The Shofar

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(list of our loved ones in need of healing)

January 1 April 1 October 1 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. If the date falls on a Shabbat, please send it prior to Shabbat.

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Fridays: 8:30am - 2:00pm

Schedule of Services

Monday - Friday

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

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 & secular holidays (in person only)

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Find out more about our programming, events, & classes. Sign up for classes using our online forms.



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.



Rosh HaShana begins on Sunday evening, September 25th which means that we are now in the month of Elul. Elul is generally thought of as the month for introspection and repentance. In trying to decide what aspect of Elul to write about, I came across these two stories from Nissan Mindel:

The Hole in The Boat

A man was called to the beach to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright, new red, as he was hired to do. As he painted the boat, he noticed that the paint was seeping through the bottom of the boat. He realized that there was a leak, and he decided to mend it. When the painting was done, he collected his money for the job and went away.

The following day the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a large check. The painter was surprised. "You have already paid me for painting the boat," he said.

"But this is not for the paint job. It is for mending the leak in the boat."

"That was so small a thing that I even did not want to charge you for it. Surely you are not paying me this huge amount for so little a thing?"

"My dear friend, you do not understand. When I asked you to paint the boat I had forgotten to mention to you about the leak. When the boat was nice and dry, my children took the boat and went fishing. When I found that they had gone out in the boat, I was frantic for I remembered that the boat had a leak! Imagine my relief and happiness when I saw them coming back safe and sound. I examined the boat and saw that you had repaired the leak. Now you see what you have done? You have saved the lives of my children! I haven't enough money to repay you for your 'little' good deed..."

A Piece of String

A wealthy merchant bought a wonderful candelabra for his home. It was a masterpiece, made of pure crystal and studded with precious stones. It cost a real fortune.

Because of the candelabra's massive size, the ceiling in the merchant's dining room could not support its weight. In order to hang this beautiful candelabra, a hole was bored in the ceiling, through which a rope was run and fastened to a beam in the attic.

Everybody who came to the house admired the wonderful candelabra, and the merchant and his family were very proud of it.

One day a poor boy came begging for old clothes. He was told to go up to the attic, where their old clothes were stored, and to help himself to some. He went up to the attic, and collected a neat bundle of clothes. After packing them into his bag, he searched for a piece of string with which to tie it. He saw a rope wound around a nail and decided to help himself to a piece. So he took out his pocketknife and cut the rope.

Crash! There was a terrific smash, and the next moment the whole family rushed to the attic crying: "You idiot! Look what you have done! You have ruined us!"

The poor boy could not understand what all the excitement was about. He said: "What do you mean, ruined you? All I did was to take a small piece of rope. Surely this did not ruin you?"

"You poor child," replied the merchant. "Yes, all you did was to take a piece of rope. But it so happened that my precious candelabra hung by it. Now you have broken it beyond repair!"

These two stories share a single moral: sometimes doing something small winds up having a large impact. Sometimes this impact is positive and sometimes negative. So, as we finish up the year, ask yourself some questions:

- What went right for me and what could have gone better?
- What did I do well this year and where did I make mistakes?
- What effect, both good and bad, did my actions have on other people?

I hope as you reflect upon your year that you find that things have gone well, that you made few mistakes and that you mainly had a positive effect on others. I wish for all of you to have a happy and healthy new year. Shana Tova and K'tiva Chatimah Tovah, Happy New Year and May you be written and sealed in the Book of Life.

Galent Ramt

Elizabeth Ravitch President president@bethelyardley.org



Our prayerbooks have it wrong. In both the Maḥzor Lev Shalem for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and the Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat & Festivals, the personal, private Amidah – the "standing" prayer is –misdescribed as "silent."

The Hebrew has it better: אמידה בלחש *tefilat ha-amidah <u>belash</u>* – the standing prayer that is <u>whispered</u>.

There is a world of difference between what is whispered and what is said "silently." A whisper is formed by the lips, shaped by the tongue and larynx, and powered by the lungs. It is something that exists in the world, a change made in the local reality. A thought – for what else could a "silent" prayer be – is something that exists only in our heads, is invisible to others and even to ourselves.

Why should this matter to you or to me? Regarding public prayer, the Shulhan Arukh, Orekh Ḥayim (101:2-4) states

And one should not only pray in one's heart, but one must actually enunciate the words with one's lips and let them be heard in a whisper tone by one's own ears, [however] one should not let one's voice be heard [fully during the Amidah]. [However,] if one is unable to direct one's intention [to the Amidah] while in a whisper tone, one is allowed to raise one's voice. And this is [only] when one is praying privately, but [if one is praying] with the congregation, it is forbidden, as this is a nuisance for the congregation. ...

Some say that on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur it is permitted to let one's voice be heard in one's prayer, even in public (Gloss: And this is what we practice; however, people must be careful not to raise their voice too much).

One may pray in any language one desires; and this applies [when one is praying together] with a congregation. ...

Why do I believe that our personal prayers should be spoken aloud? In part because I refuse to believe that God is a mind-reader. I believe that our personal thoughts are our own, and we should only be held accountable for those thoughts that we turn into action, through the physicality of our bodies. When I whisper a prayer, it is a physical act. Moreover, it is a prayer that can be heard, if only by my own ears. It is a thought that has become corporeal. It exists in the world.

For many of us, the Amidah of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is the most important prayer that we pray, a prayer that is worth coming to synagogue for, that is worth praying individually in the company of others. And if you're anything like me, keeping just one thought in my head at a time is a challenge.

But my voice? Over that I have control.

As we gather again in public for prayer, may we all be inspired – and encouraged – to give voice to our prayers so that the may be heard: by God, by our own ears, and – at the level of an indeterminate whisper – to our neighbors as an inspiration to pray.

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In the Sh'ma we say "Teach them [the words of Torah] to your children." (Devarim 6:7)

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Welcome to the Fierverkever Jewish Learning Center and Hebrew School!

We are anticipating an amazing year filled with Jewish fun and learning. In addition to Hebrew, Prayer, Torah, Jewish art, and holidays, we have exciting activities every month!

Our first day, students will be making Havdalah sets with their parents to symbolize the beginning of a new school year just as we begin a new week. Moreh Jeremy will lead us in a camp-style joyous Havdalah ceremony before we go to our classes and start our amazing Jewish journey.

Before we can begin however, we need to make sure everyone is registered so that we may be prepared for that first day.

The NEW link to register is now available. If you registered on the old link please go back and re-register (I am sorry for the inconvenience). Please visit www.bethelyardley.org; LEARN tab.

I will be sending out a calendar and details of some of our events shortly. I am available for you if you have any questions or comments.

I can be reached at school@bethelyardley.org or by phone 562-810-6716.

Kedma Canton

Kedma Cantor Interim Education Director, FJLC kcantor@bethelyardley.org Calling Bubbes and Zeides!



We need storytellers
(or readers)
on Sundays at Hebrew school.
Come read, or tell us
about your Jewish experiences
as a kid. What was your
favorite topic, holiday,
or food?
Contact Kedma for more info.



Congregation Beth El High Holidays Schedule 375 Stony Hill Road Yardley, PA 19067 2022/5783

The Religious Activities Committee announces the following schedule of worship for High Holidays. Services will be led by Rabbi David Cantor and Hazzan Ariel Wyner.

| Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sunday, September 25 |
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| Erev Rosh Hashanah Service6:00pm |
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| Day 1: Rosh Hashanah - Monday, September 26 |
| Rosh Hashanah Morning Service |
| Childcare (18 mos PreK) |
| Family Service (Parents and children up to kindergarten) |
| Mini Congo (1st - 3rd grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Junior Congregation (4th - 7th grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Teen Discussion (8th - 12th grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Tashlich includes Mincha4:00pm |
| (Brock Creek, near the railroad tracks, Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County) |
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| Day 2: Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday, September 27 |
| Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 8:30am |
| Childcare (18 mos PreK)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Family Service (Parents and children up to 3rd grade)10:30am - 11:50am |
| Junior Congregation (4th - 7th grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Teen Service Project (8th - 12th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm |
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| Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Service - Tuesday, October 4 |
| Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Evening Service6:15pm |
| Childcare (18 months - PreK)6:00pm - 9:15pm |
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| Yom Kippur - Wednesday, October 5 |
| Yom Kippur Morning Service Including Yizkor |
| Childcare (18 months - PreK) |
| Family Service (Parents and children up to kindergarten) |
| Mini Congo (1st - 3rd grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Junior Congregation (4th - 7th grade)10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Teen Discussion (8th - 12th grade)10:30am - 12:30pm |
| Yizkor Service Open to the Community4:00pm |
| Mincha and Neilah followed by Community Break-the-Fast4:30pm |
| (RSVP required for Break-the-fast) |





Help nourish families in need.

Donate grocery store gift cards or purchase food through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List.

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2,770 families are nourished by your donations



20% of our region's population falls under the poverty line



Food costs are at a 40 year high and SNAP benefits are estimated to only cover \$5.36/day

You can make a difference and do a DOUBLE Mitzvah!

Help those in need & support Congregation Beth El's Sisterhood grocery gift card program

Purchase ShopRite, Giant or Acme grocery gift cards

(Please note: we do not carry Acme cards)

<u>Purchase grocery store gift cards</u>: (to be distributed directly to clients of the Mitzvah Food Program)

- Purchase cards from Congregation Beth El Sisterhood
 - -Call the office, 215-493-1707 x4
 - -Venmo: @Sisterhood-BethEl or www.venmo.com/u/Sisterhood-BethEl
 - -Email sisterhood@bethelyardley.org
 - -Visit www.bethelyardley.org; click on scrip under ENGAGE tab.
 - -All cards will be collected and mailed from the synagogue office (if you purchase Acme cards, please bring them to the office).

Purchase food through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List:

(products will be shipped directly to a pantry)

Visit jewishphilly.org/hhgiftcards or email mitzvahfoodprogram@jewishphilly.org

Please respond by Monday, October 3.



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Welcome Ariel Wyner for the High Holidays 2022/5783

Ariel Wyner is an arranger, composer, producer, and mandolinist in the Boston Area. In 2019, he received his BA at Berklee College of Music in Contemporary Writing and Production under the tutelage of Joe K. Walsh, Matt Glaser, Tony Trischka, Howard Levy. He won the 2019 Fletcher Bright Award for excellence in Bluegrass Music. Before diving into bluegrass music, Ariel studied Opera Performance at Northwestern University, where he was a Central Region NATS winner and Bel Canto Finalist. He went on to sing with Choral Arts Philadelphia, The Jerusalem Chamber Choir with the Israeli Philharmonic, and most recently, the Zamir Chorale in Boston, where he was a conducting intern.

As a music producer and member of the Ruta Beggars, he has released a handful of bluegrass tunes, pop songs, orchestral pieces, and arrangements. In the wake of COVID-19, Ariel has launched his own production company, Auri Productions. As the founder, CEO, and Creative Director, he has produced over 80 music videos, featuring music from performers and cantors including Neshama Carlebach, Noah Aronson, and Alisa Pomerantz-Boro.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information about High Holidays.



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Community Sukkah Raising All are welcome

Current, prospective & new members



Join together as we build our sukkah! Light refreshments will be served.

Building rain or shine. Battery powered screw drivers/drills and ladders are needed. No experience necessary. Any questions, contact Michael Weinberg, 215-801-4929.





Meet the Board

Eric Fishbein, Board Member



Eric joined Beth El in 2019, along with his wife Robyn and children Elijah (8) and Hannah (6). Eric was part of the Rabbinical Search Committee last year, and this is his first year on the Board. He is originally from New York, and he attended Lehigh University for college and Cornell University for graduate school. Currently, he is the Assistant Vice President of Managed Care at Virtua Health in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

When Robyn and Eric got engaged 11 years ago and began searching for a home together, they landed on Yardley - not only because it split the misery of their respective commutes (at the time, northern NJ for Eric, and Montgomery County for Robyn), but

because of the wonderful community. As a native New Yorker, it took Eric quite some time to adjust to life in Bucks County, eventually finding both pizza and bagels that he deemed acceptable.

Finding a new synagogue took more time, so Robyn and Eric continued their membership at the shul where Eric grew up in Staten Island. However, as Eli and Hannah reached school age, it became increasingly important to join a synagogue closer to home, where Robyn and Eric both felt comfortable, could attend more regularly, and become part of a local Jewish community. Beth El certainly checked all of these boxes. Eric is looking forward to serving on the Board of Beth El.

Thomas Moore, Board Member and Inclusivity Committee Chair



Shalom, everyone! My name is Thomas Moore, and I'm proud to serve on the Beth El board. I'm even prouder to be a member of the Beth El community. I live in Langhorne with my husband, Steven Schimchak and our very spoiled French Bulldog, Kevin Quigley.

Professionally, I am proud to work for Glenmede Trust Company in Philadelphia, where I serve as a Relationship Manager on Glenmede's Endowment and Foundation Management team. I moved to Bucks County in 2006 for a position at Merrill Lynch in Hopewell, NJ, where I worked for about a dozen years. I previously lived in Reading, PA, where I worked for the Berks County Community Foundation as a development officer and as an attorney in private practice. When I am not working or engaged at Beth El, I've been a long-time volunteer with the Reading Buccaneers Drum & Bugle

Corps. I have also volunteered with my alma mater and various LGBTQ organizations and causes. I am a proud alumnus of Gettysburg College and the Dickinson School of Law, and I also hold a Master of Laws degree from Villanova University.

Mark Fried, Board Member & Past President



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 stain 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 Nar Tamid and 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, economics 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.

Shelli Krevitz, Board Member



Shelli and her husband, Ken, joined Beth El in 2018, after moving to Yardley 6 years ago from Northeast Philadelphia. They had always belonged to a nearby synagogue and Beth El fit that bill.

Their daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandsons live in Falls Church, VA, while their son, daughter-in-law and youngest grandson are nearby in Philadelphia.

Shelli is a retired elementary school teacher, having taught mainly in Philadelphia public schools. She also had teaching experience in synagogue preschool and CHOP's Hospital School Program.

Over the years Shelli has held several volunteer positions in Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Sisterhood and Hadassah Greater Philadelphia. At Beth El, Shelli has participated in Adult Ed programs and various cooking/kitchen projects. Shelli is honored to serve as a new Board Member and looks forward to being involved.

Save the Dates!!

Rabbi David Cantor's Installation November 11-13, 2022

Congregation Beth El will be hosting a weekend of activities to install and celebrate our new Rabbi, David Cantor!

Weekend activities to include *Friday night Services*, Saturday Services with very special congregation luncheon, Saturday evening party with installation ceremony and Sunday morning activity with FJLC.

PLEASE reach out to Penny Bardfeld (pennyandlenny@comcast.net) to volunteer to help with the planning of any of these events!

All help is greatly appreciated!

Zachary Bunin: Saturday, September 2, 2022



Zachary will be entering 8th grade at William Penn Middle School this fall. In 7th grade, he participated in the William Penn musical and he was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. He loved spending his summer at JCC Abrams Teen Travel camp, especially the overnight trips and amusement parks. He also enjoys spending time with his family, playing football, fantasy sports, and video games with his friends, cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, and taking coding class and tennis lessons.

For his Bar Mitzvah project he is collecting items to create a birthday celebration for Bucks County children in need. He will be packaging the donated items into Birthday Bags and delivering them to the Bucks County Opportunity Council's HELP Center, where they will be distributed to families in need. He looks forward to celebrating his birthday every year and he hopes these children can have a special birthday too.

Zachary loves learning and being a part of the Beth El community. He would like to thank all of his FJLC teachers, Phyllis Schachter, Rabbi Cantor, his parents, sister Whitney, and grandparents for their guidance and support. He is happy that his family, friends, and Beth El community can celebrate this simcha with him.



Nathaniel Stone: Saturday, October 8, 2022

Nathaniel Stone is passionate about mathematics, Minecraft, camping, and cats - with a special affinity for lynx and Yoffi Mitzuyan, our 13 year-old house cat. His goal is to become a biologist. Nat is a budding pianist, and for his Bar Mitzvah project he has performed at retirement homes in the Yardley area

Mollie Weber: Saturday, October 29, 2022



Mollie Alexis Weber is the daughter of Abby Weber and Jonathan Weber, and the sister of Sophie and Tara Weber. Mollie is a straight A student at Maple Point Middle School, and loves taking part in the school musicals. In her free time, Mollie loves to cook, play basketball, tap dance, sew, sing, watch The Office, and buy squishmallows!

Mollie's love of dogs has led her in search of the perfect dog for her family. During that search, Mollie has found that shelters and rescues are in desperate need of supplies. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Mollie is collecting the following items to be donated to a local animal rescue or shelter: money, food and treats, toys, peanut butter, blankets, sheets, towels, and beds. There will be bins set up in the synagogue to collect any and all of these items, so she would appreciate any and all donations!







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Calling All 6th & 7th Graders & Parents!

Join us Saturdays from 10am-12pm in the Chapel. Afterward stay for a yummy kiddush lunch.

October 15
November 19
December 10
January 21
February 11
March 11
April 15
May 13



Each BMU Shabbat kids and parents participate in a teen-friendly learning service to gain skills as both a participant and leader.



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

October 15 November 12 December 10

January 14 February 11 March 11

April 15 May 13

Visit www.bethelyardley.org for more information.



Sweeten the New Year with Adult Learning!

We have a great line-up of Adult Learning programs to kick off the New Year at Beth El. Here's what you'll find in **September and October**. (Note: All classes are in-person unless indicated as virtual.)

Saturday Mornings, 9:00am - 9:30am

Torah Study

Join Rabbi Cantor every Shabbat morning to discuss the week's Parsha.

<u>Sunday Mornings, 9:15am - 10:15am (October 9 – weekly through December 18)</u> <u>Hebrew School, the PG-13 Version</u>

Every week while school is in session, Rabbi Cantor will teach a "Judaism for Grown-Ups" class. Whether you're Newish-Jewish, an old Yeshiva Bucher, or anywhere in-between, this series will refresh your knowledge.

<u>Wednesday Mornings, 10:00am - 10:55am (September 7, 14, 21, 28)</u> Structure of the Service

The High Holiday services are long, yet they are made up of smaller parts that are identical to every other service throughout the year. In this 4-week series, Rabbi Cantor will discuss what's in our services, and why.

Wednesday Mornings, 10:00am - 10:55am (October 19 - December 21) Rethinking Jewish Women's History. Part 1 - Ancient Near East to Mid - 19th Century A NEW look at Jewish Women's History in historical perspective, focusing on the impact of social, economic,

A NEW look at Jewish Women's History in historical perspective, focusing on the impact of social, economic cultural and religious changes on Jewish women's lives in different regions over the years. Instructor: Harriet Freidenreich.

<u>Wednesday Mornings, 11:00am - 12:00pm (September 7 - December 21)</u> Rabbinic Stories

The Rabbis of the Talmud were master storytellers, and the stories they told helped to shape our understanding of being Jewish. Join Rabbi Cantor for a weekly exploration of some of his favorite rabbinic tales.

Special Learning Events in September/October

<u>Intro to the Mussar Experience, September 8 (choose the session you prefer: 10:00am - 11:00am in person; 8:00pm - 9:00pm virtual)</u>

Mussar is a system for daily living that incorporates a variety of techniques to build awareness and connectedness to each other and to G-d. In this short program, you will get a taste of the Mussar experience and learn why thousands of people worldwide find it life-changing. Facilitator: Ruth Schapira.

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Bridging Your Mind & Heart: The Mussar Path, 10:30am - 12:00pm (September 15, 22, 29 & October 6)

In our tradition, the month of Elul is an opportunity to commit to making meaningful change in our lives. In this 4-session series, Ruth Schapira will guide us on the Mussar Path. Working in an intimate group setting, using text study and experiential practices, we will take the first step in a life curriculum for personal change. (Enrollment is limited; RSVP by Sept 9; Members \$18/Non-Members \$36 for the series).

Climate Change Series, September 18, October 2 & 9 (10:45am - 12:00pm)

In this 3-part series, join Professor and Climate Change Educator and Beth El member Sheldon Miller to explore what's happening to our planet, why it's happening, and what can be done about it. Sept. 18: Basis of Climate Change; Oct. 2: Effects of Climate Change; Oct. 9: The Way Forward – Mitigation of Climate Change.

Book Nosh, Sunday, October 30, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Join us for a free-flowing discussion about books, arts, and culture. Tell us about Jewish-flavored books you've been reading, films/tv shows you've been watching, or exhibitions you've seen or just come to listen (and nosh)! Discussion leader: Alex Geiger.

Stop by our Adult Ed Display Table!

Please stop by the Adult Ed display table to say "hi" during the Back to Shul Barbecue on September 11. You can pick up the list of Adult Ed programs planned for all of 2022-23. Grab some bookmarks listing our Book Club reading lineup for the year. Get on the mailing list for upcoming programs. And sign in our guest book – comments and suggestions warmly welcomed!



Did you miss a program? No worries.

We have them recorded for you. Visit www.bethelyardley; click on the "Archives" tab or click on the "Learn" tab for the Adult Education Archives. Anything underlined is a link to a video. Enjoy!



Join Rabbi Cantor on Saturday Mornings 9:00am

(Before Services, meet in the lobby)

The Schwarz-Kurz-Zeller Adult Education Institute

STRUCTURE OF THE SERVICE

with Rabbi Cantor



מחזור לב שלם MAHZOR LEV SHALEM ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR

Four-week introduction to praying as

Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:00am September 7, 14, 21 & 28

The journey between any two places can be better tolerated as a succession of smaller stages. We have all experienced the sensation that — the second time around — it doesn't seem to take as long to travel. The High Holiday services are long, yet they are made up of many smaller parts that are nearly identical to every service of every day of the year, festival, sabbath, and weekday. An understanding of the mechanics of Jewish prayer and the components that make up every service can only enhance one's holiday experience. Join Rabbi David Cantor for a four-week introduction to praying as a Jew.

For more information email adulted@bethelyardley.org or visit www.bethelyardley.org.



Rabbinic Stories



Wednesday mornings (in-person class) 11:00am - 12:00pm

The human experience can best be understood through a narrative lens. The stories we tell – about our past, our present, our future – help to define who we are, both individually and collectively. The Rabbis of the Talmud were master storytellers, and the stories they told helped to shape our understanding of what it means to be Jewish. Join Rabbi David Cantor for a weekly telling of some of his favorite rabbinic tales.

September 7, 14, 21, 28 October 26 - December 21 January 4 - March 29

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Non-members donations are encouraged.



Introduction to the Mussar Experience

Facilitator: Ruth Schapira*

Thursday, September 8

Choose your time. No RSVP required.

10:00am - 11:00am (in person)

8:00pm - 9:00pm (virtual Beth El)

Mussar ...

- is a compelling approach to Jewish spirituality and a powerful system for personal growth and change.
- movement was founded by Rabbi Israel Salanter in the 19th Century yet speaks to our modern search for meaning and connection.
- sessions are a unique experience, using a variety of techniques to build awareness and connectedness to each other and to God.

In this short program, you will get a taste of the Mussar experience, and learn why thousands of people worldwide find it life-changing.

*Ruth Schapira is a trained Mussar facilitator and was Director of Leadership and Learning for the Mussar Institute. She currently facilitates online classes combining Mussar practice and parsha study and hosts a bi-monthly podcast ("Inner Judaism") on Apple and Spotify, of meditations and Mussar teachings. This past year, she also taught at FJLC, teaching the best 6th grade students in the world!

To learn more about Inner Judaism and sign up for Ruth's "Inner Focus" newsletter, visit www.innerjudaism.com.

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



Bridging Your Mind & Heart:

The Mussar Path

Facilitator: Ruth Schapira

Thursdays
September 15, 22, 29 and October 6

10:30am - 12:00pm (in person at Beth EI)

RSVP online

In our tradition, the month of Elul is an opportunity to commit to making meaningful change in our lives. But how to make that change a reality?

This Elul, join us for a unique course, The Mussar Path. Mussar is a system for daily living that illuminates our perceptions, informs our interactions, and provides the stepping stones to incorporate Jewish values into our daily lives.

Working in an intimate group setting, through text study and experiential practices, we will take the first steps in a life curriculum for personal change.

For information on Ruth Schapira, go to www.innerjudaism.com

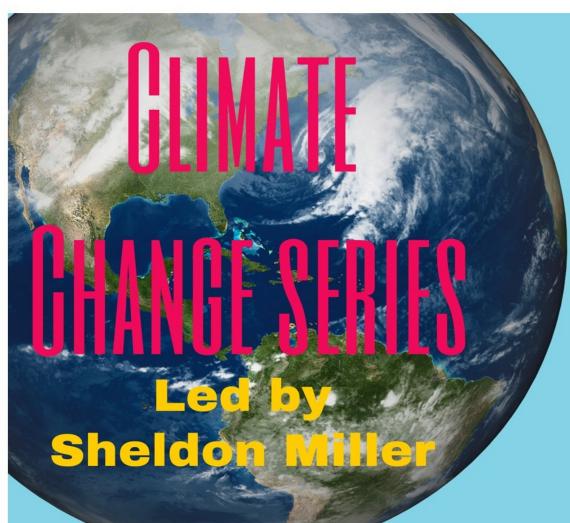
Cost for the entire 4-session series is:

Members \$18 Non-members \$36

RSVP by September 9

Program enrollment is limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Payment is required at time of registration. Online transactions are credit card only or mail check made payable to Congregation Beth El. RSVP visit www.bethelyardley.org or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.





Join us on Sundays at 10:45am

In person

3 Presentations

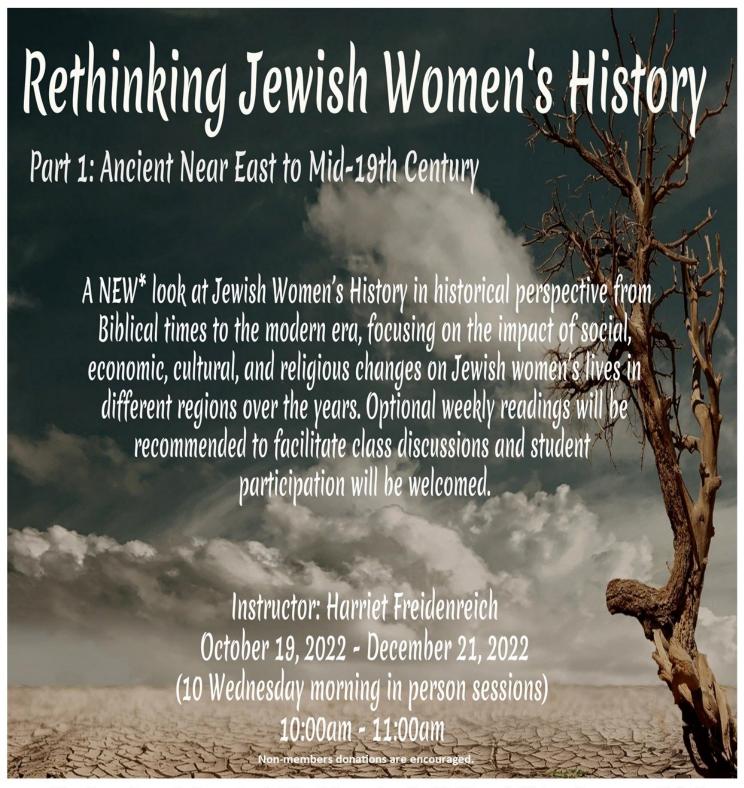
September 18: Basis of Climate Change October 2: Effects of Climate Change October 9: The way forward -Mitigation of Climate Change

About Sheldon Miller:

I spent approximately 40 years in biomedical research of the nervous system in Philadelphia at the Wistar Institute, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Thomas Jefferson University. After leaving research, I taught for 13 years at Chestnut Hill College. The subjects that I taught were biochemistry, chemistry and climate change.

Presently, I am a senior reviewer for AP chemistry, on the board of the Delaware Valley Science Council, and a consultant on climate change to Global Education Motivators (an organization that works with high school students in the United States and foreign countries in collaboration with the United Nations).





*For those of you who have attended Harriet's previous Jewish Women's History classes, you will find that this is a different class with a new perspective on the topic! For more information visit www.bethelyardley.org or email adulted@bethelyardley.org.





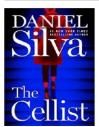
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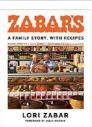
Next Meeting Will Be in Person (we hope) Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.

FREE - Bagels, Schmears, Coffee & Good Conversation

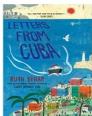
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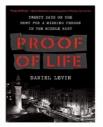
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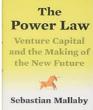


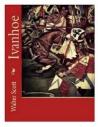














For more information, please contact <u>AlexanderGeiger@AOL.com</u>

Join us in person 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 enjoyed.

Share what you've been reading or watching, while having a nosh with friends. We'll meet in person on the following Sundays:

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10:30am at Beth El Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:30am at Beth El Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 10:30am at Beth El





Calling all readers! It's time to curl up with a good book. Check out the interesting reads selected for the coming year.

The Beth El Book Club is open to everyone. Please join us for discussions on Sundays, either in person at Beth El, or on Virtual Beth El.

Look for further information on https://www.bethelyardley.org/ and in the weekly emails.

Dates and Book Selections for 2022-23:

| November 6, 2022 | Who by Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai |
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| 10:30 AM at Beth El | by Matti Friedman |
| December 4, 2022 | The Matchmaker's Gift |
| 10:30 AM at Beth El | by Lynda Cohen Loigman |
| January 8, 2023 | The Thread Collectors |
| 7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El | by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman |
| February 19, 2023 | The Book of Lost Names |
| 7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El | by Kristin Harmel |
| March 12, 2023 | How to Find Your Way in the Dark |
| 7:45 PM on Virtual Beth El | by Derek B. Miller |
| May 7, 2023 | One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the |
| 10:30 AM at Beth El | Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank |

About the Books

Who by Fire: Leonard Cohen in the Sinai by Matti Friedman



The book tells the little-known story of Leonard Cohen's concert tour to the front lines of the Yom Kippur War, including never-before-seen selections from an unfinished manuscript by Cohen and rare photographs.

In October 1973, the poet and singer Leonard Cohen—thirty-nine years old, famous, unhappy, and at a creative dead end—traveled from his home on the Greek island of Hydra to the chaos and bloodshed of the Sinai desert when Egypt attacked Israel on the Jewish high holiday of Yom Kippur. Moving around the front with a guitar and a group of local musicians, Cohen met hundreds of young soldiers, men and women at the worst moment of their lives. Those who survived never forgot the experience. And the war transformed Cohen. He had announced that he was abandoning his music career, but he instead returned to Hydra and to his family, had a second child, and released one of the best albums of his career.

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In *Who by Fire*, journalist Matti Friedman gives us a riveting account of those weeks in the Sinai, drawing on Cohen's previously unpublished writing and original reporting to create a kaleidoscopic depiction of a harrowing, formative moment for both a young country at war and a singer at a crossroads.

The Matchmaker's Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman



Even as a child in 1910, Sara Glikman knows her gift: she is a maker of matches and a seeker of soulmates. But among the pushcart-crowded streets of New York's Lower East Side, Sara's vocation is dominated by devout older men—men who see a talented female matchmaker as a dangerous threat to their traditions and livelihood. After making matches in secret for more than a decade, Sara must fight to take her rightful place among her peers, and to demand the recognition she deserves.

Two generations later, Sara's granddaughter, Abby, is a successful Manhattan divorce attorney, representing the city's wealthiest clients. When her beloved Grandma Sara dies, Abby inherits her collection of handwritten journals recording the details of Sara's matches. But among the faded volumes, Abby finds more questions than answers. Why did Abby's grandmother leave this library to her and what

did she hope Abby would discover within its pages? Why does the work Abby once found so compelling suddenly feel inconsequential and flawed? Is Abby willing to sacrifice the career she's worked so hard for in order to keep her grandmother's mysterious promise to a stranger? And is there really such a thing as love at first sight?

The Thread Collectors by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman

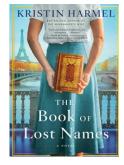


1863: In a small Creole cottage in New Orleans, an ingenious young Black woman named Stella embroiders intricate maps on repurposed cloth to help enslaved men flee and join the Union Army. Bound to a man who would kill her if he knew of her clandestine activities, Stella has to hide not only her efforts but her love for William, a Black soldier and a brilliant musician.

Meanwhile, in New York City, a Jewish woman stitches a quilt for her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana with the Union Army. Between abolitionist meetings, Lily rolls bandages and crafts quilts with her

sewing circle for other soldiers, too, hoping for their safe return home. But when months go by without word from her husband, Lily resolves to make the perilous journey South to search for him.

As these two women risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, their paths converge in New Orleans, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us. Loosely inspired by the authors' family histories, this stunning novel will stay with readers for a long time.



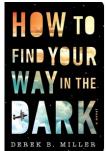
The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

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The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer—but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

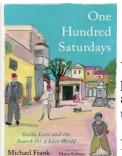
As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.



How to Find Your Way in the Dark by Derek B. Miller

Twelve-year old Sheldon Horowitz is still recovering from the tragic loss of his mother only a year ago when a suspicious traffic accident steals the life of his father near their home in rural Massachusetts. It is 1938, and Sheldon, who was in the truck, emerges from the crash an orphan hell-bent on revenge. He takes that fire with him to Hartford, where he embarks on a new life under the roof of his buttoned-up Uncle Nate. Sheldon, his teenage cousins Abe and Mirabelle, and his best friend, Lenny, will contend with tradition and orthodoxy, appeasement and patriotism, mafia hitmen and angry accordion players, all while World War II takes center stage alongside a hurricane in New England and comedians in the

Catskills. With his eye always on vengeance for his father's murder, Sheldon stakes out his place in a world he now understands is comprised largely of crimes: right and wrong, big and small.



One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank

With nearly a century of life behind her, Stella Levi had never before spoken in detail about her past. Then she met Michael Frank. He came to her Greenwich Village apartment one Saturday afternoon to ask her a question about the Juderia, the neighborhood in Rhodes where she'd grown up in a Jewish community that had thrived there for half a millennium.

Neither of them could know this was the first of one hundred Saturdays over the course of six years that they would spend in each other's company. During these meetings Stella traveled back

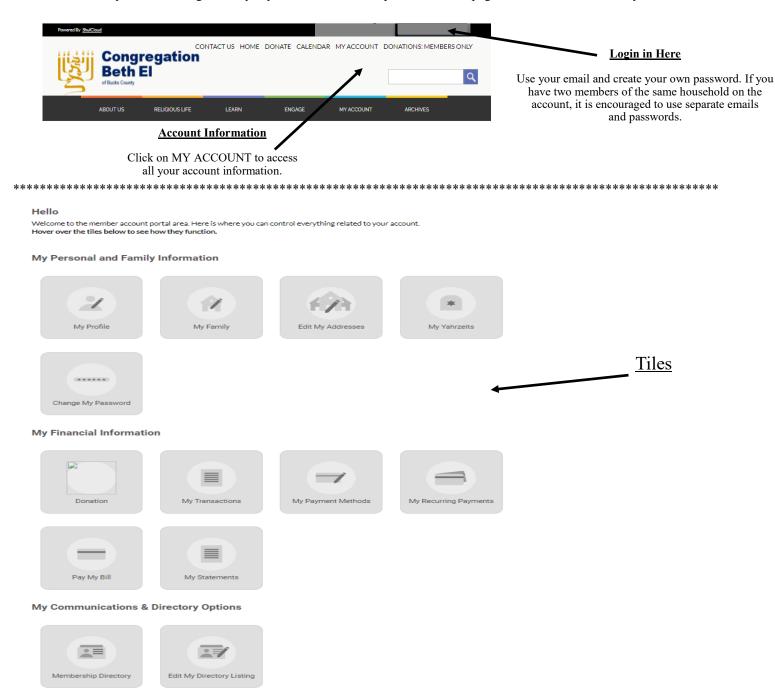
in time to conjure what it felt like to come of age on this luminous, legendary island in the eastern Aegean, which the Italians conquered in 1912, began governing as an official colonial possession in 1923, and continued to administer even after the Germans seized control in September 1943. The following July, the Germans rounded up all 1,650-plus residents of the Juderia and sent them first by boat and then by train to Auschwitz on what was the longest journey - measured by both time and distance—of any of the deportations. Ninety percent of them were murdered upon arrival.

Probing and courageous, candid and sly, Stella is a magical modern-day Scheherazade whose stories reveal what it was like to grow up in an extraordinary place in an extraordinary time—and to construct a life after that place has vanished. *One Hundred Saturdays* is a portrait of one of the last survivors drawn at nearly the last possible moment, as well as an account of a tender and transformative friendship that develops between storyteller and listener as they explore the fundamental mystery of what it means to collect, share, and interpret the deepest truths of a life deeply lived.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org.

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Events



What's a shul without you! Get involved...

<u>Bubbes' Judaica Gift Shop</u>

Michelle Flash, Rachael Oring & Phyllis Schachter giftshop@bethelyardley.org

The Sisterhood at Congregation Beth El has a team of volunteers to help run the gift shop. Bubbes' Judaica Shop is the perfect place to purchase your next gift of Judaica.

Bubbes' Judaica Shop sells jewelry, tallit, kippot, holiday items, and so much more. We are always updating our inventory. Look for special sales throughout the year. Purchase beautiful gifts while supporting Congregation Beth El at the same time!

Chesed Community

215-493-1707 x4 email barbara@bethelyardley.org

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.

Eric J. Marinoff Memorial College Outreach Program

collegeoutreach@bethelyardley.org
Janet Marinoff

Do you have a child in college or graduate school? Beth El would like to keep in touch!

The Eric J. Marinoff Memorial College Outreach Program has been established to reach out to our Beth El college and graduate students during the school year. Each summer we gather the names and addresses of our college and graduate students and send our kids delicious and fun holiday packages throughout the year. It is our way of keeping in touch and making sure they continue to feel a connection to Judaism and their synagogue community.

Whether your student is living away or at home, please visit www.bethelyardley.org, ENGAGE to fill out a form online for your child to receive holiday packages from Beth El throughout the school year.

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El's Eric J. Marinoff Memorial College Outreach Program Fund.

Hazak: 60+

Charlotte Denenberg & Michelle Flash hazak@bethelyardley.org

Hazak is Congregation Beth El's social group for adults ages 60+. Hazak has brunch and programs throughout the year that includes music, and more!

Inclusivity Committee

Thomas Moore inclusivitycommittee@bethelyardley.org

Beth El is a member of JProud Philly and supports its mission as an LGBTQ Consortium committed to working together as a collective agent of change to raise awareness, educate, and advocate for the diverse needs of the Jewish LGBTQ community while building relationships with allies in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Israel Committee

Rich Oring & Ben Bunin Israel@bethelyardley.org

Right before COVID, Beth El formed an Israel Committee, which was derailed because of the circumstances. Now it's time to ReBoot and start building a strong committee where we can share our ideas. Keep your eyes out for future events. The most important thing we need to make this a successful committee is you, the member. Please participate and share ideas for future events and functions.

- Respectfully discuss history, culture, current events, and political opinions
- Understand various perspectives
- Learn from experts and one another
- Education ourselves and others
- Respond to Anti-Semitism

<u>Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)</u>

Stephanie Bunin pto@bethelyardley.org

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Congregation Beth El gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO has supported events and programs. If you're interested in joining our group, meeting new people and getting involved, email the PTO.

Social Action Committee

Beth Sadoff & Debbie Wachspress socialaction@bethelyardley.org

Congregation Beth El has long and proudly devoted itself to social action concerns. While Jewish law and tradition demand it, we joyfully partner with our neighbors and collaborate relationships, advocate, educate and open our minds, hearts and hands to those around us. This mission is made possible by engaged and caring congregants, the support of our Board of Directors, our active Hebrew School and the guidance of our Rabbi. Easing hunger and homelessness, in particular, are challenging pursuits we embrace as a congregation. We invite you to join our caring community as we strive to make life a little easier for those less fortunate.

Beth El's Social Action Outreach is dedicated to involving our congregants in the work of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. The Social Action Outreach Committee welcomes your help, as a committee member or a participant in any of our programs.

Sisterhood

Rachael Oring & Phyllis Schachter sisterhood@bethelyardley.org

Welcome to The Sisterhood at Beth El! We are a group of diverse, talented and dedicated women who are committed to enhancing Jewish life in our synagogue, our community and beyond. We are affiliated with Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ). In addition, we are a successful and proud fundraising arm of Beth El. The Sisterhood of Beth El is a partnership that enriches Jewish women worldwide. Each woman has a voice and many voices together make a difference! We invite you to add your voice and be heard!

Please join us in an effort to increase our membership and strengthen our community. We need everyone's support. We are a Mishpacha, a Jewish family and your membership and participation will make us stronger. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and sharing "Sisterhood" with you!

The Sisterhood of Beth El also runs Bubbes' Judaica Shop. Email Michelle Flash for more information and to make an appointment, giftshop@bethelyardley.org.

Sisterhood has many events and programs throughout the year, including jewelry swaps, tallis making, Torah Fund, off-site get togethers, and more!

<u>Men's Club</u>

Scott Kravitz mensclub@bethelyardley.org

Now is the time to join us. Congregation Beth El's Men's Club! Our Men's Club is growing and takes pride in including men of all ages. Please take this opportunity to help by joining. Your membership dues help support various programs throughout the year, which in turn helps our synagogue grow.

Keep an eye out for Men's Club Torah on Tap at Beth El throughout the year, Sukkah Building, Comedy Night, Softball, Fishing & Golf Events, Paid--Up Membership Breakfasts, Barbecues, Yom HaShoah Candle Packing Program, Poker Night, and more!

Membership Committee

Cara Davis

membership@bethelyardley.org

What's a shul without members? Our members make Beth El what it is, and only through growing our membership can we reach the full potential of what Beth El can be. That's why our Membership Committee is so important for a healthy, vibrant and welcoming synagogue. We unite and connect. The committee welcomes new members by hand delivering a welcome bag that includes a fresh challah, a challah cover, and other Beth El branded items. In short, we are the committee that makes Beth El a community.

That's why we'd like you to join us. If you'd like to become more involved in building community at Beth El, join us and help make lasting and meaningful connections. To join the Membership Committee email Cara Davis, membership@bethelyardley.org, and tell her that you'd like to help make Beth El realize its full potential. See you at the next meeting!

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to fill out an online form to volunteer. Click on the About Us tab or contact committee chairs.

Additional ways in which you can support Congregation Beth El...

Get involved.

Have a special interest, talent, or passion? Congregation Beth El has many committees to help you become more engaged. Visit www.bethyardley.org; hover over "ENGAGE," or "ABOUT US," click on Leadership & Professionals or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4, for more information. Visit www.bethelyardley.org to fill out a volunteer form or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.

Purchase Sisterhood food scrip - \$100 each (Giant, McCaffrey's, and/or ShopRite).

Beth El receives 5% (from supermarkets) for each card sold. To purchase cards, contact the office, 215-43-1707 x4, email sisterhood@bethelyardley.org, order online, visit www.bethelyardley.org; hover over "ENGAGE," or use Venmo @Sisterhood-BethEl.

Sponsor an Oneg through Sisterhood.

Celebrate simchas, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, etc. by sponsoring an Oneg on Shabbat for \$18. Your simcha will be listed in the Shabbat Bulletin and Weekly email. Contact sisterhood@bethelyardley.org or call the office, 215-493-1707 x4.

Make a Donation (send a card).

Mail cards to friends and loved ones to mark a simcha (birthday, B'nai Mitzvah, anniversary, etc.), yahrzeit, get well wishes, etc. Call the office, 215-493-1707 x4, visit www.bethelyardley.org; members log into your Member Portal, click on the "DONATIONS: MEMBERS ONLY;" or mail a check to the synagogue office. (\$15 Menorah Card or \$25 Torah Card; no cards will be mailed under \$15).

Tree of Life (in our main lobby hallway).

Purchase a leaf or boulder in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding, B'nai Mitzvah, or any other special occasion.

Commemorate your loved ones by purchasing a Yahrzeit plaque (displayed in the Chapel).

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Hazak

WEREDITH BECK

"Songs of a Cockeyed Optimist"



Sunday, October 23

\$18pp

11:00am Brunch 12:00pm Show

In person

Meredith is a Philadelphia based actor, director, choreographer and private vocal coach. Theaters include: 11th Hour, Bristol Riverside, Merry Go Round, Bucks County Playhouse, Hedgerow, Bucks County Center for the Performing Arts & Media. She is the founder & flautist of Celtic Trio, The Galway Girls. Meredith played Alice Russell in steampunk musical, LIZZIE (Barrymore Award). She is the co-founder of Radiant Bloom Productions, building women's leadership in the arts and performed/produced The F Word, in the Philly Fringe Festival. Meredith currently serves as the 1st Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Equity Liaison Committee. BFA Ithaca College.

Proud member of Actors Equity Association.

Visit www.bethelyardley.org to RSVP by October 16th.



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SWAP AND SHOP?

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RSVP BY OCTOBER 7, VISIT

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(ONLINE CREDIT CARD ONLY) OR MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO: CONGREGATION BETH EL OR EMAIL SISTERHODOBETHELYARDLEY.ORG.





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BRING NO MORE THAN 7 PIECES OF GENTLY USED COSTUME JEWELRY YOU'D LIKE TO SWAP. WHATEVER IS LEFT OVER WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

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COST: \$5 FOR MEMBERS \$36 FOR NON-MEMBERS

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YARDLEY, PA 19067



EVENING MINYAN WILL BE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST ONLY VIA ZOOM

Sisterhood 35

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.

INTRODUCING...

Beth El Sisterhood

As a recognition
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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 cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$18.

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3-Call the synagogue office 215-493-1707



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You will make a big impact on our fundraising efforts!





with COOK FOR A FRIEND

Tuesdays at 4:00pm

September 20 November 15 December 13

January 10 February 21 March 14

April 25 May 16

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



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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.

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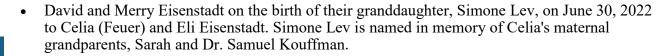
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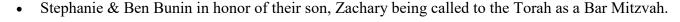
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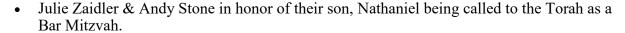
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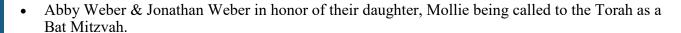
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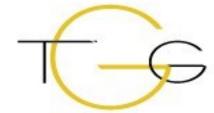
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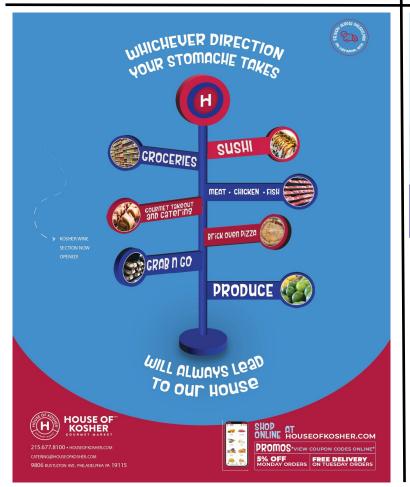
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