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## INSTALLATION 2.0 RABBI NITZAN STEIN KOKIN

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

**1118 W. GLENDALE AVE. | PHOENIX, AZ 85021**

**4:30 PM | NOSH**

**5:30 PM | FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT**

**6:15 PM | INSTALLATION CEREMONY WITH  
SPECIAL GUEST RABBI CHERYL PERETZ**

**7:00 PM | SHABBAT DINNER  
FOR THOSE WITH RESERVATIONS**

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OR (602) 944-3359**



## 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.**

### **Installation Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, February 4**

Installation 2.0 of Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin  
4:30 pm Outdoor Nosh  
5:30 pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:15 pm Installation Ceremony

### **T'rumah**

### **Saturday, February 5**

**Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Philo**

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
6:35 pm Havdalah  
6:45 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:15 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### **T'tzavveh**

### **Saturday, February 12**

Birthday Shabbat  
9:15 am Be'er HaTorah Torah Study  
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
10:15 am Meditation Minyan with Wendy Rozov  
6:41 pm Havdalah  
7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:30 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### **Ki Tissa**

### **Saturday, February 19**

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
6:48 pm Havdalah  
7:05 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:35 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### **Va-yak-hel**

### **Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Shabbat Shekalim**

### **Saturday, February 26**

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:15 am Be'er HaTorah Torah Study  
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
6:54 pm Havdalah  
7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:45 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### **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](https://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

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Weekday evening minyan,  
Kabbalat Shabbat, &  
Shaharit on Mondays & Thursdays  
will be IN-PERSON and on Zoom!

### **MINYAN TIME CHANGES:**

Wednesday, February 2 | 7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh)

Monday, February 21 | 8:15 am

(President's Day)

### **Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm**

**\*Please note 2/4 will be at 5:30 pm**

### **Candlelighting times:**

**Friday, February 4 | 5:44 pm**

**Friday, February 11 | 5:51 pm**

**Friday, February 18 | 5:57 pm**

**Friday, February 25 | 6:03 pm**

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# February

**Adult Education & Programming**  
Register at [bethelphoenix.com](http://bethelphoenix.com)  
or call (602) 944-3359

2/1, 2/8, 2/15 & 2/22

## **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](http://bethelphoenix.com/adult-education)

2/3, 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24

## **The World of Talmud Thursdays | 8:00 am**

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin  
Email [rabbi@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rabbi@bethelphoenix.com) to register  
and receive source sheets

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/92408568672](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/9



## **Book Group Wednesday | 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 February book title.  
Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/948321834](https://zoom.us/j/948321834) | Call n: (669) 900-6833

2/13 & 2/27

## **Intro to Jewish Prayer Sunday | 9:00 am**

Learn how to navigate the siddur, understand the structure  
and themes of the traditional tefillot, and feel comfortable  
in a Jewish prayer service with Rabbi Stein Kokin.

Register @ [bethelphoenix.com/adult-education](http://bethelphoenix.com/adult-education)

2/13 & 2/27



## **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](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/14 & 2/28



## **Hebrew 102 Mondays | 6:30 pm**



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

2/17

## **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](mailto:wrozov@bethelphoenix.com)  
Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/881238825](https://zoom.us/j/881238825) | Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/27

## **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](https://zoom.us/j/948321834) | Call in: (669) 900-6833





**A. Nitzan Stein Kokin**  
Rabbi

## Dear Friends,

Since I came on board the Beth El community in August 2019 to sail together towards new horizons the world has changed dramatically. It's been a journey through a whirlwind of an ever-changing reality, being swept into new forms of worship and gatherings virtually that we wouldn't have imagined before. With the new ever emerging variants of the Coronavirus it has been quite a journey for all of us, be it privately or as a sacred community. Every time we reset the sails, a new variant blows along and makes us adjust our plans and rethink. And yet despite it all: We've kept our boat steady, sailing ahead despite the unexpected twists and turns. Such is life. It brings us all kinds of surprises - with or without a pandemic.

When I chose to become a rabbi and to serve a congregation like ours I didn't expect to teach and engage through screens from behind a mask where you can hardly discern my welcoming smile to you! And at the same time I am thankful for modern technology which makes it possible to meet and pray together despite physical distance. With the unforeseen turn that my rabbinate took in the first year of my pulpit I am often reminded of one of my role models, the first woman rabbi of the 20th century - Rabbi Regina Jonas, who served in Germany under the much greater duress of the Nazi-dictatorship and persecution. She certainly had envisioned her rabbinate very differently when she trained for it in the 1920s. Her response when asked about her decision to become a rabbi very much resonates with me today: "my belief in the Godly calling and my love for people. God has placed abilities and callings in our hearts, ...Thus each of us has the duty, whether man or woman, to realize those gifts God has given." I love being with our Beth El community! I love the people and I am happy to continue to serve you here with my abilities, talents, and education as your rabbi.

These days, I am often reminded of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, not exactly sure where the next camp would be set up or how long they would march until they got there. However, the cloud and the pillar of fire were with them day and night. The Manna fell dependably and sustained them. But they did need to go out together to collect it. Those were all signs of one thing they could be sure of, that they were partners in a sacred covenant with the God of Israel on a journey together into the future.

My installation was initially planned for March 2020 and yet the shelter-in-place order came the week before our planned celebration. This month, with Installation 2.0, we now have the opportunity to celebrate the renewal of our mutual commitment as rabbi and community. Being

the rabbi of Beth El is much more for me than just signing a contract. It is a covenantal relationship that began when I first came, and now with the renewal we confirm and solidify our sacred covenant. It means that we continue to be there for each other, that we will stay together through celebrations and losses. That we learn, pray, have fun, support each other and create meaning together. I've become part of our congregational family and God willing, will be with you through joys and sorrows in the years to come. And it is this commitment to each other that we mark and celebrate this month as we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of our journey into the future.

B'Virkat Shalom,

Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin



Pictured above: Rabbi enjoys time with the Pre-K class.

## Rabbi Stein Kokin's NEW classes: (starting in February)

Intro to Jewish Prayer | 3 sessions  
Sundays | 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
February 13 & 27, March 20

Intro to Judaism | 18 sessions  
Thursdays | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
February 1 - May 31

REGISTER AT:

[www.bethelphoenix.com/adult-education](http://www.bethelphoenix.com/adult-education)

See page 12 for more details





Jonathan Angress  
Cantor

## Dear Friends,

Voice recitals. Vocal jury. Voice forum. Collegium Musicum. These terms are synonymous among any and every vocal performance music student within every music school and conservatory throughout the world. They were terms that I became very familiar with while I was a voice student and music major at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music.

Upon beginning cantorial school at the Jewish Theological Seminary, a new collegiate musical term, *nusach presentation*, entered my musical student lexicon. A nusach presentation functions as a combination of a musical voice trial compounded with a mock prayer service, so that our cantorial teachers can provide feedback on our vocal, instrumental, and davening skills. Even though the presentation would take place on a weekday morning, we would pretend that it was either Shabbat, Yom Tov, or the High Holidays for the 30 minute presentation.

There were many requirements and musical parameters for each presentation. For example, we would be required to use different musical styles and ensembles in the presentation in order to create an eclectic musical experience. These styles and components would range from solo cantorial compositions, modern compositions, duets, choir pieces, congregational singing, and instrumental accompaniment (i.e. guitar, piano, and/or band). For some of us, we took it upon ourselves to compose and write liturgical melodies in the event that we did not find any musical selections that we preferred to use. I myself made it a point to compose a new melody for each nusach presentation that I performed and officiated in cantorial school.

When I began my first full time cantorial position in Florida, I was tasked with teaching new, fun, and upbeat service melodies to the Hebrew school. I distinctly remember having a conversation with the rabbi and Hebrew school director about the standard existing melodies for *V'shamru*. I learned there was a general consensus that the standard melodies for *V'shamru* were not well loved or successful in the Hebrew school. As a result, this left me with very little options of something new and fun to teach the students. So, I went about composing my own melody which instantly became a hit, not only among the Hebrew school students, but eventually among the congregation itself. Even though I am no longer at that congregation, I am told that the melody is still used regularly.

At the beginning of this school year, the Beth El clergy and Talmud Torah director and staff took the initiative as a team to revamp *tefillah* (prayer) education for our students. Part of this reconstruction is introducing new and fun melodies to our students. As a result, just like with *V'shamru* several years ago in Florida, I ran into

the same issue with the prayer *Mi Chamocha*. Most of the standard melodies for this prayer (along with the ones that are part of the custom of Beth El) are very slow and would not necessarily be engaging for young students. So, I went about composing and writing a new, fun, and upbeat *Mi Chamocha* that so far, has been a resounding success in the Talmud Torah. It is my hope that sometime soon, I will be able to introduce it during our regular services for the congregation.

Why do I specifically mention *V'shamru* and *Mi Chamocha*? Most recently, I was approached by a cantorial colleague from within the Cantors Assembly (the overseeing entity of Conservative movement cantors and my union) to submit for consideration, new melodies for Shabbat tefillot to be included in a new publication of Jewish synagogue music. Among the many melodies that I have either composed or arranged, my *V'shamru* and *Mi Chamocha* were chosen to be officially published in "Shirata: Congregational Melodies for Shabbat and Yom Tov" which will include over 200 new melodies composed from within the past decade. I am honored to have been chosen among my colleagues as one of the many composers contributing to this publication and it is my hope that my *V'shamru* and *Mi Chamocha* will reach people and provide a new outlook and inspiration for Jews not only here at Beth El, but all over the world.

As soon as the publication is completed, I will be sure to let our community know and I will make sure to have at least one copy of the publication in my office, if anyone would be interested in perusing it.

Todah V'zimrah,  
Cantor Angress



for the **live** Jewish Night on Broadway  
Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



**Gregory Harris**  
Board President

## The Magic of the Calendar

Our calendar, the Hebrew calendar, reminds of us a time before the incandescent bulb had the almost magical effect of turning night into day. Before this transformation, our whole approach to the day, the month and the year, was driven by the lights in the sky. And for us, the moon commanded our attention, and in important ways, it still does.

Our calendar's cycles reflect the periods of the moon, with each period celebrated in our recognition of *Rosh Chodesh*. As *Sh'vat* yields to *Adar I*, we announce the transition from waning crescent to new moon with the special prayers and thanksgiving to mark the head of the month. And as we do this, I invite you to take a minute to reflect on a couple of aspects of the calendar.

First, this year we have not just one *Adar*, but two! Ordinary folks get to celebrate a leap day every 4 years, but we have the special joy and opportunity to celebrate a bonus month. This happens 7 times in the 19-year cycle of the Hebrew calendar, and the addition of a bonus month modulates the gyration of the Hebrew calendar as it sways (or some say it waves) through our lives, causing others – but certainly not us(!) – to remark about how late or early our holidays fall in comparison to the Gregorian calendar.

Second, let's take a few moments to reflect how the sages and scientists, farmers and shopkeepers, rabbis and others came together to do their work. In a time before Wikipedia, the Encyclopedia Britannica, the LED, and central air conditioning, people observed the heavens, studied the movement of the stars, planets and moon, and through their observations, they calculated the periods of their movement to give us the calendar.

We arrive in a world as innocents and can so easily be lulled into believing that the way things are “now” is the way they have always been and will always be. And yet, we know that this is not true. We know that things change and have always changed, and we hope always for the better. The calendar is no exception. And we know that there were those who fought the idea of the calendar's cycle because of the challenge this concept brought to the long-held belief in an Earth-centered world.

*Adar II* – and yes, the Gregorian calendar too – serve as reminders of our place in the universe, and the importance of our reliance on our accumulated knowledge to strive for more and better understanding, while retaining a sense of who we are and where we have been. Members like Ellen Goot and Mathis Becker do this now (and Kathy Miller too!) with their keeping the Chapel's *yahrzeit* plaques posted each month. Their work to help keep fresh the names of these cherished members reminds of a time that once was and the role we each play in making this a better world.

The start of February is always a special time. Spring Training. The Super Bowl. The World Wide Wrap. And this year, the start of *Adar*! Join us at Beth El in the many celebrations that will take place this month, and when you do, take some time to reflect on the wonders of the world, including the calendar, which helps to create order out of the chaos of time.

L'Shalom,

Greg Harris



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

### NEW AND EXCITING!

Beth El Gift Shop Has Everything Shabbat

We have candlesticks, Shabbat candles, Havdalah sets, Havdalah candles, Kiddish cups, challah covers, challah boards, and more!

Purchase a gift for family or friends or maybe just for you.

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

## BLANKET BOOSTERS

In December, the Blanket Boosters received a gracious letter from the Arizona's Children Association thanking the Beth El Blanket Boosters for the 51 blankets we donated to the organization. Those crocheted blankets will be given to children in crisis as they come into their care with emergency needs.

Won't you consider joining our group? We will supply the yarn and help you with a pattern. We would love to see you. Need more information, please call me at: (602) 684-2606.

Sandy Schnell Robbins







**Alicia Moskowitz**  
Executive  
Director

## Dear Friends,

We are off to a strong start to the new year! Our Beth El Team is excitingly planning many amazing events for the next few months.

As we have a lot to look forward to, we want to reassure you that our leadership values your health and safety above all else. For this reason, we are working on implementing the following measures as more in-person events are to occur.

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1. COVID protocols remain in place - please keep your COVID vaccinations up to date in order to attend in-person events at Beth El. Wear a mask in the building at all times.
2. Meals - when we serve meals at Beth El, please keep your mask on until you are seated at a table with your party. Meals are optional. If you would like to attend services or a program that serves a meal, you are welcome to come and not participate in the meal if you are not comfortable.
3. Outdoor seating - we are making an effort to provide more outdoor seating for meals. If you are not comfortable eating indoors, please consider joining us at these outdoor dining tables after kiddush and for other events when available.
4. Security officers - we work closely with the Phoenix Police Department to hire off-duty officers for security for major services and events. Please join us in welcoming these friendly officers who help to keep us safe!
5. Security Team - Did you know that Beth El has its own volunteer security team that works with our security officers during events? We are looking for more volunteers to join our team. Volunteers will receive training and support from the Community Security Services to be prepared for all types of situations including medical emergencies, assessing unknown visitors, and other security situations. Please contact Michael Apfel to learn more about the Beth El Security Team at [michaelap@thecss.org](mailto:michaelap@thecss.org).
6. Security Grant - Beth El was the recipient of a grant from Arizona's Homeland Security Department to improve the security of our campus. The grant team is meeting and assessing the scope of the projects to be completed. We will release more information on these projects as they are approved to move forward.

As you can tell, there are many ways in which we can work together to make Beth El a safe and healthy place to be. We rely upon your help and support to keep on the right track. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (602) 944-3359 ext. 109 or [amoskowitz@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:amoskowitz@bethelphoenix.com).

Stay healthy and safe!

# BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

## BE WELL WITH BEWL

A year ago I wrote an article for the echo comparing the in-person activities we enjoyed in 2019 and the virtual world we were experiencing in 2021. I encouraged you to take advantage of all the online programs provided by the synagogue and elsewhere online. I hoped we would be back together this year.

Well, we are back together, sort of. Vaccinated, masked, distanced, we have Shabbat services, Board Meetings and celebrate b'nai mitzvahs as a community. Of course, our wonderful Preschool has been open and running the entire time. Kudos to Joanie Charnow and her staff.

The month of February, though short, is packed with holidays: Chinese New Year, Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and Mardi Gras. The most important day for Beth El is February 4, 2022, when we can celebrate the Installation of Rabbi Stein Kokin. The event kicks off at 4:30 pm with a sponsored Nosh, to be followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and the Installation Ceremony in the Sanctuary. We are requiring masks and that all attendees be fully vaccinated. You can show your support for our wonderful Rabbi by attending the installation. Only the dinner portion of the evening requires registration.



Here's a picture from the fun glass workshop on December 12. Our next event will be the Sisterhood/Torah Fund Shabbat on March 5, 2022, chaired by Education Director, Judy Zola and Torah Fund Director, Jan Freedman. We hope to see many BEWL members in attendance and participating in the service.

Eileen Bloom, President, BEWL





**Nanci Siegel Manson**  
Talmud Torah  
Director

## Dear Friends,

Shabbat...The Queen of Days

Our tradition describes Shabbat as royalty, the Queen of Days. Every week we celebrate the seventh day by stepping out of the hurry of our daily lives and into the holy time of Shabbat.

When we observe Shabbat, peace and calm seem to spread through

us.

Shabbat begins just before sundown on Friday evening, when we light the candles. Before we light the candles, we help those in need by putting money into the tzedakah box then onto the blessing over the Shabbat candles. It is then that we wish our family, friends, and invited guests Shabbat shalom, or a peaceful Shabbat. At the start of the meal, kiddush is said which includes verses from the Torah that tell how God finished Creation, rested on the seventh day, and declared the Shabbat holy. The Hamotzi is next which is the blessing over the challah, traditionally, two loaves covered by a decorative cloth. We then cut it, and everyone has a slice. Now comes the Shabbat meal, the time we enjoy the festive meal.

Shabbat has kept our people strong over many centuries and difficult times. It has given us strength. Today, too, when the world is struggling through this pandemic, political arguments, joblessness, and inflating costs of things, observing Shabbat can draw us closer to our families, to God, and to our community bringing us peace and a feeling of strength.

This month, on February 18, we will celebrate Shabbat together at our Family Kabbalat Shabbat service outdoors with dinner to follow. Please see the enclosed flyer for complete information. We hope you will join us.

Until next time.....

## SAVE THE DATES:

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

February 18 | 5:45 pm

Purim Festivities

March 16 | 4:15 pm



## Bar Mitzvah

Ethan Philo will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 5. Ethan is the son of Jason Philo and Bithia Chavez, his brothers are Adam and Nathan Philo.

Ethan attends 7th grade at Cholla Middle School. He enjoys Math and Reading classes. In his free time, Ethan enjoys playing video games, playing with his dogs, going to the ice skating rink, and going to Coyotes hockey games. When he grows up he would like to be a paramedic.

For his mitzvah project Ethan has teamed up with the Happily Ever After League to help them collect items for chemo care packages to give to mothers who are undergoing cancer treatments.

### Items needed:

- Soft throw blankets
- Soft socks
- Metal water bottles
- Lip balms
- Hydrating body lotion
- Hydrating hand lotion
- Bath bombs
- Hydration Electrolyte Mix (Gatorade powder, Nuun Tablets)
- Journals for women
- Adult coloring books
- Crossword puzzle books
- Color pencils
- Color pens
- Uber Eat gift cards
- Grocery Store gift cards
- Amazon Gift Cards

*Items can be dropped off at Beth El*



Pictured above:  
Mrs. Gusdorff's class baked mini apple pies in celebration of Tu B'Shevat.



**Joanie Charnow**  
**Preschool Director**

## Preschool News

January seemed to be colder than usual but our children were still able to go outside and plant seeds in our new garden box. We also planted in our existing boxes that the PTO made for us several years ago. The classes start learning at Tu B'Shevat about trees and continue on from there to studying everything that grows in the ground, nutrition, and even science and math. The children learn that it takes time for our food in the garden to grow and there are seasons to grow different things. Even though Passover is not until April, they talked about what they can grow in their garden now that will be ready for the Seder. They plan on growing enough for the school's class Seders and take home for their own families. They are planting parsley, lettuce, tomatoes, and zucchini. Each class has their own above ground garden bed and they discuss and choose what they would like to plant. There are also large pots in which they planted flowers. Nora Elias, our Head Teacher and Mentor, plans our special school events. Because of the pandemic we haven't had school-wide events with parents, but she always manages to create fun learning programs for each individual age group. The classes go outside one at a time to enjoy the activities during each event.

Our school is in a position that now more than ever is important to the community. We keep our children safe, active, and learning as we always have, but now there is an added component. During this time, families need to isolate more and each of them do it in their own way. Bringing their children to our school encourages socialization and provides a sense of normalcy. Our staff is considered essential workers so we have added pressure to come to work and keep our school open. The shortage of employees is noticed everywhere these days, and some places have had to close due to lack of staff. We do not have enough teachers to open another class or enroll more children. I love my job, and I love working at the synagogue I grew up at. Our team of teachers are a family and we all love what we do. If you know of any one looking for a place to work that they can call home, please have them call me at (602) 944-2464. Our children and staff are happy to welcome them with open arms!

Stay safe and healthy!

L'Shalom

Joanie







## Beth El Announcements

### Yom Huledet Same'ach to our February Birthdays

#### Date

- 1 Cynthia Faber
- 2 Michael Kornreich  
Arlene Loewy
- 3 Shimon Zilversmit
- 4 Charles Meinstein  
Naomi Lipschultz  
Wendy Laskin
- 5 Janice Freedman  
Rona Green
- 6 Morris Kaplan
- 8 Lara Serbin
- 9 Sharon Cohn
- 10 Jeffrey Hill
- 11 Emily Lhotka
- 13 William Wolf
- 15 Sheldon Roth
- 21 Leah Wiesen  
Janet Meinstein  
Connie Zilversmit
- 22 Alan Finks  
Philip Paress
- 23 Morris Stein  
Sanders Switzer
- 24 Froma Allen
- 25 Carolyn Friedman  
Esther Zlochower

### Birthday Shabbat is February 12

### Mazal Tov to:

The Chesed Committee for all their hard work making calls each week! Below and right are some pictures from a recent "field trip" they took to the Desert Botanical Gardens.



### Mazal Tov to our February Anniversaries

#### Date

#### Years Married

|    |                            |    |
|----|----------------------------|----|
| 9  | Susan & Gregory Harris     | 37 |
| 10 | Connie & Shimon Zilversmit | 41 |
| 12 | Beth & Neil Shernoff       | 44 |
| 14 | Suzanne & Carl Fuchs       | 41 |
|    | Laura & Rick Nicholson     | 24 |
| 17 | Alicia & Aaron Moskowitz   | 14 |
| 25 | Phyllis & Mark Silberstein | 54 |
|    | Wendy & Curtiss Olsen      | 26 |

### Anniversary Shabbat is February 26

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

### We Mourn:

Member Frances (Faye) Vivian Paller, sister of member Judy (David) Siegel.





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

**General Fund**

A thoughtful contribution  
*Elaine Gordon*  
*Elliot & Phyllis Marcus*  
In appreciation of Rabbi &  
Cantor's work with Joshua  
Goldfarb's Bar Mitzvah  
*Shirley & Stan Grossman*  
In appreciation of Rabbi Nitzan  
Stein Kokin  
*Joan Rothfeld*  
In honor of Etta Silver's birthday  
*Mike & Sherri Cohn*  
In honor of Tom & Jodi Zavos  
*Elijah Costales-Chevalier*  
In honor of Board President  
Greg Harris  
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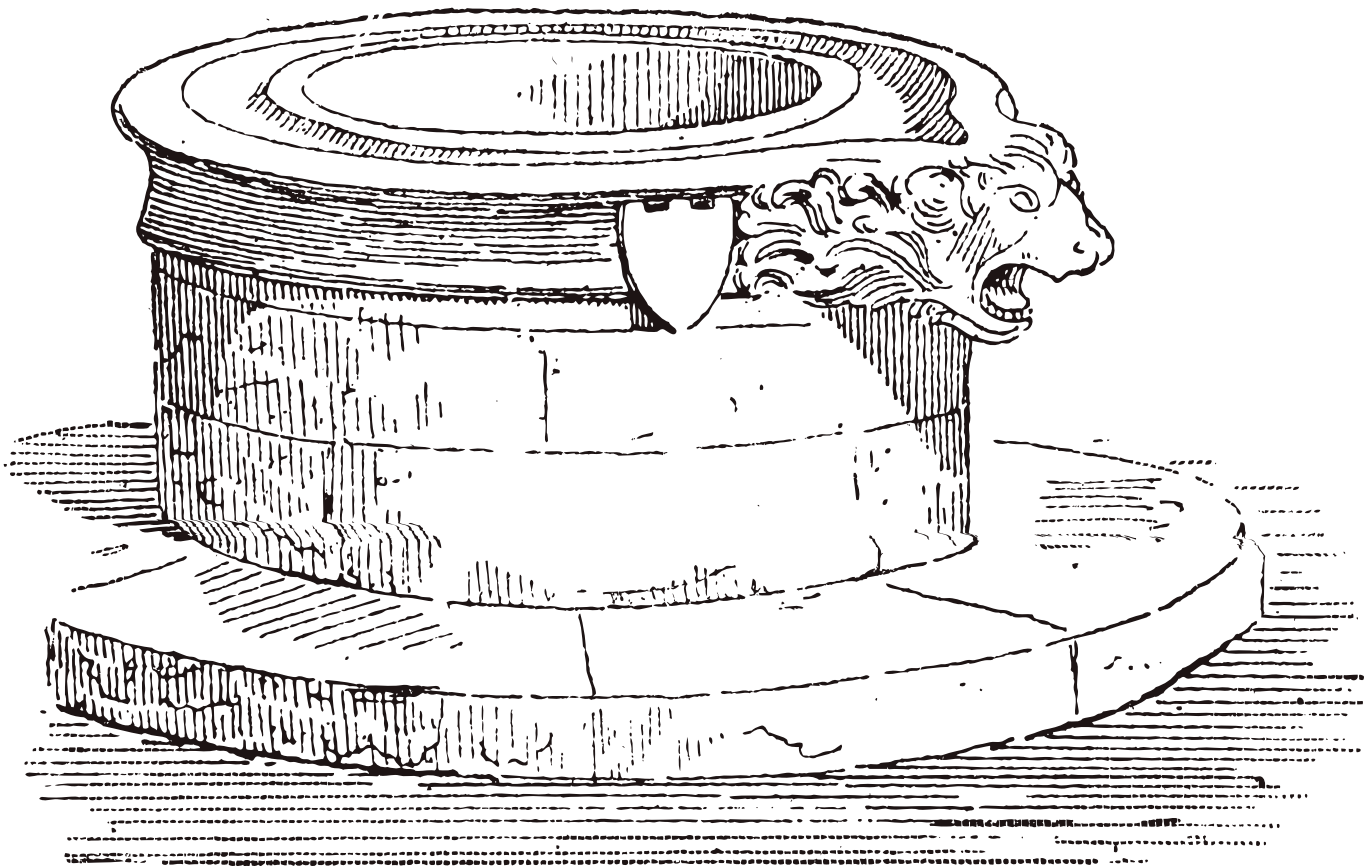


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