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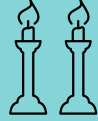


*L' Shana Tova  
u' Metukah*

# Services Schedule



## Shabbatot and Yom Tovim



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)

### 9/3: Shoftim | Harris Aufruf

9:30 am | Shaharit  
7:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 9/10: Ki Teitzei | Bar Mitzvah of Maddox Hecht

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
6:45 pm | ZoomDalah  
7:15 pm | Ma'ariv &  
Havdalah

### 9/17: Ki Tavo | Leil S'lichot

9:30 am | Shaharit  
7:00 pm | S'lichot Study &  
Service

### 9/24: Nitzavim | Rosh Chodesh Tishrei

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah  
6:15 pm | ZoomDalah  
6:45 pm | Ma'ariv &  
Havdalah

### 9/25: Erev Rosh Hashanah

5:00 pm | HHD Happy Hour  
5:45 pm | Traditional Ma'ariv

### 9/26: Rosh Hashanah Day 1

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services  
9:45 am | Family Service  
(Roth Family Chapel)  
10:45 am | Tot Activities  
(Babysitting Room)  
11:00 am | Teen Discussion  
(Be'er Cafe)  
4:30 pm | Tashlikh  
(Canal west of Sunnyslope  
HS - 35 W. Dunlap Ave.)

### 9/27: Rosh Hashanah Day 2

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services  
7:00 pm | Ma'ariv (virtual)

### 10/1: Vayeilech | Shabbat Shuva

9:30 am | Shaharit  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah  
6:00 pm | ZoomDalah  
6:30 pm | Ma'ariv &  
Havdalah

### 10/2: Kever Avot

9:30 am | Memorial Service  
(Beth El Cemetery - 2300 W.  
Van Buren St. NW corner of  
Greenwood Memory Lawn)

### 10/4: Kol Nidre

5:00 pm | Kol Nidre Services

### 10/5: Yom Kippur

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services  
9:45 am | Family Service  
(Roth Family Chapel)  
10:45 am | Tot Activities  
(Babysitting Room)  
11:00 am | Teen Discussion  
(Be'er Cafe)  
3:00 pm | Discussion  
4:00 pm | Mincha & Ne'ila  
6:45 pm | Ma'ariv & Shofar in  
the Round Havdalah (Break  
fast follows)

### 10/8: Ha'Azinu

Birthday Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
12:15 pm | Be'er HaTorah  
6:00 pm | ZoomDalah  
6:30 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 10/15: Sukkot VI

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

### 10/22: Bereshit Mevarechim Chodesh Cheshvan

9:30 am | Shaharit  
5:45 pm | ZoomDalah  
6:15 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

### 10/29: Noach

Anniversary Shabbat  
9:30 am | Shaharit  
5:30 pm | ZoomDalah  
6:00 pm | Ma'ariv & Havdalah

## Sukkot Service Schedule

hybrid = at Beth El + Virtual Daily Minyan Link

### Sukkot I | Monday, 10/10

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services (hybrid)

### Sukkot II | Tuesday, 10/11

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services (at TBS  
3400 N Dobson Rd., Chandler or  
<https://tbsev.org/services/live-stream>)

### Sukkot Chol Chamoed, 10/12 - 10/14

7:00 am | Morning Minyan (hybrid)  
5:45 pm | Evening Minyan (10/12-13 virtual;  
10/14 = hybrid)

### Hoshanah Rabbah | Sunday, 10/16

8:15 am | Morning Minyan (hybrid)  
5:45 pm | Israeli Simchat Torah Celebration  
(hybrid)

### Shemini Atzeret | Monday, 10/17

9:00 am | Yom Tov & Yizkor Services (hybrid)  
5:45 pm | Yom Tov Ma'ariv (hybrid)

### Simchat Torah | Tuesday 10/18

9:00 am | Yom Tov Services (at Or Tzion 16415 N  
90th St, Scottsdale and [otaz.org/livestream](https://otaz.org/livestream))  
5:45 pm | Evening Minyan (virtual)

## High Holy Days 5783

Tickets are required for Rosh Hashanah Day 1,  
Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur.

Streaming information will be provided to  
members and ticket holders.

Tickets are available for guests  
and non-members at:

[www.bethelphoenix.com/hhd-5783](https://www.bethelphoenix.com/hhd-5783)

## Candlelighting

## ☆☆ Havdalah

9/2 | 6:34 pm  
9/9 | 6:24 pm  
9/16 | 6:15 pm  
9/23 | 6:05 pm  
9/25 | 6:02 pm  
9/26 | 6:56 pm  
9/30 | 5:55 pm  
10/4 | 5:50 pm  
10/7 | 5:46 pm  
10/9 | 5:44 pm  
10/10 | 6:38 pm  
10/14 | 5:37 pm  
10/16 | 5:35 pm  
10/17 | 6:29 pm  
10/21 | 5:29 pm  
10/28 | 5:21 pm

9/3 | 7:29 pm  
9/10 | 7:19 pm  
9/17 | 7:09 pm  
9/24 | 6:59 pm  
9/27 | 6:55 pm  
10/1 | 6:49 pm  
10/5 | 6:44 pm  
10/8 | 6:40 pm  
10/11 | 6:36 pm  
10/15 | 6:32 pm  
10/18 | 6:28 pm  
10/22 | 6:24 pm  
10/29 | 6:17 pm

# September and October

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

9/1, 9/8 & 9/15



## 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>

9/24, 10/8 & 10/15

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

Shabbat Torah Study with  
Rabbi Stein Kokin  
In person during Kiddush lunch  
following Shabbat Morning Services



9/14 & 10/19



## BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY | 6:45 PM

Love reading? Love schmoozing?  
Join us as we discuss the book of the month.  
Click for the September and October books.  
Click to join <https://zoom.us/j/948321834>

9/11, 9/25, 10/9 & 10/23

## 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>



9/21 & 10/19



## 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!

9/18 & 10/30

## 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>



**Save the Date: November 4, 2022**

*Kabbalat Shabbat Italia and Dinner*

*Join ASU Studies and special guest, Cantor Sharon Bernstein*

Our ongoing collaboration with the ASU Jewish Studies Program continues! In conjunction with the international academic conference “‘Let the Lord Inspire a Concert’: Jews in Italian Musical Life, 1450-1950,” that will take place at ASU, Beth El will host a very special “Kabbalat Shabbat all’italiana.” 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. *Grazie mille e ci vediamo a Novembre!*



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin  
Rabbi

## Dear Chaverim,

One of the big questions this year for me is how do I prepare for the High Holy Days? How will I go into these days of Awe of intense prayer, reflection, and introspection? How do I find the right words in prayer?

There is so much ugliness and brokenness in the world that we witness in the news and in our city every day. As a leader in the community I ask myself: How as a society can we stand

before the imagined heavenly court this year? This year in particular it feels like humanity does not have many merits to show in their favor. Some of us are frustrated, some angry, uneasy, and anxious to name just a few - where will it all lead to? We know we need more mercy, we need forgiveness, we need mending. We need healing! We need solace, we need hope. And hope and goodness there is! Healing can happen. What does it take?

In a conversation with my daughter the other night about how she thinks about this year's High Holy Days, she said: "Mommy, it's not so much about God, it's really about looking into the mirror and about giving yourself a blank slate, to start fresh." So true, and yet I think it goes even further - more than just wiping our slate clean: We need to name the issues. The act of speech is part of healing and reconciling. The process of healing means to put in words that which we aspire to and that which stands in the way. To express in concrete nuanced language that which we need. It can help us to become aware of deeper feelings, get in touch with our gut and articulate what is under the surface. When we can name our deep fears, anger, and more we can start articulating what we need next. God gives us speech to bring our inner growth and healing to fruition.

The 16th century *Kli Yakar* writes:

"Articulate speech comes from God (Mishlei 16:1) for it is a gift from God that He gives speech to humanity. As our Rabbis say (in Yevamot 64a) that God desires the prayers of the righteous because they (the righteous) are to God like a delightful son to his father. If the son asks for something from his father, even though his father already knows what he needs, the father **still wants the son to verbally articulate his request because the father delights in the speech of his child's lips**. So the Holy Blessed One says to Israel, 'Let Me hear your voice because your voice is pleasing to approach Me' (cf. Shir HaShirim 2:14). [...] Because we are in the eyes of God like a delightful child and dear son."

Even if we are speechless about the state our world is in, and there is little to rave about, God still wants to hear our voices!

Dena Weiss from the Hadar Institute explains this commentary in the following words:

"If we think that prayer is about telling God what our needs are in the hopes that God will fulfill our request, then we are gravely mistaken,... God doesn't need any information from us about our lives. God is God, and God knows. Our prayer is not going to determine if our wishes are to be granted. [...] Petitioning God in prayer is not about conveying information in order to get a result,... God does not grant requests; **God grants an audience. Prayer is about being in conversation, about being given the opportunity to air our grievances, articulate our pain, wallow in our suffering, and to never ever be told, 'You've spoken enough' or, 'Here's what you should do' or worse, 'Here's what I would do.'** God listens to us like a parent who just wants to be there for us, who just loves to hear our voice."

Rosh HaShanah is the "birthday" of the world. Right after the Shofar blows in the Musaf Amida we recite: HaYom Harat Olam - today the world is created. Let's look at creation for a moment: It is an act of speech. The *Tohu vaBohu* - the chaos and the murmuring deep - are penetrated by light because the Divine **spoke** light into being! God created this, our world, through words. And God saw that it was good!

So this year we come to synagogue on these holy days to pray like **someone is listening**, to put into words all our hearts desires, resting assured that our prayer is wanted and needed and that we can choose to create ourselves anew from amidst the shutteredness of our contemporary world through articulating our prayer. This is what the ancient prayer of *Ochila laEl* in the Musaf is about:

אוֹחִילָה לֵאלֹ. אֶחְלָה כְּנִי. אֶשְׁאַלָה מִמֶּנּוּ מַעֲנֵה לְשׁוֹן:  
אֲדוּשֵׁם, שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח. וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ...

I pray to You, God, that I may come into Your Presence  
Grant me proper speech,

Adonai open my lips that your mouth and the thoughts in my heart be acceptable to You, Adonai my stronghold and my redeemer.

*Translation from Mahzor Lev Shalem*

Grant us Eternal to find our voice, our words to start our own healing, to find serenity and peace, in order to create good from the chaos of the world.

לשנה טובה תכתיבו!

Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin







Audrey Wolff  
President

## Dear Friends,

If you've ever attended our children's services during Rosh Hashanah, one of the themes is that Rosh Hashanah is the world's birthday. This is a fun way of engaging children to think about a new year. I have fond memories of my kids and I singing Happy Birthday to the world in several languages.

This year my birthday falls on Rosh Hashanah, so I am doubly focused and reflective. For me, I think about: How was my year? What can I do better? What are my regrets? Was I too judgemental? Too dismissive? Who did I offend, and can I change and ask for forgiveness?

At the same time, I now have the responsibility and charge of asking how can Beth El keep moving towards renewal, self-improvement, and realizing our potential as a community?

A new year at Beth El brings an opportunity to deepen our commitment to one another, and to Judaism. Each one of us can ask how I can make a better community for myself and for all of us. Can I participate in our monthly social action drives? Can I join Uniting for Ukraine or one of our other committees? Can I join our book group, Women's League, or take an Adult Education class? Make a call or meet up with someone at the Be'er, our new coffee shop? Pray and lead a daily minyan, sing on Shabbat? Volunteer at the front desk? The list goes on. Each step, no matter how small, renews our community and creates opportunities to form meaningful relationships.

Additionally, Beth El continues to add new members and people of all ages. This past year we have added more than two dozen new families. People are seeking us out from many points of entry (for example, the Early Childhood Center, Hanukkah party, Rabbi's services at La Palazzo, mahjong meet up, CSA, Adult and Youth Education, and word of mouth.)

Like everywhere and everyone, we are re-calibrating from Covid. I know that our future both personally and here at Beth El involves change.

All of us have had plans canceled, postponed, and momentum stalled. In the past we might have been taken aback, but we have learned to take these changes in stride and will continue to do so as we enter into the year 5783.

On a final note, I thank those of you who have reached out to me in the past few months. Whether to let me know how we can do better, or what we're doing right. I know it comes from a place of caring.

I look forward to seeing you as together we celebrate the new year, both chronologically and spiritually. Yom Huledet Sameach!

Last month Beth El sadly said goodbye to longtime, dedicated office manager, Korina Springer. For the past 14 years, Korina was a vital member of our Beth El family, forming close relationships with our congregants, volunteers, and staff. She was the first point of contact for congregants and guests when calling or visiting Beth El, and her warmth, willingness to help, and professionalism will be missed. A farewell luncheon was held last month, and on her last day, the staff presented her with a gift card to help equip her new home office. Once she is settled into her new teleworking job, Korina hopes to rejoin our monthly Mahj Meetups. We all wish her well in this new opportunity, and appreciate her many years of service.

## 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

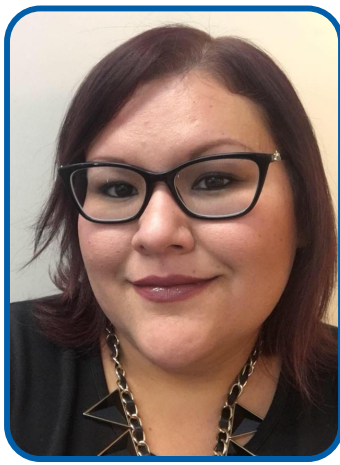
### Thursday

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

### Friday

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





Alicia Moskowitz  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The New Year is upon us and we are ready for the renewal that it brings. The High Holy Days bring with them a chance for a new start, a fresh perspective, and a spiritual boost that is much needed by those of us in the Jewish professional world, as well as those outside of it.

Here at Beth El, we strive to provide you with welcoming

and meaningful experiences. These holy days bring with them a familiar face from Beth El's past, Rabbi Reuven "Bobby" Taff. We look forward to reconnecting and revisiting our time when Rabbi Taff was Cantor Taff here at Beth El from 1975 - 1986. This was before my time here, as may be the case for many of us. However, the enthusiasm and warmth that surfaces in those who knew him back then, is more than enough to inspire anticipation in those of us who are not familiar with Rabbi Taff. Feel free to read up on Rabbi Taff's biography here:

<https://www.bethelphoenix.com/rabbi-taff-bio.html>

We look forward to greeting you and welcoming him back to Beth El at the **Rosh Hashanah Mixer and Happy Hour** on Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 pm. I hope you can join us in this fun social hour before we kick off Erev Rosh Hashanah services.

In other news, please join me in welcoming our new Administrative Assistant, Ashton Brown, to Beth El! He comes to us from a varied administrative background including medical assisting. Ashton also enjoys musical theatre and plays guitar! We are very happy to have Ashton join the Beth El Team and are getting him up to speed.

You can find Ashton on Sunday through Tuesday and Thursday through Friday in the front office; phone extension 103; email [abrown@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:abrown@bethelphoenix.com).

Finally, I want to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year. May we all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for 5783.

L'Shana Tova!

# BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Be Well with BEWL | Eileen Bloom, BEWL President

In last month's article I promoted a visit and book talk by celebrated author Maggie Anton on Sunday, February 19. We're very excited to present this program by the author of Rashi's Daughters, but I told you the incorrect title. The book we will have the pleasure of exploring, in person, with the author, is The Choice. The characters are inspired by Chaim Potok, but takes place in Brooklyn in the 1950's - a time of Elvis and Marilyn, communist scares and polio vaccines, Jewish migration, and American integration.

BEWL is not scheduling a Pink Shabbat for Breast Cancer Awareness this year. Instead, we are working with the Beth El Social Action Committee and the Minkoff Center for Jewish Genetics for a Genetic Education and Counseling Event. BEWL is sponsoring the reception at 1:00 pm. There will be a brief educational program and then personalized counseling sessions for both prenatal and hereditary cancer counseling. **Pre-registration is required.** Go to [GetScreenedaz.org](http://GetScreenedaz.org), or call (480) 668-3347.

The new pin for Torah Fund will be distributed to BEWL very soon. The theme for the 2022-2023 campaign is *Chazak v'Ematz*, Be Strong and Courageous. This year's pin represents 80 years of commitment by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and its affiliates, like BEWL, to supporting scholarships, programming and housing for rabbis, cantors, and leaders of the Jewish community. We will be mailing the new Torah Fund campaign flyer in the next few weeks. If you wish to donate online, you may make any donations to Torah Fund at [www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund](http://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund). Please indicate that your sisterhood is Beth El Women's League, Phoenix. Or wait for the flyer and mail in your check.

Our membership is up to twenty-seven as of August 18, with the addition of Diane Posniak, Kathleen Kahn, Judith Zola, and Rabbi Stein Kokin. Whether you renew your membership every year, you are returning after an absence, or you are new to Beth El Congregation, we invite you to join the fun and friendship of Sisterhood this year.

May 5783 be a year full of making sweet memories and one that brings peace, good health, harmony and joy to all of us.



Nanci Siegel Manson  
Talmud Torah Director

## Dear Families,

When I think about Rosh Hashanah, our Jewish New Year, a vision of crispy apples, round challahs, and sweet honey come to mind. I become giddy thinking about my childhood memories in Missouri as the cooler weather approached and dressing up in our new high holiday “best.”

I actually didn’t grow up very connected to Judaism, it was something I was attracted to later in life, but Rosh Hashana was a staple in my upbringing. It was always a period of quality, extended family time with more cousins than I can count, yummy food, and the ability to start the new school year with more intention as it felt like two New Years were upon us.

Eventually, I became very connected, that I started to look more into the world of Judaism for myself and was fascinated by the deep meaning packed into the religion I was living all along.

Once my own kids were born and attended Jewish preschools, I was determined to bring that spirit and light into my own home and family, which now includes my toddler-aged grandson.

Many public schools give days off for the high holidays and for those not celebrating. It can become confusing to know how to greet and celebrate this happy and sweet new year. Jewish families may be rusty with traditions and not know the best way to bring the spirit into their homes and children's lives in a fun and exciting manner.

Here are a few of my favorite ways to teach children about Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, no matter your knowledge level.

A great way to get kids involved is to start with food. You might even want to get them in the kitchen with you. This is a great way to engage them in questions and answers. Food is a huge connector to the holidays--to the feels, sounds, tastes, and smells.

Think about putting pictures around your house to inspire kids to ask more questions and want to learn more.

Yom Kippur, being a more solemn holiday, makes it a little more difficult to involve the little ones. I suggest you start with discussing apologizing, the “I’m sorry” concept. Remind them that even as adults, we aren’t perfect and we need to recognize our mistakes and do better next time.

Typically children under the age of 13, pre-B’nai Mitzvah aged, do not fast. For those of us fasting, consider prepping foods for your little ones ahead of time for the day so if you are feeling poorly, you do not have extra work to do. Let your children in on what you are doing by fasting, so they have more understanding and aren’t confused.

In conclusion, involve your children at a young age. Speak to them, engage them, intrigue them. Even if it doesn’t fully connect today, down the road, it will resonate with them more and more.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year.



Roberta Harmon  
USY Advisor

## Shalom!

Welcome back for another amazing school year! Thank you to everyone who came to the USY Back 2 School Swim Party. It was so wonderful to kick off the year with some fun in the sun. We have been hard at work preparing for this upcoming year so we can spend time building our tight-knit community.

I am wishing you all a High Holy Day season and a year ahead filled with family and friends, love, simchas, prosperity, good health, and the things you value the most. I am looking forward to spending time with you during services and events during this meaningful season.

Click to see our exciting upcoming Youth events:  
<https://www.bethelphoenix.com/talmud-torah-youth>

As always, I am happy to help. Feel free to contact me at (480) 390-6775 or [rbharmon@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rbharmon@bethelphoenix.com).





Joanie Charnow  
Preschool Director

## Dear Families,

Summer camp is over and we have started school. Just like most other schools and businesses, I've not only been short on teachers, but also without an office manager for the past 5 months. As the school year approached, I kept enrolling children knowing that soon the right people would come through the door.

I am very proud of our school's method and curriculum. We strive to develop a feeling of self-worth as well as a healthy respect for others in each child. We teach them responsibility and self-discipline through experiencing the value and benefits of daily socialization.

May you all be written and sealed in the book of life.

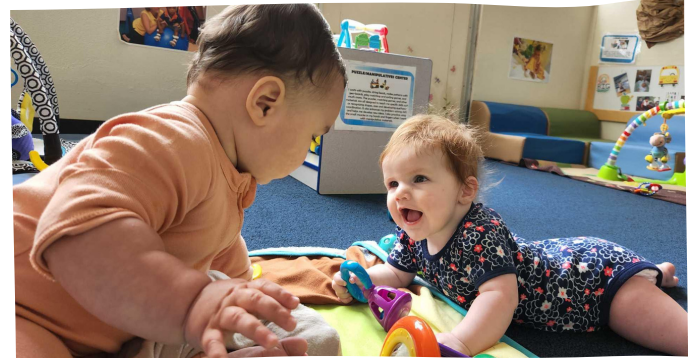


Sure enough, Rachel Lamb answered my ad and was perfect for the Office Manager position. She comes to us after teaching for over 25 years in public and private schools. She is not only organized and amazing in the office but she has a magic touch with all the children and the parents who love her. She has already impacted our classrooms and staff with her upbeat, positive attitude. Soon after Rachel arrived, I hired two new teachers, and have two starting during the second week of school. Our school is now staffed with amazing teachers, and we are able to register more children.

As everyone is getting back to normal, we still have to remember there is a pandemic and we need to be careful and respectful of others. Parents still drop off their children at the door and all teachers, 3, and 4 year-olds are wearing masks. We may not close the classroom if there is an exposure but everyone has to have a negative test to return to school. Our parents appreciate our policies and procedures to guard the health and safety of their precious children. We have a lot of fun, outside activities planned for the school year that parents will be invited to.

The classrooms are large and we have a low student-to-staff ratio which gives us a better opportunity to teach to the students' individual strengths. This is beneficial especially because we are a quality first program participant must execute best practices.

Everyone is getting ready for the High Holidays-- even the babies! We are a Jewish School for all children and the most important thing we teach everyone is how to be a good person, friend, and listener. We also talk about forgiveness. This is a big part of our curriculum during this time. The children enjoy learning and reciting brachot (prayers) in Hebrew at mealtime so that they know it is important to be grateful for our food.





## Mathis Becker

Chairman of Beth El Endowment  
Fund Committee



It's the time of the year when you are about to pay your Beth El dues, satisfy your High Holiday pledge, or wish to make a year-end, tax-deductible donation to Beth El.

Here is a suggestion: If you have an appreciated asset, you can donate this asset through the Beth El Endowment Fund, satisfy your obligation to pay dues, or charitable desires, and get a "step up" basis for your contribution.

What does "step up" basis mean. Let me give you a simple example. If you have an asset for which you paid \$100, and, despite the ups and down of the economy, that asset is now worth \$300 and you sell that asset, you are going to pay taxes on your \$200 gain. But, if you donate that \$300 asset to Beth El, you will get a charitable contribution of \$300. This works especially well with stocks and securities which have an easily ascertainable value at the time of purchase and contribution.

If you wish to do this with stocks or other securities held in a brokerage account, these assets can be easily transferred from your brokerage account to the Beth El Endowment Fund immediately, with no hassle and you will receive confirmation of the transaction.

I am no tax expert. Before you make any decisions, or if you have any questions or concerns, speak to your accountant or financial advisor. Feel free to contact me at (602) 256-7829 for more specific instructions.

One additional suggestion. If you have any desire to make a transfer on your demise or legacy commitment to Beth El, the Beth El Endowment Fund is a perfect receptacle for those funds. They will be used only for the benefit of Beth El, and you can direct how you want the funds to be used, either immediately, or over a period of time.

In making this bequest, you should get the aid and advice of an attorney or financial advisor. Again, please feel free to contact me directly at (602) 256-7829. Thank you very much!

# STAND WITH UKRAINE

## Leslie Cooper

United for Ukraine Committee Chair

A few months ago, we formed a committee to explore sponsoring a Ukrainian family fleeing the carnage of their home country, through a government program called Uniting for Ukraine. Uniting for Ukraine allows Ukrainians to come here if they have a sponsor who helps them resettle. Our committee is looking for volunteers to assist with this project. We are planning to work through the Sponsor Circle program, with the assistance of HIAS.

We are looking for more volunteers to help us with this mitzvah. We need volunteers to help us plan for their housing, education, employment, applications for benefits, mental and physical health, and acculturation to our community. If you are interested, please email Leslie Cooper at [LYymanCooper@gmail.com](mailto:LYymanCooper@gmail.com).

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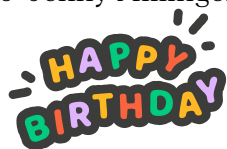
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# Smachot

## Yom Huledet Sameach! September and October Birthdays

Birthday Shabbat | 9/10 & 10/8

September	October
2 Cheryl Littlepage	2 Carrie Melkin
4 Dan Shein	2 Leslie Cooper
4 Susan Harris	6 Marvin Siegel
5 Sid Greenwald	6 Marc Lee
7 Ronald Lowe	7 William Tuttle
7 Renée Cooperman	7 Diane Posniack
8 Mark Jackson	8 Mary Mather
8 Caitlin McCormack	8 Daniel Rosen
9 Sara Zilversmit	9 Melvin Isaac
11 David Beyer	9 Mark Shwer
11 Gregory Harris	9 Marcia Mallin
12 Rona Goldman	12 Barbara Brown
12 Preston Mayon	14 Lawrence Shore
13 Howard Weinstein	14 Daniel Kahn
15 Irwin Battcock	16 David Melkin
16 Gary Phillips	20 David Amster
19 Cheryl Jalowiec	20 Rosalyn Slovin
20 Kenneth Weiss	21 Louis Goldstein
21 Debbi Goldich	21 Andrea Taubman
21 Rhiannon Kramer	21 Thomas Wolff
22 Ellen Serbin	25 Nancy Kravetz
26 Alan Nadel	26 Shelley Frankel
26 Audrey Wolff	26 Lori Lee
27 Nora Elias	27 Geoffrey Gonsher
28 Iris Switzer	28 Barbara Schoenwetter
29 John Mertens	28 Rick Nicholson
29 Nouri Shirakhoon	29 Michael Berman
30 Jenny Millinger	30 Marilyn Rez
	31 Ann Polunsky
	31 Susan Greenwald
	31 Seymour Klein



## Mazal Tov! September and October Anniversaries

Anniversary Shabbat | 9/24 & 10/29

September	
Date	Names
1	Gary & Lisa Serbin
2	Andrew & Leslie Feldman
2	Shlomo & Randee Pri-Tal
3	Gary & Paula Abromovitz
3	Kenneth & Aviv Weiss
4	Bruce & Barbara Holzman
6	Erez & Anna Kessler
13	Zachary Mushkatel & Heather Baker-Mushkatel
30	Henry & Nancy Markiewicz

October	
Date	Names
7	Zachary & Rhiannon Kramer
10	Terry & Rochelle Kelman
10	John & Kim Mertens
11	Steven & Debra Gelbart
16	David & Michelle Rosenbaum
17	David & Cheryl Rosen
17	Jason & Emily Klein
19	Bryan & Leah Hill
24	Edward & Cynthia DuBrow
28	Mark & Debbie Schwartz
29	Howard Weinstein & Susan Katz



Mazel Tov to **Rose Hirsch** on the birth of her new great-grandson, Harold Forrest Runyon on August 20.

Mazel Tov to **Seth & Julia Harris** on their aufruf and wedding!

With great Pride, Joy, and Love **Maddox Hecht**, son of Shad and Renee Hecht will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on September 10, 2022. Maddox is the Grandson of the late Michael Hecht and Eileen Roberts. He is also the Grandson of the late Norman and Hannah Pass. Maddox attends Sierra Verde Elementary -Middle School in Glendale and is in the 8th grade. He enjoys playing many sports that include flag football, soccer, basketball, and baseball as well as video gaming. In addition, Maddox enjoys spending the summers in Iowa and Chicago where his parents grew up. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Maddox will be collecting kosher foods to families who can't afford a Shabbat meal.



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*Rose Hirsch*  
In memory of Boris Duskin  
*Bunny Shuch*  
In memory of Sam Shuch  
*Bunny Shuch*

In honor of new great grandson, Harold Forrest Runyon  
*Rose Hirsch*  
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*William & Marie Wolf*  
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*Renée Cooperman*  
*Marti Nathan*  
*Sandra Robbins*  
In honor of Carolyn Kaplan's birthday  
*Charlotte Adelman*  
In honor of Marti Nathan's birthday  
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In honor of Seth & Julia Harris's Aufruf  
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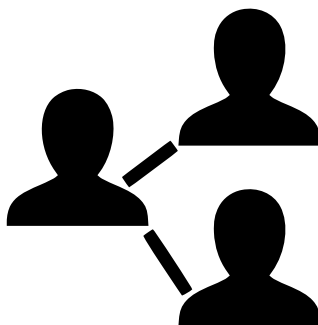
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**Kadima Lunch and Challah Bake (Grades 1–5)**  
**Sunday, September 18 | 12:15 pm**

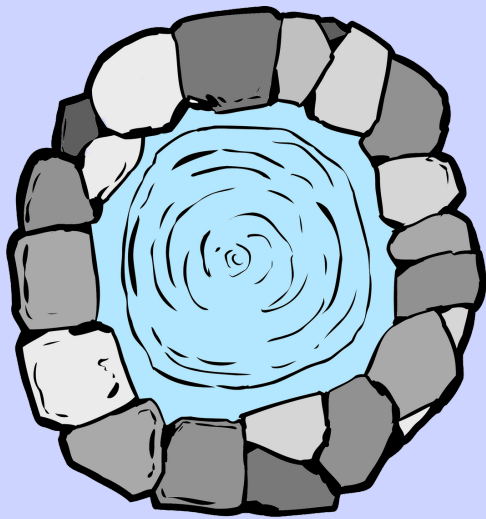
**Community and USY Sukkah Building (6th Grade and Up)**  
**Sunday, October 9 | 8:00 am**

**Kadima Sukkah Decorating (Grades 1–5)**  
**Sunday, October 9 | 10:00 am**

**USY Lounge Night (Grades 6–12)**  
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