



HOUSE KEY

**Congregation Beth El
Program Guide**

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018



DEAR FRIENDS,

Beth El Is Terrific! We are excited to present you with this House Key, a program guide to the many services, classes, events, and experiences we hope to share as a synagogue family at Congregation Beth El this fall.

On these pages we describe new and familiar services for Shabbat and holiday celebration. We introduce a full variety of classes and learning experiences for adults, families, and teens in our **Beth El Is Thursday** program, **BEIT**. We list programs and opportunities for engaging with each other, with Israel, and in the work of *Tikkun Olam*.

We've packed a lot of information into this booklet. We promise there will be more publicity and information about each particular program and event. As you read through these pages now, we invite you to keep this guide for reference to plan your participation in celebration, learning, and community.

So many people and a variety of Jewish values comprise Congregation Beth El. That's why we've made a list. **Beth El Is...Together, Torah, Tikkun Olam, Thoughtful, Transformative, Thankful, Tefillah, Tziyonut, Tarbut, and Terrific!** The acronym for all we celebrate about our synagogue is **BEIT**, which means house. We hope you'll use this key to enter your house and engage in Jewish life with your synagogue family.

Seeing everything listed in this guide, we imagine how many more ways there may be to express ourselves as Jews and to provide for our religious, spiritual, and communal needs. Excited to present you with this first House Key, we also anticipate what we can add to every next edition. Please share your ideas and interests with us.

We are thankful for the devoted efforts of our synagogue staff and lay leadership which make this guide, and the programs we hope to enjoy, possible.

Welcome home!

Rabbi Ron Shulman

Rabbi Avi Libman



WELCOME HOME

Congregation Beth El is our spiritual home.
As a synagogue family, together we...
celebrate and learn
rejoice and gather for many occasions,
care for one another, serve others and society.

In Hebrew, home or house is *Bayit*, **BEIT**, for short. As taught by Jewish tradition, we divide our synagogue home into three areas. We engage in Jewish life in three ways.



BEIT Tefillah
House of Prayer
Celebration



BEIT Midrash
House of Study
Learning



BEIT Knesset
House of Assembly
Community

Ours is a large and beautiful home filled with many things. A warm and welcoming home for every soul. A home in which we celebrate, learn, and create community. A home in which we seek to live meaningful Jewish lives.

In this **House Key** of services, classes, and programs you'll find a variety of ways to participate with our synagogue family here in our home at Congregation Beth El.

Welcome home!



Together



Torah



Tikkun Olam



Thoughtful



Transformative

Beth El is...



Thankful



Tefillah
(Prayer)



Tziyonut
(Israel)



Tarbut
(Culture)



Tots to Teens,
and everyone else!

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Shabbat Prayer and Celebration

We call Shabbat a delight, a day to refresh and renew. At Congregation Beth El, on Shabbat we join together as a synagogue family to rejoice in the gift of our lives, to reflect on the week gone by, and to sense God's presence through our prayer and celebration. You are welcome to join us each week for Shabbat prayer on **Friday evenings at 6:15 pm, and on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the Stone Family Sanctuary.** Our rabbis and synagogue members lead us in warm, participatory, and traditional services.

Friday Evenings

We welcome Shabbat each Friday at 6:15pm. Taking leave of the busy routine of our week, we enjoy Kabbalat Shabbat with traditional davening and song. Guitar and/or other instruments often accompany our prayer.

Our rabbis share insights of Jewish wisdom as we reflect on the week gone by. Following our service, we gather for friendship and refreshments at an Oneg Shabbat.

Each month we offer a variety of additional settings for celebrating Shabbat. We provide different opportunities for all of us, and for particular personal or family interests.

Young Family Shabbat

📅 Fridays | October 5, November 2,
December 7, January 4
🕒 5:45pm | Service
6:15pm | Dinner

A musical half-hour of song and story for our youngest children and their families. We meet in the Stone Family Sanctuary for family-friendly prayer and activities before a potluck Shabbat dinner. The program continues February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3.

School Family Shabbat

📅 Fridays | October 19, November 16,
January 11
🕒 6:15pm

A musical and family-friendly service for elementary grade students, their siblings and parents. Students actively participate in leading School Family Shabbat services. Our rabbis explore Jewish values and ideas during each service. The program continues February 8, March 15, May 3.

Tot Shabbat w/ Beth Montessori*

📅 Friday | December 14
🕒 Service 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm

A kid friendly Shabbat service, with our friends from Beth Montessori preschool. The celebration continues with dinner following the service. The program continues on March 29.

Inspiration! *A Service of Music and Meaning*

📅 Fridays | November 9, December 14
🕒 7:30pm
👤 Featuring Dr. Yochanan Winston,
Rabbi Ron Shulman, and Friends

An innovative prayer service combining traditional and contemporary prayers for celebrating Shabbat with inspiring music, personal reflection, and joyous participation. The program continues on January 25, February 22, March 29, and May 31.

Chai Shabbat*

📅 Fridays | August 24, September 28,
October 26

🕒 7:00pm

Chai 20s/30s celebrates with an evening service and dinner on the fourth Friday evening of each month.

Plaza Prayer

📅 Friday | August 31

🕒 6:15pm

We gather outside on the Turk Family Plaza for informal and upbeat prayer followed by a potluck picnic dinner. Think of this as Beach Shabbat without the water! We join on our beautiful synagogue campus to enjoy each other's company as we celebrate Shabbat.

Monthly Shabbat Dinners*

📅 Fridays | September 28, October 26,
November 16 and December 7

Each month, we come together for Shabbat dinners to share the joy and beauty of Shabbat. Our meals will feature the rituals and warmth of Shabbat celebration including songs and table talk and often guest speakers, special discussions, or cultural experiences. Watch for more information.

Shabbat Mornings

Our Shabbat Morning Service begins each week at 9:30 am. We join together for prayer and reflection, Torah reading and the exploration of Jewish wisdom for our lives. Each week our service embraces individuals and families who come to celebrate personal milestones. A Torah Study session precedes our Shabbat Morning Service at 9:00 am.

As Rabbi Shulman teaches, "Two things are all you really need to know in order to pray: who you are and what it is you feel today. In God's presence

we stand and wonder and sway; taking from our lives and dreams the words we want to say." As our style of communal prayer evolves, we strive to create innovative settings for personal prayer and meaning while honoring the liturgical rhythms and feel of Jewish tradition.

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Huggim – Shabbat Activities

📅 Saturdays | October 13, November 17,
December 15

Each month we offer activities to enhance and enjoy Shabbat together with our synagogue family and friends. Options may include a "Nature Walk and Torah Talk," "Soulful Shabbat Meditation," "Religious Views for Secular Jews," "Family Values," "Parasha Perspectives," and "Shabbat in Story and Song." Occasional Guest Speakers and Recreational Activities will also be scheduled. Shabbat Huggim will be announced before each month's date.

Hineni!

📅 Saturdays | October 13, November 17,
December 15

🕒 10:30am

Hineni! Is a concise and accessible one-hour Shabbat Morning service designed to reclaim personal expression in prayer. Participate in an upbeat prayer experience that reflects Jewish tradition and contemporary life. Explore religious ideas and Jewish spirituality. Grow and engage meaningfully in synagogue services, guided by Rabbi Ron Shulman.





Family Services

📅 Saturdays | October 13, November 17,
December 15

🕒 10:30-11:15am

Introduce your children to the joy of Shabbat morning services. This program is a wonderful way for families to experience a friendly service incorporating music and song, storytelling and Torah learning. Afterwards, we will join our synagogue community for Kiddush and light lunch.

Monthly Shabbat Lunches*

📅 Saturdays | October 13, November 17
and December 15

Each month, we come together for Shabbat lunches to share the joy and beauty of Shabbat. Our meals will feature the rituals and warmth of Shabbat celebration including songs and table talk and often precede guest speakers, special discussions, or cultural experiences. Watch for more information.

Daily Minyan

Our Daily Minyan gathers every morning for prayer in the Beit Midrash on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 7:30am, on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:20am, and on Sundays at 9:00am** (On Rosh Hodesh, Intermediate Festival Days, Hanukkah, and Purim weekday morning services are held at 7:20 am). A study session and light breakfast follows Minyan on each weekday morning.

Minyan participants celebrate their bond by leading a **Shabbat Morning Service on November 10 and enjoy the annual Minyanaires Dinner on November 11.**

Minyan Study

📅 Weekdays

🕒 8:00 -8:30am.

Study of Jewish Law

👤 Rabbi Avi Libman

📅 Mondays

We use the Shulchan Aruch as a beginning point for our conversation.

Talmud Study Class

👤 Rabbi Ron Shulman

📅 Wednesdays

Come enjoy the steady and slow experience of studying the core text of Rabbinic Judaism, the Talmud. We'll learn what the Talmud is and how it informs Jewish life today. Though we'll study in English, references to Hebrew will be useful as we make our way in discussing and understanding the texts we'll read.

Study of Pirkei Avot, the Prayerbook, or Contemporary Jewish Issues

👤 Various Teachers

📅 Various Days

Study of Pirkei Avot and various topics related to Jewish life.

Weekly Torah Portion

👤 Various Teachers

📅 Various Days

Join us and explore the Torah through study and discussion with questions and dialogue.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

🕒 9:00am

👤 Rabbi Avi Libman or Rabbi Ron Shulman

Gather together before Shabbat morning services to study the weekly Torah reading based on traditional commentary, contemporary issues, and insights that participants bring to the discussion.

Ritual and Prayer Participation

A combined effort of the Minhag Committee, Men's Club, and Women's Connection. Congregation Beth El is proud to invite members to participate in all parts of our services. Learn or brush up your prayer leading skills, read from the Torah, chant the Haftarah, and serve as Gabbai.

Reading Prayers and Leading Services

To volunteer to read prayers and lead services, or to learn how to participate in synagogue services or read Torah or Haftarah, please contact the Rabbinic Office at valentina@cbe.org. Private Tutorials are available for you to volunteer, learn, and/or get ready to lead the congregation. Times to be arranged with those listed below for each area of interest.

Torah Readers

To learn or to volunteer to read Torah during services contact Ran Anbar at ran.anbar@centerpointmedicine.com

Haftarah Readers

To learn or to volunteer to read the Haftarah during services contact Suzanne Newman at suzgene1@gmail.com.

Gabbai Skills

To learn or to volunteer to serve as a Gabbai contact Gene Newman at genesuz@sbcglobal.net.

Synagogue Honors

Celebrating Shabbat each week, and gathering for prayer every day, we enjoy marking special personal and family occasions by sharing them with our Congregation Beth El family. If you would like to receive a synagogue honor during a Shabbat or Daily Minyan service, please contact the Rabbinic Office.

High Holy Days

Looking forward to the annual reunion of our synagogue community, we anticipate our High Holy Day celebrations for 2018, beginning the new Jewish year 5779.

Our Selihot Service and Program will be held on Saturday evening September 1st.

Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year, begins Sunday evening September 9.

We'll celebrate Rosh HaShanah on Monday and Tuesday September 10 and 11.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, will begin with Kol Nidre on Tuesday evening, September 18.

Yom Kippur will be observed on Wednesday September 19.

At Congregation Beth El we provide a variety of services, settings, and activities for all ages to welcome the Jewish New Year and observe Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. Details can be found in the High Holy Day Preview Guide. The High Holy Day Food Drive can be found on page 22.

Sukkot

Beginning the evening of September 23 through 30, Sukkot is a time of thanksgiving and hospitality when we celebrate the natural bounties of our world and all that sustain our lives. Immersed in the joys of community, environmental awareness and gratitude to God, we also demonstrate sensitivity to others and their needs for shelter and sustenance.

Festival Morning Services

📅 Monday and Tuesday | September 24 and 25

🕒 9:30am

📍 Stone Family Sanctuary

We wave the Lulav and Etrog, share in joyous prayer and song, and afterward gather in the Sukkah to enjoy holiday time together.





Skype in the Sukkah: Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor

📅 Wednesday | September 26

🕒 10:00am

After reading Yossi Klein HaLevi's important new book, we gather in the Sukkah to discuss the book's ideas. The author, Yossi Klein HaLevi, will join us via Skype after which we'll continue our conversation with Rabbi Shulman over a holiday brunch.

Sukkot Dinner and Symposium*

📅 Friday | September 28

🕒 6:15pm Shabbat Service

7:00pm Dinner in the Sukkah

8:00pm Symposium about Jewish Purpose

A spirited evening of prayer and dinner under our Sukkah. During dinner we'll experience the joy of Sukkot in song and conversation.

Following dinner, those interested will gather with Rabbi Shulman to discuss Jewish purpose. What are reasons for being Jewish in today's world? Does Jewish identity make a difference to us and to others? Our discussion will consider ideas proposed by a variety of classic and contemporary Jewish thinkers.

One aspect of the Sukkot festival is to gather together in Jewish community and consider shared concerns and needs. Historically, Sukkot was a time of great community meetings. This is the purpose of our Sukkot Symposium, to honor the holiday we celebrate by thinking together about who we are and what is our role in the larger world.

Fall Festival*

📅 Saturday Evening | September 29

🕒 5:00pm

As the air becomes brisk and the leaves begin to change their hue, celebrate the Fall season with fun for all ages. Activities include pie tasting, terrarium building, pony rides, crafts, a concert by the San Diego Jewish Men's Choir, a delicious dinner in the Sukkah and more.

Youth Sukkah Sleepover can be found on page 24

Shemini Atzeret Festival Morning Service

📅 Monday | October 1

🕒 9:30am

Conclude our Sukkot holiday when we mark the fall season and remember our loved ones during Yizkor Memorial Prayers.

Simhat Torah

At this Festival Service we rejoice and dance with our children in the reading of Torah.

Erev Simhat Torah*

📅 Monday | October 1

🕒 5:30pm | SimTot Torah: Our families and youngest children celebrate Torah with songs, Torah toys, and family fun.

6:00pm | Family Festival Dinner: Everyone is welcome to enjoy holiday dinner with our synagogue family.

6:45pm | Hakafot: Torah Parades, Torah Tour, and Torah Reading for all ages.

7:30pm | Torah Treats: Dessert and Israeli Dancing

Festival Morning Service

📅 Tuesday | October 2

🕒 9:30am

We continue to celebrate our heritage of Torah at a joyous service.

Shishi Israeli Shabbat*

📅 Friday | October 12

🕒 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:00pm Dinner and program

Congregation Beth El and the Israeli-American Council (IAC) join forces to bring you an exciting Shabbat experience. Israeli and American Jews come together to develop strong community bonds while sharing Shabbat traditions during dinner, Shira Betzibur/sing-along, and various activities throughout the evening.

Shabbat San Diego*

🗓️ Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27

Share the joy and beauty of Shabbat as our synagogue community participates in the city-wide and international Shabbat Project. We honor Shabbat San Diego with an upbeat and spirited Shabbat Eve service at 6:15 pm followed by a lovely Shabbat Dinner at 7:00 pm. Our dinner will feature the rituals and warmth of Shabbat celebration including songs and table talk as we bond with one another and renew the meaning of celebrating Shabbat.

Hanukkah

🗓️ Beginning the evening of Sunday,
December 2 through Monday, December 10

On Hanukkah we celebrate Jewish religious identity, remember the miracles of faith, of our people's perseverance, and of life's daily wonders. Honoring the Maccabees and the conflict of ancient days, we celebrate the victory of spirit and Judaism's ideals. Our Hanukkiyot represent God's light of peace and goodness enduring for all time.

A Celebration of Hanukkah's Light*

🗓️ Thursday, December 6

🕒 5:30pm | Candle Lighting Ceremony

We gather for a ceremony to fill the Jacobs Family Community Hall with light from the many Hanukkiyot we'll bring from our homes.

🕒 6:00pm | Hanukkah Dinner and Activities

Following candle lighting and holiday songs we enjoy a latke dinner, activities celebrating Hanukkah's light including candle making, olive oil tasting, and playing holiday games

🕒 7:00pm | Hanukkah Town Hall Celebrating Jewish Identity and Religious Diversity

A Town Hall style conversation about the opportunities and challenges of celebrating Jewish identity and religious diversity. We are a synagogue community comprised of families and friends from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds. Proud of our inclusivity, on Hanukkah we want to celebrate Jewish identity and honor the mix of who we are all together.

Young Family Shabbat Hanukkah Service and Dinner*

🗓️ Friday | December 7

🕒 5:45pm

A Hanukkah celebration for our youngest children and their families.. We'll enjoy a musical half hour of song and Hanukkah activities. After our special service we'll share a Shabbat Hanukkah dinner all together.

Shabbat Hanukkah Services on Friday and Saturday **December 7 and 8** will include holiday themes, learning, and songs followed by Hanukkah treats and time together as a synagogue family.





Viterbi Torah School

Rabbis and teachers at VTS strive to develop responsible and knowledgeable individuals with positive Jewish identities who participate actively and joyfully in Jewish life. Our classes and programs impart religious character, ethical awareness, and a love of Judaism. Jewish values, Tikkun Olam, and celebration are curriculum cornerstones, promoting connection to community and generosity of spirit.

K-Gan & 1st Grade: Adamah/Foundation

An introduction to our traditions and figures from which Judaism originated through holidays, Torah stories, Hebrew letters, and introduction to our holy spaces and symbols.

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade: Shorashim/Roots

This phase delves deep into our tradition and history exploring the land of Israel, and what Judaism brings to the world through values, ethics, Torah, and lifecycle celebrations.

5th, 6th, & 7th Grade: Nitzanim/Blossoms

Explore Jewish migration from biblical through modern times, uncovering how student's personal story fits within this larger narrative. In addition to developing B'nei Mitzvah skills, we build a sense of responsibility as a religion, a culture, and an individual, pondering things such as conflict resolution, family dynamics, and making impactful choices to be upstanding members of the community.

For more information contact VTS Director Jessie Birnbaum at jessie@cbe.org.

VTS for Tots*

 Sundays | December 2, Hanukkah
January 13, Tu B'Shevat

 9:30-11:45am

A morning of fun Jewish learning including art, games, stories, music, snack, and holiday lessons for 3 – 5 year old preschool and pre-K children.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Program

Our children become Bar and Bat Mitzvah (Son or Daughter of the Commandments) at a formative time in their lives. As they become Jewish teenagers, this ceremony marks a transition for them from the learning and joys of their childhoods to the moral consciousness, religious privileges, and imperative of their responsibilities as maturing Jews.

Our Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation program seeks to guide our students toward the development of ethical awareness as they master synagogue skills and Jewish concepts for living and celebrating their lives. Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations take place within the context of each child's family, our synagogue community, and Shabbat Services. Bar and Bat Mitzvah is a joyous event for every student's family and our entire synagogue family.

All B'nei Mitzvah candidates at Congregation Beth El are enrolled in a formal program of Jewish education, a Jewish Day School, or some other form of Congregation Beth El approved Religious and Hebrew instruction. 7th grade students meet on Shabbat mornings to enhance their prayer skills and attend Shabbat Morning Services. Before services, 7th grade students and their parents enjoy a Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation class taught by Rabbis Shulman and Libman. Through this time together, Bnei Mitzvah students create community, and in turn rejoice in each other's. Classes begin September on 22 at 9:00am and continue through to Noon.

For detailed information about celebrating your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth El please call Rabbi Avi Libman.

Fall Shabbaton

Appreciating Each Other

📅 November 15, 16, & 17

Our Fall Shabbaton reaffirms the joy of participating in our synagogue community. Our campus becomes a central hub for our different Shabbat services and activities, and for all of us as communal friends. At Congregation Beth El, as a large and diverse synagogue family, our strength and vibrancy come from our collective involvements and shared values. When we meet one another in moments of learning, celebration, and kindness we discover that we are each precious parts of a dynamic and whole congregation.

Our Fall Shabbaton begins on Thursday evening when we'll prepare for, learn ideas about, and ways to engage in our Shabbat experience on Friday and Saturday. There will be preparation activities, classes, and sessions for all ages.

Session One

📅 Thursday | November 15

🕒 6:00pm Dinner*

6:30-8:30pm Program

We'll share a Beit Midrash, communal and multi-generational study experience about what's similar and different in our understandings of Jewish identity. Parents and students, teens and adults of all ages will join in this unique session.

📅 Friday | November 16

🕒 6:15pm Shabbat Evening Service

Our Kabbalat Shabbat Service will be led by the students of our Viterbi Torah School. We'll share in their enthusiasm as we pray and celebrate together.

🕒 7:00pm Shabbat Dinner*

Join us for a lovely Shabbat Dinner featuring the rituals and warmth of Shabbat celebration

including songs and table talk and follow up from our learning and preparation on Thursday evening. After dinner choose from Israeli Dancing, informal Shabbat study, or coffee and conversation.

📅 Saturday | November 17

🕒 9:00am Torah Study

9:30am Shabbat Morning Service

We join together for prayer and reflection, Torah reading and the exploration of Jewish wisdom for our lives.

Hineni!

🕒 10:30am

A concise and accessible one-hour Shabbat Morning service designed to reclaim personal expression in prayer. Participate in an upbeat prayer experience that reflects Jewish tradition and contemporary life. Explore religious ideas and Jewish spirituality. Grow to engage meaningfully in synagogue services, guided by Rabbi Ron Shulman.

Family Service

🕒 10:30am

A friendly service incorporating music and song, storytelling and Torah learning.

Kiddush and Shabbat Lunch

🕒 11:45am

Following all services and morning activities, we join for Shabbat lunch and relaxation together.

Session Two

🕒 12:30pm

A Panel of Rabbis and Teachers Reflect on Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, and Reform Judaism.

Recreational and Shabbat Activities will continue through the afternoon.



Welcome to BEIT

All are welcome to join us for our *BEIT Midrash* on Thursday evenings this fall. On each **Beth El is Thursday** evening you'll choose from a variety of experiences and courses.

Come for dinner at our BEIT Café, create your own schedule, do as much or as little as you like.

Sign-up to dine on a weekly themed menu at our BEIT Café, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm; coffee and nosh will be available throughout the night. Don't let the schedule confuse you! Choose from many experiences and classes beginning at either 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Participate in one, two, or three sessions each week according to your interest and availability. Monthly and weekly schedules will be available in advance. You will be able to register on-line for experiences and classes, walk-ins are welcome.

Our BEIT theme for the fall semester is IDENTITY.

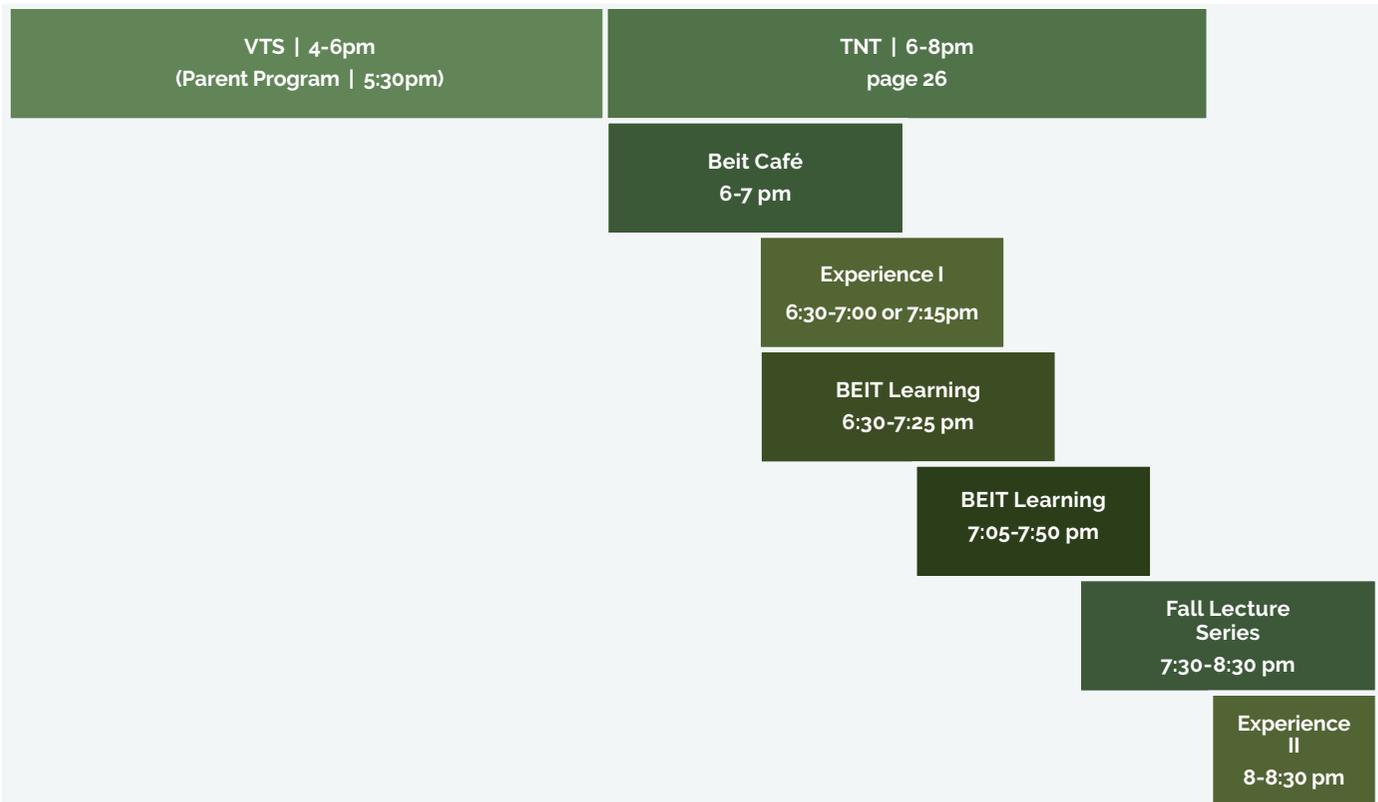
Our courses and programs explore dimensions of Jewish identity, individual and family identity, as well as helping us to identify meaningful ideas, texts, perspectives, and opportunities for ourselves and our community.

BEIT Parent Programs

🗓 Thursdays

🕒 5:30-6:00pm

Watch for weekly sessions with Rabbis Shulman and Libman in which we'll explore topics of Jewish interest for ourselves and our families. Parents will be able to learn with our rabbis, stay for dinner or other BEIT experiences as desired. Watch for details on supervised homework space for children so that parents may attend BEIT programs through 8:30pm.



BEIT is sponsored in loving memory of Paula Mandell, a student and teacher dedicated to Jewish scholarship, by her devoted husband Jerry and their family.

Experience 1 | 6:30 pm

Identifying with Judaism's Sacred Texts

 Rabbi Ron Shulman

 October 11, 25, November 8, December 20

Following the path from Torah to Talmud and Law Code to Prayer Book, we'll explore the daily expression of Jewish identity and ethics.

Jewish Mindfulness

 Dr. Oded Shezifi

 October 18, November 1, November 29, December 13

In our busy and overstimulated 21st century lives mindfulness has become a popular practice for raising awareness, decreasing anxiety, and regulating feelings. In this workshop we will discover how mindfulness is embedded in ancient Jewish texts, traditions, and rituals.

Learning with the Lebowitzs

 Ian Merles

 October 18, November 29, December 13

Study the weekly Torah portion with the commentaries of Yeshayahu and Nehama Lebowitz - a brother and sister pair of polymath geniuses, Torah scholars, and shapers of Israeli society.

Beginning Hebrew Reading

 Robin Shulman

 October 11 through December 20

Learn to decode the Hebrew alphabet and read basic prayer book blessings. This is a comfortable first step for discovering or rediscovering your ability to read Hebrew.

Intermediate Hebrew Reading

 Orli Moses

 October 11 through December 20

Strengthen your Hebrew reading and comprehension skills to better participate in synagogue services and ritual celebrations.

Identify Me

 October 11 through December 20

Join an informal group of synagogue friends to explore each other's Jewish backgrounds and how we integrate being Jewish into our lives. We'll also discover the life stories of prominent Jewish personalities and how they lived their Jewish identities.

Torah Reading

 Ran Anbar

 October 11 through December 20

Learn to read Torah or grow your Torah reading skills. If you wish, read Torah on occasional Shabbat mornings as member of our Torah reading squad. We meet on a regular basis to teach Torah trope to beginners, review trope with more experienced readers, and practice upcoming Torah readings.

Tikkun Talk

 October 11, 25, November 8, December 20

Discuss social justice concerns with synagogue friends. Hear from social service and human welfare providers. Understand the needs in the community around us. Learn about personal experiences at *Tikkun* projects. Help imagine how we at Congregation Beth El can continue to do the work helping, repairing, caring, and supporting work of *Tikkun*.

Experience 1 | 6:30 pm (continued)

Making Music!

Cara Freedman and David Lipsitz

October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 29, December 13, 20

Let's sing and enjoy each other's company as we learn popular Jewish melodies and expand our personal and communal repertoire.

BEIT Learning | 6:30 pm

Hanukkah and Modern Jewish Identity

Rabbi Ron Shulman

November 29

Each year before enjoying Hanukkah, Rabbi Shulman seeks to discover something new from the holiday's history to remind us there's much more to our Festival of Lights than a legend about oil. Come learn more about the history and significance of Hanukkah in order to discover insights for who we are and how we live as Jews today.

Shalom Hartman iEngage Project

Dr. Ray Fink

October 18, November 1, November 29, December 13

iEngage creates a new narrative regarding the significance of Israel for Jewish life, serving as a foundation for a new covenant between Israel and world Jewry, elevating the existing discourse from a crisis-based focus to one rooted in Jewish values and ideas. Each session includes text study, video presentation, and important discussion.

Intro to Judaism – Part I

Rabbi Avi Libman

October 18, November 1, 29, December 20

Join us for an educational journey for Jews and non-Jews interested in gaining knowledge of Jewish history, life, and culture. In this course, we will cover topics like Jewish history, theology, and philosophy,

as well as holidays and life-cycle events, practices, and rituals. The course is geared to anyone who wants to learn more about Judaism, in addition to those considering conversion.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Ron Shulman

October 18, November 1, 29, December 20

If you never celebrated your Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or if you'd like to renew that childhood moment as an adult, we invite you to join our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah group – a communal experience culminating for those who wish in a group Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Participants should also take one of the Hebrew Reading classes and join in other adult learning experiences on evenings when this group doesn't meet. The Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah group is a community of individuals who grow together in Jewish knowledge, achieve greater comfort with synagogue services, and experience the joys of Jewish celebration.

Women Talking with Women

Sponsored by Women's Connection

October 18, November 1, 29, December 20

Explore what it means to be a Jewish woman today within relationships, community and family- traditional and nontraditional, in a safe and supportive environment. We will provide text from various books and resources, including "The Five Books of Miriam" as discussion prompts.



BEIT Learning | 7:05 pm

Issues in Jewish Identity

 Rabbi Ron Shulman

 October 11, 25, November 8, December 13

Looking back on the burdens and blessings of Jewish identity for those who came before us, we'll study the past and discuss contemporary concerns about being Jewish today: being Jewish in our open society, family dynamics and religion, anti-Semitism and Israel, continuity and the future.

Chai 20s/30s – Uncensored

 October 11, November 8, December 13,
January 10

On the second Thursday of each month Chai members gather with one another, our rabbis, and other teachers to discuss issues of the day from the perspective of Jewish values and ideas.

Jewish Identity Through Culture

 October 11, 25, November 8, December 13

An exploration of how Jewish identity is portrayed in film and television, art and literature. Each session will include excerpts and examples to view, read, and talk about.

Shabbat San Diego Preparation

 October 25

Learn about the rituals and symbols we use to celebrate Shabbat on Friday evenings and Shabbat afternoon: prayers, songs, customs, meanings, and recipes! Also, help us prepare for a joyous and warm Shabbat San Diego gathering at Congregation Beth El on Friday evening October 26.

21st Century Jewish Identity | Fall Lecture Series | 7:30 pm

Consider the nuances, meanings, challenges, and opportunities of Jewish identity in our world today. Our speakers will address the nature of Jewish identity in America and Israel, in our personal experiences, and in the future.

American Jewish Identity

 Rabbi Ed Feinstein, Senior Rabbi,
Valley Beth Shalom, Encino, CA

 October 18

What is the condition of and opportunity for American Jews today? Rabbi Ed Feinstein is an engaging thinker and teacher, well known for asking, and guiding us toward answering, questions about Jewish identity, meaning, and modern society.

Israeli-American Identity

 Oz Laniado

 November 1

How do our Israeli brothers, sisters, and friends accommodate to Jewish life here in America? What are the differences, discoveries, and dynamics for Israelis who seek to integrate into the culture of the American Jewish community? How do we build our Jewish and personal bonds? Oz Laniado devotes great energy to building bridges between Israeli and American Jews.

Personal Jewish Identity

 Rabbi Ron Shulman

 November 29

How do the experiences of our lives, the questions of our hearts and minds, and the diversity of our relationships strengthen and test our individual

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sense of who we are as Jews and how we express our personal Jewish identities? Rabbi Shulman's reflections will spark consideration of our own perspectives.

The Future of Jewish Identity

Dr. Arnold Eisen
Chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York

December 20

Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America travels to Congregation Beth El to speak to and meet with our community. A sociologist and scholar of American Judaism, Dr. Eisen will think with us about the future of Jewish identity and what we must address today in order to get there. A thoughtful and respected leader of Conservative Judaism, Dr. Eisen is a dynamic and insightful teacher. We are delighted he is able to join us to conclude our Fall Lecture Series.

Experience 2 | 8:00 pm

BEIT Talks

October 11, November 15, December 13
Heard of TED Talks? Welcome to Beth El Talks! Meet fascinating members of our synagogue community. Learn about their lives, their careers, and wisdom from their experiences. Each season we'll feature a variety of individuals as we celebrate the diversity and achievements of our synagogue family.

October 11

Dr. Thomas Levy

Dr. Tom Levy is Distinguished Professor and holds the Norma Kershaw Chair in the Archaeology of Ancient Israel and Neighboring Lands at the University of California, San Diego. He is a member of the Department of Anthropology and Judaic Studies Program, and leads the Cyber-archaeology research group at the Qualcomm Institute, California Center of Telecommunications and Information Technology.

November 15

David Lipsitz

David Lipsitz is our Ba'al Tefillah, new to Congregation Beth El. David enjoys all music, with special interest in cantorial and Jewish music. He is an avid mountain climber. David focuses on acceptance of diversity in Jewish life today.

December 13

Barry Edelstein

Barry Edelstein is the Erna Finci Viterbi Artistic Director of The Old Globe. He is a stage director, producer, author, and educator. Barry is widely recognized as one of the leading American authorities on the works of Shakespeare.

Israeli Dancing

October 25, December 6

Dance the hora and share in the fun of Israeli dancing! We'll provide the music and simple lessons, you bring the spirit.

Jews Views of the News

October 25

Rabbi Shulman

Consider current events through the lens of Jewish values and ideas. Our conversation is open to and will respect all points of view.

Healing Service

November 8

Rabbis Shulman and Libman

A brief service focusing on healing and wellbeing. As we reflect, talk, and sing, we'll celebrate the promise of healing for our loved ones and friends, our bodies and souls. Offering our mutual support to those of us who support ailing family members and friends, we'll embrace each other with care and comfort.

Thursday Night Teens (TNT) Program is listed on page 26.

Adult Learning

Short Stories

📅 Sundays | September 23, October 21,
November 18, December 16, January 27

🕒 10:30am- Noon

A lively and interactive monthly discussion of short stories. We will begin with stories from the book *50 Stories from Israel: An Anthology*, and the group may select other choices as well. The stories will be sent to participants one week in advance. Volunteer presenters from within the group will rotate monthly. For more information, contact Maty Feldman at matyfeldmanbicas@gmail.com. No registration required.

Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit

👤 Dr. Sandra Block

📅 Wednesdays | September 5, October 3, 17, 31
November 14, 28, December 12, 26

🕒 10:30am- Noon

How can aging be a good thing? Aging all too often feels like drifting downhill to a place we don't want to go. But each year new doors open with opportunities, even while others close with loss. We have the power to prepare, to become stronger, more resilient, and navigate these challenges. Will we turn toward the opportunities, and find new joy and meaning in life. How can we make the most of this time and develop into deeper, wiser people? No registration required.





Tikkun Olam

High Holy Day Food Drive

📅 September 9 through 19

It is our tradition and obligation to fulfill the Mitzvah of Tzedakah. On Rosh HaShanah, bags are provided for you to fill with non-perishable food items and return on Yom Kippur. These gifts of food will be distributed to the Hand Up Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service and to Western Service Workers Association, an organization assisting families in need in San Diego.

Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House

📅 Sunday | October 7

- 🕒 First Shift: 3:00-6:00pm- prep and cook dinner
- Second Shift: 5:30-8:00pm- set up, serve, and clean up dinner

Help prepare, cook, serve, and clean up a meal for 150+ guests. Ronald McDonald House provides a place to stay, meals, and necessities of home for families caring for their critically ill or injured child at Rady Children's Hospital. To sign up, contact Sam Jacobs at Shabatai@gmail.com.

Mighty Mitzvah Sunday

📅 Sunday | October 28

🕒 9:30am

A day of *Tikkun Olam*/Social action. Begin your morning at Congregation Beth El with breakfast, before participating in your mitzvah of choice. There will be volunteer opportunities onsite, such as donating blood with the San Diego Blood Bank and making crafts for soldiers and seniors, as well as volunteer opportunities offsite, such as assisting in food pantries and gardens in San Diego. Please see the *Tikkun* page at cbe.org for a full list of projects.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

📅 October 28 through November 15
Congregation Beth El helps Western Service Workers Association collect food so families in need may have a bountiful Thanksgiving. A list of items collected this year will be made available.

San Diego Run for the Hungry

📅 Thursday | November 22

- 🕒 Running begins at 7:00am
- Walking begins at 8:15am

Walk/run with the Beth El Kosher Turkeys! Sign up at sdrunforthehungry.org and register with our team, the Beth El Kosher Turkeys. Race begins in downtown San Diego. Funds raised will help support the North County Food Bank and the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank, both working to eradicate hunger.

ISN - Interfaith Shelter Network Winter Shelter

📅 Sunday | December 16 through 30

In collaboration with the Interfaith Shelter Network, we will be hosting situationally homeless individuals and families at Congregation Beth El. Participate in this important *Tikkun Olam* opportunity by volunteering to set up sleeping quarters, prepare meals, be an overnight host, or provide necessary items.



Israel

Israel Committee 3-part Speaker Series

Each presentation occurs immediately following Shabbat services at approximately noon, lunch is provided.*

Part I: Israel, the Palestinians, and Jordan: The Three-State Solution

📅 Saturday | October 13

Dr. Sandy Lakoff is founding chair of the Department of Political Science and a distinguished scholar in political philosophy and science and public policy at University of California, San Diego. He is the author of *Equality in Political Philosophy, Democracy: History, Theory and Practice* and *Max Lerner: Pilgrim in the Promised Land* (1998, University of Chicago Press) and *Strategic Defense in the Nuclear Age and Ten Political Ideas that have Shaped the Modern World* (September 2011); co-author of *Science and the Nation: Policy and Politics, Energy and American Values, and A Shield in Space?: Technology, Politics, and the Strategic Defense Initiative*. He has also edited a half dozen volumes, including *Knowledge and Power: Essays on Science and Government*. He has contributed over fifty essays to edited volumes, journals, and encyclopedias.

Part II: Israel on Campus: Challenges, Successes, and Opportunities

📅 Saturday | January 12

Sarah Tagger is the Campus Strategy Coordinator at StandWithUs where she researches, builds and implements pro-active and responsive strategies and campaigns regarding Israel on campus. At StandWithUs, Sarah uses her past experiences as a student activist and current professional experience to educate on coalition and relationship building, campaign strategy, the challenges of the anti-Israel movement, and telling Israel's story.

Sarah graduated from the Honors program at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2016, with a bachelor's degrees in both Cultural Anthropology and Global Studies. She regularly speaks at campus and community events around North America.

Part III will be on March 9, 2019

Additional Israel programming:

Shishi Israeli Shabbat page 12

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Beth El Babies

Beth El Babies programming is targeted towards families with children ages 0-3. Older siblings are always welcome. Bring your family and friends!

Annual New Babies Brunch

📅 Sunday | August 26

🕒 10:15am-Noon

We welcome our newest little members to the Congregation Beth El community with brunch. Families with children ages 0-18 months are invited to participate in this special annual event featuring music time, ceramic handprint making, and more. Meet new friends, see familiar faces, and find out what's in store for you and your families this year.

Baby and Me Music and Movement Class*

📅 Sunday | October 14

🕒 10:00am-Noon

Encourage a love of music and movement for your baby or toddler. Dance and Drama teacher, Lillian Elbaz will help introduce music, dancing, and gymnastics to little ones on the cusp of developing coordination. Kiddos will learn balance and listening skills while having fun each step of the way.



Beth El Babies Visit the Birch Aquarium

 Sunday | December 16

 10:00am-Noon

Beth El Babies make a splash at the Birch Aquarium. We invite you to stroll through the aquarium at your own pace during a self-guided tour with our group. We will provide a picnic lunch. Beth El will cover the cost of one adult per family, and all children under 3. Additional adults will pay a subsidized fee of \$10 and children 4-17 will pay a subsidized fee of \$7.

Family Shabbat Services can be found on page 8.

Youth

Congregation Beth El's youth groups meet regularly throughout the year for social, holiday celebrations, and community service style events. Joining our youth groups offers children the ability to develop friendships and connections to the Jewish community and provides a safe space for all children to come socialize, learn, and explore their Jewish Identity.

Registration and payments are required for all youth department events.

Machar and Kadima Sukkah Sleepover (Grades 2-6)

 September 29 through 30

 7:30pm-9:00am

Following the Fall Festival all Machar and Kadima members are invited to continue the fun at our annual Sukkah Sleepover. We will play games, compete in a candy sukkah building competition, and sleep under the stars in the CBE Sukkah.

Katan-Tan Wet and Wild Kick Off (Grades K-1)

 October 7

 Noon-3:00pm

Join Katan-Tan for an afternoon of fun in the sun. We will be playing a variety of exciting water games on the Turk Family Plaza so don't forget to bring a swimsuit and towel. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Kadima Goes to Glow Zone (Grades 4-6)

 October 14

 Noon-4:00pm

Join Kadima for an afternoon of fun at Glow Zone. Drop off and pick up from Congregation Beth El. Socks, shoes, and a signed waiver are required.

Machar and Kadima Go to Boomers (Grades 2-6)

 November 4

 Noon-4:00pm

We will mini-golf, bumper boat, go-kart, and play the afternoon away. Pizza lunch and snacks will be provided. To drive go-karts, you must be a minimum of 58" and will cost an additional \$5.00. Bring extra money if you'd like to play arcade games.

Hanukkah Celebration Katan-Tan, Machar, and Kadima (Grades K-6)

 December 9

 Noon-3:00pm

Machar Event (Grades 2-3)

 January 13

 Noon-3:00pm

Kadima Kinnus @ Camp Ramah (Grades 4-6)

 January 25 through 27

CBE Teens

Congregation Beth El's Teen Department provides a multitude of opportunities for teens to connect to Judaism. Through USY and Thursday Night Teens (TNT), teens will have exposure to social, educational, religious, and community service experiences. The Teen Department enables connection with peers, and create experiences rooted in Jewish culture and values. CBE Teen Department provides a safe space for our teens to explore the challenges they may face in today's fast paced, ever changing modern culture. For more information about CBE Teens and to register for teen membership please contact Jason Lobenstein at jason@cbe.org or visit cbe.org.

USY Events (Jr. USY Grades 7 and 8) (Sr. USY Grades 9-12)

Registration and payment is required for all USY events.

USY Goes to Disneyland

 Grades 7-12

 September 2

 7:00 am-midnight

(Must be a registered CBE Teen to attend)

CBE Teens/USY Presidential Elections and Welcome Back Kick Off

 Grades 7-12

 September 6

 6:00-8:00pm

Far West USY Leadership Training Institute (LTI) @ American Jewish University

 Grades 9-12

 October 5 through 7

(Board Members only)

Shabbat San Diego Teen Program

 October 26 through 27

Mighty Mitzvah Sunday Teen Project

 Grades 7-12

 October 28

USY Goes Paintballing with Congregation Beth Am and Tifereth Israel Synagogue

 Grades 7-12

 November 3

Far West USY Fall Encampment @ Camp Ramah

 Grades 9-12

 November 9 through 11

Far West USY 12th Grade Kinnus @ Valley Beth Shalom, Encino

 Grades 9-12

 November 30-December 1

San Diego USY Shabbaton @ Tifereth Israel Synagogue

 Grades 7-12

 December 14 through 15

USY International Convention in Orlando, FL

 Grades 9-12

 December 23 through 27

Sr. USY Into the Night

 Grades 9-12

 January 12 through 13





USY Social Action Tikkun Olam (SATO) Day

Grades 7-12

January 21, Time and Project TBD

Jr. USY Kinnus @ Camp Ramah

Grades 7 and 8

January 25 through 27

Thursday Night Teens or TNT

Grades 8-12

6:00-8:00pm

Registration is required for all TNT programs.



In a world of advanced technology, it is easy to be influenced and overwhelmed by the amount of information we receive daily. Join TNT to connect, communicate, and engage in meaningful discussions and experiences to help develop your personal identity through a Jewish lens.

Kick Off- Social Action Project	September 27
Discovering Personal Identity	October 4
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Personal Identity Self Exploration	October 18
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Bowling	November 29
BEIT Hanukkah Celebration	December 6
Israel Experience with Far West USY Shaliacha Yaara Koren	December 13
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StandWithUs Program	January 10
StandWithUs Program Session 2	January 17
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Chai 20s/30s

Chai @ Beth El provides spiritual, cultural, and educational programming for adults in their 20s and 30s.

Chai Shabbat

Full listing can be found on page 9.

Challah-Days Challah Baking*

📅 Tuesday | September 4

🕒 5:30pm

What better way to prepare for the High Challah Days than bake your very own challah? Join Chai as we braid, fill and bake challah (dough will be prepared for you). We'll provide everything from the recipe to the baking sheets and ovens. Cost is \$10.

Erev Rosh HaShanah Service*

📅 Sunday | September 9

🕒 7:30pm

A traditional service designed specifically for adults in their 20s and 30s. After services stick around for a special Chai tradition – a l'chaim with Honey Whiskey followed by an oneg with lots of good food. Please note that parking will be available on the Beth El Campus for Chai Rosh Hashanah Services beginning at 7:15pm. If you arrive before 7:15pm you can park on Gilman Drive or on La Jolla Scenic Drive.

Kol Nidre Service*

📅 Tuesday | September 18

🕒 8:30pm

A traditional service designed specifically for adults in their 20s and 30s. Please note that parking will be available on the Beth El Campus for Chai Kol Nidre Services beginning at 8:15pm. If you arrive before 8:15pm you can park on Gilman Drive or on La Jolla Scenic Drive.

Break the Fast*

📅 Wednesday | September 19

🕒 8:00pm

Chai Sukkot Shabbat Celebration*

📅 Friday | September 28

🕒 6:00pm

Celebrate Sukkot by joining us for an evening Shabbat Service followed by a night enjoying some desserts in the Beth El Sukkah! Please register online by September 25th.

Simhat Torah Member Dinner*

📅 Monday | October 1

🕒 6:30pm

The Torah ends and it begins again, let's celebrate! We'll enjoy a members only dinner and delicious cocktails in the Beit Midrash. After dinner you are invited to join Congregation Beth El for a community wide Simhat Torah celebration in the Jacobs Family Community Hall.

Jews and Brews

📅 Tuesday | November 6

🕒 6:00-8:30pm

There will be small group discussions and mingling with new and old friends. This is a free event, but we ask that you register for Chai to provide tasty appetizers. Drinks are pay-your-own-way.

Hanukkah Party

📅 Saturday, December 8

🕒 6:00 pm





Women's Connection

Rosh Chodesh Monthly Gatherings

📅 Thursday | August 29, Monday | October 8;
Wednesday | November 7;
Monday | December 10

🕒 6:00-8:30pm

Celebrate the new moon, new friends, and new spiritual connections. Starts with dairy/pareve potluck and ends with celebration under the stars! Over the past years more than 150 women of all ages—from high school through their 90s—have joined in sharing in large and small group discussion, education, Torah study, meditation, dance, prayer, presentations about international Jewish communities, and more. Special Guests and topics to be announced.

For information contact Karen Bohrer
kbohrer@usa.net.

Festival Arts Series*

📅 Sundays | dates to be announced

🕒 10:00am-2:00pm

Learn new art techniques and explore your creative side during our fifth Festival Art Series led by award-winning artists. In past years, we created various projects with Judaic themes including: wire and bead "Trees of Life" during Sukkot with Hannah Anbar; paintings celebrating Sukkot and Hanukkah with Keri Goldsmid; Miriam's and Elijah's Cups for Pesah, Mezuzah covers, and celebratory beads with Varda Levram-Ellisman; crafted books for Pesah and painted silk with Jacqueline Jacobs; and, glass Hamsas with Ilanit Shalev. This year we will create with these artists and/or others working with polymer clay, beads, acrylics, fabric painting, and more.

Torah Fund Campaign Kick-Off Event*

📅 Sunday | November 4

🕒 10:00am-1:00pm

Women and men are invited to join Rabbi Ron Shulman to Kick-Off this campaign that benefits the institutions of higher learning for the Conservative/Masorti Movement including: The Jewish Theological Seminary (New York), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles), the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires), and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam).

Hear what is happening in our Movement and the training of our Rabbis, Hazzanim, and other professionals.

Women's Connection Shabbat - Shabbat Shirah

📅 Saturday | January 19

🕒 9:00am Torah study

9:30am Service followed by Luncheon

Celebrate Beth El's vibrant community of women at our Annual Women's Connection Shabbat. More than 60 women participate each year in leading prayers, reading Torah, chanting Haftarah, and sharing special readings and melodies. We also honor a "Woman of Valor/Eshet Chayil" for her contributions to the Beth El and Jewish communities. This is a special opportunity to learn, participate, and rejoice.

For information and to participate and/or help with this event, visit the Women's Connection page at cbe.org or contact:

Terry Miller at terrydramateach@aol.com
or Karen Bohrer kbohrer@usa.net.

Mah Jongg

📅 Mondays when office is open

🕒 Noon-4:00pm

Women of all ages continue Beth El's 60-plus year tradition of playing Mah Jongg. Enhance game skills and friendships.

Knit 'n' Nosh

📅 Monthly | 2nd Thursdays when the office is open

🕒 1:00-3:00pm

Learn and perfect creative yarn knitting and crocheting skills while creating *Tikkun* projects including caps for premature babies, scarves for women facing breast cancer, and hats for Israeli soldiers.

For information contact Joy Wasserman Polun wassermanjoy3@gmail.com

Men's Club

Men Talking to Men

📅 Tuesdays, August 21, October 16, November 20, and December 18

A series of rich monthly discussions on a variety of topics selected by participants. Each discussion is moderated by the person who proposed the topic. Men of all ages and origins comprise this diverse and interesting group who come to share and listen in a safe space.

Save the date!

Spring Scholar in Residence

 April 4 through 6

We're excited to welcome **Dr. Gil Troy** to Congregation Beth El this spring. Dr. Troy is an historian, author, and social commentator. His current book, *The Zionist Ideas*, traces the history of Zionist thought. His opinion writing is getting lots of attention as he addresses current concerns in American and Israeli Jewish life. Dr. Troy is a professor at McGill University in Montreal and comes to us from Jerusalem where he lives and writes.

*We look forward to sharing an exciting year with you.
Your next House Key will arrive in January and cover
programming through June, 2019.*



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