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B E T H E L P H O E N I X

November 2022  
Volume No. 9 | Cheshvan - Kislev 5783

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### Annual Turkey Train and Side Dish Drive

**Sunday, November 20 | 11:15 am—12:15 pm**

Donate frozen turkeys (non-Kosher accepted) to the families of the Valencia Newcomer School and the Vista Colina Family Emergency Shelter!

#### Side Dish Items needed:

Cans of Yams  
Boxes of Stuffing Mix  
Boxes of Mashed Potatoes  
Boxes of Corn Bread

Cans of Green Beans  
Cans of Corn  
Packets of Gravy  
Boxes of Mac & Cheese

Boxes of Jell-O mix  
Cans of Cranberry Sauce  
Bags of Rolls/Bread  
Containers of Lemonade or Fruit Drink Mix

# Services Schedule



## Shabbatot



Friday at 5:45 pm is in-person or on the virtual daily minyan:

[tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan)

Saturday morning is in-person or streaming at:

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

Saturday evening ZoomDalah, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah are virtual only at:

[tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan)

### 11/4: Kabbalat Shabbat Italia

5:45 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat Italia with guest, Cantor Sharon Bernstein. Streaming at [www.facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://www.facebook.com/bethel.phoenix) (no Zoom)

### 11/5: Lech-Lecha

9:30 am | Shaharit with guest, Cantor Sharon Bernstein  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah Study Session  
5:45 pm | ZoomDalah ([tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan))  
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 11/12: Va Yayera

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah Study Session  
5:45 pm | ZoomDalah ([tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan))  
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 11/19: Chayei Sara | Mevarachim Chodesh Kislev

9:30 am | Shaharit  
10:00 am | Alternative Meditation Service  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah Study Session  
5:45 pm | ZoomDalah ([tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan))  
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 11/26: Toldot

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah Study Session  
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Save the Date: Kabbalat Shabbat in the Round

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## Daily Community Minyan

ALL Daily Community Minyanim are on Zoom with a few hybrid meetings throughout the week for Torah readings. Hybrid = In Person and on Zoom. Join the virtual minyan at: [tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan](https://tinyurl.com/BEC-minyan)

### Sunday & National Holidays

8:15 am and 5:45 pm

#### Monday

7:15 am (Hybrid) and 5:45 pm

#### Tuesday

7:15 am and 5:45 pm

#### Wednesday

7:15 am and 5:45 pm

#### Thursday

7:15 am (Hybrid) and 5:45 pm

#### Friday

7:15 am and 5:45 pm (Hybrid)

## Thanksgiving Minyan Schedule: Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Thursday, 11/24  
only 8:15 am

Friday, 11/25  
8:15 am and 5:45 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat at Rabbi Stein Kokin's home and on Zoom. For dinner at the Rabbi's home: RSVP to [rabbi@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rabbi@bethelphoenix.com) by Wednesday, 11/23.

### Candlelighting

### Havdalah

11/4 | 5:15 pm

11/5 | 6:11 pm

11/11 | 5:10 pm

11/12 | 6:06 pm

11/18 | 5:05 pm

11/19 | 6:03 pm

11/25 | 5:03 pm

11/26 | 6:01 pm

# November

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

11/10 & 11/17



## 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  
Click to join <https://zoom.us/j/92408568672>

11/5, 11/12, 11/19 & 11/26

## BE'ER HATORAH SATURDAYS | 12:15 PM

Shabbat Torah Study with  
Rabbi Stein Kokin  
In person following  
Kiddush on Shabbat



11/30



## BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY | 6:45 PM

Love reading? Love schmoozing?  
Join us as we discuss the book of the month.  
See the enclosed flyer for the November book title.  
Click to join <https://zoom.us/j/948321834>

11/13 & 11/27

## BLANKET BOOSTERS SUNDAYS | 1:00 PM

Volunteer crochet and knitting club!  
All blankets created are donated to children in crisis.  
Click to join <https://zoom.us/j/92408568672>



11/16



## 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!

11/20

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

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.  
Click to join <https://zoom.us/j/948321834>



11/7 & 11/21



## Hebrew 103 Mondays | 6:30 pm

Learn modern Hebrew with Wendy Rozov for students  
who can read Hebrew with a small vocabulary.  
\$150 per person includes book  
Click to register [tinyurl.com/bec-hebrew103](http://tinyurl.com/bec-hebrew103).

11/10 & 11/17

## Elijah the Prophet Thursdays | 11:00 am

New four-session class at Beth El in partnership with  
the Bureau of Jewish Education. \$58 course fee  
Instructor: Rabbi Stein Kokin  
Click to register [www.bjephoenix.org](http://www.bjephoenix.org)







A. Nitzan Stein Kokin  
Rabbi

## Dear Chaverim,

I look back with joy and gratitude to the beginning of our Jewish year these past two months! We had wonderful High Holy Days with Rabbi Taff as our High Holy Day cantor. His spirit and the engaging nature of his Hazzanut during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur brought everyone into the fold singing along. This truly elevated our prayers and brought us together not just physically but also spiritually!

I was so happy to see so many of you back again in person.

Sukkot quickly followed suit and our Beth El Sukkah was beautiful and filled with life almost all week! The ongoing collaboration with our fellow Conservative congregations brought a nice crowd together on the 1st day of Sukkot from all over town. Then on Wednesday night's "Sukkot Under the Stars" and especially Friday night with "Shabbat in the Round," we truly felt the joy of the holiday. Thanks to the wonderful acoustics of the chapel, we reached new sound levels singing together and reached everyone's heart. It was a powerful experience! Young and old, families and singles, recent and longtime members embarked on a journey of prayer infused with the Ruach of innovative melodies and harmonies. Then, at our Israeli Simchat Torah celebration only two days later, we added dancing to the music as we moved our bodies circling the chapel to the rhythms of guitar and drum.

Singing and moving together can truly touch our hearts and connect us more deeply with our own self and with the Spiritual, instilling joy and inspiration and a sense of community. After the isolation of the pandemic, I believe, we are all in need of those deeper levels of meaningful connection and soulful engagement. Even if on regular days we might not feel it so strongly, our souls thirst for more.

Coming together in a circle is a foundational element in these prayer experiences. Some of the most innovative synagogues and prayer groups in this country and around the world have rearranged their furniture or even rebuilt their sanctuaries to enable sitting in a circle with the prayer leader(s) in the center. In a circle, we face each other, and we can look into each other's eyes and catch the smile or the spark from someone across the room. We can relate and engage! The music and beat can travel from the inside out like a wave. Like a drop which falls into a calm pond of water and creates circular waves setting all of the pond into gentle motion, growing and expanding until they reach its edge, so can prayer in the round with our voices joined and harmonizing together travel from the center in sound waves back into our hearts and souls, gently expanding our soul; reaching us, moving us, and drawing us closer to one other and upwards to the Divine.

While it might seem new, sitting or moving in a circle for prayer is actually an ancient practice. Note, for example, that in the Temple itself worship moved in circles, in a procession through the courtyard. And fascinatingly, those in mourning were instructed to enter in the opposite direction so that the worshipers would be able to encounter them face to face and give them the greeting of comfort and consolation as everyone moved along, circling in opposite directions. It is also telling that the most ancient synagogues (for example the archeological sites in Israel from 2000 years ago) as well as the Sephardic tradition always kept the Bimah in the middle of the room with seating along the walls. So by praying in a circle we are not really doing something strange or innovative, but rather coming back around (so to speak) to our roots.

I am deeply grateful that our somewhat "older" building actually has a round chapel with amazing acoustics amplifying the sound at its center! It is as if it was made for this new prayer in the circle initiative that we have embarked on already last year and will continue to develop in the new year on a more regular basis, approximately every 6 weeks.

In this prayer circle everyone is welcome, no matter your musical or Hebrew education level. Everyone can contribute, everyone can hum or sing the melody - sometimes it will be just a syllable or sometimes it will be a simple line of Hebrew. Some of us will bring in additional harmonies and some will bring their smiles and radiance. Everyone has an important role to play in completing the circle and creating that wave that moves and expands from the center on out - filling our hearts with joy and touching our souls.

I am grateful to be a part of this community and look forward to ever more face-to-face encounters!

Dear Beth El Community,  
Our ongoing collaboration with the ASU Jewish Studies Program continues! In conjunction with the international academic conference and concert "'Let the Lord Inspire a Concert': Jews in Italian Musical Life, 1450-Present," at ASU on Sunday, November 6, Beth El will host a very special "Kabbalat Shabbat all'italiana" on Friday, November 4. Cantor Sharon Bernstein of San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will lead a prayer service comprised of traditional and composed melodies drawn from the Italian-Jewish tradition and some distinguished Italian Jews will also be present. Please mark your calendar and spread the word about what promises to be a highly unique and enjoyable Friday night service! Please note that non-Beth El members are kindly asked to register in advance. Following the service, please stick around for an Italian community Shabbat dinner (advance registration and payment required). For more details, please see: [www.bethelphoenix.com](http://www.bethelphoenix.com).  
Grazie mille e ci vediamo il 4 novembre!  
Daniel Stein Kokin





Audrey Wolff  
President

100+ families streaming one of the services.

## Dear Friends,

As we enjoy the afterglow from the holidays, I want to thank everyone for being here at Beth El, and making our High Holy Days so spirited. Let's hold onto those feelings of warmth and joy whether it was joining in prayer and song with Rabbi Cantor Taff and Rabbi Stein Kokin, chatting outside, participating in our Dorot service or being

For me, I hope to move towards the goals I set for myself and for Beth El: enriching our Jewish experiences by practicing tikkun olam, growing our friendships and knowledge, and making Beth El a vibrant synagogue in the center of our city.

At Kol Nidre, I asked us all to think about what has been meaningful for us at Beth El. For many it's a life cycle event, but more often, it was a social occasion or having the support of Beth El during a time of sickness or personal crisis. It is these experiences and the relationships we formed during these moments that keep us returning.

For some of us, we only hover on the edges. Maybe we're new or have seen old friendships fade, or move away. Or, maybe we are looking for more in our secular and Jewish worlds. How can we navigate that path from the outer edges to the core of Beth El?

Our goal is that each one of you finds connections whether you're here every day or once a year. Please, show up, volunteer, take a class, join kiddush, play mahjong, or make your own activity. I want to share two examples of Beth El connecting.

First, one of our newer events is our Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services. This is a lively, hour-long service led by member, Erez Kessler, on the guitar and our Rabbi welcoming in Shabbat with song, guitar, drumming (yes, drumming), and prayer. Originally this was an end of year family service, and now it has become a multigenerational service. Joining together in music and song is ageless. If you haven't attended in person or on zoom, mark your calendar for our next musical Shabbat.

The second is shared in an anecdote from one of our new board members. Before the holidays, our board members call congregants to wish them a Shana Tovah. This board member approached me and said, "Hey Audrey, I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed making my phone calls, and I had some really nice conversations. I always liked getting the call or hearing the message, but I didn't really think of the pleasure I would get from making the calls."

Take a risk, be that somebody, and find meaning and fun!

Audrey Wolff

## Beth El Youth

Shalom,

I had such a wonderful time celebrating the High Holy Days with the Beth El community. I hope everyone has had a great start to 5783!

Although the Holidays are over, do not fear, there are still a ton of awesome programs happening for our Beth El Youth. Kadima is invited to stay after Talmud Torah on November 16 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. We will have a yummy dinner and create our own Havdalah kits.

On Sunday, November 6, USY and Bogrim will have their first social action program together immediately following Talmud Torah.

Additionally, the USY groups from Beth El, Or Tzion, and Temple Beth Sholom will meet on Saturday, November 19 at the Ice Den in Scottsdale to celebrate Havdalah and go ice skating.

My door is always open and I'm happy to help in any way I can. I can be reached at [rharmon@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rharmon@bethelphoenix.com). Please don't hesitate to send me a message with any questions or suggestions that you have.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming events and continuing to spend time with the Beth El Youth!

L'Shalom,

Robertta Harmon

Youth Advisor & Community Engagement



Alicia Moskowitz  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In the spirit of one of my favorite American holidays, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who helped make the High Holiday season a special, holy, and beautiful time here at Beth El.

First of all, thank you to my staff and volunteers for keeping us afloat during the rush that leads up to the holidays. There were many special projects, mailings, and other once-a-year tasks to

accomplish that could not have been done without the following people: Rabbi Stein Kokin, Rabbi Taff, Nina Zamoshkin, Roberta Harmon, Ashton Brown, Nanci Siegel Manson, Wendy Adair, Ben Ulan, Wendy Rozov, Elijah Costales-Chevalier, Joanie Charnow, Rachel Lamb, Nora Elias, Suzanne Fuchs, Eddie Mansourian, Michael Gloria, Charleen Holt, Chuck Holt, Eileen Bloom, Myra Millinger, Audrey Wolff, Ben Cooper, Paul Ulan, Mikey Ulan, Steve Nathan, Ann Polunsky, Risa Mallin, Alana Berrett, Nick Berrett, Richard Berrett, Alexander Berrett, and Isaac Berrett.

Thank you to the ushers, honors committee, Rabbi Taff's drivers, and to the appeal speech givers/helpers: Emily Bogusch, Bill Tuttle, Alana Berrett, Richard Berrett, Richard Sinovoi, Mathis Becker, Rich Cohen, Debbie Wolfe, Kim Mertens, John Mertens, Steve Winkelman, Debbie Gordon, Charleen Holt, Ann Polunsky, Steve Nathan, Linda Barzilai, Eli Barzilai, Nancy Splain, Gail Ulan, Shelli Silver, Leslie Cooper, Barry Becker, and Aaron Moskowitz.

Thank you as well to the entire Board of Directors, Ritual Committee, Coordinators, Torah/Haftarah Readers, and to those who led services so beautifully. Your ruach inspired us all!

Thank you to the Sukkah squad for building our Sukkah this year: Ben Cooper, Yochanan Christakis, Richard Sinovoi, and Elliott Gould. Thank you to Roberta Harmon and her team of youth helpers for decorating the Sukkah. Thank you to the teachers and students from Talmud Torah and the preschool for creating the decorations. This year, our Sukkah had upgraded lighting thanks to Yochanan Christakis.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended and made this year especially beautiful and meaningful. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported our community. We are so grateful to have you all and look forward to stellar new year together!

L'Shalom, Alicia

# BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Be Well with BEWL | Eileen Bloom, BEWL President

It was great to see so many of you at services during the High Holidays. Let's keep up the momentum and continue to attend as many events as you can at Beth El.

BEWL has organized a cleanup event through Keep Phoenix Beautiful on Sunday, November 20, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Pierson Community Garden. It's in furtherance of the Reverse Tashlich concept that the Women's League for Conservative Judaism is promoting this year. We're not throwing away our sins, we're picking up. The scope of the project may include weeding, trash pickup, possible planting, helping to straighten and organize storage units and watering plants, trees and flowers. A flyer with more information will be sent out shortly. All supplies will be included. Attendance will be limited to twenty participants.

I am excited to announce the BEWL paid-up member event will be a luncheon and lecture on Jewish Genealogy. Our speaker will be Emily Garber, well known speaker and educator on family history topics. She has delivered talks at every annual International Association of Jewish Genealogical Society conferences since 2013. It's scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Beth El, starting at 12:30pm. Attendance is free for all paid-up members of BEWL. If you're not sure if you paid your membership dues for 2022-2023 yet, send me an email at [eileenbloom@gmail.com](mailto:eileenbloom@gmail.com). Guests will be welcome at the event for \$18.00. A flyer will be coming out soon.

In January, BEWL will be going to the Mikveh at Chabad for a talk to introduce us to the concept and history of the ritual. Rabbi Stein Kokin has offered to host a tea at her house afterwards.

Mahj Meetups will continue on the third Wednesdays of each month, from 1:00 - 3:30pm. Bring your cards and a set if you have one. As always, there will be snacks!

The BEWL Board would love to have more members, either as an officer or as a board member at large to help with our programs. Just contact me or any other board member.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Eileen Bloom, President



## Dear Families,

Before his death, Moses wrote the Torah and gave it to his elders who are going to lead the children of Israel to the Promised Land. He commanded them to read the Torah to the public, on a regular basis, explaining that every man, woman and child must know the commandments in order to live by them.

Nanci Siegel Manson  
Talmud Torah Director

And then, in special repetition, Moses said: And their children, who have not known the (the Torah), will hear and learn. Obviously, in his vision of the future, Moses realized the societal significance of teaching right from wrong, morals, and ethics to children.

When we teach the mitzvot to our own children, whether teaching in person or through appointed delegates (the rabbi, the religious school teachers, B'nai Mitzvah instructors, etc.) we perform the mitzvah "You shall teach them diligently to your children," which is recited in every service as *ve'Shinantam le'Vaneikha ve'Dibarta Bam*. This is our responsibility as teachers and parents. However, through public Torah reading, Moses extended this mitzvah to a broader mitzvah to teach the children of our community, not only our town. In America today, we can all appreciate the benefits of moral and educated children to better and safer communities.

Every year, after the festivals of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, Jews all over the world go back to the beginning-the Book of Genesis-to continue the long tradition of weekly Torah portion study and public reading. Like our ancestors from the past and like generations to come, the People of the Book shall improve the world by teaching and explaining its mitzvot to our children. We thus follow a binding tradition of study and we share the mitzvah of teaching the mitzvot.

Mitzvot are the things that God wants us to do. When one does a mitzvah it makes them happier, healthier and a smarter person.

The students of Beth El Talmud Torah invite you to join in taking part in the upcoming "mitzvahs of the season," beginning with our annual Turkey Train to be held on Sunday, November 20. In collaboration with our Beth El Social Action Committee, we invite you to drop off frozen turkeys between the hours of 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Talmud Torah door. You might also choose to drop off some of the "traditional," non-perishable sides used at the Thanksgiving meal. This year we plan to donate over 50 meals to those in need with 30 of them going to our friends at Valencia Newcomer School, a Phoenix school assisting refugee and immigrant students in the process of becoming U.S. citizens. Our Bogrim students and fellow USYers will also package snack bags for the students to have during their 4 day school break when many of these children will be without their regularly provided school meals. If you'd like to contribute to the purchase of a turkey, snack bags, and/or canned sides for the Thanksgiving meal, simply send in your items or your donation ATTN: Nanci – Holiday Mitzvah Project. Please make checks to Beth El Talmud Torah.

We will continue the mitzvah projects into December, by adopting two underprivileged families from Jewish Family and Children's Services, by providing them with a happy holiday season as we fulfill their wish lists. Sign ups will be displayed on the Talmud Torah rolling bulletin board, outside the school door, as well as in upcoming weekly synagogue emails, and the weekly family engagement email. Any contribution to these families will make their lives a little bit easier is greatly appreciated.

In our main lobby, we have collection bins that are available year round for your contributions. One is a bin to collect Kosher non-perishables for Ezras Cholim, a local Kosher Food Pantry, and the other for Nouris PHX, which accepts non-perishable food items as well as gently used clothing and household items.

In conclusion, doing these acts of mitzvot, around the holidays or year round, sets a wonderful example for our children in shaping them into helpful, ethical adults. Doing God's mitzvot will make the world a better place.

Until next time...





Joanie Charnow  
Preschool Director

## Dear Families,

The month of October was spent learning about the High Holidays and having class parties. The classes enjoyed a visit from our office manager Rachel's father who came to sound the Shofar for us. Then the children made their own shofars to take home with a honey stick.

Sukkot was next and the Two's, Three's, and Pre-K classes met Rabbi Nitzan

in the Sukkah where she showed them how to shake the Luluv and smell the Etrog. Everyone came back to the school and decided to make their own Sukkah for their classrooms.

The PTO decided they would like to have class parties so the parents could meet each other and connect parents' faces to the children they see on Remini, our communications app. Parents were able to come into the school, see their child's friends and eat dinner together. A great time was had by all.

As everyone is continuing to return to normal operations, we still require masks to be worn inside our school. Our three's and Pre-K children are also wearing masks. It is very important to me to keep our young children and our staff safe and healthy and have found that the masks have helped to decrease the frequency and spread of illness.

This month for the first time in two years we had parents volunteer to help us at our annual Fall Festival. We had a petting zoo, games, and snacks. It was held outside on our playground with all of our students participating in age-appropriate, fall-themed activities.

For Thanksgiving, we take the opportunity to teach the children how to be grateful for everything we have by performing Mitzvot and collecting Tzedakkah. Teaching ethics is a big part of our program. Having respect for our families, our school, and our friends. We also want them to know not everyone is as lucky as they are and it is part of our Thanksgiving activities to collect food for people experiencing homelessness. We continue this theme for Chanukah by helping as many families as possible have a complete holiday. We have sponsored families from Jewish Family and Childrens Services in the past, but for the last two years we have opted to help families in our own community.

I take pride in our school and how we help each other and our community. It is important to teach ethics to our young children so they grow up to be mensches.

Stay safe, healthy and enjoy your families this holiday season.

Joanie



### Membership & Community Building Update

The Beth El Membership and Community Building Committee is excited to report that 29 new families have joined the Beth El Community in the past year, including many people in their 20's. Almost a third of those families have joined in the last 4 months.

We also had many new and potential members experience the High Holidays with us, eat in the Sukkah with us, and attend Rosh Hashanah Happy Hour with us.

We are hoping to start rolling out a havurah program for members and potential members who are interested. We'll send around more news about that as it gets organized and rolling.

Feel free to contact the Membership & Community Building Committee at [info@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:info@bethelphoenix.com).

Thank you very much,

Steve Winkelman  
Chair

## Help Wanted!

Would you like to learn how to become a Services Coordinator? We need you!  
Contact [annp2@cox.net](mailto:annp2@cox.net) to sign up.

We are looking for volunteers for our Security Team! If you are interested in learning more, please contact [info@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:info@bethelphoenix.com).

### Let us help!

Do you need help getting to services or other events?  
Do you or someone you know need a mitzvah meal?  
Please contact us at [info@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:info@bethelphoenix.com)  
or (602) 944-3359 and we will help you!

## Beth El Gift Shop

HANUKKAH OH HANUKKAH  
COME LIGHT THE MENORAH

Hanukkah starts December 18!

We have more CANDLES this year:  
Candles from Israel, Candles For A Cause (supporting Breast Cancer, Kosher meals for the troops, Autism, and Kids For Courage)



We have an amazing variety of Hanukkiahs: traditional, modern, electric, and oil.

Also available are dreidels, decorations, cookie cutters, and more.

We are always stocked with Shabbat candlesticks and candles, Memorial candles, Kiddush cups, Challah trays, Kippot, and Tallit sets

Reasons to shop at our Gift Shop:

1. No sales tax
2. Unique and beautiful items
3. Convenience
4. Custom orders for all Judaica

Open during Beth El Office Hours  
Contact Charleen at (602) 695-6462 or [cholt@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:cholt@bethelphoenix.com) with any questions.

# Smachot

## Yom Huledet Sameach!

### November Birthdays

Birthday Shabbat | 11/12

- 1 Eric Lynn
- 2 Christie Walzer
- 5 Eileen Bloom
- 5 Erez Kessler
- 8 Linda Barzilai
- 9 Dean Behboodi
- 10 Emily Mallin
- 13 Leon Zeitzer
- 13 Daniel Witenstein
- 13 Anthony Lamon
- 14 Wendy Olsen
- 14 Risa Mallin
- 15 Scott Steingard
- 20 Bithia Chavez
- 21 Phyllis Fotinos
- 21 David Goldfarb
- 22 Rachel Lamb
- 22 Jeanne Milstein
- 23 Phillip Jalowiec
- 24 Sivan Oliver Theobald
- 24 Steven Gelbart
- 24 Sheldon Dashefsky
- 24 Edlyn Soderman
- 25 Saul Elias
- 27 Lara Goldfarb
- 28 Danit Polunsky
- 28 Renee Hecht
- 29 Rhoda Morris
- 29 Myrna Ross
- 29 Rory Silverman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Mazal Tov!

### November Anniversaries

Anniversary Shabbat | 11/26

Date	Names	Years Married
1	Rabbi Jeffrey & Naomi Lipschultz	19
7	Gary & Michell Sorley	7
10	Max & Froma Allen	60
15	Phillip & Cheryl Jalowiec	42
18	Benjamin & Esther Zlochower	72
21	David & Carrie Melkin	18
22	Daniel & Evie Rosen	2
24	Sean & Rebecca Karlin	21
28	Leslie & Bennett Cooper	30
30	Geoffrey Gonsher & Barbara Lewkowitz	37



Mazel Tov to **Lynda and Dan Ziskin** on the birth of their grandson, Colby Asher Swofford, born August 20, 2022. Cody lives in Denver with his parents Nancy and Britt Swofford and his 4 year old sister Olivia.

Mazel Tov to **Marie & William Wolf** on the birth of their granddaughter, Nava Wolf Brom, on September 7, 2022. Nava lives in Tempe with her parents Rebecca and Evan, and two brothers, Ronen and Matan.



# Thank you for all of your generous contributions!

## Be'er Cafe

Coffee Maker Sponsor  
*Debbi Goldich*

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Yahrzeit of Bryna Canin  
*Jerry Rosen*  
Yahrzeit of Ernest  
Dreiseszun  
*Herb & Patti Dreiseszun*  
Yahrzeit of Joseph Hirsch  
*Rose Hirsch*  
Yahrzeit of Nancy Grobin  
*Paul Levine*  
Yahrzeit of Elisa Lowe  
*Ronald & Ninfa Lowe*  
In Memory of Elliot  
Polunsky  
*Carolyn & Morry Kaplan*  
*Alicia & Aaron Moskowitz*  
In Memory of Morris Gortler  
*Ros & Martin Slovin*  
In Memory of Marv  
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*Allyn & Bonnie Kluger*  
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Talmud Torah students enjoying a snack in the Sukkah!



Preschool student decorating the classroom Sukkah!

thank you

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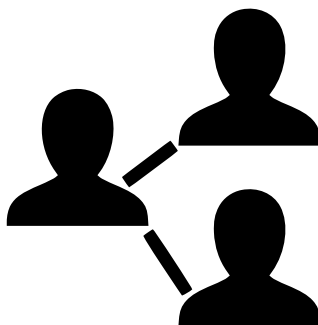
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# Beth El Women's League Invites You To Keep Phoenix Beautiful



Join a group of Beth El volunteers on  
**Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 9:30 am - 11:30 am**  
to freshen up  
Pierson Community Garden | 1822 W. Pierson St., Phoenix

The garden is a project of Keep Phoenix Beautiful and spending a few hours weeding, picking up trash, watering plants, and perhaps planting is a great way for us to do Tikkun Olam. It's a continuation of the Reverse Tashlich concept that the Conservative/Masorti movement began five years ago. Participation will be limited to the first 20 people who sign up (gentleman are welcome!). All cleanup supplies will be provided.

Register at:  
[www.bethelphoenix.com/form/reverse-tashlikh](http://www.bethelphoenix.com/form/reverse-tashlikh)  
or contact [eileenbloom@gmail.com](mailto:eileenbloom@gmail.com) for more information.

# Beth El, Or Tzion, and Temple Beth Sholom go... **Ice Skating!!!**

Join us for a fun, regional USY night of ice skating! We will begin the evening with Havdallah in the parking lot and say Shavua Tov out on the ice!

**November 19, 2022 | 6:00 pm**

**Ice Den Scottsdale  
9375 E. Bell Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

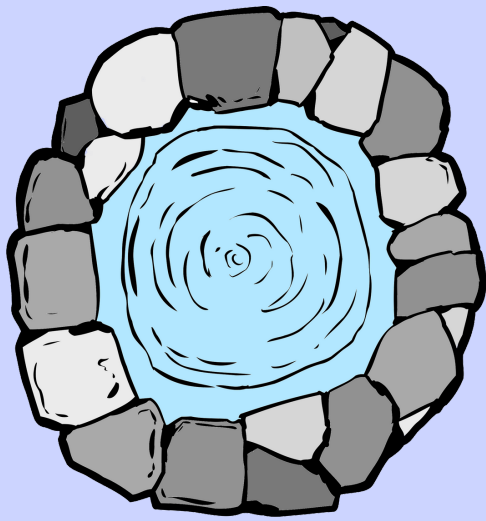
**Admission and skate rental : \$15**

**RSVP required by Tuesday, November 15.**

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