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Parking Lot Hanukkah Lighting



December 16

*5:15 pm | Arrive to park
5:30 pm | Lighting Ceremony*



For everyone's health and safety, please observe the following precautions:

- **Stay in your vehicle at all times and bring a mask.**
Please note: The main building will not be open to guests.
- **As you enter the parking lot, show this flyer to the security team.**
- **Follow the instructions of the officers and security team. You will be directed where to park and when/where to exit.**





Beth El Services

SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE: In light of the ever-changing circumstances, details concerning services may change during the month. Please consult our weekly Shabbat email for the most current information. When in doubt, please call the office.

Va-yishlah

Saturday, December 5

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Lipovitch
9:30 am Shabbat Shahrar Live Streaming at Facebook*

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:51 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or

[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))

Va-yeishev

Hanukkah - Day 2 - 3rd candle

Saturday, December 12

Birthday Shabbat

Salome Stein Kokin Bat Mitzvah

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrar Live Streaming at Facebook*

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:52 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Havdalah Service & Hanukkah Lighting

(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or Facebook)

Miketz

Saturday, December 19

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrar Live Streaming at Facebook*

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:55 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

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[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))

Va-yiggash

Saturday, December 26

Anniversary Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrar Live Streaming at Facebook*

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:59 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

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[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))

Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm

Candlelighting times:

Friday, December 4 | 5:02 pm

Friday, December 11 | 5:02 pm

Friday, December 18 | 5:05 pm

Friday, December 25 | 5:08 pm

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shahrar

Saturdays | 9:30 am

*Access our 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:

Meeting ID: 924 2856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

*MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Weekday mornings during Hanukkah: **7:00 am**
(Friday, 12/11 + Monday-Friday 12/14 - 12/18)

Friday, 12/25: 8:00 am



Zoomdalah!

Bring in the new week with a burst of positive energy! Join us for Zoomdalah, on Saturday nights 20 min before Havdalah. Meet fun people of ALL ages and dance your way into the new week!

Saturdays @ 5:30 PM

Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/92408568672> |

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672 ; Password: minyan | Call-in: (669)- 900 - 6833



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 PM | RECITAL WITH HANUKKIAH LIGHTING
AND MINCHA MA'ARIV SERVICES

Zoom Login: www.zoom.us/j/92408568672

Passcode: minyan

December

Programming

Register at bethelphoenix.com
or call (602) 944-3359

12/3, 12/10 & 12/17

Talmud: Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know

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



Thursdays @ 8:30 am

12/7 & 12/14

Hebrew 101 Mondays @ 6:30 PM



Learn to read Hebrew with Wendy Rozov. Start from the very beginning, or brush up on your rusty reading skills from last century! Register with nanci@bethelphoenix.com.

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

12/9



Beth El Book Club Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Love reading? Love schmoozing? Join us with a glass of wine (or your favorite refreshment) as we discuss the latest and greatest Jewish books.

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

12/13

Chai Tea Women's Study Group Sundays @ 12:30 pm



Discuss ethical issues from a Jewish woman's perspective. Study topics include personalities from ancient times to the modern day.

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

12/17

LUNCH & LEARN: A TASTE OF HESCHEL THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM



Join Wendy Rozov and your Beth El friends with your lunch for a virtual learning session. Study the theological works and ideas of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/881238825 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

12/21

As Long as the Candle Burns, Repair is Possible: Rav Yisrael Salanter and The Mussar Movement by Rabbi Steven Exler

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Join Beth El Congregation and Valley Beit Midrash
for this co-hosted virtual event!

For more info and to register @ tinyurl.com/y6c26zo4



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Dear Chaverim,

In her poem, Suzanne Sabransky shows us how gradually light can grow stronger amidst darkness, until it radiates out into the world overcoming that darkness. With each additional night, with each additional candle, light and warmth extend their reach, drawing more and more people into their orbit. This is imagery with which we are all familiar. It intrigued me, however, to see how this happens. In this poem, it is the *shamash*, the “helper-candle” as we often call it, which gradually lights more. It’s the candle which gives away its light. The candle that doesn’t stand for any specific day of Hanukkah, but is there only to facilitate the lighting. ‘One candle lights’ ... the others.

“*The human spirit is the light of God*” we read in Proverbs 20:27. Each of us has an inner spark that we are born with, that we are to nourish into a flame shining out into the world. In this year’s darkness, Sabransky’s poem reminds us anew that - like the *shamash* on Hanukkah - we need to use our spark, our inner light, to re-ignite the light in others around us, be it just one other person - or many. The more we can light and nourish each other's flames, the brighter, more inviting and more healing they can become. Our light, when we ignite others, will grow stronger, glow and radiate out more brightly, and illuminate the world. This December, reach out to people, brighten their day, fill the world with your light. Don’t hold back!

Thirteen years ago our second daughter Salome was born on the Friday night of Hanukkah brightening our lives. We look forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah this year with all of you, fittingly on the Shabbat of Hanukkah. As parents, we have worked to nourish her light with her own, and now pray that as she enters into young adulthood she will illuminate the world around her with her ever stronger light.

Hanukkah Sameach!

Rabbi Stein Kokin



The Harmony of the Hanukkiyah

One candle lights another;
and darkness is dispelled from the surrounding area.

One candle lights two others;
and the brightness reaches beyond what is near.

One candle lights three others;
and the closest corners are no longer dark.

One candle lights four others;
and the walls begin to shine with illumination.

One candle lights five others;
and the room begins to feel warm and inviting.

One candle lights six others;
and people begin to reflect the candle's glow.

One candle lights seven others;
and people farther away are attracted to the light.

One candle lights eight others;
and the world begins to take notice of the brilliance.

Nine candles, now burning harmoniously together.

They have the power to dispel darkness,
they have the power to shine light into our world.
They have the power which comes
from building one upon another,
working together, in harmony,
achieving the brightest light they can shed.

We can become like those candles.
We can be candles igniting the flame of one another.
Candles shining brightly together,
shedding a light which casts all people
out of darkness and into a brilliant, better world.

By Suzanne Sabransky





Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

"If music be the food of love, play on!" This quote from William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is one that has resonated with me for several years. It is a credo I live by and I firmly believe its message teaches us that music can heal the soul.

As we continue to navigate the world around us during these unprecedented times, it has become evidently clear that music and singing contain the healing power that will help us through this pandemic. Music is often a response to the world around us and is often both the reaction to our emotions and the answer to our questions. When we are sad and in mourning, we sing God's praises to remember our loved ones. When we are joyous and celebratory, we sing to God to thank Him.

This month, we celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is considered one of the happiest and most joyous celebrations in the Jewish calendar. This year, the question is, how do we remain joyous amidst political unrest, social and racial injustice, and a global pandemic? How do we find the light when darkness surrounds us?

This is where music comes into play. When we think of most Hanukkah songs we love to sing, most are upbeat. We feel like singing along and dancing! But in addition to these upbeat songs, there are several that encourage us to embrace the light and move away from the dark. "Don't Let The Light Go Out" by the infamous folk trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, is the quintessential example of this theme and is sung by Jewish communities worldwide during the Hanukkah season (my own sister while in elementary school had the honor of singing this song in concert with the trio in Miami).

What can we do musically at Beth El to bring us closer to the light? I would like to share with you a new recital series that has started in our community, the Beth El Parlor Recital Series. This musical program will be a series of smaller and more intimate Zoom recitals and musical prayer services that will encompass the wide spectrum of our Jewish musical tradition. And maybe even a larger surprise will be thrown in! We had our first musical program in the series, our Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service featuring our accompanist Dani Shraibman just before Thanksgiving where we heard many wonderful pieces of Jewish music of different styles and genres.

The next program in our recital series is *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, a communal Hanukkah Zoom recital, Hanukkah lighting, and Ma'ariv service on Sunday

evening December 13 at 6:00 p.m. We will hear some of our favorite Hanukkah songs as well as introducing Hanukkah melodies from other international Jewish communities.

It is my hope that the Beth El Parlor Recital Series will bring you joy, hope, and healing as we continue to unify as a community during these times.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom and making great music!

Chag Hanukkah Sameach!
Cantor Angress



JFCS ADOPT-A- FAMILY

Beth El has adopted a single-parent family with seven children who need your help this holiday season.

For the safety and health of all, this year we are only accepting donations and the following gift cards.

Donate Gift Cards: Starbucks, McDonald's, Applebee's, Amazon, TJ Maxx, Ross, Walmart, Macy's, Target, and Fry's.

Donate funds to purchase other gifts at www.bethelphoenix.com or send a check to Beth El Congregation and write Adopt-A-Family in the memo.

Drive Through Donation Drop Off:
Sunday, December 6
9:30 am–11:30 am



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Gregory Harris
Board President

When are we not at the crossroads?

In the day-to-day world we call home, it's easy to seek out the things that bring us a sense of comfort, certainty and sameness. We are regularly encouraged to make the most of our situation, to go with the flow, and to pick our battles carefully. These admonitions are not meant as to accept, defer or dissuade, but instead are to serve as a recognition and a reminder to us that like moths to a flame, we are drawn to the things we know, trust and treasure. This is a nearly universal truth and especially so in times of trouble.

But we know better. We know that the things we value are with us today and that they *could* easily disappear in an instant. But knowing that the possibility exists that something bad could happen and actually having *that* happen are, for the sake of our nerves if not our mental health, conveniently treated as amounting to two mutually exclusive ideas.

Yes, but we know better. We know that we can have one, and that in an instant, we could have the other. It certainly did not take the experiences of 2020 to allow us to arrive at this understanding. Whether it's an asteroid strike, a drunk driver or a pandemic, we know that each of these things could happen, but we believe that if they were to happen, they simply could not happen to us. It would be somebody else. Yet now, as 2020 comes to a close, the simple fact of being here to experience and celebrate each day is a sign that we have so much to be thankful for and about and that although the "it" may not have happened to us, that "it" has happened to others – and any of us could be next. Which makes it all the more important that we reflect on the parts of our lives that strengthen and protect the Beth El community: Family. Friends. Freedom. Faith. And surely high on the list of things worthy of our thanks must be our never ending commitment to human dignity, humility, empathy and compassion.

A foundational element of our belief system is that the world is sustained: law, truth and peace. Like getting the bed made or any other responsibility at home or in the community, law, truth and peace don't just happen. Nothing comes from nothing; everything comes from something. We understand that sometimes – maybe more often than we'd prefer – the time comes when each one of will need to answer the call and to invest the necessary time, energy and strength to join the dream in order to push and fight for *tikkun olam*.

The world can get better. But that change won't happen on its own. We can pretend the challenges don't exist, will solve themselves or will go away. But wishing isn't doing, and sitting back to wait for others won't get it done either. Instead, we have the power to join together to support the shared vision, an approach that will strengthen Beth El and will improve the view we take both of one another and of ourselves.

Beth El is not an island, and neither are any of us. In good times and in bad, each of us needs help from time-to-time, and in this regard, Beth El is no exception! This time is no different. I invite you to take the time to pitch in and find ways to improve yourselves, and to also lend a hand to help out Beth El with your generous engagement, ideas, participation and contributions. Now, just like always!

לכ לארשי סיברע הו הזל

Greg Harris
President, Beth El Congregation



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Hanukkah will be here soon. The Beth El Gift Shop has all the judaica you need: candles, dreidels, one-of-a-kind Hanukkiah's, gifts and much more.

Always available are Shabbat candles and candlesticks, Kiddush cups, Havdalah candles, memorial candles and holders, tallit sets and Kippot both for ladies and gentlemen.

Reasons to shop at Beth El Gift Shop:

1. Supports YOUR Beth El
2. NO sales tax
3. Convenient
4. Custom orders offered for all Judaica.

No walk-ins at this time. Please contact Charleen at cholt@bethelphoenix.com or 602-695-6462 to arrange an appointment.

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Herb & Patti Dreiseszun, Bryan Hill & Leah Pallin-Hill, Sheldon & Ronda Kottle, Bruce (of blessed memory) & Risa Mallin, Samuel Pallin, Sheldon & Maddy Roth, Paul (of blessed memory) & Maryjane Sandler, Leon & Evelyn Zeitzer, Dan & Lynda Ziskin

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CHAVRIM

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MALACHIM

Sheldon & Maddy Roth

If you would like to see your name among our strongest financial supporters, please contact Alicia Moskowitz



Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

Dear Friends,

As we near the end of the calendar year, it is customary to look back at the accomplishments and major milestones that happened. It is not radical to say that 2020 has been like no other year in living memory. We began the year almost as different people from another era who now we find ourselves living in a completely different way. However, the changes we have been through this year have not all been bad, and it is the positive changes that I would like to bring our attention to as we reminisce on

our community's achievements during this very odd year of 2020.

Beth El invested in new technology to keep us connected socially, spiritually, and intellectually. From live-streaming equipment, new computers for the staff, and the ShulCloud database, we made many technological advances that benefit our community. I want to thank our members for hanging in there as we reinvented the wheel starting with taking services, educational classes, and social events to a virtual online platform and then creating a meaningful virtual High Holy Day experience. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to figure out all of the nuances and technicalities that are involved in bringing a live production to Zoom Webinar. We (and the rest of the Jewish world who were streaming) were surprised to learn about the limitations of Zoom's audio settings as it pertains to broadcasting shofar blasts (the volume drops out when exposed to sudden loudness)!

Another technological upgrade I want to highlight is our transition to the new ShulCloud database which was a long-term project for the staff that spanned the summer and fall. Nina, Korina, and I worked very hard to figure out all of the intricacies of accounting in new software that incorporates so many different functions into one platform. We also went through a lot of old data (our previous database was 12+ years old!) before and after the final upload so that our records were the best they could be. Now that we are live on the cloud, members have access to a new website with a member portal where they can update their contact, family, and yahrzeit information as well as view account balances and make payments. As we continue using ShulCloud, we will be releasing more features and sending out tips and tutorials on how to use them as we make them available to the members.

Another positive development this year is the rededication of our community to tikkun olam through social action. Our Social Action Committee meets regularly on the first Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm. They are highly motivated to help those who are less fortunate than we are through donation drive-throughs and other events. We kicked off these monthly events with the Father's Day Sack Lunch Drive and continued with the Snack Food Drive, Joan Sitver Backpack & School Supply Drive, Yom Kippur Food Drive, Hygiene Kit Drive, and then supported the Talmud Torah in its annual Turkey Train Donation Drive and the Adopt-A-Family program. We are so pleased with the response of our community. It has been a pleasure to see everyone at these drive-through events and seeing all of the good we have shared with our local community organizations including Central Arizona Shelter Services, Project Haven, Valencia Newcomer School, ICM Food & Clothing Bank, and Jewish Family and Children's Services. I am very proud of all we have accomplished and am eager to continue these collective mitzvot. Thank you to the Social Action Committee: Sara Zilversmit, Barbara Lewkowitz, Sara Ziskin, and Debbie Gordon.

Although I could go on to list many more positive developments, I am limited in space and will have to save some for next month. I want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year as we leave this strange year behind and move into 2021. I hope to see you all in the near future and that you stay happy and healthy in the meantime.

L'Shalom, Alicia Moskowitz

Be Well with BEWL - Beth El Women's League

I want to send a special welcome out to the ladies who are first time members of BEWL: Joanie Charnow, Carolyn Friedman, Judith Johnson, Nancy Kravetz, Louise Leverant, Carolyn Lieberman, Cheryl Littlepage, Barbara Melkin, Sue Rosen, Beth Rosenberg, Geraldine Travis, and Audrey Wolff. Thank you for helping us expand our membership and bringing energy and ideas to our organization.

Book Club and BEWL came together to present a talk on Shakespeare's Conspirator with author Steve Weitzkorn on November 11. Over 25 women and one man logged on to hear the program originally imagined by our former President, Joan Sitver, of blessed memory. The novel let us delve into the life of Amelia Bassano Lanyer, and get caught up in the sweep of history. What are the marks of her authorship woven into the writings of Shakespeare and how did Mr. Weitzkorn create this fascinating story? Thanks to Wendy Rozov, our Adult Education Coordinator for introducing our guest and to Alicia Moskowitz for hosting and muting during the program. We hope to make this a joint annual book event between Book Club and BEWL. If you have any authors in mind, please get in touch.

I hope you were able to join us for new member Barbara Melkin's program after minyan on November 16 on Calligraphy of the Ketubah. Whether you sipped a cocktail or nibbled on pretzels during our virtual happy hour, I'm sure you were entertained and educated by Barbara. She's such a talent and a great addition to BEWL. Todah Rabah to her for creating and presenting this delightful program.

In a normal year, we would have had our paid-up members dinner by now, but this isn't a normal year. We have come up with a programming idea that we think will be fun. On Sunday, December 20, at 11:30 am, all members in good standing are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and log on to view the exhibit: Judith Lieber: Master Craftsman. This exhibition from the Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU honors the Holocaust survivor turned mega designer's life, work and legacy. You will be able to view bags, belts, pillboxes and glasses from collectors in Florida as well as The Lieber Collection. So, if you are interested in this program, but have not yet joined BEWL, now's the time! If you are a member, please register for the event online so we get the zoom link sent to you.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and now on to Hanukkah. Yum! Stuffing and potato latkes, the greatest comfort foods invented.

Eileen Bloom



Nanci Siegel Manson
Education, Youth and
Family Engagement
Director

Dear Friends,

A Little Lesson on Lighting the Hanukkah Menorah

The Hanukkah menorah is a special candle holder, used only on this holiday. In Hebrew, it is called a hanukkiyah. It has spaces for eight candles, which stand for the eight nights of Hanukkah our tradition says the oil burned, when it should have lasted only one. And it has a

special place for a ninth candle, the shamash. Shamash means "servant" or "helper." This helper candle is used to light all the other candles.

On the first night of Hanukkah, as soon as darkness arrives, family gathers around to observe the mitzvah of lighting the holiday candles.

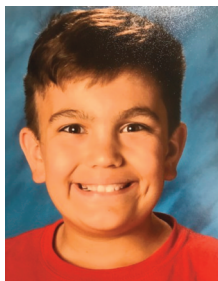
First, we set one candle in the holder on the right side of the menorah. We then light the Shamash with a match. And then, holding just the Shamash, we chant the Hanukkah blessing, light the first candle, and put the shamash back into its special place. Then we proudly place the menorah in a place in which it is sure to be seen by many.

On the second night, we place two candles in the first two holders on the right side of the menorah, chant the blessing, and use the shamash to light candles, going from left to right. Night after night the number of candles grows until on the eight and final night the menorah stands full and glowing!

Enjoy the beauty of Hanukkah and be sure to celebrate our religious freedom from the Syrian Greeks and the recapture of Israel in 165 B.C.E. Special celebration foods you might enjoy during this time include latkes, and sufganiyot, both fried in oil to remind us of the miracle of the burning of oil lasting eight days and nights. Play a game of dreidel, another fun Hanukkah tradition, to also remind us of this great miracle. And the last custom that everyone seems to like is the giving of gifts. It is an old tradition to give children money, or gelt. The exchanging of gifts is a newer custom.

Enjoy the beauty of the lights and our religious freedom.

Until next time...



Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Wade Lipovitch will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 5, 2020. Zachary is the son of Wayne and Michele Lipovitch. He is the grandson of Fred and Terry Lipovitch, the late Bonnie Lipovitch, and Mordecai and Arlene Weiner.

Zachary is an 8th grade honor student at Sunrise Middle School. He has two brothers and his beloved cat, Miss Kitty. He likes riding hover boards, jumping on trampolines, and is a life-long fan of Scooby Doo.

Zachary's Mitzvah project is with the Friendship Circle of AZ. This is his second year volunteering with them. He is a teen buddy for children with special needs. This is a special group to Zach because his older brother has Down syndrome and he has grown up with a greater understanding of individuals with special needs. He will be delivering gift bags for Hanukkah to all of the children who are involved in the Friendship Circle. He also encourages you to donate to them in honor of his Bar Mitzvah so they can continue their important work they do in our community. Also, they are always looking for more teenage volunteers, as well as individuals with special needs, who would benefit from their programs. Check it out at www.fc az.org.



Zachary Lipovitch's Bar Mitzvah Project

For my Bar Mitzvah I am delivering Hanukkah gift bags to all of the participants of the Friendship Circle. I'm excited to fill the bags with goodies and deliver them to all the kids in the organization. I have grown up with the Friendship Circle. It is run by Chabad, and it creates friendships and activities for kids in our community with special needs. They match teen volunteers up with the kids with special needs. They buddy up and have fun in a meaningful Jewish environment. My brother Jake, who has Down syndrome, has been a participant since he was four years old. I also was included in many of the fun activities as I was growing up. Now I'm old enough to be a volunteer. It's very rewarding to give back, and a lot of fun. I believe in their cause so that is why I help, and I encourage you to help too. You can donate to them so they can continue their amazing programming at www.fc az.org. Also, if you know anyone with special needs, or any teenagers looking for rewarding volunteer opportunities, encourage them to get involved. They won't regret it.



Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

Preschool News

November was a very busy month. With COVID-19 numbers climbing again, our school is continuing to be extra careful. We are following all the protocols, while still growing, learning, and having fun. Everything has to be a little different, but we work with what we have to do all our planned programs. The classes spent the first part of the month getting ready for the Fall Festival. At the beginning of the month we collected pumpkins and gourds. The youngest children were so excited to see such big ones, bumpy ones and different colored ones. Unfortunately, some of the large pumpkins got holes in them, and became rotten before the event. Actually, it became a good science project. They were able to compare the seeds, the smell and the color of the inside of the rotten pumpkin. It was near the end of the month when each class had a turn outside on the playground going to different centers learning everything they could about the event. The festival turned out very well though we weren't able to invite the families or visitors we usually do.

The month of November is always a month of giving thanks for what we have, doing mitzvot and giving tzedakah to those who need a helping hand. Part of teaching ethics to the children is teaching them how we do good deeds and collect tzedakah for the holiday of Thanksgiving.

Our school is small right now but we are growing. A lot of parents with very small children, like the infants, and one year olds, want to keep them home during the pandemic. Other parents are still working from home. Our school is a Quality First preschool and follow all the Maricopa County CDC guidelines. We are here for our parents who are essential workers and have to work. We are also here for the children who are enrolled in our school because it is a great place to learn and grow.

It is a difficult time for the families enrolled in our preschool for a lot of different reasons. The parents have to drop the child(ren) at the door, they do not get to talk to teachers in person, only on the phone or on our communication program. The teachers send out pictures so families and friends can see what they are doing during the day and share them with their families that are not here. The children are used to the teachers wearing masks and understand the social distancing in the school. We have been back in school since June 10 and the numbers have gone up and down but the guidelines haven't changed. Our staff still work together as a family even if it is on Zoom, and most importantly, we consider all our children and parents' family as well.

Take care, be safe and enjoy your families.





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our December Birthdays

Date

- 3 Edward DuBrow
Bryan Littlepage
Marcia Newman
Beth Rosenberg
Maryjane Sandler
- 4 Jesse Cohen
- 7 Sherman Adler
- 8 Gloria Feld
Barbara Goldstein
- 9 Bernice Rozov
- 10 Ilene Friener
Ronald Serbin
- 11 S. Gary Serbin
Shirley Sheinkopf
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- 29 Elaine Gordon
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- 30 Carolyn Lieberman
- 31 Barry Aarons
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Birthday Shabbat is December 12

We Remember:

Melvin Silver, brother of Arnold Silver.



Mazal Tov to our December Anniversaries

Date

Years Married

2	Jerome & Selma Targovnik	59
8	Sue & David Rosen	58
12	Diane & Greg Posniack	55
14	Rosalyn & Martin Slovin	40
16	Megan & Joel Gotfried	4
18	Rona & Lawrence Green	59
	Sharon & Scott Steingard	37
22	Ann & Marvin Gechman	52
23	Etta & Arnold Silver	63
24	Barbara Kluger & Carl Gotlieb	31
28	Barbara & Lewis Brown	62
29	Bunny & Sandor Shuch	63

Anniversary Shabbat is December 26

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

Mazal Tov to:

Lorin Abromovitz became a grandmother. Her first granddaughter, Olivia Alana was born on November 2.

Daniel Rosen and Evie Heigh on their wedding which occurred on November 22. Mazal Tov as well to their parents David & Cheryl Rosen and Russell and Susan Heigh.

Debbie and John Wolfe became first time grandparents. Jack David Wolfe was born in Denver, Colorado on October 28. Parents are Daniel & Camille Wolfe.



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Bat Mitzvah

Eliana Merav Klein, daughter of Emily Mallin and Jason Klein, became a Bat Mitzvah on November 14, 2020.

Grandparents are Risa and Bruce (of blessed memory) Mallin and Susan Klein-Eisner and Mike Eisner (and late grandfather, Marvin Klein, of blessed memory). Eliana's younger sister is Sara. She is a fourth-generation Beth El member.

Ellie is a seventh grade student at Pardes Jewish Day School. She enjoys music, taekwondo, skiing, fishing, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

Ellie and her cousin, Talia, celebrated their b'not mitzvah together, after having shared many wonderful memories together, including Camp Ramah, family vacations and simchas. Together, they have been raising funds for Save a Child's Heart, an Israeli organization dedicated to improving the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries.



Bat Mitzvah

Talia Isabelle Frank, daughter of Hillary and Ilan Frank, became a Bat Mitzvah on November 14, 2020.

Grandparents are Risa and Bruce (of blessed memory) Mallin and Ayelet and Peter Frank (Bay Area). Talia is the first of 10 grandchildren on the Frank side to have a bat mitzvah and has been working hard preparing for this simcha for many years through active involvement in the Bay Area Jewish community, Camp Ramah and Hebrew School. She enjoyed sharing this simcha with her cousin, Eliana.

Talia is a creative and hard working 8th grader who enjoys making art and games, participating in a variety of sports, is an avid reader and has even launched her own cookie business! Talia enjoys her free time spending time with her brothers, Eytan and Ari, and dog Mazel.



Bat Mitzvah

With great joy and gratitude, we would like to share with the Beth El Community the happy news that our daughter, Salome Hannah Stein Kokin, will be called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Hanukkah, 26

Kislev 5781 (December 12, 2020). Her name recalls Salome Alexandra, the Hasmonean Queen of Judea in the first century BCE. Rabbinic tradition tells of her wise rule and support for scholars, thanks to which the land was blessed with rain every Sabbath, resulting in grains as large as kidney-beans and oats the size of olives.

Born in New Haven, CT, Salome grew up in Berlin, Germany and Los Angeles, CA before moving to Phoenix in the summer of 2019. She is the daughter of Rabbi Nitzan and Dr. Daniel Stein Kokin, and the granddaughter of Allan and Laraine Kokin (Los Angeles) and Juergen and Ilse Stein (Ittersbach, Germany). Salome is a 7th grader at Pardes Jewish Day School. She enjoys reading, soccer, basketball, baking, drawing, and playing with her cat, Yaku. She hopes soon to learn to ski, visit France and learn French, and convince her parents to let her get an Xbox.

We invite the Beth El Community to join our online celebration!



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December 2020

15 Kislev 5781 - 16 Teves 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 15 KISLEV	2 16 KISLEV	3 17 KISLEV	4 18 KISLEV	5 19 KISLEV
		7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30pm Social Action Committee mtg (Zoom) 6:30pm Executive Committee meeting (Zoom) 7:00-8:00pm USY Lounge (Zoom)	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:30am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	 5:02pm 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 11:00-11:45am JFCS Welcome Shabbat for Seniors (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	 Vayishlach  Shabbat Ends: 5:51 Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Lipovitch 9:30pm Shabbat Morning Service (Facebook) 5:30pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 6:00pm Havdalah Service (Zoom)
6 20 KISLEV	7 21 KISLEV	8 22 KISLEV	9 23 KISLEV	10 24 KISLEV	11 25 KISLEV	12 26 KISLEV
8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 9:30-11:30am JFCS Adopt-a-Family Drop-off 2:00-3:00pm Beth El Trivia Contest 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:00-7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 210 Meeting	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am Coffee with Cantor (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:30pm Book Group Meeting (Zoom) 7:00-8:00pm USY Latke Fry (Zoom)	7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:30am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - First candle + Minyan (Zoom)	 Chanukah - Day 1  5:01 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 2 candles + Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	 Chanukah - Day 2  Vayishev  Shabbat Ends: 5:52 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Facebook) Birthday Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Salome Stein Kokin 5:30pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 6:00pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 3 candles (Zoom)
13 27 KISLEV	14 28 KISLEV	15 29 KISLEV	16 1 TEVES	17 2 TEVES	18 3 TEVES	19 4 TEVES
 Chanukah - Day 3 8:00am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 12:30-1:30pm Chai Tea (Zoom) 12:30-2:00pm It's A Wrap - Adopt a Family 1:00-2:30pm Blanket Boosters (Zoom) 3:00-4:00pm Family Cookie Bake (Zoom) 6:00pm Parlor Recital w/ Family Hanukkah Lighting	 Chanukah - Day 4 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am Coffee with Cantor (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 5 candles + Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	 Chanukah - Day 5 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 6 candles + Minyan (Zoom)	 Chanukah - Day 6  Rosh Hodesh Tevet 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:50pm Hanukkah Candle Making Event (Zoom) NO TALMUD TORAH 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 7 candles + Minyan (Zoom) 7:00pm Board meeting	 Chanukah - Day 7 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 8:30am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Learn (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Hanukkah Lighting - 8 candles + Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:30pm National Hanukkah Virtual Event	 Chanukah - Day 8  5:05pm 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	 Mikeitz  Shabbat Ends: 5:55 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Facebook) 5:30pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 6:00pm Havdalah Service (Zoom)
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