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Beth El Services

SERVICES

Ki Tissa Shabbat Parah Saturday, March 6

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit Live Streaming at Facebook*
7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week
7:00 pm Havdalah
7:30 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or
[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))

Va-yak-hel + P'kudei Shabbat HaHodesh + Mevarchim Saturday, March 13

Birthday Shabbat
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit Live Streaming at Facebook*
7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week
7:06 pm Havdalah
7:30 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah
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Va-yikra Saturday, March 20

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit Live Streaming at Facebook*
7:00 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week
7:11 pm Havdalah
7:30 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah
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[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))

Taanit Bechorot (followed by Siyum) Thursday, March 25

7:00 am

Erev Pesach + Tzav Shabbat HaGadol Saturday, March 27

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit Live Streaming at
[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)
DO NOT EAT CHAMETZ AFTER 10:30 am
DESTROY LAST CHAMETZ BY 11:32 am
7:22 pm Candlelighting
7:25 pm Virtual Community Seder on Zoom
(zoom.us/j/92408568672)

Passover - Day 1 Sunday, March 28

9:30 am Yom Tov Service Live Streaming at
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or
[Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix))
7:22 pm Candlelighting

Passover - Day 2 Monday, March 29

9:30 am Yom Tov Service Live Streaming at
(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or
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ZOOMDALAH!

MARCH 6, 13 & 20 @ 7:00 PM

Bring in the new week with a burst of positive energy
on Saturday nights before Havdalah.

Meet fun people of ALL ages & dance your way into the new week!

www.zoom.us/j/92408568672

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

Shabbat Shalom!

Join us for the
Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, March 12 | 5:45 pm
Kiddush/Challah & Shabbat songs

Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm

Candlelighting times:

Friday, March 5 | 6:10 pm
Friday, March 12 | 6:16 pm
Friday, March 19 | 6:21 pm
Friday, March 26 | 6:26 pm

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaharit 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 for Daily Minyan & Yom Tov Services:

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

***MINYAN TIME CHANGES:**

Sunday, March 14 | 8:00 am (Rosh Hodesh Nisan)
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 30 & 31 | 7:00 am
(Passover Intermediate Days)

March

Adult Education & Programming

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

3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30



Intro to Judaism

Tuesdays @ 7:00 -9:00 PM



Learn the basics of Judaism with Rabbi Stein Kokin

Register at www.bethelphoenix.com/event/intro-to-judaism

3/4 & 3/11



THE ETHICAL LIFE

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm



Grapple with today's most pressing ethical dilemmas with a curriculum from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Register through the BJE at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y2b4f7an>

3/4, 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25

Talmud: Suggiyot 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 @ 8:00 am | **3/25 @ 7:45 am

3/8 & 3/22

Hebrew 101

Mondays @ 6:30 PM



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

3/10



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 On Division by
Goldie Goldbloom

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

3/14

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

3/14



Blanket Boosters Sundays @ 1:00 pm



Volunteer crochet and knitting club! All blankets created
are donated to those in need.

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

3/18

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



Egypt Inside by Alden Solovy

This I confess:
I have taken Egypt with me.
I've kept myself a slave to grief and loss,
Fear and anger and shame.
I have set myself up as taskmaster,
Driving myself beyond the limits
Of reasonable time and common sense.
I've seen miracles from heaven,
Signs and wonders in my own life,
Yet I've taken Egypt with me,
Still waiting for heaven to speak.

God of redemption,
With Your loving and guiding hand leaving Egypt is easy.
Leaving Egypt behind is a struggle.
In Your wisdom You've given me this choice:
To live in a tyranny of my own making,
Or to set my heart free to love You,
To love Your people,
And to love myself.

God of freedom,
Help me to leave Egypt behind,
To hear Your voice,
To accept Your guidance,
And to see the miracles in each new day.

Blessed are You, God of wonder,
You set Your people on the road to redemption.

Dear Chaverim,

Under the "Shelter in Place" order last spring, I - like many of us - felt for the first time in a very physical way what it means to not be free, to be confined, to be "enslaved in a narrowness" (=Mitzrayim) that I hadn't experienced before. As a result, the Passover night became a much more realistic reenactment of what it means to look forward to being freed. At our Seder tables we held up the Mazzah and recited, as every year, the "*Ha Lachma Aniya* - This is the bread of our affliction... **this year enslaved - next year free**" - Free got a new meaning: next year free in person at a Seder of our choice - not confined and held hostage by a viral enemy.

The year has almost passed - Passover is just around the corner - and we are still hostage to the very real lethal threat of this pandemic. Some of us have learned to cope; some of us take more risks; some of us are giving in to this new reality, too fatigued to try to overcome, some of us are angry and impatient. As our world grapples with the dire consequences and harsh reality of the pandemic this spring, I am trying to look inside and see,

where can I find the freedom that I need to go on?

The poem above makes an interesting observation. Even if we walk out of our own Egypt - we might not be really free. Alden Solovy writes "*With Your loving and guiding hand leaving Egypt is easy. Leaving Egypt behind is a struggle*" and "*I have taken Egypt with me. I've kept myself a slave to grief and loss, fear and anger and shame.*" Look inside. What is your Egypt? What are those inner constraints that hold you back from leading a self-empowered life? What holds you back from experiencing the world as an awesome miracle each and every day?

The Passover story is the template of our Jewish experience. God empowers us to free ourselves, to walk out of Egypt. But it's upon us to leave the narrowness, slavery and confines of Egypt behind. This year - still restricted by the pandemic - it's a good year to focus on your inner freedom and to work on finding ways that help to leave your inner Egypt behind and to gain the strength of true inner freedom. Ask yourselves: What do I need to let go to let light, warmth and freedom sweep into my heart and soul. As the poem says: "*Your wisdom You've given me this choice: ...to set my heart free to love You, to love Your people, and to love myself.*"

Chag Pesach Sameach!
Rabbi Stein Kokin

Many Ashkenazi families eat a hard boiled egg at the beginning of the meal. The hard boiled egg is a symbol of the hardships Jews endured throughout their history and our ability to persist. In my husband's family we eat cold egg soup at the beginning of the meal instead of a complete hard boiled egg. The white of the egg is cut up in little pieces. It reminds me that when we tackle the big difficult things in life step by step or piece by piece, they often are less heavy and become manageable. Maybe something you want to try out this year:

Kokin-Family tradition from our Seder table to yours:

Cold Egg Soup

Ingredients: 1 hard boiled egg per person
Ice Water with Salt

Separate the hard yolks from the whites. Cut the white into fine cubes, as fine as you like (the finer the smoother - this is often a job of one of the youngsters helping prepare the Seder). Transform the yolks into a smooth paste by adding a little water. Keep refrigerated until shortly before eating the main course. Shortly before serving add ice water with salt to make the yolk paste into a soup. Add the white cubes shortly before serving.



Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

Every year when the *chagim* are celebrated in the Jewish calendar, we add a special selection of psalms and prayers which make up the *Hallel* service. *Hallel* is traditionally recited on Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot, as well as Hanukkah and Rosh Hodesh. Some communities also recite *Hallel* on Purim and Yom Ha'atzma'ut, though without the opening blessing.

While there is a traditional *nusach* (chant mode) for *Hallel*, it has become quite popular to incorporate melodies associated with the holiday for which *Hallel* is being recited. For example, this past Hanukkah we chanted *Hallel* using all of the wonderful and upbeat *Hanukkah* melodies that we sing during the 8 days. On Sukkot, we use a special melody during the sections of *Hallel* during which we wave the lulav and etrog.

Similarly on Passover, it is not unheard of to use the melodies most closely associated with the holiday for the *Hallel* service. These melodies are mostly known from the seder such as Adir Hu, Ki Lo Na'eh, and Chad Gadya. Last year, I introduced different Passover melodies from around the world and from across time in a series of YouTube videos. This year, I will be pre-recording a few videos of Passover related music, along with my accompanist, which we are very much looking forward to sharing with you and are hopeful it will bring some light and joy to you during the Passover season.

In addition to sharing the wonders of Passover music with you all, I would also like to share with you a special Passover recipe that is near and dear to me and my family. As many of you know, I sadly lost my grandfather back in January with whom I was very close and who was one of the biggest supporters of my career as a cantor. This year will be the first that my family in Florida as well as my family and I here in Arizona will be celebrating Passover and having a seder without him. However, in many different ways his spirit will live on during Passover through a very specific food dish.

Several years ago when my family discovered that my grandfather had heart problems, it was determined that he would need to change his diet. This proved exceedingly difficult as my grandfather was the epitome of being a creature of habit. He knew what he liked and he stuck to it. One of the dishes cherished by my grandfather and my family is chopped liver. And as we know, chopped liver...especially good chopped liver, is not necessarily the most healthy. So, my grandmother set about making a healthy alternative: vegetarian chopped liver. Not only did she succeed in making it, she also succeeded in tricking my grandfather into thinking that the healthy vegetarian version was the real thing. *That*

is how delicious the veggie chopped liver is. And of course, once my grandfather found out it was vegetarian, he then preferred to eat the healthy alternative instead of the real thing. And when was the dish first served? At our Passover seder in 2015.

And so, I would like to share with you the veggie chopped liver recipe for Passover (which can also be used year round as well):

Saute 2 onions until golden brown
Add chopped mushrooms
Let onions and mushrooms cool
Add chopped eggplant
Add seasoning of choice - my grandmother used salt, pepper, and garlic
Add 2 hard boiled eggs
Add Walnuts
Put into food processor

For the year round recipe, my grandmother uses peas instead of eggplant. However, if you follow the *kitniyot* rule which was accepted by the Rabbinical Assembly a few years ago, the year round recipe could also be used for Passover.

Whether it is the joyous and meaningful seder melodies or the wonderful recipes and food that help make our Passover experience so great, my family and I would like to wish you and yours a *Chag Kasher Sameach* and a *Ziss'n Pesach*!

Todah V'Zimrah,
Cantor Jonathan Angress

Pesach Kashering

LEARN ABOUT KASHERING
YOUR KITCHEN WITH
RABBI STEIN KOKIN

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ZOOM ID: 924 0856 8672

PASSCODE: MINYAN



Gregory Harris
Board President

Beth El Social Justice/ Action Committee Delivers!

As we prepare for the start of the celebration of Pesach, we should take the time to keep and remember the many imperatives and beliefs that bind us together across the generations and within the daily experiences that mark our lives. Among these is the ability for each of us individually to make a difference and for Beth El to work together to make this a better world. Sharing, caring, giving and compassion make us stronger, strengthen our community and improve the vision we have of ourselves and that others will have of us.

Our congregation shows its faith and passion in many ways, particularly well since the onset of the pandemic. The activities taken on by the Beth El Social Justice/Action Committee, with the support of the congregation, stand as a symbol of who among us has the power to act, what can be done, why taking action is important, where steps can be taken, and when we can come together to accomplish these goals.

Together with the Church of the Beatitudes, Beth El held a Warm Clothing Drive on January 24. The drive attracted donations from congregants of both institutions and from people across the valley who heard the news on Channel 3 about our drive. Led by members of the Beth El Social Justice/Action Committee – Barbara Lewkowitz, Sara Zilversmit, Debbie Gordon and Sara Ziskin, along with Rabbi Stein Kokin and Alicia Moskowitz and board members Audrey Wolff (Executive VP), Eileen Bloom (Financial VP), Alana Berrett, and Shelli Silver – we came together to greet contributors looking to help others in need who call Phoenix home. Showing that the act of tikkun olam shows no age preferences, the children of Sara Zilversmit and Alana Berrett assisted in the collection of five cargo- truckloads of warm clothing, including socks, blankets, towels, sleeping bags, winter jackets, and more. In return, we gave our thanks and free kosher hot chocolate packets to all donors to help them warm up on this rainy, chilly Sunday.

All of the warm clothing has been delivered to members of the homeless community by Mike Atanasio of the Arizona Friends of Homeless - Outreach.

There will be more opportunities for each of us to act to help others who need it and the warmth of our generous spirit. In March, we will be hosting a Passover food drive. We hope to see you there. You can take part in these future initiatives planned by Beth El Social Justice/Action Committee. In addition, if you have ideas about other efforts, these too can be put into action. If you have suggestions, please let us know. Further, if you want to participate, please be sure to contact the Committee at socialaction@bethelphoenix.com or Barbara Lewkowitz at barbaralewkowitz2@gmail.com. And if you want to contribute, please feel free to drop Beth El by or make your contribution on ShulCloud to the newly established Social Action Fund!

לכ לארשי מיברע חז חזל
One for all and all for one!

L'shalom, Greg Harris



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Passover has arrived at your Beth El Gift Shop! Maybe treat yourself to a new seder plate this year?

Think of Beth El for any simcha - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, housewarming gifts, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs! We have beautiful jewelry and mezzuzahs.

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.

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BETH EL SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

Passover Food Drive

**DONATE KOSHER FOR
PASSOVER FOOD TO THOSE
IN NEED BY DROPPING OFF
AT THE WHITE FOOD BIN IN
OUR LOBBY!**





Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Passover is already around the corner! As we enter into the planning stage, it is fun to think about all of our favorite family traditions and memories.

Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

At the Moskowitz home, we sadly lost a pet this year-- our beautiful Maine Coon cat, Asher. Asher was a special friend to us all and had a very loyal, loving personality. He will be especially missed at Passover time as he had a special role to play.

A couple of years ago, we were making a seder at home and it was late at night when we came to the part of the seder when we invite Elijah the prophet into the home. Our children, Samuel and Eliana, opened the door at the appropriate time and found Asher calmly waiting at the front door. Asher entered the home, sat down, and watched us all as we sang to Eliyahu. When we finished, he walked out and went back to the porch. We joked that Asher was like an ambassador escorting Eliyahu to our home for the seder. He repeated this custom each year that we made seder at our home. This year, we will think of Asher as we welcome Eliyahu to our seder and fondly remember our sweet cat who added a special Passover tradition to our family.

Serendipitously, this is not the only instance of Eliyahu having an ambassador in the Moskowitz family. Aaron's paternal grandfather, Leon Moskowitz, served in the Coast Guard during World War II. On leave in Northern Africa, it was Erev Pesach and he searched for a place to celebrate. He looked for a home with a mezuzah on the door frame and came upon a home that looked promising. As he walked up to the door, it opened and he was greeted with the song, Eliyahu Ha Navi. The family members inside were astonished to see "Elijah" outside their door about to knock at the appointed time. Leon was invited inside and spent a lovely evening with a welcoming family who enjoyed sharing their Pesach with the American Jewish soldier.

May we all remember the beautiful stories of the past and create new memories this year that will bring warmth to our hearts and laughter to our lips.

Hag Pesach Sameach to all!

L'Shalom,

Alicia Moskowitz

Be Well with BEWL - Beth El Women's League

Todah Rabah to all the participants in the Women's League Shabbat on January 23 and to Rabbi Stein Kokin and Wendy Rozov for leading services. A great big "Well done" to Sarah Zilversmit, Sydney Goldfarb, Joan Klein, Ann Polunsky, Debbi Goldich and Salome Stein Kokin for reading Torah and to Bracha Etgar for chanting the Haftarah. This was the first year that younger ladies joined our more seasoned readers in the service. I am sure we will continue this tradition in future events.

On Sunday, January 31, I attended the Pacific Southwest Region's Torah Fund Study Day on Zoom. Attendees from all thirteen regions of Women's League joined together to hear five female rabbis from each Conservative/Masorti seminary educate us on the similarities and differences in our schools of higher learning. Rabbi Gesa Ederberg (Zacharias Frankel College-Potsdam, Germany), Rabbi Dr. Reb Mimi Feigelsen (Schechter Institutes - Jerusalem), Rabbi Patricia Fenton (Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies - Los Angeles), Rabina Marcela Guralnik (Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano - Buenos Aires), and Rabbi Naomi Kalish (Jewish Theological Seminary - New York) engaged the audience of 180 Women's League members with fascinating insights. The Jewish Community Chorale entertained us with a rendition of "Hine Ma Tov" at the close.

I was honored to represent BEWL as we received the Award of Honor from Torah Fund for fulfilling our fundraising commitment in 2019 - 2020. Thank you to all BEWL members who contributed last year. This year's theme for Torah Fund is B'Yachad - Together. Even though we are physically apart, we can join together to help the students of our seminaries contribute to improve our world. If you would like to help BEWL reach our Torah Fund goal for 2021, you can contribute online at <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund>. Be sure to note Phoenix as the city of our sisterhood and enter BEWL as the name. Any amount is welcome, but if you'd like to get this year's pin, the minimum donation is \$180. We are happy to accept checks made out to "Torah Fund" dropped off at Beth El or mailed in. We have the pins in the office for you to pick up, or we can arrange to mail them if you prefer.

The Rabbis I heard on Zoom during the Torah Fund Study Day talked about what they were doing to make all students and faculty feel at home and part of a community "heart, mind, and soul." Thank you Risa Mallin and the Chesed Committee for keeping the Beth El community connected by your telephone calls and emails.

The entire Board of BEWL wishes you a Happy Passover to you and your family. May your matzoh balls be light and fluffy.

Eileen Bloom
President, BEWL



Nanci Siegel Manson
Education, Youth and
Family Engagement
Director

Dear Friends,

This month's *echo* will contain a variety of Passover recipes from your Beth El staff. It's our way, during the challenges of the pandemic, to bring a little bit of "our home into yours". We hope that you enjoy our way of staying "connected" to your families at this time. We are all hoping that once we are vaccinated and the science indicates that we can gather again in person, we will see you again soon here at Beth El.

To enrich this month's *echo* which focuses on Passover recipes, I have decided that my article will focus on the Passover foods and the "whys".

Removing all leaven (chametz) from the home is part of making a home Kosher for Passover. In addition to this, all utensils which come into contact with chametz may not be used during Pesach or on the day preceding Pesach. Two special sets of utensils are used for Pesach, one for dairy and one for meat.

In addition to bread products containing leaven, there are few other foods which are not eaten during Pesach. The basic rule is that any product that is fermented or can cause fermentation may not be eaten, including the five grains: wheat, rye, barley, oats, and spelt. Any food or drink that is made from one of these grains or which contains one of these grains, even in the smallest of quantities, is considered chametz.

All cooking and food prep and eating surfaces are scoured and often covered during Pesach. The refrigerator is likewise cleaned to remove all traces of chametz. The extent of preparations for the holiday depends on the fervor with which the person observes Pesach. Some people do not prepare their home for the holiday, but refrain from eating chametz while others carefully follow the rules and regulations.

Many foods are labeled Kasher L'Pesach. Each year, the Rabbinical Assembly issues a Pesach Guide with guidelines on foods that need a heksher, those that don't, and those that can be purchased beforehand with a regular heksher.

Many Ashkenazic Jews have followed the custom of not eating rice and legumes, treating them as chametz. In 2015, Conservative Judaism found that the custom of refraining from kitniyot (rice and legumes) was established due to historic circumstances from possible cross contamination with chametz in the marketplace and has determined that kitniyot are allowed for Ashkenazic Jews. For many families, eating kitniyot is a personal decision, but since the responsum of 2015, it is perfectly fine for an Ashkenazic household to do so.

Matzah is an unleavened bread made from water and flour of any of the five major grains which have been carefully tended from harvest through the baking process to make certain that they have no leaven in them.

Take this time to research all sorts of delicious Pesach dishes. Try one of ours. Become acquainted with the wide range of delicious and different Pesach foods. The whole family can help to make some of the dishes.

Until next time....



TAANIT BECHOROT

Thursday, March 25 | 7:45 am

Siyum - Talmud Study with Rabbi Stein Kokin
(immediately following minyan)

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ to Rabbi Stein Kokin by
Thursday, March 25 @ 4:30 pm
www.bethelphoenix.com/passover-2021

SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ after nightfall on
Thursday, March 25 (kits available in the office)

DISPOSE OF CHAMETZ by 11:30 am on Friday,
March 26 (without blessing)

NULLIFY CHAMETZ by 11:30 am on Shabbat,
March 27 (recite blessing)

SEDER NIGHT | Shabbat, March 27

6:00-7:00 pm | Haggadah Study & Discussion

7:00-7:25 pm | Passover Songs

7:25-8:00 pm | Community Seder

8:00-8:30 pm | Passover songs, dessert & wine





Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

Preschool News

February was a very busy month with a lot of ups and downs.

Some of you may know that at the end of January we suffered a very sad loss when one of our teachers, Jane Nash, passed away suddenly. Jane was a very kind and gentle teacher who loved to read to the children. We will miss her very much and one way we can keep her in our hearts is to name our library in her memory – the "Jane Nash Lending Library." Members and friends are welcome to donate books in her memory. Even if you did not know Jane, we can always use new books. If you have a fond memory of Jane, you can write it on the inside front cover or you can just write your family's name. If you do not have time or do not know what books to buy, you can donate money to our PTO and we will buy the books. Reading books to the children is an important part of our curriculum and the children's development.

The children enjoy celebrating all the Jewish holidays. On Tu B'Shevat we had a special celebration with lots of outdoor activities, which included dancing round the trees, planting, making decorations for the trees, crafts, etc. The Pre-K class even made a forest out of empty paper towel rolls (see picture). On Purim the classes collected macaroni and cheese boxes that they were able to use for groggers and then donated them to the food bank. The classes all have a garden box in which they can plant and they have now planted parsley for the Passover Seder.

We have quite a few new enrollees in the school this semester. We have also had some "returnees" (children who were kept home for the first semester due to COVID-19 and are now back at school). Our infant room is completely full and we have a waiting list that continues to grow.

Most of our staff have had their COVID-19 shots, although of course, we continue to wear masks and observe our other protocols at all times.

By the time you read this, registration materials for both summer camp and the 2021-2022 school year will be out. If you or anyone you know would like to receive registration forms, please email me at jcharnow@bethelphoenix.com or Ros at rslovin@bethelphoenix.com. You can also phone us at 602-944-2464.

Stay healthy and safe.

B'Shalom,
Joanie





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our March Birthdays

Date

- 2 Nancy Markiewicz
- 3 Betty Meshel
Marie Wolf
Jeffrey Lipschultz
Lory Lemon
- 4 Patricia Levy
Alana Berrett
Zachary Mushkatel
- 5 Charles Holt
- 6 Caryll Webner
Shlomo Pri-Tal
- 7 Ninfa Lowe
Raymond Perlman
- 8 Margot Levin
Jason Klein
- 9 Elias Barzilai
Andre Klein
Tania Tafla
Pauline Cadkin
Sam Miller
- 10 Jennifer Caplan
- 11 Marvin Gechman
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Jerome Rosen
Huguette Machbitz
Martha Rozen
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Carl Gotlieb
Wayne Laskin
- 22 Aubrey Maze
Rose Hirsch
- 23 Esther Friedman
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Jon Zoltan
Debra Salins
- 27 Andrew Feldman
- 29 David Rosen
Kim Mertens
Neil Shernoff
Evelyn Zeitzer
- 31 Esther Adler
Harriet Peck
Evie Rosen

Birthday Shabbat is March 13



Mazal Tov to our March Anniversaries

Date		Years Married
10	Susan & Alan Finks	25
13	Ellen & Anton Akilov	5
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Anniversary Shabbat is March 27

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Mazal Tov to:

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We Remember:

Zipora Caplan, mother of Jennifer Caplan.

Rose Jalowiec, wife of Sam Jalowiec (z"l), mother to Phillip (Cheryl) Jalowiec.

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Join Rabbi, Nanci, and Wendy for an evening with a short study, wine, and Seder plate painting!

Thursday, March 18
7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Cost: \$18 per person

includes Passover kit complete with
all painting supplies and wine

PASSOVER KIT PICK-UP

Wednesday, March 17 | 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 17 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	2 18 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	3 19 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:00pm Social Action Committee Meeting (Zoom) 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)	4 20 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00-9:00am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:45pm The Ethical Life (Zoom)	5 21 ADAR  6:10pm 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 11:00-11:45am JFCS Welcome Shabbat for Seniors (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	6 22 ADAR  Ki Tisa  Parashat Parah  Shabbat Ends: 7:00 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:00pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 7:30pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
7 23 ADAR 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	8 24 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	9 25 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	10 26 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 10:00-11:00am BEWL Board Meeting (Zoom) 4-6:00pm 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)	11 27 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00-9:00am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:45pm The Ethical Life (Zoom)	12 28 ADAR  6:16pm 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	13 29 ADAR  Vayakhel - Pekude  Parashat Hachodesh  Shabbat Ends: 7:06 Birthday Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:00pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 7:30pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
14 1 NISAN  Rosh Hodesh Nisan 8:00am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 12:30-1:30pm Chai Tea (Zoom) 1:00-3:00pm Blanket Boosters (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	15 2 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	16 3 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	17 4 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30pm Board Meeting (Zoom)	18 5 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00-9:00am Talmud - Sugiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 12:00-1:00pm Lunch and Learn (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-8:00pm An Evening to Wine - Pesach, Wine and Painting (Zoom)	19 6 NISAN  6:21pm 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	20 7 NISAN  Vayikra  Shabbat Ends: 7:11 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 7:00pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 7:30pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
21 8 NISAN 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 12:30-1:30pm USY Chocolate Seder (Zoom) 3:00-4:00pm Charosset Around the World (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	22 9 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	23 10 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm How to kasher your kitchen for Passover Q and A with Rabbi (Zoom)	24 11 NISAN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah Holiday room (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	25 12 NISAN 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 7:45-8:45am Fast of the Firstborn Siyum- Torah Study (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) Search for Chametz after nightfall	26 13 NISAN  6:26pm 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) Destroy Chametz by 11:30am (no blessing) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	27 14 NISAN  Erev Pesach  Tzav  Shabbat Ends: 7:22 Anniversary Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (FaceBook) 6:00-7:00pm Haggadah Study and Discussion (Zoom) 7:00-7:25pm Pesach Songs with Cantor Angress (Zoom) 7:25-8:00pm Virtual Seder (Zoom) 8:00-8:30pm Songs, dessert and wine (Zoom)
28 15 NISAN  Passover - Day 1  First Day Yom Tov Ends: 7:22 NO TALMUD TORAH 9:30am Yom Tov Service (Zoom and Facebook)	29 16 NISAN  Passover - Day 2  Yom Tov Ends: 7:22 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am Yom Tov Service (Zoom and Facebook)	30 17 NISAN  Passover - First Intermediate Day 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	31 18 NISAN  Passover - Second Intermediate Day 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) NO TALMUD TORAH 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)			

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