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FROM
CONGREGATION BETH EL

THE CENTER OF JEWISH LIFE IN FORT BEND COUNTY



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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Simchat Torah Let's Dance oct 6

JOIN US AT 7 PM FOR A JOYFUL SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE, LED BY CANTOR WAGHALTER.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE, PLEASE STAY FOR A FESTIVE ONEG.





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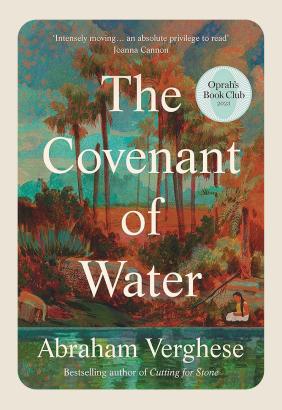
Join us for the Kulanu Kick-off Program.
Kulanu: Synagogues In Action Against Antisemitism,
ADL's Congregational Engagement Program

You'll learn more about the Kulanu schedule, understand the program structure, and preview resources and tools available this upcoming year. In addition to words of welcome from ADL CEO and National Director Jonathan Greenblatt, we'll note important milestones and elevate our collective goals as a cohort.

VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, OCT 16
6:00 PM

REGISTER NOW







TUESDAY | OCTOBER 17 | 7 PM HOSTED BY MARILYN CARLIN

THE COVENANT OF WATER BY ABRAHAM VARGHESE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, EVEN IF YOU HAVE YET TO READ THE BOOK.

EVERYONE BRINGS SOMETHING FOR THE GROUP TO SNACK ON.

DESSERT AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING.

CONTACT MARILYN CARLIN AT MARILYN@KATIEBEAR.NET

Moah's Bark

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 - 7PM

The Torah portion for October 20th is Noah.

Join us for our Noah's Bark service.

Bring your favorite pooch (on a leash) and join us outside for a *Pawfect* way to celebrate the Sabbath.















J.U.L.I.E.T.

Jewish Uber-fun Ladies
Interested in
Eating Together

Our next Juliet lunch will be Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30 am Oliver's Gourmet - 3843 Cartwright

For more information, feel free to call Jan Poscovsly at 281.468.9185 with questions.

RSVP to <u>www.betheltx.org/event/juliet</u> so we can set up appropriately. We are looking forward to schmoozing with everyone.

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, October 27 - 12p at
Location to be Announced

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

Shabbat at Beth El FRIDAYS AT 7 PM

October 6: Simchat Torah/Shabbat in-person*

October 13: Shabbat via Zoom

October 20: Noah Bark Shabbat in person*

October 27: Shabbat via Zoom

*In-person services will not be live-streamed
Friends and Guests of CBE can request the Zoom link here.

CURRENT EVENTS October 11 and 25

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

OCTOBER 2023 October 1 Andrew Gratz

October 3
Lance Gorel

October 7 Alison Gratz

October 9 Danielle Ray

October 10 Mark Shapiro Sybil Leson

October 12 Ellen Asnes Sara Gratz

October 13 Mathew Faulkenberg October 14 Ilene Guinn

October 19 Renee Waghalter Matt Riklin

October 20 Craig Goodman

October 22 Ethan Guinn

October 23 Jory Pacht

October 25 Andrew Caplan Patricia Rose October 26 Ralph Mothner





October 4
Joseph Nickels & Melissa Cohen-Nickels

October 10
Brian & Angela Perry

October 16
Nicholas & Rivka Ettinger

October 24
Douglas & Annette Liftman

October 29
Mark & Missi Shapiro

'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.'



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YAHRZEITS

May their memory be for a blessing.

October 1 Joyce L. Kramer

October 2
Louise Coleman
Yetta Greenfield
Marvin Portman
Lee Rosensweig
Myron Spector

October 3
Frederick Albert
Ben Eisenberg
Michael Goldstein
Charles Marshall
Helen Steubinger

October 5
Victor Leon

October 6
Ruby Neuman

October 8
Roslyn Ellison

October 9 Karl Reiter

October 11 Rosalie Poscovsky Hyman Schiffman

> October 12 Bev Freedman

October 13 Stanley Osher

October 14
Lillian Panansky
Egon Stern
Sue Ann Gordon Topletz
Ruth Dubinoff
Myriam Lacs

October 16
Leo Lefkowits
Dave Novy
Abe Perry

October 17 Mitzi Rosky

October 18 Ceil Staum

October 19 Violet Edgar Tommy McCollum

October 21 Lucie Liebgold

October 22 Marcia Liftman

October 23 Shirley Osher Jack Popal Ethel Stern

October 24 Alan Caplan Mark Fackeldey

October 25 Helen Kipnis

October 26 Roberta Ann Brown Rosen Emma Weiss Marks Zion

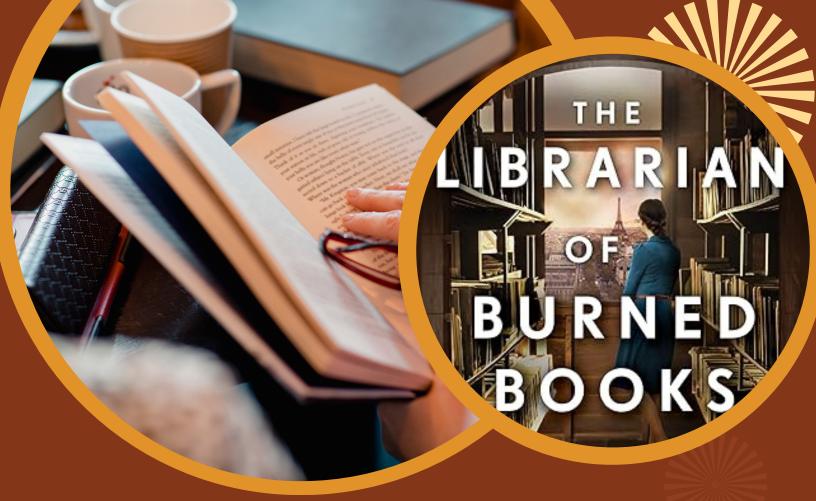
> October 27 Madeline Hyman Linda Mellman Alice Schiffman

> October 28 Larry Freedberg

October 30 Mel Auster Nathanel Devorkin

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a RS 1p Private Event	2	3 BOARD MEETING	4	5	6 7p Shabbat/ Simchat Torah	7 SHMINI ATZERAT
8 SIMCHAT TORAH 9a RS Ip Private Event	9	10	12:30p AOA (library)	12	13 7p Shabbat via Zoom	14 9:30a Playdate
15 9a RS 1p Private Event	16	17 7p CBE Book Club	11:30a JULIET	19	20 7p Shabbat/ Noah's Bark	21
22 9a RS 1p Private Event	23	24	25 12:30p AOA (library) 5:30p Private Event 6p Private Event	26 7p Staff Meeting	27 12p ROMEO 7p Shabbat via Zoom	28
29 9a RS 1p Private Event	30	31				



Ann and Stephen Kaufman Jewish Book & Arts Festival

COMMUNITYRead

Community Read is a book club for the entire community. We invite book clubs and individual readers to unite in a shared literary experience.

November 6th, 2023 6:15 PM Dinner | 7:30 PM Author Event

Enjoy dinner with friends and have a photo opportunity with Brianna Labuskes. Pre-order a boxed dinner from Laykie's Café at the J, or bring your own, and we'll provide the wine! When you reserve your seat in the theatre, you can sign up for a spot at dinner, with options to reserve a boxed dinner and arrange for your group to sit together. Click the link below for more information.

Kristallnacht: Finding Strength and Inspiration through Reflection and Learning

Don't Miss this Exclusive Virtual Event for Members of Congregations Participating in ADL's Kulanu Program

Join Kulanu congregations from across North America for a virtual learning session and text study marking Kristallnacht, featuring Rabbi David Wolpe, ADL's Rabbinic Fellow. This session will reflect on the events of Kristallnacht through the lens of Jewish thought leaders and foundational texts, offering hope in the face of rising antisemitism and hate today.

Kristallnacht, the night of the broken glass, occurred November 9-10, 1938, when mobs took to the streets of Germany and Austria, committing a wave of violent attacks against the Jewish community including the burning of synagogues, Torah scrolls and holy books, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and schools and the murder of almost 100 Jews.

As ADL's Rabbinic Fellow, Rabbi David Wolpe serves as a thought leader within the organization, advising on interfaith and intergroup affairs, and sharing his thoughts and reflections with the community at large. Rabbi Wolpe, who has authored eight books, is the Max Webb Emeritus Rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles and was named the most influential Rabbi in America by Newsweek.



Rabbi David Wolpe

Thursday, November 16, 2023 7 pm ET/4 pm PT

Register here.



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In honor of a beautiful and meaningful High Holiday service Larry and Linda Rushefsky

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