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IN FORT BEND COUNTY

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FROM CONGREGATION BETH EL





WELCOME

to another look into our active community

The mission of Congregation Beth El shall be to maintain a place of worship for the Reform Jewish Community, as the Center of Jewish Life in Fort Bend, County. It is to advance Jewish education, promote Jewish Culture and provide facilities for social interaction. We will achieve this by conducting ourselves in accordance with our name "House of GOD."

Congregation Beth El is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Becoming a synagogue member and joining a Jewish community is a deeply personal experience. We warmly welcome those who seek to be part of our congregation, regardless of age, marital status, race, or sexual orientation. We encourage you to meet the many wonderful people who are a part of our *kehillah k'dosha*. We seek to create a close-knit community bonded together by the highest ideals of our faith. Most importantly, Beth El provides a warm and welcoming environment that like family is ready to extend a hand to all who seek to enrich their faith in Judaism, support for the State of Israel, and become engaged in the community.

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WHAT'S BEHIND NETANYAHU'S JUDICIAL OVERHAUL

with Sam Sokol,
Haaretz Reporter

As it turns 75, the Jewish state is wracked with controversy, facing bitter disputes over its future and increasing violence in the West Bank. Since returning to power, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has embarked on a wide-ranging legislative blitz to fundamentally alter Israel's judicial system and religious status quo that has split Israeli society — most recently via the passage of a law constraining the High Court's ability to strike down “unreasonable” government decisions. Join us on Zoom to learn more about the causes of the conflict and the nature of the legislation, which has sparked one of the most significant political controversies since the 2005 Gaza disengagement.

Sam Sokol is a reporter for Haaretz. He was previously a correspondent at the Jerusalem Post and has reported for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Israel Broadcasting Authority, and the Times of Israel. He is the author of "Putin's Hybrid War and the Jews".

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

BBQ

*Dinner @
Spring Creek*

**Tuesday
Aug 15 - 6:30p**

Dinner with Friends and Family. We have the party room reserved. Go through the line, purchase your dinner and sit and schmooze with friends - either new and/or "old." This is a 100% social event .





BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO SHUL

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

FRI
AUG 18
7PM



ALL STUDENTS
& TEACHERS
WILL RECEIVE
A SPECIAL
BACK-TO-
SCHOOL
BLESSING



HAVDALAH ROCKS!

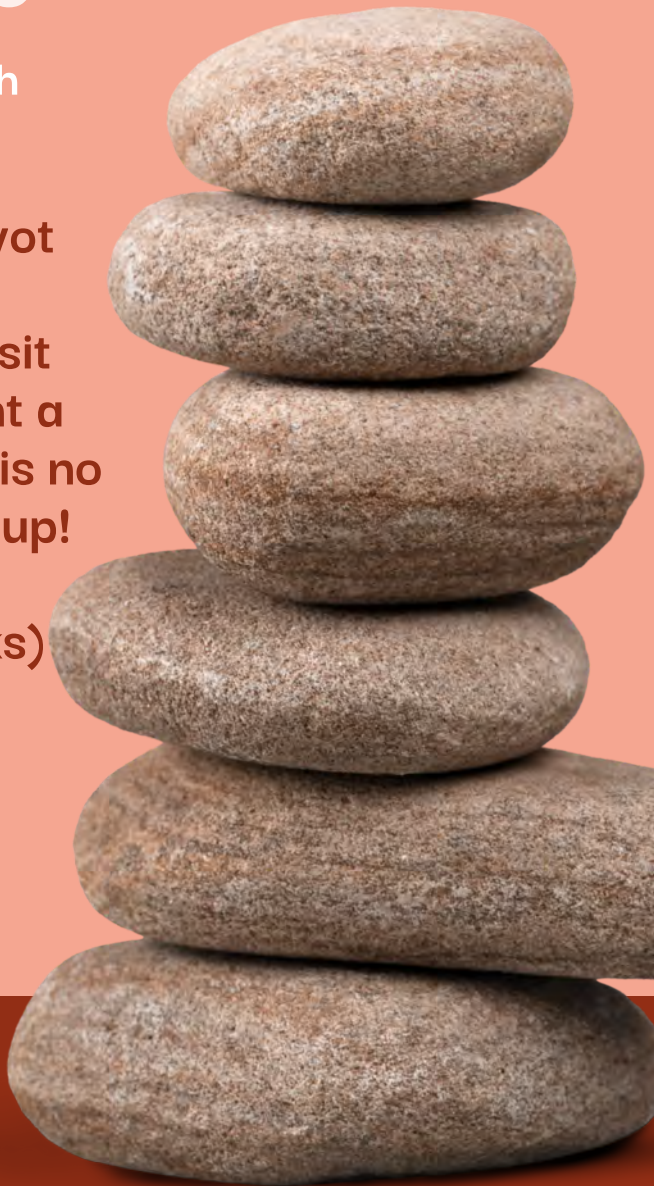
Saturday, August 26

7p Rock Painting; 8p Havdalah

Please join us and prepare for the High Holiday season and Kever Avot service by painting a unique and personalized rock for when you visit your loved ones. You can also paint a rock for any reason, even if there is no cemetery visit in your future, sign up!

Cost: \$18/family (includes 2 rocks)
\$1 each additional rock

Light refreshments will be served.



Register online at
www.betheltx.org/event/havdalah-rocks

CURRENT EVENTS

August 8 and 22

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND SMOOZE AT 12:30
DISCUSSION STARTS AT 1:00
BRING A TOPIC AND JOIN IN.
OPEN TO ALL ADULTS



WE'LL MEET IN THE
LIBRARY AT BETH EL.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

CONTACT ED CARLIN AT EDWRCAR@YAHOO.COM OR (832) 886-4666 OR
BARB ZACK AT BARBARA3132001@YAHOO.COM OR 813-340-8819

R.O.M.E.O.

RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT

A get-together for schmoozing & interfacing
The R.O.M.E.O. group will be meeting for lunch
Friday, August 25 - 12p at
Bagel Express - Missouri City

For more information
Call or text
Steve Raskin
713-822-1883



● Congregation Beth El

Religious School

Registration is OPEN for New & Returning Students

REGISTRATION



Shabbat at Beth El

FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

August 4: Erev Shabbat in-person*

August 11: Erev Shabbat via Zoom

August 18: Erev Shabbat in-person*

August 25: Erev Shabbat via Zoom

**In-person services will not be live-streamed*

Friends and Guests of CBE can request the Zoom link [here](#).

ADULT LEARNING AT BETH EL

ADULT HEBREW READING REFRESHER

Are you looking to brush up on your Hebrew reading before the High Holidays? We have the class for you!

8 Week class, Dates and time TBD depending on registrants.



\$180
CBE Member

\$216
Non-Member

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

When a Jewish person turns 13, they become a b mitzvah--if you didn't have a chance to celebrate when you were 13, how about now?

Everything will be Hebrew and transliteration (but If you'd like to learn to read Hebrew, let me know!)

This class will start after the High Holidays and will be a year long study. Dates and times TBD depending on registrants.



\$540
CBE Member

\$630
Non-Member

SPACE IS LIMITED CLICK [HERE](#)
TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES!



SEEDS OF SERENITY GARDEN CLUB

Are you ready to dig in the dirt, cultivate beautiful plants, and foster a green oasis at the synagogue? Look no further! The Seeds of Serenity Garden Club, led by Angie Perry, is sprouting up, and we want you to be a part of it!

- ✓ *Enjoy the therapeutic benefits of connecting with nature.*
- ✓ *Maintain the Ethan Perry Memorial Butterfly Garden to attract and keep butterflies coming to the garden.*
- ✓ *Enhance the beauty of our campus with blooming flowers and lush greenery.*
- ✓ *Connect with fellow nature enthusiasts and cultivate friendships.*
- ✓ *Participate in exciting workshops, garden tours and plant exchanges.*
- ✓ *Make lasting memories and create a greener future together.*

**CLICK HERE FOR
MORE
INFORMATION**



2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**AUGUST
2023**

**August 3
Karen Moody**

**August 13
Leah Caplan
Yaffa Steubinger**

**August 4
Blair Michener
Adriana Faulkenberg
Seth Steiner**

**August 14
Lee'or Meyerson**

**August 5
Ellen Greenfield
Marilyn Carlin**

**August 18
Larry Linzer**

**August 19
Timothy Hardesty**

**August 6
Sandra Sanders**

**August 20
Douglas Liftman
Lucas Scheiner**

**August 8
Lois Elitzky**

**August 10
Davna Teverovsky
Amitai Neuman**

**August 27
Benjamin Goodman
Rebecca Rosenthal**

**August 11
Jeff Novy**

**August 29
Jack Dushkin**

**August 12
Eliana Church**





Happy Anniversary

AUGUST 2023

August 2

**Michelle & Blair Michener
Richard & Teresa Friedman**

August 4

Russell & Micki Schnitzer

August 7

**Robert & Beverly Lestz
David & Cyndee Satter**

August 10

Marc & Shelley Frank

August 14

Kevin & Jan Lipson

August 16

Deb & Jim Paras

August 19

Barry & Sharon Shapiro

August 22

**Marc & Ellen Ellison
Marvin & Ellen Greenfield**

August 31

Larry and Linda Rushefsky

*'Blessed art thou, O Lord our God,
King of the universe,
who hath created joy & gladness,
bridegroom and bride, mirth and exultation,
pleasure and delight, love and brotherhood,
peace and friendship.'*



AUGUST 2023
Yahrzeits

August 1
Peter Pflanz

August 14
Ann Lestz

August 2
Max Kipp

August 18
Eleanor Lipson

August 3
Lawrence Ray

August 19
Sam Arestie
Selene Gorel
Sarah Zaphrin

August 6
Milton Rushefsky

August 7
Cece Burgower
Glenn Chasin

August 21
Kimberly Janoff
Adele Raskin

August 8
Frances Batagower
Jack Cooper
Max Koushel
George Pincus

August 22
Eugene Ben Saxe

August 9
Earl Caplan
Don Soffar

August 27
Robert Coleman
Martin Frank

August 11
Alexander Soffar

August 29
Rose Lichtenstein

August 13
Jeanette Cohen
Beatrice Ostrowsky
Sol Schnitzer

August 31
Tillie Harmel
Cyril Nathaniel
Ted Sanders
Sharla Wertheimer

*The congregation extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of
Meg Rosenzweig, Selig Eidelberg, and Rabbi Jack Segal.*

May their memories be for a blessing.

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:30p Israel Briefing with Sam Sokol	4 7:00p Erev Shabbat in person	5
6 9:30a CPR class (pre-registration required) 10:00a Private Event	7	8 12:00p Current Events	9	10	11 7:00p Erev Shabbat Via Zoom	12
13 10:00a Private Event	14	15	16	17	18 7:00p Erev Shabbat in person 	19
20 10:00a Private Event	21	22 12:00p Current Events	23	24	25 12:00p ROMEO lunch 7:00p Erev Shabbat Via Zoom	26 7:00p Havdalah Rocks!
27 9:00a Religious School First Class 1:00p Private Event	28	29	30 5:30p Private Event	31		

BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

2023-2024

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JEWISH HOLIDAYS						
SELICHOT - FRI, SEPT 8						
EREV ROSH HASHANAH - FRI, SEPT 15						
ROSH HASHANAH - SAT, SEPT 16						
ROSH HASHANAH II - SUN, SEPT 17						
KOL NIDRE - SUN, SEPT 24						
YOM KIPPUR - MON, SEPT 25						
EREV SUKKOT - FRI, SEPT 29						
EREV SIMCHAT TORAH - FRI, OCT 6						
HANUKKAH BEGINS - THU, DEC 7						
TU B'SHEVAT - THU, JAN 25						
YOM LIMMUD - SUN, FEB 4						
EREV PURIM - SAT, MAR 23						
EREV PASSOVER - WED, APRIL 5						
YOM HASHOAH - SUN, MAY 6						
YOM HAZIKARON - SUN, MAY 12						
YOM HA'ATZMUAT - MON, MAY 13						
EREV SHAVUOT - TUE, JUN 11						

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS						
THESE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE						
SUUKAH DECORATING - SUN, OCT 1						
B'NAI MITZVAH KALLAH - SUN, DEC 3						
FAMILY HANUKKAH - SUN, DEC 10						
TREE PLANTING - SUN, JAN 21						
PURIM CARNIVAL - SUN, MARCH 24						
MATZAH HOUSE MAKING - SUN, APR 21						
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - SUN, MAY 5						

SEECULAR HOLIDAYS						
LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 5						
FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR DAY - SEPTEMBER 29						
THANKSGIVING DAY - NOVEMBER 23						
CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25						
NEW YEAR'S DAY - JANAUARY 1						
VALENTINE'S DAY - FEBRUARY 14						
FBISD/LCISD SPRING BREAK - MARCH 11-15						
GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29						
EASTER - MARCH 31						
MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27						

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
REFER TO
THE CHAI MAGAZINE & BETHELTX.ORG
FOR UP TO THE MINUTE INFORMATION.



CLASS IN SESSION

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BETH EL DONATIONS

JULY
2023

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of my bro, Ralph Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Paras

DARRELL & JOY CARAWAY LANDSCAPE FUND

In memory of Maurice Notowich
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Caraway

DORA & DANIEL SOFFAR OPERATING FUND

In Memory of Selig Eidelberg
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In Memory of Meg Rosenzweig

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Paras
Ms. Carol Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Kessler

STRATEGIC GROWTH FUND

In memory of Ralph Katz
Ms. Carol Katz

In honor of Irene and Marc Helsinger's 50th Anniversary

Ms. Kay Danziger

TORAH FUND

In memory of Max Kipp
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rushefsky

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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Himmelstein - Sustaining Supporters

In memory of Frank Gordon, Uncle of Linda

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rushefsky

THANK
YOU

High Holy Days

2023 - 5784



HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

www.betheltx.org/highholydays

Friday, September 8

7 PM - Shabbat & Selichot

Friday, September 15

7 PM - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 16

Rosh Hashanah

10 AM - Morning Service

Sunday, September 17

Rosh Hashanah II

9 AM - *Kever Avot service at Beth El*
(visit the cemetery on your own)

10 AM - Tashlich & Family Service
with BYO Picnic lunch & Mini Carnival
at Community Park

Friday, September 22

7 PM - Shabbat Shuvah
via Zoom

**All tickets holders (members & guests)
will receive the Zoom link no later than 1pm, Sept 22.*

Sunday, September 24

7 PM - Kol Nidre

Monday, September 25

Yom Kippur

10 AM - Morning Service

12:15 PM - Yizkor

TBA - Study Session

5:30 PM - Ne'ilah

Tailgate Break Fast
immediately following the Final Blast

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

EREV SUKKOT

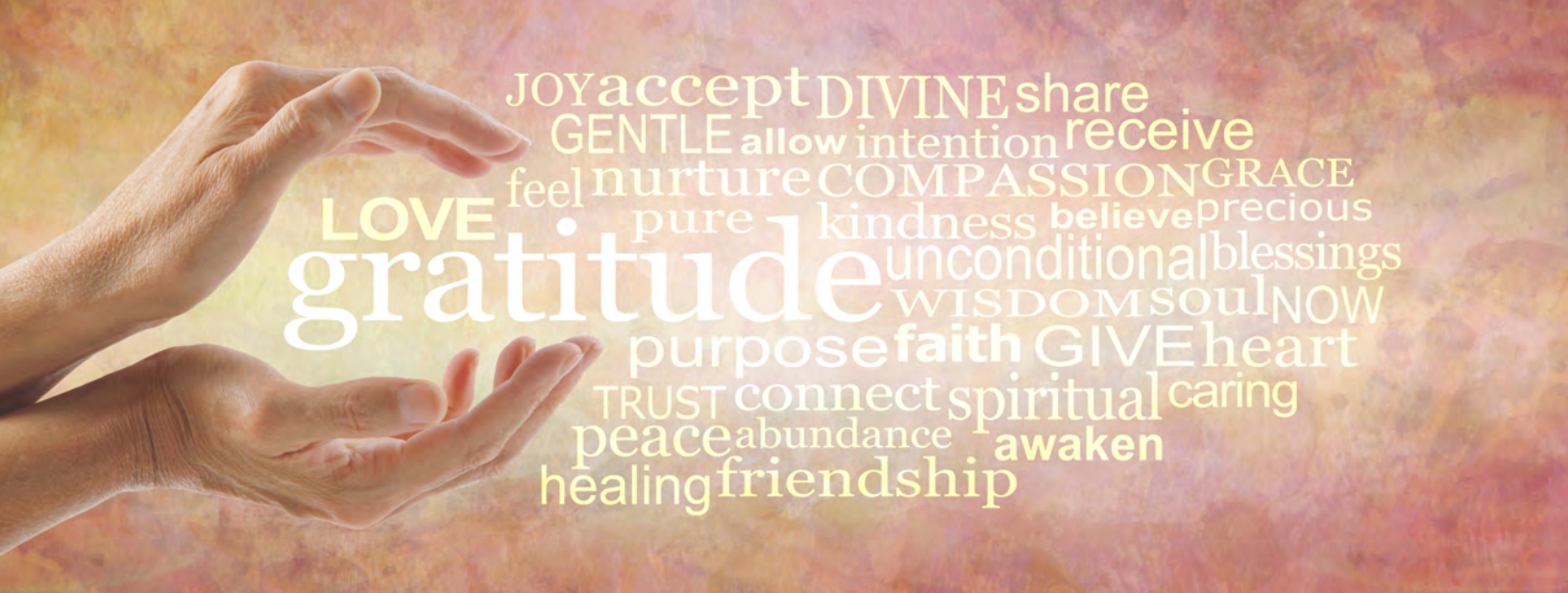
6 PM BYO DAIRY DINNER

7 PM - SHABBAT/SUKKOT SERVICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

SHABBAT & SIMCHAT TORAH

7 PM - SERVICE



ROSH HASHANAH GRATITUDE BOOKLET 5784/2023

A thankful heart and expressing one's gratitude are at the core of our Jewish values. With that in mind, the Ritual Committee encourages you to participate in this year's Beth El Rosh Hashanah Book of Gratitude.

Please take this opportunity to write a special message of thanksgiving or gratitude to your spouse, family, friends, and /or your community. Donations are appreciated. The suggested donation amount is \$36 per message.

Mail this completed form to the synagogue office before September 1, 2023.

[TO COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE CLICK HERE](#)

PLEASE PRINT YOUR MESSAGE ON THE LINES BELOW:

NAME: -----

EMAIL OR PHONE -----

DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED -----

Yizkor

That four-times-a-year service set aside to remember our lost loved ones. That's what "yizkor" means, "remember." Sometimes, people ask, "If both my parents are still living, can I come to Yizkor?" Of course! The custom to leave the room for Yizkor if you have two living parents is just that, a custom. Whatever feels most comfortable to you. You can come to Yizkor to remember anyone you have lost, whether family or friend, or even to support your congregational family as we briefly touch our grief anew.

If you are coming to Yizkor this year, please consider bringing a photograph of a loved one who has passed. We will have a moment to share about each one during the Yizkor service.

Erin Bersin will be creating our traditional tribute video again this year. Please send a photo you would like included along with your loved one's name and relationship to you (if desired). If you submitted something last year, it will be in the tribute video unless you tell us otherwise.

Please send all photos by September 15 to Erin Bersin at ebersin@betheltx.org.

Yizkor will occur on Yom Kippur Day, Monday, September 25, following the conclusion of our morning service.



YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOKLET 5784/2023

We will soon be creating a digital Book of Remembrance for this year's High Holy Days, and we desire to provide a book that is as complete and accurate as possible. The name of each yahrzeit in our membership database will be included. You may add a special remembrance to this year's Book of Remembrance. Donations are appreciated. The suggested donation amount is \$36/page with up to 6 names or \$18 per name.

[TO COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE CLICK HERE](#)

Mail this completed form to the synagogue office before September 1, 2023.

NAME TO BE REMEMBERED _____

RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER _____

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