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A JEWISH NIGHT ON BROADWAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 | 4:00 PM

Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Michele McConnell
Broadway Performer

Tickets

General Admission
\$18

PREFERRED Seating
\$36

PREMIUM Seating
\$72

Tickets available at:
www.bethelphoenix.com/Jewish-Night-Broadway



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.

P'kudei

Saturday, March 5

BEWL Torah Fund Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:05 pm Havdalah

7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:45 pm Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Va-yikra

Shabbat Zachor

Saturday, March 12

Birthday Shabbat

9:15 am Be'er HaTorah Torah Study

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

10:15 am Meditation Service

7:11 pm Havdalah

7:15 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:45 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Erev Purim

Wednesday, March 16

5:24 am Fast begins

5:30 pm Purim Festivities + Family Service with abbreviated Megillah reading

7:07 pm Fast ends

7:15 pm Ma'ariv followed by Full Megillah Reading

8:30 pm Hamentachen & drinks

Purim

Thursday, March 17

7:15 am Full Megillah reading

Tzav

Saturday, March 19

9:15 am Be'er HaTorah Torah Study

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:15 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

7:16 pm Havdalah

Sh'mini

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh

Shabbat Parah

Saturday, March 26

Anniversary Shabbat

9:15 am Be'er HaTorah Torah Study

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**

7:25 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

7:22 pm Havdalah

7:55 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

SAVE THE DATE

Teen Power Torah Club
Saturday, April 2 | 9:30 am

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaharit

Saturdays | 9:30 am

**Live and in-person.

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

Daily Minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday - Friday 7:15 am and 5:45 pm

Sunday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm

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

ZOOM information for Daily Minyan &

Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

PLEASE NOTE:

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

MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Thursday & Friday, March 3 & 4 | 7:00 am
(Rosh Hodesh - Adar II)

Kabbalat Shabbat

every Friday at 5:45 pm

Family Kabbalat Shabbat - March 18

Candlelighting times:

Friday, March 4 | 6:09 pm

Friday, March 11 | 6:15 pm

Friday, March 18 | 6:20 pm

Friday, March 25 | 6:25 pm

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March

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

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 & 3/29

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

3/3, 3/10, 3/24 & 3/31

The World of Talmud Thursdays | 8:00 am

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin
Email rabbi@bethelphoenix.com to register
and receive source sheets

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

3/10



Book Group Thursday | 6:45 pm

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

3/13 & 3/27



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
Call in: (669) 900-6833

3/14 & 3/28



Hebrew 102 Mondays | 6:30 pm



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

3/17

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

3/20

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

3/20

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



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

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



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Dear Chaverim,

"MiSheNikhnas Adar - marbim beSimcha" - "When [the month of] Adar begins, we increase in joy."

Why? With Purim in Adar we start the spring cycle of joyous holiday celebrations every month: Purim, Passover, Yom HaAtzma'ut and, finally, Shavuot at the beginning of the summer. As we all know, true joy comes from partaking in celebration in community with others. In addition: when we take active ownership, when we are not just passive bystanders, that's when we will be drawn in and find deeper meaning.

Our ancient rabbis knew this well when they instituted the Mitzvot of Purim. Most people are familiar with the Mitzvah of **Mishloach Manot** - sending presents mostly in the form of more or less nutritional gift baskets to each other, the Mitzvah of **Matanot L'Evyonim** - giving Tzedakah to the poor on Purim day itself, and even with the Mitzvah of the **Mishte** - a festive meal on Purim day. All of these Mitzvot have a clear relational quality to them and build community. We can only do them together! But what about the core Mitzvah of **Mikra Megillah** - reading the biblical Book of Esther. What is relational about the reading? How can we, as listeners, take ownership and have a direct connection in the story?

The Minhagim (Customs) concerning the reading actually have an answer for us. Not only do we get to noisily "boo" Haman upon each mention of the villain's name, but we are actually asked to recite at least **"Four Verses of Redemption"** in the story. This is yet another way to make the reading more exciting, participatory and dramatic. Before each verse the reader pauses, the community recites the verse together, and then the reader repeats it before continuing on to the next verse. Most of these special verses are centered around Mordechai's actions. In recent years, congregations around the world have taken on additional verses to be recited in an egalitarian effort to foreground Esther's risk-taking and heroism on behalf of her people. I'd like to share with you the suggestions offered my colleague Rabbi Julia Andelman (JTS):

The First Repeated Verse

Esther 2:5 "In the fortress Shushan lived a Jew by the name of Mordechai, son of Ya'ir, son of Shim'i, son of Kish, a Benjamite." The repetition of this verse foreshadows the important role he will later play. The parallel verse with regard to Esther follows in chapter 2:7 *"He was foster father to Hadassah - that is, Esther - his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The maiden was striking and beautiful; and when her father and mother died, Mordechai adopted her as his own daughter."*

The Second Repeated Verse

8:15 "Mordechai left the king's presence in royal robes of blue and white, with a magnificent crown of gold and a mantle of fine linen and purple wool. And the city of Shushan rang with joyous cries."

The verse describes Mordechai as a decorated hero at the climax of the Purim story - Haman has been hung, and the king has given the Jews permission to defend themselves on the day previously set aside for their annihilation. There is no parallel verse about Esther in the Megillah; so instead we recite the verse highlighting Esther's most heroic moment in the Purim story, when she decides to risk her life to save her people by appearing before the king uninvited. The practice of reading the last three words in *Eikhah* [Lamentations] trope also highlights this verse as her key heroic moment. Esther 4:16 *"Go, assemble all the Jews who live in Shushan, and fast on my behalf; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens will observe the same fast. Then I shall go to the king, though it is contrary to the law; and if I am to perish, I shall perish!"*

The Third Repeated Verse

This verse describes the joy of the Jewish people upon having been saved, thanks to the heroic actions of both Mordechai and Esther. 8:16 *"The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor".¹*

The Fourth Repeated Verse

Esther 10:3 "For Mordechai the Jew ranked next to King Achashverosh and was highly regarded by the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brethren; he sought the good of his people and interceded for the welfare of all his kindred." The final verse of the Megillah glorifies Mordechai in a broader context than just his role in the Purim story. The final verse of Chapter 9 is a fitting parallel for Esther, as it concludes the passage describing her legacy of having established the holiday of Purim in perpetuity for the Jewish people. *Esther 9:32 "And Esther's ordinance validating these observances of Purim was recorded in a scroll."²*

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By saying the verses together we experience partnership and follow in Esther's and Mordechai's footsteps, bringing ourselves closer to taking ownership over the story. It is an enduring story of holding one's ground, standing up for one's people, and doing one's share of the good and the just to help one's community avert crisis and thrive.

Chag Purim Sameach!
Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin

¹ Note that we also recite this verse every week in the Havdalah ceremony looking back on the joys of the holy day.

² Rabbi Julia Andelman in ritualwell.org/ritual/repeating-verses-during-megillah-reading.



Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

“Another opening, another show. From Philly, Phoenix, and Baltimore. A chance for stage folks to say “hello.” Another opening from another show.”

These opening lyrics from the hit Broadway musical *Kiss Me Kate* written by Cole Porter have not been as relevant as they are today. Back in early 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, live theater was forced to close down along with most of our normal day to day activities as we knew it. But luckily now, due to strict health protocols and the advancement of the COVID vaccinations, live theater and especially Broadway have been able to slowly reopen to its former grandeur and glory with “another opening, another show.”

It is because of these developments and advancements that I am pleased to announce and invite you all to attend this year’s *A Jewish Night On Broadway!* production which will take place not only online but also **live and in-person** at Beth El on Sunday afternoon April 10, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Yes, this year we are back in-person (and online) for a full-length, live concert performance!

Joining me on stage this year is an amazing Broadway performer who not only has a phenomenal voice but also holds the record for the most number of performances as Carlotta Guidicelli in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *The Phantom of the Opera*. I am very excited and honored to welcome Michele McConnell to our bimah and to join me for this year’s *JNOB* performance. Michele holds a wide range of theater, concert, and music credits including the National Tour of *Camelot* starring Robert Goulet, the Las Vegas production of *Beauty and the Beast*, the San Diego Repertory Theater, and the Missouri Symphony. But she is best known for her performance as Carlotta in *The Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway, a role she has played over 2,200 times!

Both Michele and I are looking forward to bringing a taste of Broadway to Beth El. In order for that to happen, we rely on the financial support and generosity of you, our beloved Beth El community. By now you should have received our *JNOB* mailing which includes a sponsorship form in addition to your ticket order and playbill ad forms. There are several sponsorship levels available starting with the Stagehand level at \$200, followed by the Producer level at \$400, and ending with the Director level at \$600. Each sponsorship level comes with a set of Premium level tickets within the first few rows (the number of which depends on the sponsorship level), a free ad space in the playbill, and admission to the VIP afterparty where you will have the opportunity to meet and schmooze with the performers. In addition to these sponsorship levels, individual

underwriting opportunities are also available for those who may wish to help out even further. If you are so inclined to be an underwriter, please contact our Executive Director Alicia Moskowitz, our concert committee chairperson Charleen Holt, or me to discuss additional underwriting opportunities. *JNOB* relies on your support and generosity, of which both Michele and I thank you in advance and we look forward to performing and sharing with you (finally in-person) *A Jewish Night On Broadway!*

Todah V’Zimrah,
Cantor Jonathan Angress

Simple Hamentaschen Recipe

from Nanci Siegel Manson

This recipe originated during my years as a preschool director and eventually found its way into my home as well as the homes of my adult children. The recipe yields about five dozen - plenty to share.

Ingredients:

2 sticks of unsalted butter, 2 large eggs, 1 tbsp vanilla, 2/3 cup sugar, 1/3 cup orange juice, 1 tbsp baking powder, 3 1/2 cups all purpose flour, plus extra for rolling, 1 pinch salt, preserves, poppy seeds, chocolate chips, fruit fillings

Directions:

Cream butter and eggs, add vanilla, sugar, and orange juice. Slowly add in dry ingredients, mix for 3 minutes and separate dough into 2 balls. Wrap in plastic and chill for at least 3 hours.

Preheat oven to 350, remove 1 ball of dough from refrigerator, lightly dust flour over a clean surface, separate the dough into thirds. Roll 1/3 until about 1/8 inch thick, turning and flipping at 90 degrees every few rolls to prevent dough from sticking and to keep the dough even.

Use a juice glass to cut circles in the dough. Flip the circles over and add your filling to the center of the dough circle. Then, fold one edge inwards, slightly covering the filling, fold the next edge slightly overlapping, and then the last, creating a triangle with overlapping sides. Press down to insure the dough sticks.

Line the uncooked hamentaschen on a baking sheet, not touching. Bake 10-12 minutes in the lower part of the oven until the corners are golden brown. Move to a cooling rack.

Repeat with the remaining dough and fillings. Unrolled dough will keep in the refrigerator up to 2 days, as long as its wrapped tightly.



Gregory Harris
Board President

The Promised Land

As we approach *Pesach*, the story of our escape from Egypt includes no less than four references to the promise made to our people of a homeland, the place that we have come to know as the Promised Land. The approaching holiday invites us to think about the relationship of the historical promises made to our people and the promises made by the founders of

Beth El to our congregation.

The first description occurs in *Bereishit* and the third and fourth descriptions are in *Devarim*. *Bamidbar* also contains a description of the land intended for our people. Generally, these descriptions have boundaries which reach from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, to Aleppo, and then along the Euphrates River to the southeast, an area far greater than modern-day Israel.

While there are interesting articles about the significance or meaning of the two sets of borders, it makes sense to pause for a moment to consider the meaning and purpose of the promised land to the Jewish people. Clearly, modern day Israel falls within the boundaries described in the Torah. From one frame of reference, it is easy to ask if the land of Israel is really the land that was promised? By some measures it might be seen to fall a bit short, as nearly two-thirds of the land is arid or semi-arid, precipitation is scarce, soil quality is poor, the Jordan River is barely one click above a creek, and the other sources of water are loaded with salt – the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea. Given the implicit draw of the promise of land to our people, it does not seem unreasonable to ask about the location of the land we were promised. Why there? Why that land? Why not some lush location like the farm belts of Asia, Africa, India, Europe, or even North America? Places with fertile soil, rain, a reliable river like the Amazon, the Mississippi or maybe even the Nile, places where large populations have and do flourish.

Our scholars teach us that when promises or gifts are made to our people, the thing that is bestowed is more than just the gift or promise in that moment. Like our lives today, the gift is the opportunity for us to participate and strike in pursuit of a mutual goal. This allows us in turn to unite as a community and to work together in order for us to realize, together, the benefit of the gift. Not a gimme, but an opportunity. Not ready-to-wear but a work-in-progress. Not Shangri-La, but the tools for its creation. Like the manna which fell and had to be readied to be eaten, the land we were promised was land to be worked for it – *and for our people* – to reach the potential.

Through enormous efforts over decades, Israel has attained national food security and become a world leader in agriculture and water management. Likewise, through enormous efforts, the founders of Beth El created a foothold in the nascent Phoenix desert for that generation and future generations of

Beth El congregants to face and master the reality that the world can be a very hard place, continually fraught with peril and opportunity. Whether it is a game in the new gaga pit that was inspired by Gary Serbin, pushed by Rabbi Barb Moskow, and championed by David Goldfarb, the celebration of a marriage, the birth of a child, b'nei mitzvah, or the necessary steps to enable the congregation to be ready for *that* unwelcome visitor to our campus, we know that we must not be spectators in this journey. We must be active participants to make the most of the land that has been promised to us – whether in Israel or at 11th Avenue and Glendale. The families who made this our home had the vision that it could be made to be a place of comfort and bounty. And so it has. It is our job to be sure that it does that and more, into the future. Like the land promised to our people in the Torah, our campus supports us as we grow. Our campus helps to make us stronger as a people for tomorrow. And so, in answer to my opening question, the land that has been promised to us – both in Israel and at our Beth El campus – is being fulfilled. And, importantly, our work continues!

L'Shalom

Greg Harris
President



**GIFT
SHOP
NEWS**

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

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

Think Beth El Gift Shop for any simcha-weddings, birthdays, housewarming gifts, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We have beautiful jewelry, mezuzahs, and more. Always available are Shabbat candles, candlesticks, memorial candles, tallit sets, and kippot.

Reasons to shop at Beth El Gift Shop:

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4. Convenient
5. Custom orders offered for all Judaica

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



Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

Dear Friends,

As we enter March, I first want to thank everyone who helped make Installation 2.0 a success! We had a beautiful ceremony that showcased all of the strengths of our community. We are so fortunate to have dedicated clergy, leadership, staff, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event come together so seamlessly.

In February, we added a new intern to our staff, Rivka Bar Chaim. Rivka is a Computer Science major at Brookline College and will be joining us for 10 hours a week for the next couple of months. We are very fortunate to receive her help on projects that will benefit our members, staff, and the greater community. Please join me in welcoming Rivka to the Beth El Team.

Here are some of the projects with which she will be helping.

1. Website improvements— look for updated content, easier navigation, and improved registration forms.
2. Database updates— Hebrew names (in Hebrew) will be added to member accounts to help our clergy, coordinators, and gabbaim.
3. Digitizing and organizing files— creating accessible files for scholarship applications, b'nai mitzvah information, and more for members and staff.

My main goal and focus is to make interacting with Beth El through all of our channels a pleasant and easy experience. We began last year with upgrading to a new software system that includes member accounts—ShulCloud. This software has made it possible to incorporate new processes and efficiencies that were not available in the former system. Our staff has learned and integrated these new protocols throughout the past year and we continue to train and improve as we learn more.

Thanks are due to Nina Zamoshkin, our Controller, and Korina Springer, our Office Manager, who have each been instrumental in adapting the ShulCloud system into our accounting and database procedures.

Moving forward, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can continue improving, please let me know. I look forward to and value your input.

L'Shalom,
Alicia



Pictured above: Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin's Installation Ceremony and Dinner guests



Nanci Siegel Manson
Talmud Torah
Director

Dear Friends,

My earliest Jewish memory is going to temple on Purim with my mom, three sisters, and grandparents. I was around 5 years old and clearly recall being in the temple eating all kinds of goodies. Jewish law requires hearing every word of the Megillah, (the Book of Esther that provides the foundation of Purim), and the typical atmosphere in the temple during Purim resembles that of a circus/carnival rather than a prayer service. I didn't understand all the noise and the clatter of tiny noisemakers that were distributed to us, but I sure had a lot of fun joining in and making that noise.

The customs of Purim have a uniqueness to them as they can provide all Jews with ways in which they can deepen their connection to tradition and share it with future generations. When these traditions are observed regularly throughout the years, they become a personal, familiar, and memorable part of your family's Jewish life. It is likely that children that grow up with these customs and practices, will want to teach and build memories this way with their own families.

Purim is the perfect holiday for families to celebrate with all its fun and "character," though it is not near as widely celebrated as Hanukkah, another child-oriented holiday on our calendar. The element of joy-also known as simcha- is the trademark of Purim given that the biblical narratives focus on the destruction of the villain, Haman, and the ultimate victory of Queen Esther and Mordechai. Four major mitzvot are associated with Purim, listening to the reading of the Megillah, participating in the Purim meal, preparing and giving of mishloach manot, and giving money to the poor.

Listening to the reading of the Megillah will be adapted for families with little ones during our celebration at Beth El this year. As I recall, from my childhood years, its one of the best early memories I have of taking part in a temple service. The evening service, at the start of the holiday, is short, and the bulk of the time is spent reading the Megillah, and making noise with groggers, perfect for the squirmy and noisy child. Plus, children and adults both are encouraged to dress in costume for another dimension of fun. And we can enjoy the three-cornered signature holiday treat, the hamentaschen cookie, which resembles Haman's hat. From the view of making positive family memories, around a fun holiday service, it doesn't get much better than this!

Purim allows for some great opportunities to celebrate at home as well. Why not consider having a celebratory meal in which parents recount the Purim story, sing songs, and make and bake hamentaschen. Families can also observe the holiday by shopping for treats, assembling and delivering mishloach manot. Don't forget the

obligation of giving tzedakah to the less fortunate or providing assistance to those in need. All of these Purim traditions allow for wonderful avenues of happiness, joy, memory making and family bonding in a context that emphasis Jewish traditions.

Below are a few of my favorite Purim books that I think your family might enjoy. See page 5 for a simple hametachen recipe. Until next time...have fun!

Purim is Coming- a board book best for children ages 1-4

The Queen who Saved her People- great read aloud book for children ages 5-9

When It's Purim- a fun board book written in rhyme- best for pre-k and kindergarten age children

Cakes and Miracles - A Purim Tale- very readable for children and enjoyed by ages 3-8



Roberta Harmon
USY Advisor

Shalom!

Thank you to everyone in the community who has welcomed me with open arms. I look forward to continuing my work planning and executing youth and family activities!

We have a few wonderful events coming up. On Sunday, March 6, USY will be having a Hamantaschen Bake! On Sunday, March 13, we will be having a Family Picnic at the McCormack-Stillman train park in Scottsdale in honor of Purim. There will be activities for kids put on by myself and Cantor Angress! We look forward to seeing many families there. On March 16, we will be having our community Purim celebration. Festivities will include holiday rooms for the youth, a Purim schpiel, Megillah reading and dinner! Please contact me or the front office if you would like to attend any of these events!

A fun fact about me, I own a business running cooking classes for special needs and have been featured in the *Jewish News*! If you know of anyone who could benefit from these classes, please reach out. I would love to connect and include as many community members as possible. Volunteer opportunities are available as well.

I'm excited for the events planned for this half of the year and look forward to continuing to build relationships with our amazing community members.

L'Shalom,
Roberta



Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

Preschool News

Every month when I sit down to write my article, I have to guess what the outcome of what we are doing will be in the future because it will be the past when you read this. I am saying this now because as part of the synagogue I want to be able to share what we are doing and include you all as part of our preschool family.

An important part the preschool for the families is being able to plan which means everyone needs to be informed. Despite the limitations that COVID has placed on us, our goal has always been to provide a safe and healthy environment along with teaching a developmentally appropriate curriculum. We know the most important years in a child's development are from birth to age five. Children's experiences and relationships that are formed during these years determine how their brain develops. In fact, by the time children reach age five, 90% of a child's brain is already developed.

What we do here at the preschool is during a very important time in a child's life — socially, emotionally, physically, and academically. This pandemic has affected all of our lives in different ways. For most of our preschool children this is all they know. Teachers wearing masks, not being able to have play dates, and even their birthday and family celebrations are different. In the preschool many of our parents haven't even been able to meet their teachers in person.

Our school is considered essential and that is just one of the many reasons it is so important that we take care of our children, staff, families, and our facility. We have always been able to do this through our fundraising events and donations.

For the past two years we haven't been able to have our annual fundraiser, which not only pays for things the school needs, but the money also pays for the kids yoga classes, teacher appreciation, and continuing education for my staff and I. In anticipation of the COVID numbers going down we are planning a spring fundraiser called the Tomatina Festival on March 27. This will be a family event with activities for all ages. We will have a salsa making contest with celebrity judges, a magic show, a silent auction, and much more. There will also be an early bird registration for the preschool. Save the date and if you have anything you can donate to our silent auction, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stay healthy, be safe, and enjoy this beautiful Arizona weather.

L'Shalom,
Joanie





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our March Birthdays

Date

- 2 Nancy Markiewicz
- 3 Lory Lemon
Betty Meshel
Jeffrey Lipschultz
Marie Wolf
- 4 Alana Berrett
Zachary Mushkatel
- 5 Charles Holt
- 6 Caryll Webner
Shlomo Pri-Tal
- 7 Ninfa Lowe
Raymond Perlman
- 8 Jason Klein
Margot Levin
- 9 Tania Tafla
Andre Klein
Elias Barzilai
- 10 Jennifer Caplan
- 11 Marvin Gechman
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Jerome Rosen
Martha Rozen
Huguette Machbitz
- 18 Carl Gotlieb
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Esther Adler
Harriet Peck

Birthday Shabbat is March 12

We Mourn:

Ada Kessler, beloved mother of Erez (Anna) Kessler.



Mazal Tov to our March Anniversaries

Date

Years Married

- | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|
| 7 | Janice & Keith Nash | 36 |
| 10 | Susan & Alan Finks | 26 |
| 13 | Mary Mather & Matthew Vitoff | 29 |
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Anniversary Shabbat is March 26

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

Mazal Tov to:

Steve & Debra Gelbart on the birth of their grandson, Emmett Boaz Gelbart, born January 24. Parents are Jonathan & Cara Gelbart.

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Jeanne Milstein, whose son, Alec Milstein was named the Division Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 12 (Marina Del Rey), in Los Angeles, as well as being in charge of Vessel safety exams. They inspect and oversee safety of all sail and motor boats in Division 12.

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