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B E T H E L C O N G R E G A T I O N

PASSOVER SEDER

APRIL 15, 2022

—
5:45 PM MA'ARIV
FOLLOWED BY SEDER





Beth El Services

SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE:

In light of the everchanging circumstances, details concerning services may change during the month. Please consult our weekly Shabbat email for the most current information.

Tazri-a Rosh Chodesh Nisan Shabbat HaChodesh Saturday, April 2

Teen Torah Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:27 pm Havdalah

7:30 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service

M'tzora Shabbat HaGadol Saturday, April 9

Birthday Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

10:15 am Meditation Service

7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:32 pm Havdalah

7:30 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service

Erev Passover Ta'anit Bechorot Friday, April 15

4:41 am Fast of the Firstborn begins

7:15 am Morning Minyan

7:45 am Siyyum with Rabbi Stein Kokin

5:45 pm Ma'ariv & Community Seder

6:41 pm Candlelighting

Passover - Day 1 Saturday, April 16

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:38 pm 2nd Seder at home

NO PM service

Passover - Day 2 Sunday, April 17

9:30 am Yom Tov collaboration -

Welcome to our guests from OrTzion & TBS

7:39 pm Havdalah

7:45 pm Ma'ariv

Passover - Day 6 Thursday, April 21

7:00 am Minyan

5:45 pm Shevi-i Shel Pessach - Ma'ariv

Passover - Day 7 Friday, April 22

9:00 am Yom Tov Collaboration- No service at Beth El. We will join Temple Beth Shalom in Chandler, AZ (3400 N Dobson Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224)

*For online attendance, register at tbsev.org

Passover - Day 8 Saturday, April 23

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit** (YIZKOR)

7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:44 pm Havdalah

7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service

Aharei Mot Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Saturday, April 30

Anniversary Shabbat

B'nai Mitzvah of Kaydin Peterson & Cadence Adair

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:50 pm Havdalah

7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaharit

Saturdays | 9:30 am

**Live and in-person.

Virtual access through Beth El's Facebook page at: facebook.com/bethel.phoenix

Daily Minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat Monday - Friday 7:15 am and 5:45 pm Sunday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm

Join us on your computer, tablet, or cellphone at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92408568672>

ZOOM information for Daily Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Monday - Thursday, April 18 - 21 | 7:00 am
(Passover Intermediate Days)

Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm

Candlelighting times:

Friday, April 1 | 6:30 pm

Friday, April 8 | 6:36 pm

Friday, April 15 | 6:41pm

Friday, April 22 | 6:46 pm

Friday, April 29 | 6:51 pm

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April

**Adult Education &
Beth El Programming**
Register at bethelphoenix.com
or call (602) 944-3359

4/5, 4/12, 4/19 & 4/26

Intro to Judaism Tuesdays | 7:00 pm

Join the new cohort of Introduction to Judaism with Rabbi Stein Kokin featuring the Miller Introduction to Judaism course of the American Jewish University.
Register @ bethelphoenix.com/adult-education

4/6



Book Group Thursday | 6:45 pm

Love reading? Love schmoozing?
Join us with a glass of wine (or your favorite refreshment) as we discuss the book of the month.
See the enclosed flyer for the April book title.
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/7, 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28

The World of Talmud Thursdays | 8:00 am

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin
Email rabbi@bethelphoenix.com to register
and receive source sheets
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/7

VBM x Beth El: Suffering Servants! How to Deal with the Missionary at the Door Thursday | 11:00 am

Join us for a co-hosted event with VBM, featuring a presentation by Rabba Dr Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz
Register @ <https://tinyurl.com/yyzf8ta5>
Beth El Members can attend for free

4/10

Chai Tea Women's Study Group Sunday | 12:30 pm



What's in Your Jewish Spiritual Toolbox?
There are many Jewish spiritual practices that allow us to open ourselves to find the holy in our lives. Hybrid learning sessions. In-person at Beth El.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/10 & 4/24



Blanket Boosters Sundays | 1:00 pm



Volunteer crochet and knitting club!
All blankets created are donated to children in crisis.
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/11 & 4/25



Hebrew 102 Mondays | 6:30 pm



Meeting link: zoom.us/j/659102971
Call in: (669) 900-6833

4/21

LUNCH & LEARN: THE JUDGES THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM



Join Wendy Rozov and your Beth El friends for a hybrid learning session. Study the Book of Judges with us!
In person available without lunch.
Register with Wendy @ wrozov@bethelphoenix.com
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/881238825 | Call in: (669) 900-6833



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Shalom Chaverim,

In past years, when we sat down at the Seder table and tried to reenact the journey from the darkness of slavery to the light of freedom, we may have found it hard to find good examples to truly follow the instruction in the Haggadah: “And you shall tell your child on that day, “It is because of what God did for me when I came out of Egypt” (Exodus 13:8). Until the spring of 2020, I personally never had experienced events or circumstances that would come close to the Egypt of Slavery and Oppression. The question of how to authentically reenact the experience of moving from slavery to redemption was not an easy one. Yes, there were plenty of examples in the world, but they were either geographically distant or in the past.

This year, like the last two Seders, I find myself in a very different place. In a place where the wish for wholesomeness and peace prevails. The yearning for redemption has become a day-to-day reality. While the effects of the pandemic still linger, the world is again at war, against an enemy who poses a real threat to our democratic values. The world feels narrow and we are anxious for a good outcome. This year we sit at the Seder table like so many of our ancestors, weary and worried about our own material and financial safety, and about the freedom and safety of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Europe. This year it is real. So when we are in “Egypt,” in the narrowness - how do we speak of redemption without making it a religious farce? How can we put ourselves on a trajectory of realistic hope and partnership, resulting in a better future for ourselves and the next generations? How, this year, do we open the door to Elijah?

I invite you to share the following selections from Haggadot commentaries at your Seder to spark a conversation of how - despite our current “Egypt” - we can look ahead and strive to move from “G’nut (a lowly place) le-Shevach” (a place of strength), from slavery to freedom. Ask your guests: Which of these statements speaks most powerfully to you and why?

“The Seder is not about a single moment of redemption that occurred thousands of years ago. By remembering the Exodus from Egypt, we rekindle our hope in the ultimate breakthrough - however long it takes - to peace and harmony.” (Aryeh Ben David, The Ayeka Haggadah: Hearing our Own Voice)

“Because, after all, the searching is itself the finding.” (Rav Menahem Mendel of Kotzk, Hasidic Master)

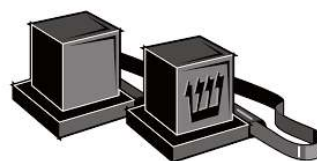
“The salvation that modern man seeks in this world, like that which his fathers sought in the world to come, has both a personal and a social significance. In its personal

aspect it represents the faith in the possibility of achieving an integrated personality...In its social aspect, salvation means the ultimate achievement of a social order in which all men shall collaborate in the pursuit of common ends, in a manner which shall afford each the maximum opportunity for creative self expression. There can be no personal salvation so long as injustice and strife exist in the social order; there can be no social salvation so long as the greed for gain and the lust for dominance are permitted to inhibit the hunger for human fellowship and sympathy in the hearts of men...The God of salvation... is the Power that makes for the fulfillment of all valid ideas.” (Mordecai M. Kaplan, Founder of the Reconstructionist Movement)

“The destiny of man is to be a partner of God and a mitzvah is an act in which man is present, an act of participation; while sin is an act in which God is alone; an act of alienation. Such acts of man’s revelations of the divine are acts of redemption. Such acts of man’s revelations of the divine are acts of redemption. The meaning of redemption is to reveal the holy that is concealed, to disclose the divine that is suppressed. Every man is called upon to be a redeemer... and redemption takes place every moment, every day. The world is in need of redemption, but the redemption must not be expected to happen as an act of sheer grace. Man’s task is to make the world worthy of redemption. His faith and his works are preparations for *ultimate redemption*.” (Abraham Joshua Heschel)

Chag Sameach! Happy Passover!

Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin



Talmud Torah needs Tefillin!

Do you or someone you know own a gently used set of tefillin that needs a new home? We are accepting donations of used tefillin in good condition to be used by our youth in the Talmud Torah.

Please help our youth fulfill the mitzvah of "L'haniach Tefillin" - putting on tefillin, by making sure our community has enough sets in good condition to be used by future generations of the Jewish people.

If you have tefillin to share, please contact Rabbi Stein Kokin at rabbi@bethelphoenix.com or 602-944-3359 ext. 108.



Gregory Harris
Board President

There is only *this* time

How about this for a news flash: you only get to go around once in life, so make the most of each and every day.

Yes. There are times when we get second chances. But not always. Indeed, taking the second chance may not make up for opportunities not pursued because we missed out on the chance to get it right the first time. And yet not taking the time for reflection when we miss our target or our goal could also mean the prospect of *not* learning the fuller meaning of the mistakes we've made and the steps we could have taken or might, yet, still take to correct a misstep or to make amends.

Our journey through time, through *this* time, should tell us as much. It has been one of adventure and misadventure. It has been one of doing and learning. It has been one of discovery and of recovered memory. And it has been one of finding the path forward when the path we preferred turned out to be closed or no longer be open to us.

As spring approaches, and the next variant lurks at some unknown distance, we have high hopes for a bright future. But as a congregation, it is also a time for reflection and planning. We must look forward through the lens of the past before we leap. But we cannot stand still. We cannot be frozen. We must not be meek. Rather, in the words of some distant prophet, we can't plot your path if we don't know where you're going and we can't know where we're going if we don't know where we've been.

Through thick and thin, good times and lulls, sunny days and stormy weather, Beth El has been a steady place of community and spiritual fulfillment, before the pandemic and during it all. But we would be unwise to think that Beth El remains unchanged following this fraught period of upheaval and struggle. Clearly, things are not what we've become accustomed to. It has not been possible for us to comfortably come together, and now, even with the hopes for returning to normal soon to be upon us, it may take some coaxing for us to gain comfort in the idea that something resembling the old normal has returned.

To meet this next round of challenges, Beth El's members and leaders — the Congregation, the Board, the Staff, the Clergy — one and all will be making plans. Big plans. We all have a stake in the outcome and a role to play in all of this. Board elections are coming up on Sunday, May 1. Let this time be a time for all of us to engage, to work together, and to plan as a community for the strength and wisdom to make good choices, to learn from the choices we've made and to work to continue to be strong for ourselves, for our families and for our future. This of course includes Michael Apfel and the security efforts he's so tirelessly championed. Even if the threat of COVID-19 will fade, it is clear that the same cannot be said for the ugly stain of anti-Semitism.

There is only *this* time — the time in which we are living — to get it done. And we will. One for all, and all for one.

L'shalom,

Greg Harris



The Board of Directors is pleased to acknowledge the successful installation ceremony of Rabbi Stein Kokin. Her service at Beth El began in August 2019 and will continue through at least June 2027. The Board looks forward to the hard work, rewards, and spirit as she fulfills her role as Beth El's spiritual leader and to a future in which we will all be together — the entire Beth El Family — long into the future!



GIFT SHOP NEWS

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT PASSOVER - Seder is April 15

Beth El Gift Shop has a variety of seder plates, matzah covers, kiddush cups, and candlesticks to adorn and brighten your seder table.

Remember Beth El Gift Shop for any simcha - wedding, birthday, housewarming gift, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We have beautiful jewelry, mezuzahs, and more. Always available are Shabbat candles, candlesticks, memorial candles, tallit sets, and kippot.

Reasons to shop at Beth El Gift Shop:

1. Supports YOUR Beth El
2. No sales tax
3. Unique and unusual items
4. Convenient
5. Custom orders offered for all Judaica

Gift shop now open during Beth El's office hours. Any questions, call Charleen at 602 695 6462 or email at Cholt@bethelphoenix.com.



Dear Friends,

2022 is moving quickly and we are already coming upon Pesach! I saw a funny meme that I want to share with you...

Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director



This meme references the new Disney movie, *Encanto*'s "We Don't Talk About Bruno" hit song (my daughter and her friends' new favorite) and how some of us put off planning for Passover as long as possible.

Personally, I am sympathetic to the meme's sentiment, but rest assured that our Beth El Team *is* talking about Pesach and how we will celebrate as a community. This year, we will be hosting a First Night Community Seder in person on Friday, April 15, with services starting at 5:45 pm followed by the seder led by Rabbi Stein Kokin. If you need a seder for the first night, please join us here. You can register online or with the form in this *echo*. If you need financial assistance to attend, please contact Rabbi Stein Kokin at rabbi@bethelphoenix.com.

Another observance this month is Yom HaShoah which begins on the evening of April 27 and continues through April 28. We have a large stock of Yom HaShoah candles to give away to those who would like to light a memorial candle over the holiday. Feel free to take some from the basket in our lobby near the front desk. These candles are a great way to honor and memorialize the 6 million as well as spread awareness about the Holocaust so please feel free to share with your friends.

Wishing everyone an easy and thorough Pesach preparation this year followed by a meaningful and beautiful holiday.

L'Shalom,
Alicia Moskowitz

BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Be Well with BEWL
Beth El Women's League

Todah Rabah to Judy Zola, our Education Director, and Jan Freedman, our Torah Fund Director, for organizing the Sisterhood/Torah Fund Shabbat on March 5. A year ago, we only had a virtual program, but this year we were thrilled to be back together "B'Yachad" in the sanctuary and the social hall. Thanks also to Rabbi Stein Kokin, Alicia Moskowitz, Renée Cooperman, Wendy Rozov and Sara Zilversmit for reading Torah and to Ann Polunsky for beautifully chanting the Haftarah. We were lucky to have our Women's League International President, Debbi Kaner Goldich, speak from the bimah and Carol Madvig, the Pacific Southwest President, address us during Kiddush.

BEWL is proud of what we do for Beth El Congregation. We sponsored the Pink Shabbat and the Torah Fund Shabbat. We provide kiddush cups and candlesticks to all the b'nai mitzvot and plan to co-sponsor events with Talmud Torah. We met several times for Rosh Chodesh programs with a fun embroidery project and also aromatherapy jewelry making. Mahjong Meetups have returned on a once a month basis until there is more demand. We are planning on bringing back the ever popular Chocolate Seder and are scheduling an exciting book event in the fall.

The BEWL Officers and Board of Directors would like to expand our programming, but there are only eight of us. We are seeking additional members on the board, and have an election slate to put together. Some people associate a sisterhood with their mother or grandmother's kind of organization, but we are trying to be an organization for all the women of Beth El, from young to oldish, working and retired, kids at home and empty nesters. To have new ideas, we need new people. Please consider joining the board or a committee to keep us moving in the right direction. Bonnie Kluger is chairperson of the Nominating Committee if you want to learn more. Her email is hjewegl@aol.com.

Here's an easy and yummy Pesach dessert:
Pistachio, Honey, and Sea Salt Matzo

5 ounces chopped dark chocolate, 1 tablespoon honey, 2 sheets matzo, 1/2 cup coarsely chopped roasted unsalted pistachios, flaky sea salt

Melt chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Remove from heat and stir in honey. Spread evenly over matzo. Sprinkle with pistachios and then sprinkle lightly with salt. Once it's set, break into pieces and enjoy.



Nanci Siegel Manson
Talmud Torah
Director

Dear Friends,

Passover is an important holiday for us and is celebrated on Nissan 15, falling sometime in March or April on the secular calendar. While it is a very solemn holiday with several traditions to observe, and it can be challenging to get children engaged. Fun-themed crafts could grab their attention and allow parents, grandparents, and other adults to better share their values and teach the story of the holiday to youth.

In commemoration of the release of the Jewish people from Egyptian capture and the birth of the Children of Israel, the name Passover is taken from the 10th plague, in which the Angel of Death saw the lamb's blood on the doors of the Jewish families and passed over those houses, not killing the first born. One art project that might be of relevance to Passover could be a depiction of each of the 10 Plagues of Egypt that led to the release of the Jewish people from captivity so they could take their place as God's people.

Another good craft that you might consider during Passover is to help decorate matzah cookies, baked with the required unleavened flours and other ingredients that are traditionally available during this time of observance. These cookies can be decorated with icing and sprinkles in any configurations chosen, allowing for the creative mind to let loose.

Passover is an essential celebration in which Jewish families take part in thanking God for their lives and lives of their first born. Engaging in crafts can instill this faith in children so that in the future they pass on the tradition to their families.

Family story time is also another way in which parents and grandparents can teach about Passover in a valuable way. Below is a list of my three favorite holiday books that I have recently purchased to share with my grandchild during his first Passover as a toddler and a few extra for his own Jewish library.

1. More Than Enough

One of the Passover songs that many children love singing is "Dayenu" This book illustrates just what it means to be thankful that God has provided more than enough. As a family goes through the preparations for Passover by shopping, walking in the rain, and making the food for the seder, they say dayenu (best for kids 3-7 years of age).

2. Passover Family

This sweet board book tells the littlest ones about all the fun they'll have with family at the Passover seder.

The pictures focus on the faces of toddlers, cousins, grandparents and more, which is perfect for the target age group. My favorite part of the text is, "Daddy tells the best stories. One's about a baby like you, who grew up strong and brave." (best for kids 0-3 years of age)

3. Passover Scavenger Hunt

Many children's favorite part of the Passover seder is finding the afikomen. Rachel thinks that Great Uncle Harry always makes the afikomen way too easy to find, so this year, she's going to hide it. Rachel takes the hunt to a whole new level, providing rhyming scavenger hunt clues that tell the meaning of the foods that will be eaten during the seder. I love how the story playfully teaches the kids about the deeper significance of the Passover foods. (best for kids 4-8 years of age).

Wishing all a Happy Passover!



Roberta Harmon
USY Advisor

Shalom!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Tie Dye Tallit and our Hamantaschen Baking Events! We had an amazing time creating some beautiful Kosher Tallit and enjoyed some delicious Hamantaschen to increase our joy for Adar!

We are looking forward to the upcoming festivities with our community! Coming up this month is a couple of great programs. On April 3, at 1:00 pm USY will be meeting at As You Wish Desert Ridge to paint Seder plates for Pesach! Additionally our USY Youth Lounge Night, taking place on April 13 at 6:30 pm, will be a Candy Seder! We look forward to celebrating together. If you would like to register for any of these events, please contact me at (602) 944-3359, ext. 103 or rharmon@bethelphoenix.com.

As far as community wide events, on April 10 at 11:00 am, Talmud Torah will be having their annual Family Passover Seder and on April 15 there will be a Virtual Community Wide Seder beginning with Ma'ariv at 5:45 pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these events and being together for this holiday! I am wishing everyone a Pesach filled with love, peace, togetherness, health, joy, and happiness and am eager to see what the rest of the year brings.

Chag Pesach Sameach,
Roberta



Preschool News

Preschool and early childhood are the most crucial times in a child's life in terms of development, educationally, socially, and emotionally. The connections that the child develops sets the tone for their future growth.

Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

We could not accomplish what we do if not for the PTO, our amazing and hard-working staff, and the entire Beth El Team. We are beyond blessed to have a resilient and dedicated community helping us shape the next generation.

In order to continue our work, we partially rely on donations and fundraisers in order to have an inventory of curriculum for all different developmental stages. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have not been able to have our annual fundraisers as we prioritize the safety of our community. This year, we were so happy to hold our Tomatina Festival Fundraiser in person on March 27. It included a Salsa making contest (winner to be announced in my next article), children's activities, a silent auction (with many cool prizes), and a delicious pizza lunch. Thank you very much to everyone who attended and who supported the event! We are so blessed to have a wonderful community.

Stay healthy, be safe and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

L'Shalom,
Joanie



From Samarkand to the Valley of the Sun: Come Learn about the Bukharan Jews

WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED in Phoenix in that idyllic pre-pandemic summer of 2019, I was on the lookout for the interesting and unexpected in my new Arizona home. Not that I have anything against streets straight as far as the eye can see, endless days of sunshine, strip malls or saguaros, but I was sure there had to be other stuff out there too. And so it happened that as I began to conduct my daily business—heading off to the barber, florist, and shoe repair shop—I soon observed that a good many Bukharan Jews had also made the Valley of the Sun their home. Upon further inquiry, I was astonished to learn that more Jews from Central Asia (you know, the “-stan countries”: Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan) live here than anywhere else in North America, aside from (and, yes, it’s a big “aside”) New York City. I found myself wanting to know more about this unique community and its traditions, when and why they came to the valley, and how being here has influenced them. And realizing that many are not aware of the extensive Bukharan presence in Phoenix, it occurred to me that others might also welcome the opportunity to get to encounter this community. Thus was born the idea of an event exploring Bukharan culture, which, I am happy to report, will take place at our own Beth El on Sunday, May 1 (see the “Save the Date”).

I am very excited about the emerging line-up at this program. Professors Alanna Cooper and Evan Rapport, two experts on the Jews of Central Asia, will be joining us to share their expertise. An anthropologist, Cooper conducted fieldwork among the Jews of Uzbekistan prior to their mass departure—primarily to Israel and North America—after the fall of the Soviet Union. Rapport is a musicologist who has worked closely with the Bukharan performers who came to New York, including with our other guests, the Queensbased musical ensemble Shashmaqam. In Persian, shashmaqam means “six maqams” (or modes) and is the general term for the traditional music of Central Asia. In addition to singing, the Shashmaqam Ensemble performs with the lutelike tanbur and the dayra, a percussion instrument similar to the tambourine, and boasts among its members Mazol (Malika) Kolontarova, the “Queen of Tajik and Oriental Dance” and a “People’s Artist of the USSR,” that former country’s highest honor.

Alongside the professors and performers, we will hear from members of the local Bukharan community about their identity and experiences, in both their former homeland and now in America. And after the speakers speak, the singers sing, and the dancer danced, we will all adjourn for a taste of Bukharan cuisine and informal interaction.

I hope you’ll spread the word and consider joining me on May 1 for “From Samarkand to the Valley of the Sun: The History and Culture of the Bukharan Jews.”

Dr. Daniel Stein Kokin



B’nai Mitzvah

Cadence (Cadie) Arnold, daughter of Rachel (Frankie) Crespo, and daughter of Joshua Arnold, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 30, 2022.

Cadie is the granddaughter of Wendy Adair, of Phoenix, Arizona, and the late Raymond Adair. She is the granddaughter of the late Donna Brimingham and late K.C. Arnold of Phoenix, Arizona. Cadie’s hobbies are various music genres and social media. She attends Camp Ramah in Ojai, California. She attends Valor Academy and is in the 7th grade.

Cadie’s Mitzvah project is honoring the many nurses and care givers who are heroes.

Kaydin Peterson is the son of Shira Adair of Austin, Texas, and Chris Peterson of Austin, Texas. Kaydin will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on April 30, 2022.

Kaydin is the grandson of Wendy Adair, and the late Raymond Adair of Phoenix, Arizona. He is also the grandson of Jan Peterson, Austin, and William and Helen Peterson of El Paso, Texas. Kaydin has attended Camp Ramah in Ojai, California. He is a 7th grader at Farley Middle School. Kaydin’s interests are sports and social media.

Kaydin’s Mitzvah project will be honoring the many people in society who are heroes.



Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our April Birthdays

Date

- 1 Rochelle Kelman
- 2 Tina Firetag
Arnold Silver
Leah Pallin-Hill
- 3 Jerilyn Portnoy
- 4 Sean Karlin
- 5 Igor Zamoshkin
- 7 Sara Ziskin
Anna Cohen
José Tafla
Anna Kessler
- 9 Judith Zola
- 10 Edith Wade
Kathy Miller
- 12 David Rosen
- 14 Randee Pri-Tal
- 16 Cheryl Rosen
David Rosenbaum
- 17 Melvin Polunsky
- 20 Barbara Holzman
Robert Mallin
- 23 Craig Rozen
Carol Sacks
- 24 Robert Mautner
- 25 Gail Ulan
Bonnie Kluger
- 26 David Hirsch
Richard Sinovoi
Neil Bashist
- 27 Barbara Becker
- 28 Charleen Holt
Ellen Goot

Birthday Shabbat is April 9



Mazal Tov to our April Anniversaries

Date

Years Married

- | | | |
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| 1 | Lara & Jeffrey Serbin | 27 |
| 2 | Carolyn & Morris Kaplan | 64 |
| 6 | Deborah Gordon & Michael Wheeler | 22 |
| 8 | Lynda & Daniel Ziskin | 44 |
| 9 | Laura & Mark Jackson | 41 |
| 17 | Leslie & Jon Zoltan | 28 |

Anniversary Shabbat is April 30

Please note: If your name is not listed, please contact us so that we can update your information in our database.

Mazal Tov to:

Kathy Miller whose grandson, Daxson James Calvert, became a Bar Mitzvah on March 19, 2022. Parents are Douglas and Rachel Calvert of Hilo, Hawaii.

Eileen Bloom and Marvin Siegel on the birth of their first grandchild, Kieran Murray Siegel on March 14, 2022. Parents are Eric Siegel and Deirdre Stewart of Oakland, California.



**Thank you for the following
Beth El Contributions:**

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In honor of Herb Dreiseszun's
2nd Bar Mitzvah
Alicia & Aaron Moskowitz
In memory of Gertrude
Dreiseszun
Herb & Patti Dreiseszun

**Jeannette Flom Bikkur
Cholim Fund**

Wishing health & healing to
Sharon Cohn
Joan Rothfeld

**Rabbi Stein Kokin's
Discretionary Fund**

In honor of Etta Silver's birthday
Caryll & Gerald Webner
In honor of Evelyn Zeitzer's
birthday
Caryll & Gerald Webner
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Join Beth El Congregation and Jewish Studies at ASU for this co-sponsored event!

"From Samarkand to the Valley of the Sun: The History and Culture of the Bukharan Jews"

Sunday, May 1 | 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
@ Beth El Congregation



Jewish Studies



Did you know that Phoenix is home to North America's largest population of Bukharan Jews (Jews who trace their origin to Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan?*) Have you even heard of the Bukharan Jews?

If you answered yes to these questions, you'll definitely want... (And if you answered no to them, you absolutely need...) ...to come to learn about this unique community from scholars who have studied them and from the Bukharan Jews themselves, hear their traditional music and taste their traditional food!

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Hey pottery lovers!

USY PESACH SEDER PLATE PAINTING

Join us at As You Wish Pottery at Desert Ridge for a fun day of pottery painting! We will make Seder Plates for the upcoming holiday of Passover!

APRIL 3, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
AS YOU WISH DESERT RIDGE
21001 N TATUM BLVD, PHOENIX, 85050
\$30 PER PERSON

All ceramic plates, paint supplies, painting fee, and firing are included. Roberta will pick up the plates once finished and bring to Beth El Phoenix.

Register here:

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