

שבת שלום

Building On Our Legacy

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Parashat Yitro

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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.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Yitro continues the journey of the Israelites across the Sinai desert. Before returning to Egypt, Moses had left his wife, Zipporah, and his two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, with his father-in-law, Jethro. Hearing that Moses has freed the Israelites from Egypt, Jethro brings Zipporah and her children to the Israelite camp. Moses tells his father-in-law about the Israelite liberation and they offer sacrifices of thanksgiving to the God. The next day Jethro observes that they people are bringing all their problems to Moses. He suggests that the burden is too great for one person to bear and advises Moses to choose trustworthy people to share leadership with him. Moses takes his advice. Three months after entering the Sinai desert, Moses and the Israelites camp at Mount Sinai. Moses goes up to the top of the mountain, and God speaks to him, giving him the Ten Commandments. Below, the people hear thunder and see lightning. They remain at a distance while Moses communes with God.

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

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 1/30 – Stephanie Gordon

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 1/30 - Albert Eskenazi

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/6 – TBD

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/6 – Jessica Rutherford

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, January 29, 8:00am Minyan, 4:49pm Candle Lighting, 8:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 30, New Member Shabbat, 9:30am Shabbat Service followed by special Tu Bishvat dessert, 10:30am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, January 31, 9:30am Navasky, Learner's Minyan, Gift Shop, 10:30am Knit n' Nosh, 4:00pm Taste of Torah @ Temple Israel of Westport

Monday, February 1, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, February 2, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class, 4:15pm Navasky, 7:30pm Livestream of JTS Lecture on Syrian Refugees

Wednesday, February 3, 8:00am Minyan

Thursday, February 4, 8:00am Minyan

Friday, February 5, 8:00am Minyan, 4:57pm Candle Lighting, 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 6, 9:30am Shabbat Service, Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 10:30am Tot Shabbat

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS: REALITIES AND RESPONSES

JTS PUBLIC LECTURE LIVESTREAM @ BETH EL

Tuesday, 2/2, 7:30pm. Join us at Beth El as we livestream the JTS Rapaport lecture on the Syrian refugee crisis.

LIFE CYCLE

The Memorial Service for Gertrude Sirkin will take place Sunday, January 31 at 1:15pm at Beth El.

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: 1/31

Bowspring Yoga

Next Meeting: 2/7

Adult Torah Trope

Next Meeting: 2/21

Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 3/14

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATE

February 6, 10:30am

ROSH CHODESH

3/10, 7:30pm Book Club, "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman.

SUPER BOWL POOL

The Annual Super Bowl Pool is back, \$20/box. Stop by the Office, call Josh Lander, 203-984-8639 or email him, onesourceclic@yahoo.com. 2/5 deadline.

SAVE THE DATE

Watch your email for details about these exciting events!

Shabbat Across America Shabbat Dinner, March 4

Comedy Night 3, March 12, 7:30pm

Purim Carnival, March 20, 11:00am

Purim Megillah Reading, March 23, 6:45pm

Shabbaton with IDF Soldiers, March 25-26

Silent Auction, April 3, 5:00pm

VOLUNTEER

Soup Kitchen, Thursday, 2/11, 10:30am-12:00pm to set up and/or 12:15pm-2:00pm to serve. For more info, contact Stephanie Gordon.

COMMUNITY

Please see Bulletin Board for Details

Camp Ramah Virtual Parlor Meeting, Wednesday 2/3, 7:00pm. Learn about Camp Ramah from home! RSVP to Josh Edelglass, joshe@camprahamne.org.

Klezmer, Sunday 2/7, 2:00pm. Jewish music and dancing for all ages! JCC of Greater New Haven in Woodbridge, CT.

AIPAC Community Lecture: The Main Behind the Iron Dome, Thursday 2/25, 7:00pm, Temple Sholom in Greenwich

REMINDER

The Gift Shop is open and Knit n' Nosh meets every Sunday as Navasky.

PUBLICIZE YOUR UPCOMING BETH EL EVENT

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

GO PAPERLESS!

Congregation Beth El now offers a paperless option. Call the Office or email paperless@congbethel.org and you will no longer receive paper notifications.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of our regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community!

Yahrzeit Letters

Yahrzeit Letters will now be emailed instead of mailed. Anyone who does not use email will still receive paper notices. Please check your Inbox or Junk/Spam Folder if you have an upcoming Yahrzeit.

Yahrzeit Plaques

We are now taking orders for new 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.



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Call Harry to arrange pick-up or delivery, and to see our list of available stores.

Synagogue: 203.838.2710
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BOXTOPS!

Drop your **BOXTOPS** off in the Office or to Morah Amy.

So far Nitzan has earned \$42!

Thank you for your support!