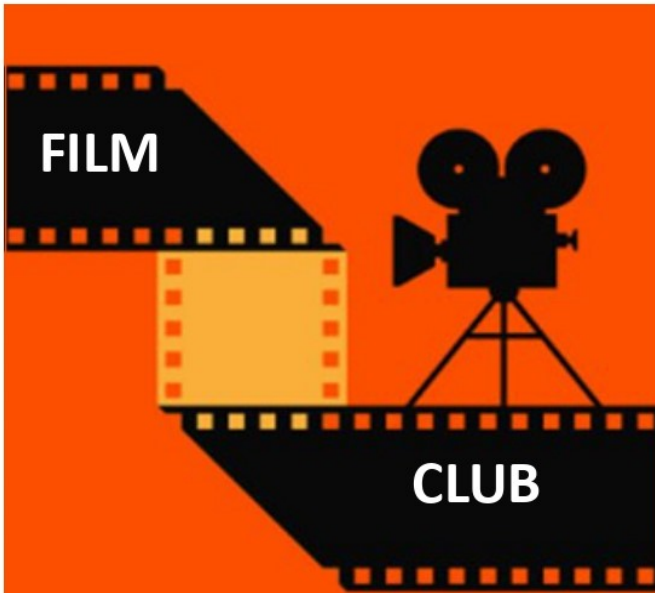
People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present, by Dara Horn. We've discussed this book previously. Since our last discussion, it's been chosen as the official One Book One Jewish Community selection for 2022.



Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century, by Jessica Bruder. We all know (or think we know) this story from the movie version, which won lots of awards, including Best Actress, Best Director, and Best Picture at last year's Oscars. However, there is a lot more in this book than you saw in the movie.



The Betrayal of Anne Frank: A Cold Case Investigation, by Rosemary Sullivan. A recently published tract which claims, without the benefit of any evidence, that Anne Frank was betrayed by a Jew. Just the latest installment of the age-old, anti-Semitic trope that Jews themselves are responsible for all the evils that have been inflicted on them. For trenchant refutations of these tired libels, see **Scholars Doubt New Theory on Anne Frank's Betrayal** (New York Times, January 18, 2022) and **What an Antisemite's Fantasy Says About Jewish Reality** (New York Times, January 21, 2022).



Lights...Camera...Action!

**Beth El's
Virtual Film Club**

**Tuesday, March 15
8:00pm**

**"A Serious Man"
by Joel and Ethan Coen**

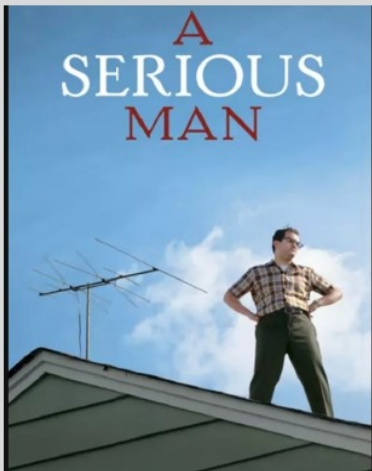
What to do:

Watch the film before March 15, then join the discussion on Zoom. This film is available to rent (\$3.99) on Prime Video, VUDU, Apple TV, Google Play.

About the film:

"The Coen Brothers' Most Underrated Film"

Academy Award winning directors Joel and Ethan Coen return to their comedy roots with this darkly humorous story about one ordinary man's quest to become a serious man.



Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg) is a physics professor at a 1960s university, but his life is coming apart at the seams. His wife (Sari Lennick) is leaving him, his jobless brother (Richard Kind) has moved in, and someone is trying to sabotage his chances for tenure. Larry seeks advice from three different rabbis, but whether anyone can help him overcome his many afflictions remains to be seen.

Starring: Michael Stuhlbarg, Richard Kind, Fred Melamed, Sari Lennick, Aaron Wolff

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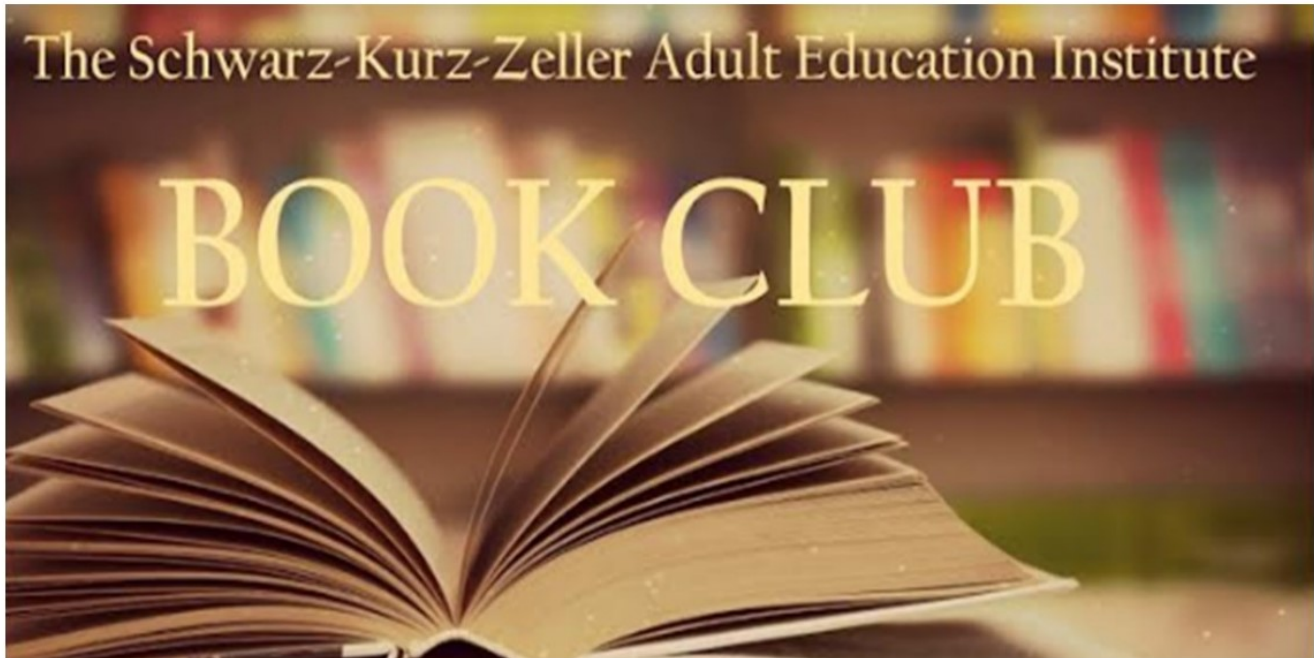
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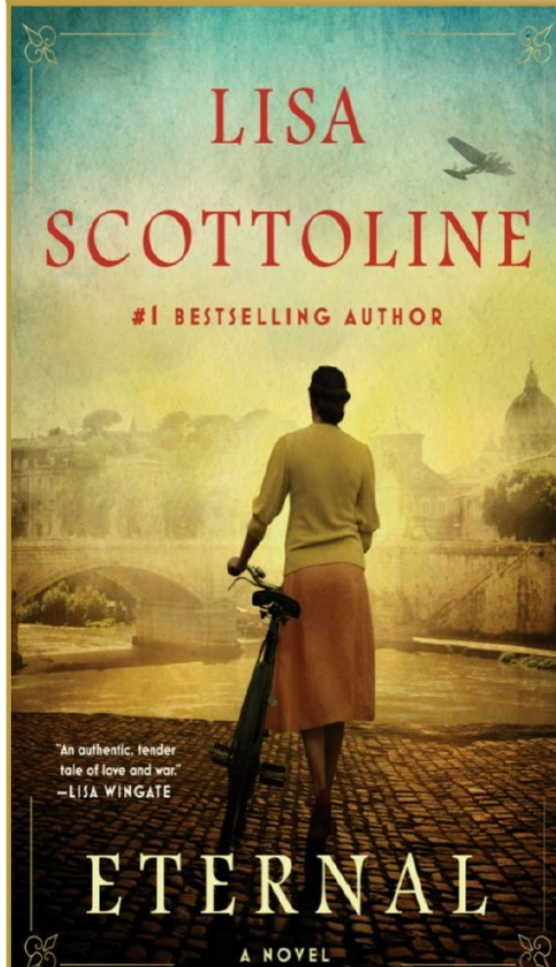
Wandering Jews Series: UGANDA, Africa**Sunday, May 1, 2022****10 AM on Virtual Beth El****Save the Date!**

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.



What war destroys, only love can heal.



Thursday, March 31 at 8:00 pm

Discussion Leader: Joan Zuckerman

#1 bestselling author Lisa Scottoline offers a sweeping and shattering epic of historical fiction fueled by shocking true events, the tale of a love triangle that unfolds in the heart of Rome...in the creeping shadow of rising fascism and anti-semitism.

Eternal is a tale of loyalty and loss, family and food, love and war--all set in one of the world's most beautiful cities at its darkest moment. This moving novel will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of readers.

For more information email adulted@bethelyardley.org.
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***All are
welcome to
attend
8:00pm***

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

Thursday, March 24

Location to be determined

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

Save the dates

April 20 (Wednesday) and May 19

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



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The Sisterhood at Beth El presents

THE SECRET TORAH OF WOMEN

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

March 6 May 1

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traditions.

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IN PERSON

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APRIL 3, 2022
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Special Mitzvah
As We Approach
Pesach

March 9 and 25
April 13

Spring

INTO ACTION WITH THE BETH EL SOCIAL ACTION
COMMITTEE AS WE TEAM UP WITH AHTN (Advocates
for Homeless and Those in Need) and OHEV
SHALOM OF BUCKS COUNTY. IT'S EASY AND FUN!

Sign up at:

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

- * Cook one or several (to go) dinners in your own home on your sign-up date.
- * Bring the dinners to 129 Knights Bridge Drive, Yardley at 4:15pm - from there they go to St. John - where they are picked up by AHTN at 5:00pm.
- * By 5:15pm the meals we prepared will be enjoyed by local homeless people who might otherwise not have had a hot meal that day.

For more info call or text:

Felice Bernstein
215-499-9368



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Let's Get Cooking

with COOK FOR A FRIEND

Tuesdays

March 29 May 10

4:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us in the Beth El kitchen.
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meals for homebound seniors.

For more information contact:
Beth Sadoff at bjaws999@gmail.com
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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.

THE RISE OF EXTREMISM IN AMERICA



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join in conversation about the dramatic rise in extremism across America in recent years, including updates on the January 6, 2021 insurrection

This webinar is being held exclusively for ADL Signature Synagogue congregations across the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Division

Special Guest: Marilyn Mayo

Sr. Research Fellow,
ADL Center on Extremism

Moderator: Sara Scheinbach

Sr. Associate Director,
ADL Cleveland

MARCH 2, 2022

7 PM EST / 6 PM CST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 (3 Adar II) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1 st - 7 th) 9:00am HaMo'adon Hebrew High School Sisterhood: "The Secret Torah of Women" Evening Minyan 7:30pm	7 (4 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Dive into Davening 12:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 8:00pm	8 (5 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	9 (6 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FJLC (3 rd - 7 th) 4:30pm Membership Committee Meeting 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	10 (7 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	11 (8 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 5:44pm Shabbat Evening 6:00pm	12 (9 Adar II) Vayikra Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 6:45pm
13 (10 Adar II) FJLC Special Day Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1 st - 7 th) 9:00am Gan & Gan Katan 9:00am Purim Carnival 10:00am HaMo'adon Hebrew High School Evening Minyan 7:30pm	14 (11 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	15 (12 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Film Club 7:45pm	16 (13 Adar II) Taanit Esther Erev Purim FJLC Special Day Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am Pick Up Shalach Manot 10:00am Treat Bags 10:00am FJLC (3 rd - 7 th) 4:30pm Purim Dinner 5:30pm Costume Parade 6:20pm Maariv & Megillah 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	17 (14 Adar II) Purim Morning Minyan 7:00am Megillah Reading 7:00am Pick Up Shalach Manot 10:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	18 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim Morning Minyan 7:00am Shabbat Evening 6:00pm Candle Lighting 6:51pm	19 (16 Adar II) Tzav Shabbat Morning 9:30am Havdalah 7:52pm
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27 (24 Adar II) Morning Minyan 8:00am FJLC (1 st - 7 th) 9:00am HaMo'adon Hebrew High School Adult Ed & Sisterhood Crowdsourcing Pesach Evening Minyan 7:30pm	28 (25 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	29 (26 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Cook for a Friend 4:00pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm Congregations Beth El & Brothers of Israel Guest Speaker: Simcha Paull Raphael "Jewish Views of the Afterlife" 7:45pm	30 (27 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Jews & Food 10:00am FJLC (3 rd - 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	31 (28 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Book Club 7:45pm		

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17 (16 Nisan) Pesach 1st Day Omer No FJLC Pesach II Morning Minyan 8:00am Havdalah 8:22pm	18 (17 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer Pesach III Office closes at noon Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Board of Directors Meeting 8:00pm	19 (18 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer Pesach IV Office closes at noon Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	20 (19 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer No FJLC Pesach V Office closes at noon Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm Torah on Tap 8:00pm	21 (20 Nisan) Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer Office closes at noon Pesach VI Morning Minyan 7:00am Candle Lighting 7:26pm	22 (21 Nisan) Pesach 6th Day Omer Pesach VII Office closed Passover Services 9:30am Shabbat Evening 6:00pm Candle Lighting 7:27pm	23 (22 Nisan) Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer Pesach VIII Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Passover Services including Yizkor Services 9:30am Havdalah 8:28pm
24 (23 Nisan) 8th Day Omer No Hebrew High/HaMo'adon No FJLC Morning Minyan 8:00am Book Nosh 10:30am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	25 (24 Nisan) 9th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	26 (25 Nisan) 10th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am The Abrahamic R. 10:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	27 (26 Nisan) 11th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am FJLC (3 rd - 7 th) 4:30pm Evening Minyan 7:30pm	28 (27 Nisan) Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer Yom HaShoah Program Morning Minyan 7:00am Evening Minyan 7:30pm	29 (28 Nisan) 13th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7:00am Shiru l'Adonai Musical Shabbat 6:00pm Candle Lighting 7:34pm	30 (29 Nisan) Achrei Mot Shabbat Mevarchim 14th Day Omer Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Galonsky 9:30am Havdalah 8:35pm



Every hand helps

CHESED COMMUNITY



Chesed is the Hebrew word for "kindness." It is also commonly translated as "loving-kindness," or "love." Chesed is central to Jewish ethics and Jewish theology.

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

We are always looking for more volunteers to:

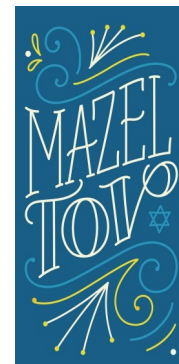
- *Cook a meal
- *Help in a Shiva home
- * Pick up something at the supermarket
- *Drive someone to a doctor's appointment
- *Drive someone to synagogue for services

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Mazel Tov to...

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- Jocelyne Balcher in honor of her son, Alex on his engagement to Marissa Rubenstein.
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- Jocelyne Balcher on the passing of her husband, Lou Balcher, z"l; father to Daveed and Alex, as well as to Jonathan, Wendy, Jordyn, and Lexi Algazi, and Linda Schwartz, along with the whole extended family.



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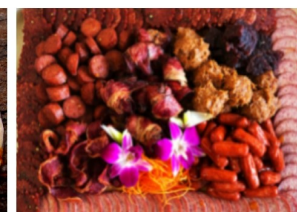
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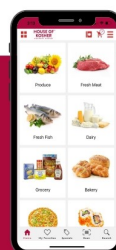
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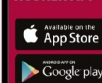
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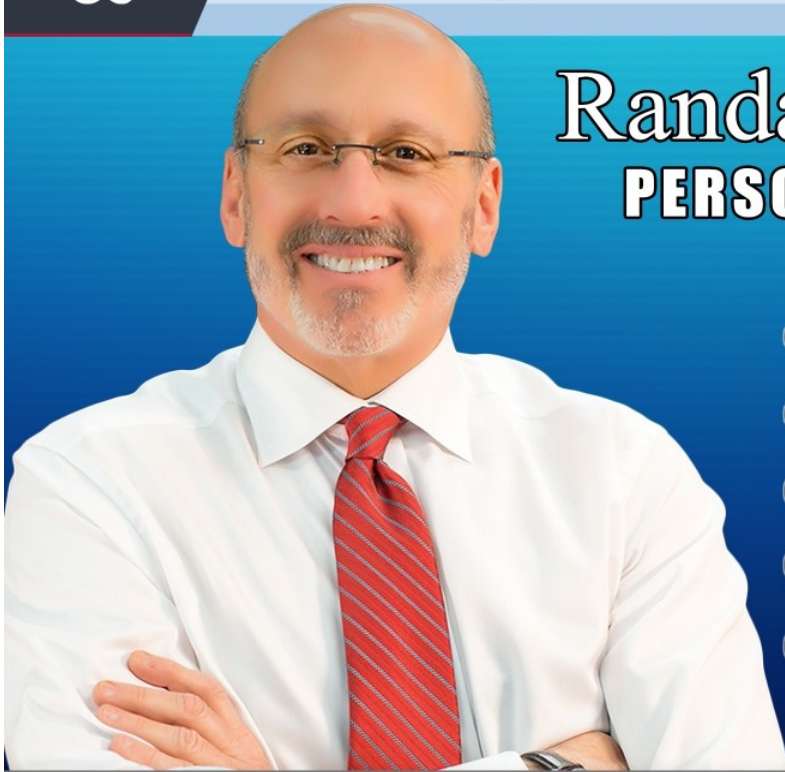
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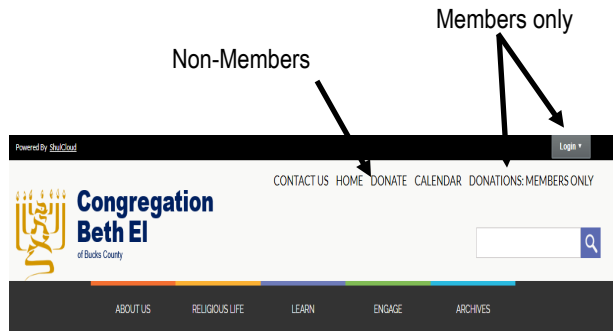
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