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COMMUNITY TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

JUNE 4 | 7:00 PM - 12:00AM

TEMPLE CHAI - 4645 E MARILYN RD, PHOENIX



## **Beth El Services**

### **SERVICES**

#### **B'midbar Erev Shavuot Saturday, June 4**

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
7:00 pm - 12:00 am Tikkun Leil Shavuot @  
Temple Chai  
8:18 pm Candlelighting

#### **Shavuot - Day 1 Sunday, June 5**

9:30 am Shavuot Services  
5:45 pm Yom Tov Mincha/Ma'ariv

#### **Shavuot - Day 2 Monday, June 6**

9:30 am Shavuot Services  
5:45 pm Yom Tov Mincha/Ma'ariv

#### **Naso Saturday, June 11**

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:22 pm Havdalah

#### **B'ha-alot-'kha Saturday, June 18**

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
10:15 am Meditation Service  
7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:24 pm Havdalah

#### **Sh'lah L'kha Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Saturday, June 25**

Anniversary Shabbat  
Pride Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:25 pm Havdalah

#### **Korah Saturday, July 2**

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
8:00 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:25 pm Havdalah

#### **Hukkat Saturday, July 9**

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
12:15 pm Be'er HaTorah Study  
7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:24 pm Havdalah

#### **Balak Saturday, July 16**

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
10:15 am Meditation Service  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:20 pm Havdalah

#### **Pinhas Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Saturday, July 23**

9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
12:15 pm Be'er HaTorah Study  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:16 pm Havdalah

#### **Mattot-Mas'ei Saturday, July 30**

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:30 am Shabbat Shahrarit  
12:15 pm Be'er HaTorah Study  
7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah service  
8:10 pm Havdalah

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

#### **Daily Minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat Monday - Friday | 7:15 am and 5:45 pm Sundays & Federal Holidays | 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 & Shavuot Services:**

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672  
Passcode: minyan  
Call in: (253) 215-8782  
Call in Passcode: 649433

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

#### **Candlelighting times:**

**Friday, June 3 | 7:16 pm**  
**Friday, June 10 | 7:19 pm**  
**Friday, June 17 | 7:22 pm**  
**Friday, June 24 | 7:23 pm**  
**Friday, July 1 | 7:24 pm**  
**Friday, July 8 | 7:23 pm**  
**Friday, July 15 | 7:20 pm**  
**Friday, July 22 | 7:17 pm**  
**Friday, July 29 | 7:12 pm**

### **MINYAN TIME CHANGES:**

#### **June 29 & 30 | 7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh Tammuz)**

#### **July 4 | 8:15 am (Independence Day)**

#### **July 29 | 7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh Av)**

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# June and July

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

6/2, 7/7, 14, 21, & 28

## 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

6/9

## 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

6/12, 6/26, 7/10 & 7/24



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

6/16

VBM & Beth El: Cain and Abel's Day in Court: What The World's First Murder Can Teach Us About Dispensing Justice And Injustice

Thursday | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm PDT

Join us for a co-hosted event with VBM, featuring a presentation by Rabbi Dan Ornstein

Register @ <https://tinyurl.com/yyzf8ta5>  
Beth El Members attend for free

6/29 & 7/27

## Summer Movie & Discussion Wednesdays | 1:30 pm

Join Wendy Rozov for a movie and discussion.

Enjoy snacks and fun with your friends.

June Movie: *An American Pickle*  
PG-13 | Runtime 90 minutes | Starring Seth Rogan

6/15 & 7/20

## Mahj Meetup 3rd Wednesdays | 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Play mahjong with your friends at Beth El. Snacks and mahjong sets are provided. Bring your friends and your card for some friendly competition. Beginners are welcome to come and learn.



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin  
Rabbi

## Shalom Chaverim,

As I write these lines, news of the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade has made for intense discussion in our media and impassioned protests in our streets. Amid this fervor, let's explore what Jewish positions on abortion are.

First and foremost, the Torah encourages having children. After the creation of humankind, we read: "God blessed them...be fertile and multiply and fill the earth..." (Bereshit 1:28). It is, so to speak, the very first mitzvah. In addition, the greatest anguish of our biblical matriarchs is infertility. There is great passion for procreation in our foundational narratives. Rabbinic law continues this trend and asks each couple to have at least two children. **"A man may not neglect the mitzvah to be fruitful and multiply unless he already has children. Beit Shammai say: One fulfills this mitzvah with two males, and Beit Hillel say: A male and a female, as it is stated; (Male and female He created them...)** (Genesis 5:2). [Mishna Yevamot 6:6]. In the aftermath of the Shoah, even many liberal rabbinic authorities encouraged families to have at least three children, in order to build up the Jewish people again. Overall, Jewish tradition holds a clear bias for life (the above are but two examples of many) and abortion generally is forbidden in Jewish law.<sup>1</sup>

Generally speaking, the Torah sees the human body, both male and female, as a temporary gift from God - i.e. we do not own our bodies. (This has implications for how we treat our bodies, even apart from reproduction, and obliges us to live a healthy lifestyle. To be explored in a future discussions.)

In a close reading of the Mishnah, however, we notice that it is the husband who has the obligation to procreate, not the wife. This, among others, enables the rabbis in the Talmud to accord such high regard for the well-being of the mother that Jewish law even **requires** [!] abortion in certain cases, e.g. when the mother's life is at risk.

If we are so pro-life in general, how can Jewish law not only allow, but even require, abortion in certain cases? Here we need to look at how Talmudic law describes the fetus. In the first 40 days of pregnancy, the fetus is considered "simply water" (bYevamot 69b). Then, from the second trimester up until a baby takes its first breath, the fetus is a considered part of the mother's body, i.e. a limb or, in the language of the rabbis, "like the thigh of its mother" (bHullin 58 a). Summarizing the whole corpus of hundreds of years of Jewish debate, Rabbi Eliott Dorff writes:

"Because our bodies are God's property, neither men nor women are permitted to amputate their thigh except to preserve their life or health...Specifically, Jewish law **requires** abortion when the woman's life or health - physical or mental - is threatened by the pregnancy; Jewish law **permits** abortion when the risk to the woman's life or health (again, physical or mental) is greater than that of a normal pregnancy but not so great as to constitute a clear and present danger to her. The fetus doesn't attain the full rights and protections of a human being until birth, specifically when the forehead emerges or, if it is a breech birth, when most of the body emerges. The mother of course has full human status. Consequently, if the fetus threatens the life or health of the mother, then it may, and in some cases must, be aborted".<sup>2</sup>

This can apply even when the threat to the mother's life is not immediate. Furthermore, rabbinic theology holds that ensoulment commences with breath ("Yatza leAvir"), enabling the prioritizing of the mother's well-being even up to the active birthing process. In cases of dire distress, rape, severe deficiencies in the fetus, serious mental health problems and, in some cases, even economic hardship (for example, if the birth of an additional child would cause this for the older siblings and the parents), abortion may be a legitimate option. And it means that terminating a pregnancy should be an educated decision made with the support of a care team (family, medical professionals, counseling, spiritual leaders, and any person who can help assess the grave moral and legal issues involved).<sup>3</sup>

The Jewish justification for abortion, then, is not about the rights of the woman to her body, or her "right to privacy," but is rather focused on the wellbeing of the mother and the family as a whole. It shifts our focus towards acknowledging society's responsibility to care for the welfare of the mother and the potential child. A woman needs access to counseling and to health care providers who are not threatened by law to be criminalized in order to make a sound decision. It reminds us that this discussion must be a wake-up call to look at our society and consider if those who find themselves in an unwanted pregnancy have all the support they need. It obligates us to show kindness and sensitivity to those grappling with such a pregnancy. It means that, while children are wanted in general, we need to take care to provide the necessary support and infrastructure to ensure a healthy upbringing and a real chance for a good life. It really calls us out to address social injustice, generational poverty, and lack of education, and to ensure counseling, support, and broad and affordable access to health care.

Have a wonderful summer! Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin

<sup>1</sup> For a more extensive discussion of abortion in Jewish law, see Eliott Dorff, *Matters of Life and Death*, pp. 128-133.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.* p. 129

<sup>3</sup> A statement on the Possibility of Abortion, CJLS, 1983





## Dear Friends,

What a year!

I am excited to work with all of you as your next Board President and strengthen and grow our Beth El family. But first, I want to introduce myself to you.

**Audrey Wolff**  
**Board President**

I moved to Phoenix in 1990. My husband Steve was beginning his legal career, and I was a high school teacher. Currently, I teach part time, which leaves me time for my other job, your President. I have three children who grew up at Beth El: Jacob (27), Jeremy (24), and Alexandra (20). We became members of Beth El in 1997 when Jeremy joined Jacob at Beth El's Early Childhood Center. Since then, our children attended preschool and Talmud Torah, became b'nai mitzvah, worked as Madrichim, and participated in USY.

Early on, I served as Preschool PTO President. Steve was a board member, wrote Purim Spiels and gave High Holiday Appeal speeches. I joined the board 7 years ago. At Barbara Becker's request, I became Education VP and for the last two years, Executive VP. Over time, I have met many Beth El members, including our wonderful leadership team, and had the pleasure of welcoming Rabbi Stein Kokin and her family into our community.

Yes, our Beth El family has sometimes headed in directions that I have disagreed with, and yes, there are occasions I grow weary of hearing about (and talking about) the "good old days" but each time I remember that my family, and I love being part of Beth El.

Belonging to a synagogue matters. It is more than attending services, or sending your child for b'nai mitzvah lessons. It's about being part of a community that shows up when challenged, embraces tikkun olam, and builds a legacy for its children.

Later this month, I will be attending a 2-day Sulam Leadership training by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. I will network with other leaders from around the country, and acquire tools to help Beth El manage the challenges of the next several years. How can we engage, strategize, operate, learn, and find meaning at Beth El? Together, we will come up with a vision and a plan to take us to 2030, when we will celebrate Beth El's 100 year Anniversary. As Aaron Moskowitz so eloquently asked at a recent town hall meeting, "What will Beth El 2030 look like?" Together, let's come up with an answer.

Please, if you have suggestions or concerns I want to hear from you, meet with you, (I am always up for coffee) and I will strive to do my best and do right by Beth El.

Thank you,  
Audrey Wolff (awolff@bethelphoenix.com)

## From the Board of Directors...

The Board of Directors announces that Alicia Moskowitz will continue her work as Beth El's Executive Director through at least May 2027. Beth El looks forward to continuing to develop an efficient, modern, and welcoming organization together. Alicia started to work with Beth El in 2015 and became our Executive Director in 2020. The Board is extremely pleased by this news and look forward to her continued service and devotion to Beth El.

The Board also announces that it has entered into a new contract through May 2025 with Preschool Director Joanie Charnow. Since long before the pandemic and throughout our community's efforts to rise to the COVID-19 challenge, Joanie has ceaselessly worked hard to make it possible for families to have a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for their children. Joanie's continued service means that the growth and enrichment of the children enrolled at Beth El will provide them with a solid foundation and a stable springboard to move forward into the future.



## GIFT SHOP NEWS

Think Beth El Gift Shop for the perfect gift. We have amazing jewelry, mezuzahs, vases, and more.

Always available are Shabbat candles, candlesticks, challah platters, Havdalah sets, memorial candles, tallit sets, and kippot.

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Gift shop now open during Beth El's office hours. Any questions, call Charleen at (602) 695-6462 or email at [cholt@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:cholt@bethelphoenix.com).



**Alicia Moskowitz**  
Executive  
Director

## Dear Friends,

It is summer in the Valley, and I hope you are all staying cool. My family has some summer trips planned including our children attending Camp Ramah Ojai for the first time, visiting relatives in New Mexico and California, and a staycation or two. As I make my own summer plans, the Beth El Team and I are also working on some summer activities for you as well.

Here are a few of our plans for the summer.

Did you know that Mahj Meetup is back on? We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm and play until 3:30 pm. If you are interested in learning how to play mahjong, please let us know, and we will help you learn. It is always a fun and challenging afternoon with snacks and friends.

Blanket Boosters, Beth El's longest-running Social Action project, will also continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in June, July, and August. If you would like to learn how to crochet, please let us know, and we can hook you up with a mentor and all of the materials you will need. Blankets produced by our volunteers are given to organizations that help children in crisis. The Boosters accept donations of 100% acrylic yarn in all colors as well as monetary donations through our website. You can see some of their beautiful blankets at their photo site: <https://tinyurl.com/blanket-boosters>.

A Summer Movie Afternoon series is in the works for you to enjoy a Jewish or Israeli-themed movie at Beth El with your friends. And, Book Group is preparing a Summer Reads series to continue discussing the latest and greatest Judaica-themed books. Look for the flyer inserts for details.

Along with these summer programs, we are also planning High Holy Days and the fall event calendar. High Holy Days is a bit later in the secular calendar this year, so we have a little extra time to make it just right. We are looking forward to hosting you and your family for the new year. It is a special time for us to reconnect through learning, events, and services. It is important to provide a quality spiritual experience for you that is comfortable, warm, and uplifting. For these reasons, we take extra care in beautifying the sanctuary, lobby, and other areas in the shul. We have made some improvements and continue to find different ways to make your experience at Beth El enjoyable and seamless.

I look forward to connecting with you and hearing about your summer travels and local adventures as we move through the warm months towards the new year.

L'Shalom,  
Alicia

## Praying for the Monsoon 2.022 Daniel Stein Kokin

As some readers of these lines may recall, approximately one year ago, in these very pages, I introduced my "Tefillat ha-Malkosh" or "Prayer for the Monsoon" (for those interested, the text can be viewed on the Beth El website). Loosely based on the traditional "Tefillat ha-Geshem" or "Prayer for Rain" chanted each year on Shemini Atzeret, the prayer also engages closely with the parasha or Torah portion Hukat (Bamidbar/Numbers 19:1-22:1), selected because it typically falls around the start of monsoon season and because the struggle to find water in the desert looms large in its verses. Indeed, I intended for the "tefillah" to be recited on Shabbat Hukat, which it was last year at Beth El and other congregations throughout the Southwest.

I make no claims as to the prayer's efficacy, but it was certainly wonderful when the skies opened the very next week, delivering the Valley of the Sun's heaviest June precipitation since 1984. Nor did the rest of the summer disappoint: in July, Tucson experienced the rainiest month in its history, Phoenix marked the second greatest number of wet days in a monsoon season ever (23), and Monsoon 2021 ranked overall as Arizona's ninth wettest on record.

And yet for all their frequency and intensity, last summer's refreshing rains hardly marked the end of our water woes. Precipitation during the winter of 2021-22 was dismal across most of the West and nearly all of Arizona remains drought-stricken, with over half of the state experiencing severe drought. In just the past few months, Lakes Mead and Powell have both dropped to the lowest levels since they were filled in the 1930s and 1960s, respectively. And, most sobering of all, our scientists tell us that the ongoing, generation-long megadrought in the Southwest represents the driest period in our region in some twelve hundred years. In short, the monsoon prayer's closing appeal "hadesh meimenu ka-kedem" ("restore our waters as before") has never been so urgent as at this very moment.

In addition, as we head into Monsoon 2022, I am mindful of the increasing "whiplash" that has characterized the world's climate in recent years, in which the weather toggles back and forth between extremes. Last year's very wet monsoon was preceded by the driest ever in 2020. Does this mean that a "nonsoon" awaits us this summer? There is, fortunately, good reason to think not: according to the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center, the odds favor another wet summer in Arizona this year. Of course, nothing is certain, and so I hope you will join me in praying for a bountiful monsoon on Shabbat Hukat, which this year falls on Saturday, July 9. Just about on time, one is tempted to add, for while monsoon season officially begins on June 15, the actual average date for the onset of monsoon conditions in Phoenix is July 7.

May this summer's rains arrest the decline in our reservoirs, spread grass throughout our hills and valleys, and cause ocotillos desert-wide to shine in the red flowers that are their glory!



**Nanci Siegel Manson**  
Talmud Torah  
Director

## Dear Talmud Torah Community,

Thank you for another wonderful and productive school year. I can't thank everyone enough, from my staff, to parent volunteers, to Rabbi for the endless time you have contributed to doing whatever was necessary to support our students both at home and in our program. Special

thanks to our education committee members and our board of directors who, as usual, have continuously stood by to provide for whatever was necessary to add to our students return to in-person learning this year. It's been great to be together again!

The experience could not occur without the endless energy and devotion of our Talmud Torah staff members. You are a special group!

A final word to our students — thank you all for the energy, excitement and devotion you put into your Jewish education. I am so proud of you and the identity you are building here as you continue to grow and embrace who you are in this world.

Best wishes to those of you moving on and know that you will be missed. Please ask about our new fall offering for those post B'nai Mitzvah and that "moving on" might just be "see you in the fall."

Until then, here are a few summer Jewish trivia questions to challenge your brain while away from Talmud Torah.

1. What does "El Al" mean?
2. What is the name of Israel's main airport?
3. On which holiday is it customary to eat cheesecake?
4. On which holiday do we stay up all night and study Torah?
5. In which famous valley did Joshua stop the sun?

Have a safe and restful summer,

Nanci



**Roberta Harmon**  
USY Advisor

## Shalom!

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful school year! I had a blast as a first time Teacher and Youth Advisor here at Beth El.

This year we had many immersive hands-on events connecting ourselves to our Jewish roots and traditions. Our events ranged from Baking Challahs to crafts to Tie Dyeing our own Kosher Tallit.

I look forward to planning more events with our youth groups and the USY Board so we can truly have a member-led and thriving youth group. I'm wishing everyone a wonderful summer filled with tons of fun and time with family and friends! Keep a look out for upcoming youth events we will have during the summer for those who stay in town. I'm excited after the summer to give everyone in our youth programs a warm welcome back. See you in the Fall!

L'Shalom,  
Roberta



## SAVE THE DATE!

**BACK TO SCHOOL SHABBAT**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 | 5:45 PM**

Join us for a fun, interactive Family  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service and  
dinner to begin the new school year.  
(We hope to see you there!)

Know someone who would like to join? Email Nanci at  
[Nsiegelmanson@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:Nsiegelmanson@bethelphoenix.com)





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

## Preschool News

The 2021-2022 school year has come to a close. The children learned so much. At this age they soak up all the information they can and can't wait to come to my office, see me at drop off in the morning, or pick-up in the afternoon to tell me all about everything they have soaked up. This year has been challenging, but at the same time amazing. The families have been very supportive and understanding considering they haven't been able to come inside, teachers have left, new ones started, even a few classes closed for COVID-19. The three- and four-year-old classes wore masks the whole year and so did the teachers. I am not sure what the COVID-19 Task Force decide for summer camp. I personally wear a mask when I'm out and will continue until I feel safe around strangers.

Staffing seems to be a problem at all the preschools in the Valley but with the help of a DES grant we are able to pay the teachers better and to give benefits and bonuses. DES is committed to help child care with a Child Care Stabilization Grant. This money we receive is intended to directly support Arizona's child care providers who have endured increased costs and challenges due to COVID-19. The original grant was for two years and is to be used to help sustain the school by helping with utilities, salaries, classroom materials, and things like this. The second year they have added money from the relief funding appropriated through the American Rescue Plan Act. That is expected to be used for employee retention, incentive bonuses, sign on bonuses, or raises. This has been and will continue to be a big help for another year.

Summer camp has started and everyone is having a great time. The weather is hot, but it doesn't stop campers from having fun. Crystal, our infant teacher, worked hard to plan fun activities for everyone.

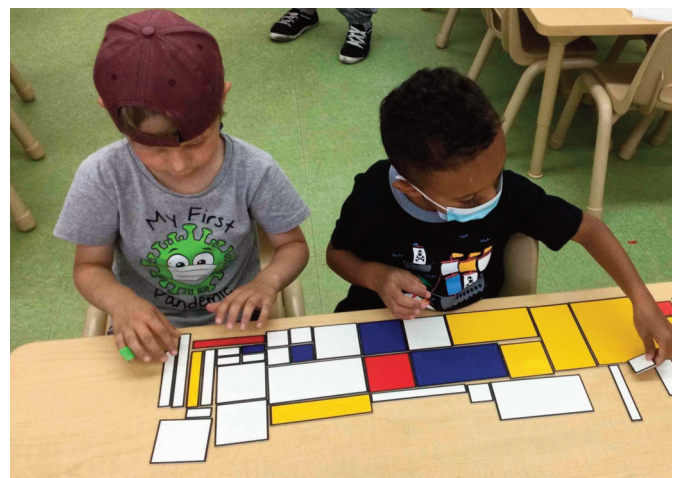
There is still room in some of the weeks for summer camp but there is only room in the 3's and Pre-K classes. I am hoping that I can open another 1's class when I find another teacher.

Please keep your ears and eyes open if you know anyone interested in a job in the preschool, I am looking for teachers and a full-time office manager.

I hope everyone has a fun safe summer try to stay cool and enjoy!

L'Shalom

Joanie





# GREATER PHOENIX COMMUNITY TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

**Saturday, June 4 | 7pm-2am**

**Temple Chai 4645 E Marilyn Rd Phoenix**

Join our evening of study for food, fun, and learning. Choose from multiple opportunities to study with local rabbis, cantors, and thinkers in a festival of learning from across the Jewish spectrum.

Multiple sessions will be available during each block. A full schedule and course list will be available on site. Virtual-only options as well.

**Dairy dessert reception will be served. (Dietary laws observed)**



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CHAI



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL



CONGREGATION  
OR TZION

**This event is FREE and open to the community**



## Beth El Announcements

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

#### Date

- 1 Eleanor Sussman  
Jeffrey Harris  
Jerome Targovnik  
Joan Mendelson
- 4 Kenneth Levy
- 5 Andrea Becker
- 6 Bonnie Shirakhoon  
Rebecca Rittenberg  
Harold Walzer
- 8 Jay Weiss  
Helaine Kaplan
- 10 Michael Apfel  
Lisa Serbin
- 13 Mark Goldberg  
Alena Cantor
- 14 Debra Gelbart
- 15 Elliot Blau  
Barry Frankel  
Naomi Yablon Maheri
- 17 Tim Lhotka
- 18 Gerald Webner
- 19 Anne Schafer
- 20 Phyllis Silberstein
- 21 Stephanie Becker  
Wendy Adair  
Michell Sorley
- 22 Rosemary Isaac
- 24 Terry Kelman  
Robert Goldich
- 26 Mark Schwartz  
Elizabeth Naughton
- 27 Nick Fotinos  
Myra Millinger
- 28 Ron Woldoff  
Joseph Portnoy

**Birthday Shabbat is  
June 11**

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

#### Date

- 5 Bennett Cooper  
Joan Mattisinko
- 6 Paul Sacks
- 7 Suzanne Fuchs  
Joan Kalish
- 8 Allyn Kluger
- 9 Daniel Stein Kokin  
Gayle Weiss  
Max Allen
- 10 Hannah Glouberman
- 13 Morton Sitver
- 14 Lawrence Green  
Jerry Faier
- 16 Farideh Behboodi  
Jill Miller  
Corey Goldstein
- 18 Stephen Winkelman  
Stephen Nathan
- 19 Cynthia Serbin-DuBrow
- 20 Anemone Nitzan Stein Kokin
- 21 Stephen Glouberman
- 22 Janet Alpert
- 23 Seema Liston
- 24 Michelle Rosenbaum
- 25 Benjamin Goldberg  
Richard Feldheim  
Theodore Mendelson
- 27 Iris Silverman
- 29 Joe Camacho
- 31 Henry Markiewicz

**Birthday Shabbat is  
July 9**

### Mazal Tov to:

The Social Action Committee's successful water bottle drive, which provided 40 packs of water and approximately 1,200 water bottles were collected.

José & Tania Tafla on the birth of their two grandchildren, Alexandra Leora and Rafael Felipe, both born on May 9. Parents are Tatiana & Steve Rupp and big sister is Monica Rupp.





## Mazal Tov to our June Anniversaries

Date		Years Married
5	Patricia & Herbert Dreiseszun	64
	Audrey Wolff & Stephen Winkelman	34
6	Lenka & David Siroky	18
8	Deborah & John Wolfe	53
11	Hannah & Stephen Glouberman	56
12	Barbara & Louis Goldstein	67
15	Pearl & Marvin Freeman	64
	Janet & Brian Alpert	53
16	Ronda & Sheldon Kottle	48
17	Shelley & Barry Frankel	33
	Dawn & Ronald Serbin	27
	Ninfa & Ronald Lowe	49
18	Loretta & Mark Goldberg	39
	Betsy & Jeffrey Hill	50
19	Ron & Leisah Woldoff	17
	Anne & Norman Zaslow	39
	Rosemary & Melvin Isaac	41
21	Linda & Elias Barzilai	52
	Marcia & Robert Mallin	52
22	Esther & Sherman Adler	64
24	Randy & Sheldon Dashefsky	43
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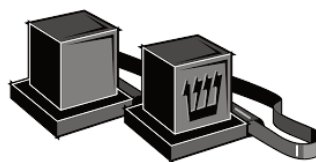
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## Anniversary Shabbat is July 30

THANK YOU to all  
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Jews of Phoenix event on  
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It was a great success  
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Talmud  
Torah needs  
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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.

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