

שבת שלום

Building On Our Legacy

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Parashat Metzora/Shabbat HaGadol

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Shabbat Shalom

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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:30AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
Please speak to Rabbi Paskind at least a week in advance.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Metzora continues the discussion of skin diseases and the purification rituals for a person cured of them. Attention is given also to the appearance and treatment of fungus or mildew in the home and to the ritual impurity resulting from contact with the discharge of sexual organs.

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 4/16 – Hilary Shaefitz

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 4/16 – Bob Neumann and Sharon Rosen

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 4/23 –Stephanie Gordon

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 4/23 – Regina Young

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, April 15, 8:00am Minyan, 6:30pm musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:16pm Candlelighting

Saturday, April 16, Shabbat HaGadol, Elizabeth Richards Bat Mitzvah, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Sunday, April 17, 9:30am Navasky, Kindergarten, Learner's Minyan, Gift Shop
Passover display, 10:00am Judaism & Healing Class, 11:00am Yoga,
Navasky K-2 Seder

Monday, April 18, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, April 19, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class, 4:15pm Navasky

Wednesday April 20, 8:00am Minyan, 11:00am Nitzan Seder, Nitzan 12pm Closing

Thursday, April 21, Nitzan Closed, 8:00am Minyan

Friday, April 22, Erev Pesach, Taanit Bechorot/Fast of the Firstborn, 7:30am
Minyan & Siyyum & Chametz burning, 9:15am Chametz sale forms due,
Office 12pm Closing, Nitzan Closed, 7:16pm Candle lighting, First Seder

Saturday, April 23, 9:30am Shabbat/Yom Tov Service, 10:30am Pesach Youth
Service, 8:27pm Candlelighting, 2nd Seder

SEE PASSOVER TIMES FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR APRIL 21-24

LIFE CYCLE

Mazal Tov to Michael & Rebecca Richards on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Elizabeth, and to grandparents Dr. Stephen & Linda Stein. Thank you to the Richards family for sponsoring the Oneg and Kiddush.

In memory of:

Frances Weinstein, aunt of Caryn Edelman and Naomi Heftler.

Michael Rotem, great-nephew of Helen Wallerstein.

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

April 23 and 30, 10:30am—Passover Youth Services

KABBALAT SHABBAT UPDATE

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is BACK,

Every Friday throughout the summer! Don't miss it!



PASSOVER SERVICE TIMES

Thursday, April 21 - Search for chametz after 8:24pm (get your kit in the office!)

Friday, April 22 - 7:30am minyan (Fast of the Firstborn), including siyyum for firstborns

10:35am Last time to eat chametz

11:44am Last time to own chametz (a fire will be available after the siyyum—around 9:00am)

7:23pm Candlelighting, First Seder

Saturday, April 23 - 9:30am Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

10:30am Pesach Youth Service

8:27pm Candlelighting, Second Seder

Sunday, April 24 - 9:30am Yom Tov Service

PASSOVER INFORMATION

Gift Shop – Stocked and ready for all your Passover needs. Our beautiful wares will be on display in the lobby on 4/17.

JFS Food Collection – Please drop non-perishable food off in the lobby for the JFS Kosher Food Pantry by April 17th.

Nitzan Nursery School's Passover Seder on April 20th at 10:45am. Please feel free to join us! RSVP to Amy at 203.838.6019 or Nitzan@congbethel.org.

Seder Matching –Will you have space at your table for a guest or several? Please let the Office know if you are interested in matching the 1st or 2nd night.

Chametz Search Kits – Available in the Office. Suggested donation is \$1.

Sale of Chametz – Return your form to the Office by April 22 at 9:15am.

Food Cards - Don't forget to buy your Food Cards from Harry for Passover shopping! Please call him at the synagogue, 203.838.2710 or 203.846.2646.

NITZAN

April 18, 10:00am – Visiting Author, Jill Dunn will read her book, *I want to go green but what does that mean?* Signed books available for purchase. Please RSVP to Amy at 203.838.6019 or Nitzan@congbethel.org.

May 6 – St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon - More details to come!

May 11, 9:30am – Yom Ha'atzmaut - Nitzan goes to Israel. Details to come!

May 19, 6:00pm – Mr. Frosty's Ice Cream Shop Fundraiser -- Details to come!

Keep those BOXTOPS coming! Drop them off to the Office or Morah Amy.

SCHOOL BREAKS AND OFFICE CLOSINGS

Navasky Spring Break – April 24th, 26th

Office – 12pm closing on April 22, closed on April 29

Nitzan Spring Break – 12pm closing on April 21, closed April 22 through May 1

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 17 - Shabbat Under The Stars – Details to come!

Please RSVP to the Office for the Adult Education classes

See Bulletin Board for Details of all our Adult Education classes

CONTINUING CLASSES

Learners' Minyan

Next Meeting: 4/17

Bowspring Yoga

Next Meeting: 4/17

Judaism and Healing

FIRST Meeting: 4/17

Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 5/9

Rosh Chodesh Book Club

Next Meeting: 5/19

COMMUNITY

See Bulletin Board for Details

4/18, 7:30pm "Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence", a community lecture by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks at the Quick Center for the Arts, Kelley Theater at Fairfield University.

5/4, 7:00pm Yom Ha'Shoah Community Commemoration

Join us as we host a commemorative service and discussion in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.



5/15, 1:00pm Hanefesh USY All-Year Reunion! Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford. \$18, under 12 free.

5/20-22, Camp Ramah Family Camp Weekend

Register now, for this family weekend of activities, engaging texts and educational programs!

Email: davido@camprahamne.org.



PUBLICIZE YOUR UPCOMING BETH EL EVENT

We want to publish your upcoming Beth El events. Please share the event details with the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH OR ONEG

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of a regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community! To sponsor the Friday night Oneg, \$36 covers everything.

Yahrzeit Plaques

You can permanently memorialize your loved ones or purchase "Reserved" plaques for you and/or your family. For info and pricing please contact the office or Ellen Gordon, Chairperson Yahrzeit Plaques, 203-246-4424.