



Interfaith Thanksgiving

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm
Christ Episcopal Church, 2 Emerson Street (Norwalk)



Bring
Your Own
Menorah!*

Friday, December 19th

4:09pm

Candle Lighting

4:15 – 5:45pm

Latkes, noshing and dreidel
competition with Al Treidel

6:00pm

Service

7:00pm

Dinner

*As long as you can leave it here for Shabbat!

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November – December Service Schedule

NOVEMBER

Nov 1

9:15 am Shabbat Service
6:32 pm Havdalah

Nov 7

4:25 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Nov 8

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:24 pm Havdalah

Nov 14

4:18 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Nov 15

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:17 pm Havdalah

Nov 21

4:13 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Nov 22

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:12 pm Havdalah

Nov 28

4:09 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Nov 29

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:09 pm Havdalah

DECEMBER

Dec 5

4:07 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Dec 6

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:07 pm Havdalah

Dec 12

4:07 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Dec 13

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:07 pm Havdalah

Dec 19

4:09 pm Candle Lighting
6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Dec 20

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:09 pm Havdalah

Dec 26

4:13 pm Candle Lighting
6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Dec 27

9:15 am Shabbat Service
5:13 pm Havdalah

THE BETH EL BULLETIN

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OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on the following days:

November 27 (Thanksgiving)

November 28

December 25 (Christmas)

December 26

January 1 (New Year's Day)

Rabbi's Table

by Rabbi Joseph Ron Fish

In Parashat Lech Lecha we learn that Avram and Sarai, later to be named Avraham and Sarah, are called to begin a journey to a new destination. They are told to leave what they have known, the place they have grown up and established themselves, in order to continue doing God's bidding. It must have been enormously difficult for the couple to uproot themselves, with all of their natural concerns for their future. They must also have been filled with dreams of the next stage on their life's journey together.

Throughout our lives, many of us can identify with the balance of hope and sadness of our ancestors in the Torah. Leah and I have been weighing what our next step in our lives will be. With my contract ending in the summer of 2015, and with some appealing new opportunities on the horizon, we have had hearts filled with sorrow as well as excitement. And so, it is with all of these feelings together, we have decided to begin exploring my next professional challenge.

We are filled not only with a sense of loss and expectation, we are also brimming with gratitude for these nearly 14 years of extraordinary partnership. The Beth El we came to was in need of healing and a new start. In these years we have seen membership initially surge, with community outreach and programming of all kinds making our shul a magnet for the entire area. In recent years our demographic challenges have mounted, but we continue to be a place filled with unique vitality, lay engagement and meaningful learning. These accomplishments have been shared successes. All this while our family's regular growth and maturation have been shared joys as well. From dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah with Joe Schacter and baby Ethan Rossen, to escorting our community's children into adulthood; from grieving with you at shiva houses to drinking a l'chayim with you at a bris; from cradle to grave, from our backyard basketball hoop to planting trees together in Israel; from Leah's Hineni to our kids' Ein Keloheinu — we have woven together a whole fabric of Jewish life; together.

The coming months will be a time of uncertainty for my family, and for Beth El. We will both begin searches, and hopefully we will both have new beginnings filled with new possibilities. In the meantime, I will continue to be your rabbi — one of the truly great privileges of my life. Whatever lies ahead, I know that we will be united in our dreams for one another. And Leah, Hani, Dore, Nili, Lavi and I will always count you as our friends.

May our journeys bring us to new lands of promise.

With thanks and love,
(Rabbi) Ron Fish

הרב יוסף מאיר פיש

President's Greeting

by Keith Satter

During the High Holidays this year, we introduced our year-long theme, "Hineni", meaning here I am. This translates into being present in every sense of the word. Rabbi spoke about the spiritual implications and, during my address on Kol Nidre, I spoke about how important it was that we translated that "presence" here at Beth El into both the financial and physical components.

Steve Stein did an amazing job of translating the financial portion of "Hineni" during his High Holiday Appeal. People have answered with contributions so necessary to continue running the programs we look for at Beth El. We still have a ways to go to make our fundraising goals, but we have a good start.

In this message I want to stress the physical part. Our volunteers are the backbone of our synagogue. They form the core community that newcomers see and love. So in the spirit of Hineni, let me suggest some ways you can be present in the coming months. You can join us for a service, be it weekday, holiday or Shabbat. Mitzvah Day is November 16th. There is a blood drive and adult volunteers are needed. We have a number of dinners coming up and need help cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up. You can also bring your family and enjoy the great food. You can attend one of our adult education programs. Day School families can join us for a myriad of activities that our new Education Director, Al Treidel, has planned. You can volunteer in the office or help sell our gift cards. The list is endless.

So as we start the new year, be a presence at Beth El. Contact the office and they will help you make the connection.

Keith



Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30pm
Sunday, November 23rd at 1:30pm

Join us for a congregational meeting
to discuss what will be happening
going forward with the synagogue and the
search for Rabbi Fish's replacement

Chai Society

Despite the pouring rain, 20 or so members of the Beth El Chai Society from Westport, Weston, Wilton, Norwalk, Fairfield and Stamford thoroughly enjoyed the Opening Event at Dina Fleischmann's home. Our chef and instructor for the evening, Cecily Gans shared tips, recipes and delicious food. Check out the pictures on Facebook!

To join the growing number of Chai Society members, just send \$18 to the Beth El office with Chai Society in the memo line.

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Our next event is:

Painting with a Twist November 13th, 7pm – 9pm

Join your Beth El friends for a fun night out at Painting with a Twist in Westport. We will be painting Klimt's masterpiece, "Tree of Life". This is not a fundraiser, it's just a social night out to relax and paint together.

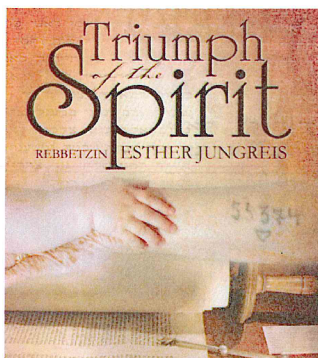
To register, go to www.paintingwithatwist.com. Make sure to note you are with Beth El.

UJA/Federation WWCN and Eastern Fairfield County
and the Synagogue Council invite you to our community-wide

Kristallnacht Service and Observance

Featuring

Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis



Sunday, November 9th, at 4 pm

The Conservative Synagogue
30 Hillspoint Road, Westport

Rebbetzin Jungreis will share her epic story of faith during Kristallnacht and the Holocaust, as she recounts the story of her childhood when she and her family were taken from their home in Hungary and deported to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. Throughout their internment, her mother and father never wavered from their faith. This devotion resonated with their young daughter as she survived and built a new life of hope. Esther Jungreis, founder and president Hineni, is an internationally acclaimed speaker and best-selling author.



Congregation Beth El's

Gift & Simcha Shop

Is always ready and waiting for you!!!!

We've stocked our shelves to be "The Place" for all your Judaic needs! Hanukkah is sooner than you think! The first candle is December 16!!

Our **Hanukkah Boutique** will be open in the lobby for 3 Sundays: November 23rd; December 7th & 14th from 9:30 AM – Noon!! Stop by and shop 'n nosh

We have:

- ☆ A Beautiful Selection of Menorahs, Candles and Dreidels
- ☆ Mezzuzot
- ☆ Tallitot and Kippot
- ☆ Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks, Challah Boards, Knives and Covers
- ☆ House Gifts, Toys and so much more!!!

Our **Hanukkah Boutique** is proud to present local vendors to showcase their wares!

Studio Jere's Kippot and Jewelry presented by Jere Moskovitz – November 23rd

dbead Designs Jewelry presented by Diane Felber – December 14th

A portion of the proceeds from the sales will be contributed to Congregation Beth El

Always remember...need an appointment to shop at the gift shop? Contact Nancy Oberst or Hilary Shaefitz at giftshop@congbethel.org and we will be glad to meet with you!!

Congregation Beth El

Mitzvah Day

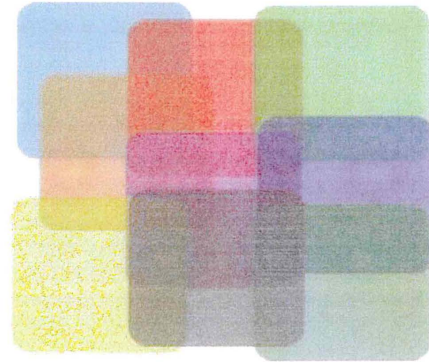
Sunday, November 16th from 9:30am – noon

A wonderful opportunity for children and adults to help others while having fun!

- Cook a meal for the Norwalk Emergency Shelter
- Make Chanukah decorations for The Jewish Home
- Assemble Jars of Joy for Family & Children's Agency
- Create baby blankets for Norwalk Hospital
- Send candy to U.S. Troops overseas
- Give blood to the American Red Cross
- Raise money for Move for Meals
- Donate, donate, donate!!!
 - › Food and toiletries for Jewish Family Services
 - › Diapers and wipes for Mercy Learning Center
 - › Gently used clothing, books & DVDs for Person-to-Person

TAPESTRY

Saturday, November 22 | 6:30 pm | JCC



t a p e s t r y

a community celebration
of Adult Jewish Learning

celebrating our 11th year

United Jewish Federation
of Greater Stamford,
New Canaan and Darien
and the Jewish Community Center
invite you to learn, grow and socialize together.

Saturday Evening

November 22, 2014

**Doors open at 6:30 pm • Havdalah at 7:00 pm
at the Jewish Community Center**

Pre-registration: \$18



Thanks
for Giving!

When you give blood, you are giving patients and their families
the opportunity to share future holidays together.

Please give blood in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Blood Drive

Congregation Beth El

109 East Avenue, Norwalk

~ Held in the Temple Hall ~

Sunday, November 16th
10:00 am – 2:45 pm

To schedule an appointment please call

1-800-RED CROSS ~ 1-800-733-2767

Or visit us online at

redcrossblood.org

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Remembering those in need this Thanksgiving...

Please donate non-perishable
Thanksgiving food items

(Place items in basket in the lobby by
November 16th)

- Cranberry sauce
- Sweet potatoes - canned
- Pumpkin - canned
- Mashed potatoes – boxed
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- String beans – canned



Items will be donated to Jewish Family Services

**Also collecting leftover candy, toiletries, diapers and wipes, gently used clothing, books and DVDs*

B'nai Mitzvah



Alexander (Xander) Hayden Nelson Forsyth will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Xander is the son of Julie and Matthew Forsyth, grandson of Merle and Leonard Nelson of Portland, Maine and brother of Arija Forsyth.

Xander is a seventh-grader at The Montessori Middle School in Norwalk. He is an active Boy Scout, holding 2nd Class rank and serving as Den Chief for a Darien Cub Scout Pack. He loves canoeing, camping, snowboarding and hiking, most recently completing a fifty-mile hike on the Vermont Long Trail this summer. Xander also rows crew with Norwalk River Rowing Association, enjoys listening to music and playing his alto saxophone. His favorite school subjects are science, United States history and fitness.

Xander's Mitzvah Project is raising funds for Bryant Pond 4-H Camp in Maine, where both he and his sister have been campers. Since 1956, Bryant Pond (part of the University of Maine Extension School) has provided conservation education programs to youth and adults from across New England and beyond. The funds he raises will be dedicated to providing scholarships for children in need, enabling them to have a camp experience their families could not otherwise afford. More information is available on their website at www.umaine.edu/bryantpond.

In addition to asking for financial support, Xander is also collecting new and gently-used daypacks, backpacks, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and hiking boots: essential items for camp which are beyond the reach of many struggling families. Donated items will be distributed by Bryant Pond to campers in need. Please leave your donations in the bin in the lobby of the synagogue.

For Xander, becoming a Bar Mitzvah means taking on the responsibilities and joys of Jewish tradition, and becoming equipped to make responsible judgments and choices about Judaism and life generally.

Xander would like to thank his family for their love and patience, and Rabbi Fish and the Beth El community in general for their support. He would like to provide a special thank you to his tutor, Leah Fish Bieler, for her time and kindness and the confidence she has engendered in him.

The Forsyth family happily invites all members of the congregation to join us for the Bar Mitzvah and for Kiddush following the service.



On November 22, 2014, **Julia DeCrette Sexton** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Julia is the daughter of Danielle DeCrette and Jed Sexton and older sister to Ava and Natalie Sexton.

Julia is a seventh-grade student at the Middlebrook school in Wilton, CT. She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting and has performed in various theatrical productions in Wilton with the Wiremill Academy. Julia studies piano and viola and she also enjoys playing lacrosse and basketball.

Julia has enjoyed visiting many of our national parks and she developed the idea for her Mitzvah project from her love of the great outdoors and animal life. She held several bake sales to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund to help save endangered species. Julia has used the funds to adopt fourteen endangered animals. Each symbolic adoption includes a small plush replica of the endangered animal and Julia will donate those replicas to the Norwalk and Wilton Fire Departments to help young children involved in an emergency. If you would like to donate a new or lightly-loved stuffed animal, you can place it in the marked bin in the lobby during the month of November.

For Julia, becoming a Bat Mitzvah means being able to participate in synagogue more fully. It also means taking the responsibility of the Jewish traditions and helping to teach them to others, especially her sisters.

Julia would like to thank her family for all the support along the way. She would like to thank her tutor, Leah Fish Bieler, for helping her with the Hebrew portions she will read at her Bat Mitzvah and Rabbi Fish who has supported Julia through the process.

The Sexton family would like to invite all congregants of Beth El to join us for Julia's Bat Mitzvah and the kiddish following the ceremony.

B'nai Mitzvah continued on the next page

Become a Hebrew Reading Mentor!

Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a Jewish child? Volunteer as a Hebrew Reading Mentor 1 or 2 hours a week! Contact Al Treidel at treidad@aol.com or call 203-838-2710.

B'nai Mitzvah (cont.)



My name is **Sarah Haley Bernstein**. I live with my mom, Deborah Gordon, and I am the granddaughter of Ellen and Robert Gordon. I am proud to be a third generation congregant at Beth El.

I am an eighth grader at Carmel Academy and I enjoy dancing, basketball, modeling, technology and student government.

It is very exciting to become a Bat Mitzvah because I will now be counted as part of a minyan, be able to have aliyot, and be considered an adult of the Jewish Community.

Please join our family as we celebrate on December 6th.

Calling all families with at least one child
in 2nd grade or younger...

PJ Library Pajama Havdalah Party
with Rabbi Fish and Morah Beverly

November 8, 2014
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for the adults
Children's program with Morah Beverly
and Stacy, PJ Library Director,
including stories, music and crafts.

BETH EL'S YOUTH SAYS TODAH RABAH!!!!!!

Great thanks to the Chai Society and L' Chaim Society for sponsoring the new Hanukkah Bash t-shirts for every Beth El child in attendance at our December 21 Hanukkah Bash. Please support the organization that supports your child(ren). If you are not already a member of these two Beth El organizations, then please get involved!

For membership information contact:

Chai Society – Nancy Oberst & Hilary Shafitz

L'Chaim Society – Andrew Moss & Noah Goldman

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

We are thrilled to have you and your children join us for Shabbat morning services. As our youth programs get under way there will be times when being in shul might feel to your child a lot like being at a party, or a friend's house. As wonderful as this is, we still need to maintain proper decorum, because it is still, and primarily, a house of worship.

Below is a quick review of generally appropriate dress for kids attending Shabbat (and holiday) services:

In general: no t-shirts, sweatpants, shorts, flip flops, tank tops, or clothing with slogans.

Because we are an egalitarian shul, we strive to have equal expectations of all our children, including how they are dressed. All should be dressed modestly and appropriately, and all are expected to have their heads covered when they lead the service. We also encourage everyone to have their heads covered during the service, but as of now that requirement falls only on boys. However, all our post B'nai Mitzvah kids should wear kippah and tallit, as they did at their simcha.

To the extent possible, boys should wear collared shirts and girls should wear dress clothes.

No hems shorter than finger tip length.

Nothing ripped or torn.

All shoulders should be covered.

Nothing excessively form-fitting, low cut, or revealing.

We invite our children onto the bima as part of helping them learn to participate in services. Children who are not appropriately dressed might be excluded from participating.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rabbi Fish, Al Treidel, or our ritual committee: Marvin Rosenbaum, Jim Sugarman and Riva Silverman.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED – Nov 13

Please contact **Stephanie Gordon** at ng3364@aol.com if you are interested in the Soup Kitchen and I will add you to my email list. It is the **2nd Thursday of each month from 10-2**. If you have any interest at all, get on the list and I will send out one message each month asking who can make it. Join the list even if you think you can volunteer only once this year for a 2 hour shift. We would love to have you!



Donations

Thank you to the following congregants whose generosity helps to maintain our Congregation.

Building Fund

Lusia Gertelman in memory of David Gertelman
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Lucille Clancey
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Lee Starr
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Laurence Lesser and Hy Hodish
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Hy Hodish
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of their cousin, Hy Hodish
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Richard & Karen Schwam in memory of
Herbert Etkind, Karen's Father
Simon & Ilene Sumberg

Soup Kitchen Fund

Syma Gruss in honor of Dr. Charles Stabinsky's
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Raquel Stabinski-Leib

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Laurence Lesser
Lee Starr
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Morris Tarshis
Helen Wallerstein in memory of Jules Wallerstein
and Alexander Schoenberger
Jane Wattenberg in memory of Abraham Wattenberg
Alvin & Susan Epstein in memory of Elliot Rothpearl
Joanne Kozak in memory of Felix Kozak
Robert & Phyllis Gitlin in memory of Sadie Gitlin
and Seymour Spinowitz
Douglas & Dr. Sharon Karp in memory of David Karp
Betty Herman in memory of Dr. Eugene Herman

Paul Singer Memorial

David & Esther Lester

New News on Gift Cards

Good things are happening with our program and we will have a larger selection of gift cards for the holidays and other occasions this year. Our supplier has added new retailers – A.C. Moore and Fuddruckers – with \$25 cards on each, and has added a \$25 Dunkin Donuts card and a \$50 Outback Steakhouse card to their selection. In addition, they will be having special denominations on money cards for a limited time starting November 1st (\$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 CVS for example). I will have an updated list available by the 1st week of November, so call the synagogue at 203.838.2710 or me at 203.846.2646 for current information.

Food Certificate Update

Now is the time to think about your grocery needs for the upcoming holidays. I want to make sure that sufficient quantities of food certificates are available for each store that we handle. Some of them, particularly Stop 'n Shop, require an extra amount of time for our ordering because of the holidays. Please call the synagogue at 203.838.2710 or me at 203.846.2646 with your needs as soon as possible so that we can have them. Also, don't forget we handle Bev Max for your wine and liquor orders. Let's make this time of the year a record-breaking one for us; we have been slowly recovering from a decline in sales but with a little help from each of you I think we can actually BEAT last year.

Thanks for all your help!
Harry 203.846.2646

The deadline for the January/February issue is **December 12**. Please submit articles on disk or via email to bulletin@congbethel.org. All charitable contributions must be submitted to the office by the last day of the month (**November 30**) to be included. Charitable contributions to all funds received after the deadline will be included in the following issue's Bulletin Funds listing.



Congregation Beth El Italian Shabbat

Friday, November 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by Dinner

Enjoy Hearing Your Children Daven with Rabbi Fish and Al Treidel

Menu: Challah, Minestrone Soup (Vegetarian), Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Meatballs and Spaghetti, Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian), Broccoli, Dessert and Fruit By Simcha Caterers

As we eat our Italian Meal we will learn about the Jewish Life in Italy from Al Treidel. We will learn and then play Trivial Pursuit. There will be activities for children.

Adult Names: _____

Childrens Names and ages: _____

Seating requests (if able): _____

Email address: _____

I would like my children to sit at the children's tables: Yes No

Early Bird (EB) prices are for Reservations by November 14, 2014

EB Member Adults: No. _____ @ \$23 After 11/14 Members: No. _____ @ \$27

EB Non-Member Adult: No. _____ @ \$27 After 11/14 Non-Members: No. _____ @ \$31

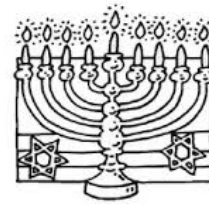
EB Member Child (2-10): No. _____ @ \$15 After 11/14 Member Child No. _____ @ \$18

EB Non-Member Child (2-10): No. _____ @ \$18 After 11/14 Non-Member Child: No. _____ @ \$21

Early Member Family Max: No. _____ @ \$72 RSVP by 11/14 2014

Meal includes one glass of wine, additional Wine is \$18 per bottle _____ Red _____ White

Total Attendees: _____ Adults _____ Children Payment: \$ _____



Congregation Beth El Shabbat Chanukah

Friday, December 19, 2014 at 4:00 PM

Menorah Lighting Followed By Latkes and...

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Festive Dinner

Enjoy Hearing Your Children Daven and Sing Chanukah Songs with Rabbi Fish

Dinner Menu: Challah, Salad, Brisket, Vegetarian Option, Mashed Potatoes with Caramelized Onions, Glazed Carrots, Sofganiot and Fruit Catered by Joy of Food

As we enjoy our Chanukah Dinner we will learn about Celebrating Chanukah in other countries. There will be dreidel spinning contests for children.

Adult Names: _____

Childrens Names and ages: _____

Seating requests (if able): _____

Email address: _____

I would like my children to sit at the children's tables: Yes No

Early Bird (EB) prices are for Reservations by December 12, 2014

EB Member Adults: No. _____ @ \$23 After 12/12 Members: No. _____ @ \$27

EB Non-Member Adult: No. _____ @ \$27 After 12/12 Non-Members: No. _____ @ \$31

EB Member Child (2-10): No. _____ @ \$15 After 12/12 Member Child: No. _____ @ \$18

EB Non-Member Child (2-10): No. _____ @ \$18 After 12/12 Non-Member Child: No. _____ @ \$21

Early Member Family Max: No. _____ @ \$72 RSVP by 12/12 2014

Meal includes one glass of wine, additional Wine is \$18 per bottle _____ Red _____ White

Total Attendees: _____ Adults _____ Children Payment: \$ _____



Beth El Food Certificate Program

Please consider joining the growing number of congregants participating in the Food Certificate program of the Synagogue. We earn a profit of 5-10% on your purchase of **A&P, Bev Max, Caraluzzi, Fairway, ShopRite, Stew Leonard's, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods** and **Mrs. Green's** certificates. It doesn't cost you a penny, because the profit comes to us directly from the stores when we purchase the certificates. Please fill out the form below and we will enroll you in the program. You may pick up the certificates at the Synagogue or from one of our volunteer sellers, or we will be happy to DELIVER them to you on a regular basis. Remember, it doesn't cost you anything; you buy the certificates at face value from the Synagogue. Use them as cash at the participating stores and the Synagogue earns money! This all goes to help support our various programs. Call Harry Morgenthaler at 846-2646 with any questions. Thank you!

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

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NOVEMBER 2014

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 8th of Cheshvan, 5775 Jewish Art & Film Festival 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 09:30am Grade 6 Family Shabbat 10:30am Tot Shabbat 06:32pm Havdalah (42 min)
45	2 12:00am 9th of Cheshvan, 5775 Jewish Art & Film Festival 09:30am Navasky School 09:45am Grade 5 Cemetery Visit 10:00am Carmel Academy Open House 12:00pm Kadima Organizational Meeting 01:30pm College Interviewing Techniques	3 10th of Cheshvan, 5775 Jewish Art & Film Festival 07:30pm Hebrew Conversation Group 07:30pm I thought I knew the Bible, but.... Who knew?!	4 11th of Cheshvan, 5775 Election Day No Navasky	5 12th of Cheshvan, 5775	6 13th of Cheshvan, 5775	7 14th of Cheshvan, 5775 04:25pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8 15th of Cheshvan, 5775 Bar Mitzvah Xander Forsyth 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 09:30am Grade 6 Pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah 05:24pm Havdalah (42 min) 06:00pm PJ Library Havdalah
46	9 16th of Cheshvan, 5775 09:30am Navasky School 12:30pm USY Organizational Meeting 01:00pm Jewish High School Open House 02:00pm College Essay Writing Skills 04:00pm Kristallnacht Service & Observance	10 17th of Cheshvan, 5775 07:30pm I thought I knew the Bible, but.... Who knew?!	11 18th of Cheshvan, 5775 Veteran's Day 12:30pm Tuesdays and Torah 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	12 19th of Cheshvan, 5775 Congregational Meeting	13 20th of Cheshvan, 5775 10:30am Soup Kitchen 07:00pm Painting with a Twist 07:30pm Is it Good for the Jews 07:30pm Saul Cohen - JFS Lecture	14 21st of Cheshvan, 5775 04:18pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	15 22nd of Cheshvan, 5775 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 09:30am Grade 7 Family Shabbat 10:30am Tot Shabbat 05:17pm Havdalah (42 min)
47	16 23rd of Cheshvan, 5775 Thanksgiving Food Drive 09:30am Mitzvah Day - No Navasky 10:00am American Red Cross	17 24th of Cheshvan, 5775 07:30pm Hebrew Conversation Group	18 25th of Cheshvan, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School 06:30pm Hadassah Membership Dinner	19 26th of Cheshvan, 5775	20 27th of Cheshvan, 5775 07:30pm Is it Good for the Jews	21 28th of Cheshvan, 5775 Family Shabbat Dinner 04:13pm Candle lighting 06:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 07:00pm Italian Shabbat Spaghetti Dinner	22 29th of Cheshvan, 5775 Bat Mitzvah Julia Sexton 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:12pm Havdalah (42 min) 06:30pm Tapestry
48	23 1st of Kislev, 5775 08:00am Rosh Chodesh Kislev 09:30am Hanukkah Boutique 09:30am Navasky School 07:30pm Congregational Meeting	24 2nd of Kislev, 5775 08:00am Rosh Chodesh Kislev 07:00pm Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service	25 3rd of Kislev, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Board Meeting	26 4th of Kislev, 5775 Nitzan Closes at Noon Office Closes at Noon	27 5th of Kislev, 5775 Nitzan Closed Office Closed	28 6th of Kislev, 5775 Nitzan Closed 04:09pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	29 7th of Kislev, 5775 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:09pm Havdalah (42 min)
49	30 8th of Kislev, 5775 Thanksgiving Weekend - No Navasky 09:30am Gift Shop in Lobby	1	2	3	4	5	6

DECEMBER 2014

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
49	30 15th of Kislev, 5775	1 9th of Kislev, 5775	2 10th of Kislev, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School	3 11th of Kislev, 5775 Nitzan Closed 07:30am Lower Fairfield Jewish Educator's Conference	4 12th of Kislev, 5775 07:30pm Is it Good for the Jews	5 13th of Kislev, 5775 04:07pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6 14th of Kislev, 5775 Bat Miztvah Sarah Bernstein 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:07pm Havdalah (42 min)
50	7 15th of Kislev, 5775 09:30am Hanukkah Boutique 09:30am Navasky School	8 16th of Kislev, 5775	9 17th of Kislev, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	10 18th of Kislev, 5775	11 19th of Kislev, 5775 07:30pm Is it Good for the Jews	12 20th of Kislev, 5775 Grades 7 and 8 Shul-In 04:07pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 07:00pm Shul-in Shabbat Dinner	13 21st of Kislev, 5775 Grades 7 and 8 Shul-In 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 10:30am Tot Shabbat 05:07pm Havdalah (42 min)
51	14 22nd of Kislev, 5775 09:30am Hanukkah Boutique 09:30am Navasky School	15 23rd of Kislev, 5775	16 24th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 1 Candle 04:15pm Navasky School	17 25th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 2 Candles	18 26th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 3 Candles	19 27th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 4 Candles Nitzan Hanukkah Party Nitzan Winter Break 12:00pm Nitzan Closed Noon 04:09pm Candle lighting 04:15pm Latkes and Dreidel Competition 06:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 07:00pm Family Hanukkah Dinner	20 28th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 5 Candles Nitzan Winter Break 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 09:30am Grade 6 Pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah 05:09pm Havdalah (42 min)
52	21 29th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 6 Candles Nitzan Winter Break 09:30am Family Hanukkah Bash 09:30am Navasky School	22 30th of Kislev, 5775 Chanukah: 7 Candles Nitzan Winter Break Rosh Chodesh Tevet	23 1st of Tevet, 5775 Chanukah: 8 Candles Nitzan Winter Break 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Board Meeting	24 2nd of Tevet, 5775 Chanukah: 8th Day Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	25 3rd of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break Office Closed	26 4th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break Office Closed 04:13pm Candle lighting 06:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	27 5th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 10:30am Tot Shabbat 5:13pm Havdalah (42 min.)
1	28 6th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	29 7th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	30 8th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	31 9th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	1 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	2 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break	3 Navasky Winter Break - No Class Nitzan Winter Break

JANUARY 2015

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	28	29	30	31	1 10th of Tevet, 5775 Asara B'Tevet Nitzan Winter Break Office Closed	2 11th of Tevet, 5775 Nitzan Winter Break 04:18pm Candle lighting	3 12th of Tevet, 5775 Bar Mitzvah Gilad Coll 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:19pm Havdalah (42 min)
2	4 13th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class	5 14th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class	6 15th of Tevet, 5775 Navasky Winter Break - No Class	7 16th of Tevet, 5775	8 17th of Tevet, 5775	9 18th of Tevet, 5775 04:25pm Candle lighting	10 19th of Tevet, 5775 08:00am Grades 3 & 4 Havdalah Program 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 10:30am Tot Shabbat 05:26pm Havdalah (42 min)
3	11 20th of Tevet, 5775 09:30am Navasky School	12 21st of Tevet, 5775	13 22nd of Tevet, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	14 23rd of Tevet, 5775	15 24th of Tevet, 5775	16 25th of Tevet, 5775 04:32pm Candle lighting	17 26th of Tevet, 5775 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:33pm Havdalah (42 min)
4	18 27th of Tevet, 5775 Dr. Martin Luther King Weekend - No Navasky	19 28th of Tevet, 5775 Nitzan Closed	20 29th of Tevet, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School	21 1st of Sh'vat, 5775 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	22 2nd of Sh'vat, 5775	23 3rd of Sh'vat, 5775 Grades 5, 6, 7 Shabbaton 04:40pm Candle lighting	24 4th of Sh'vat, 5775 Grades 5, 6, 7 Shabbaton 08:00am Taste of Torah - Temple Shalom 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 05:42pm Havdalah (42 min)
5	25 5th of Sh'vat, 5775 Taste of Torah 09:30am Navasky School	26 6th of Sh'vat, 5775	27 7th of Sh'vat, 5775 04:15pm Navasky School 08:00pm Board Meeting	28 8th of Sh'vat, 5775	29 9th of Sh'vat, 5775	30 10th of Sh'vat, 5775 08:00am Musical Shabbat 04:49pm Candle lighting	31 11th of Sh'vat, 5775 09:15am Shabbat Morning Services 09:30am Grade 6 Pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Tot Shabbat 05:50pm Havdalah (42 min)