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**Celebrate 25 Years
Rabbi Aaron & Helene
Krupnick**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23
6:15PM**

**DINNER & COMEDY SHOW
BETHELSNJ.ORG/TRIBUTE**

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MARVIN SAMSON**

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*"Your warmth, compassion, and friendship are among the few constants in this ever-changing world; thank you!"
- Marvin Samson*

*"Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure!"
- Eva & Marvin Schlanger*



We are proud of our delegation of adults and teens who lobbied for Israel at the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. Am Yisrael Chai!



Hundreds of volunteers of all ages packaged goods and foods, made sandwiches and blankets, and more at our annual MLK Day of Service!



We look forward to entertainment by Avi Liberman! Avi's quirky style has made him a favorite in comedy clubs from Los Angeles to New York. Born in Israel, Liberman has performed stand up comedy on CBS' The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, Comedy Central's Premium Blend and Make Me Laugh, as well as NBC's Friday Night.



CELEBRATE TOGETHER

**Sunday, September 13, 2020
Beth El 100 Kick-Off Event
Everyone is invited!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Karen H. Schlessel
President

My family feels very fortunate to be part of our wonderful, warm Beth El community. Our connection began when our 23-year-old daughter, Zoe, was in the Early Childhood Center. Dave and I made an appointment with Rabbi Krupnick to learn more about him and Beth

El. As we walked into the building, I carried Zoe in my arms. She immediately spotted Rabbi Krupnick far down the hallway. Zoe wrestled out of my arms, and sprinted toward Rabbi Krupnick, shouting his name until he scooped her up. Dave and I looked at each other and knew we found our home.

Zoe, like my mother, Sybil, of blessed memory, has always been an excellent judge of character. Zoe took her time to decide if she liked someone. She certainly wouldn't run to many people – so it was clear, Rabbi must be quite special.

Fast forward to 2006: Dave, Marc, Zoe, my dad, Sam, and I traveled to Israel with a group of congregants led by Rabbi and Helene. They shared their passion for our homeland. Helene's historical knowledge enriched our understanding and gave us perspective. Rabbi's spiritual guidance imparted greater meaning and feeling as we visited our holiest sites. They complement each other, and it is evident they love teaching people of all ages.

Like you and yours, my family and I have learned from and grown close to Rabbi and Helene. Helene has imparted her wisdom through 18 years of Women's League courses and sessions at the Shirley Mangel Minyan and Study, empowering and inspiring us. When Marc arrived home from Hebrew High, he would review with Dave and me what he learned in Rabbi's class; it was so valuable it had to be shared.

We at Congregation Beth El know just how lucky we are to have Rabbi and Helene Krupnick leading us. Their 25th Anniversary Tribute Dinner on April 23rd is a fantastic way of showing our affection and appreciation to such an admirable, giving, kind, inspirational couple. They mean a tremendous amount to us individually and as a community – our role models, our teachers, and our dear friends.

THANK YOU NORMA KAMIS



We want to extend a special heartfelt thank you to **Norma Kamis** for her many years spearheading our Singles Shabbatot. This program touched many people and provided them a welcoming place to go for a special monthly service. We appreciate all that you did for Beth El and the community, Norma. Todah Rabbah!

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE



By David Backal, Co-Chair

Thank you! Thanks to all of our congregants and our entire Beth El Family for your participation in our Sulam for Strategic Planning initiative in partnership with United Synagogue

for Conservative Judaism (USCJ). We began this process just over a year ago and have been extremely productive in developing our shul's vision and creating a path for all who call Beth El home.

Over the past year we have engaged such a large group of our members for their participation from input to analysis, from development to practice, and from conversation to activity. This entire process is a combined effort between congregants, clergy and staff.

We began by creating our Steering Committee which enabled us to map out our next 15-18 months and monitor our progress. This included Community Conversations held at Beth El and at our member's homes, and conducting a congregational-wide survey. Through both, this equated to hearing from almost 500 individuals. This number well exceeded the expectations set forth from USCJ.

Through detailed analysis of this data, we then formed 6 major Task Forces that we identified as the main topics of interest. These 6 Task Forces include: Communications, Finance, Learning, Membership (both In-Reach and Outreach), Social Action/Social Justice, and Volunteers. Each Task force is framed with 2 Co-Chairs (one from our Steering Committee and one congregant) a designated member of our staff and 6-10 congregants. They are tasked with fully understanding the issues from every angle and developing a 2, 5, 7, 10-year plan. They are also recognizing short-term adjustments that can be implemented this year. Strategic Planning is a long-term program that is very fluid to meet our needs for today and tomorrow.

Each Task Force works independently with scheduled meetings and presents full reports to our Steering Committee as we share our ideas and strategies. These topics are also discussed at weekly staff meetings as we are creating a complete partnership shul-wide. Moving forward, we will build committees to address the needs of our community to fully implement each plan.

One major goal of our Strategic Planning process, other than creating and implementing our plans, is to encourage more congregants to get involved in our shul and our community's future. To that end, we are already successful! We have engaged over 525 Beth El members and many of them are currently working on one of our Task Forces or have indicated a willingness to serve on a committee.

We are always accepting new volunteers and hope you will want to be a part of our team and shaping Beth El's future. To get involved, or find out more how we are progressing, please reach out to Leora Waiche at the office or to one of our Co-Chairs, David Backal (dsbackal@yahoo.com) or Hedda Morton (heddamorton@gmail.com). Again, Thank You for your participation and interest! Look for more updates as we progress.

CLERGY CORNER



Rabbi Krupnick

As I write this, the Corona Virus continues to spread. We cannot help but be fearful. We've never lived through something like this before. So how can we cope with our fear of the future, both near and long-term? Well, I'd suggest that we confront our fears of the future by doubling down on our appreciation of the here and now. I find that every moment I spend worrying about the future eclipses my appreciation of all that is good in my life at the present moment. In my Pirkei Avot class on Wednesdays we have been studying the words of the sage, Ben Zoma. He teaches, "Who is rich? The person who is content and happy with what he or she has." The meaning behind this aphorism is obvious. True wealth is measured in richness of spirit. So, while we indeed hope for the best, we must also be grateful for the here and now, for the many blessings we too often take for granted. Doing so adds spiritual stability to our lives and better equips us to face whatever challenges may come.



Modim Anachnu Lach.

We are grateful for the many acts of loving kindness at our shul. We have so many opportunities to perform *mitzvot*, from our MLK Day of Service, to our newly created Social Action/Social Justice Task Force, from the *tzedakah* boxes that fill our classrooms and chapel, to visiting friends in need and singing at Lions Gate and Saltzman House. The list goes on and on...

Our **3rd Annual Mitzvah Mall** was another tremendous success. I want to express gratitude to our extraordinary chairs, Debra Kelberg and Marla Rosenthal, with incredible support from Paula Luborsky and Leora Waiche.

We had nearly 50 community organizations represented and about a dozen post B'nai Mitzvah students who continue to inspire us with their incredible *mitzvah* work. Mark your calendars for next year's Mitzvah Mall on Sunday, February 21st!

Being a Jewish adult means being responsible for the performance of *mitzvot*, of Gd's commandments. We are in partnership with Gd to make our world a better place.

We can make a difference by welcoming a new friend, sitting next to someone new in shul, or simply by smiling and saying "Shabbat Shalom"! As the prophet Isaiah beautifully expressed, "our house is a house of prayer for ALL people". Let us all continue to be welcoming and accepting to all.



Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro

From March 1-3, I led more than fifty members of our Beth El family to the 2020 **AIPAC Policy Conference** in Washington DC. It was my 11th time attending the conference and I love the way it brings diverse people together in celebration of the Jewish State. I like to call it "the greatest Israel experience a person can have outside of Israel" and one of our teens described it as "the Jewish Super Bowl." My favorite moment of this year's conference began with watching a clip of 2013 conference footage showing a paraplegic marine able to ambulate upright thanks to the Israeli technology ReWalk. In the footage, the marine says he wants to thank the man who gave him legs. He then rolls out Amit Goffer, the quadriplegic inventor of ReWalk, who explains that he's working on it, and that 'one day,' he will have a technology for quadriplegics to move upright. The footage ends. The lights rise, and the segment host sends chills down my spine as she says "That day is today," and out comes Amit Goffer, with a new reWalk technology for quadriplegics walking upright. He explains he finished this just in time to stand under the chuppah at his daughter's wedding and to walk he down the aisle. I teared up and wasn't the only one. If you're interested in joining our Beth El delegation to next year's conference, March 7-9, 2021, talk to me or register at policyconference.org.



Rabbi Green



In just a matter of days we will be celebrating the festival of Passover where we remember the Exodus from Egypt. Many people view the Exodus from Egypt as the defining moment in Judaism. Yes, The Exodus was “A” defining moment, but in reality it was not “THE” defining moment. You see, the journey of the Jewish people did not stop once they entered into the Promised Land, rather, the journey of the Jewish people continued and

it still continues today as we strive to preserve our tradition.

As a Jewish people, the journey into the Promised Land exists in each and every day of our lives. We at Beth El provide and create defining moments for our children and adult learners. By walking through the halls, you will observe our youngest children learning about the Jewish holidays and our traditions. Every Friday afternoon you will smell the delicious aroma of challah baking. You will see the entire Early Childhood Center gather together for Shabbat singing and dancing with Bamba and the Clergy. In our Religious School, you will observe students singing Havdalah and Shacharit in the Chapel. You will find students in Religious School learning about different Jewish communities. Students are researching online about synagogues in Italy, Portugal, and Prague. You will notice our students learning how to read Hebrew. You will find Hebrew High School students studying modern Hebrew, discussing current events with the clergy, and enjoying delicious meals together. On any Tuesday evening, you will find a group of 40 adults learning together with our clergy at our popular Live and Learn series.

Our goal is to teach our students of all ages that our ongoing journey exists within all areas of our community. Through our schools, Shabbat and holiday services and programs, social opportunities, youth group activities, family programs, we encourage all of our students of all ages to join us on the journey as we strive to reach the Promised Land together.

As we approach the season of Pesach, I urge you to take this opportunity to reflect upon your journey, celebrate your accomplishments, and continue on the path until you reach your Promised Land.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

UPCOMING BERS EVENTS

April 5- April 16	BERS/Hebrew High Passover Vacation
April 29	Café 72 Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
May 1	Confirmation
May 3	Vav B'yachad
May 6	The Jewish Music of Leonard Bernstein with Hazzan David F. Tilman
May 10	No School-Mother's Day
May 15	Vav Graduation
May 16	Junior Congregation Awards Shabbat



Our Religious School students enjoyed delicious Tu B'Shvat Sedarim! This is a photo from the Gan Class (Kindergarten)



Hebrew High had a great time helping out at Super Week for the Jewish Federation of South Jersey.



We had fun making maps of Israel using model magic!



Our Hey class (5th Grade) Family B'Yachad program was a special morning creating personalized family trees.



Rabbi Marshall joined many of our teens and Beth El members at the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.

AYELET MITTELMAN—EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER PRINCIPAL



In my last article, I spoke about how our Beth El ECC is like a family; the teachers, the administrators, and the students are one big family.

There is one major component of that family that I neglected to mention, and would now like the opportunity to shine a spotlight on: Our Volunteers.

Our Parent Volunteers are a big part of the heart and soul that is Beth El's ECC. The Parent Teacher Group, Room Parents, as well as all of the other parent volunteers, work tirelessly to raise money; schedule assemblies; organize special events for students, their parents, and for the families as a whole; as well as special events for our teachers. Our volunteers are the unsung heroes of our ECC community.

A most recent example is our spectacular Purim Carnival! Both the Religious School and ECC PTGs sponsored the fantastic day. They coordinated sponsorships for all of the extra special activities, and spent time volunteering to set up and decorate, run booths, and helped clean up the event.

We cannot thank the volunteers enough for the time, energy, thought, and love that goes into all of these events!

We are looking forward to our spring holiday celebrations including the Passover Seder, Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration, and Lag Ba'Omer Picnic. We will also be getting ready for summer reading with our Spring Scholastic Book Fair. So many fun ways to celebrate together before the end of our school year!!

Lastly, our Kindergarten Graduation is just around the corner!! It's hard to believe that our Kindergarten class has almost completed their final year at Beth El's ECC!! Some of these children have been with us since they were toddlers!

What an exciting few months we have ahead of us!!

B'Shalom!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



2020 Summer Camp
2020-2021 School Year

Visit bethelsnj.org/ecc

Contact Ayelet to schedule a tour!
amittelman@bethelsnj.org



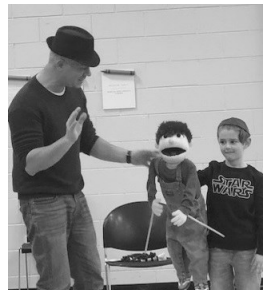
Our ECC laughed, danced, and sang at a special music show with Mr. Jon and Friends. Everyone had a blast!



We had a beautiful Tu BiShvat seder full of food, song, and a special performance by our teachers and clergy!



Our entire ECC, even the infants, got to enjoy a special Mad Science Show called "Wacky Science." We learned about slime, polymers, super absorbents, static electricity, and dry ice!



We were treated to a very special puppet show from the OTS Amiel BaKehila program. Avishai Sheetrit, puppeteer, actor, narrator and television personality in Israel, taught us about puppets and made us laugh. The kids loved it!



We had a fabulous Dr. Seuss Day with a visit from The Cat in the Hat who read us Green Eggs and (Kosher) Ham!

DAILY MINYAN TIMES
















APRIL (NISSAN/IYAR) AND MAY (IYAR/SIVAN) 2020—5780

AM = Shacharit (Morning)

PM = Mincha/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening)

* = Mincha Only

^ = Friday Night Live (Kabbalat Shabbat)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 29 9:00AM 7:20PM	MARCH 30 7:15AM 7:20PM	MARCH 31 7:30AM 7:20PM	1 7:30AM 7:20PM	2 7:15AM 7:20PM	3 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:06PM	4 TZAV SHABBAT HAGADOL 9:00AM 7:10PM
5 9:00AM 7:30PM	6 7:15AM 7:30PM	7 SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ 7:30AM 7:30PM	8 SIYUM FOR FIRST BORN FIRST SEDER 7:00AM 6:00PM  7:11PM	9 PESACH—DAY 1 SECOND SEDER 9:00AM 6:00PM  8:12PM	10 PESACH—DAY 2 9:00AM 6:00PM^  7:13PM	11 CHOL HA MOED PESACH—DAY 3 9:00AM 7:20PM
12 CHOL HA MOED PESACH—DAY 4 9:00AM 7:35PM	13 CHOL HA MOED PESACH—DAY 5 7:15AM 7:35PM	14 CHOL HA MOED PESACH—DAY 6 7:15AM 7:15PM  7:17PM	15 PESACH—DAY 7 9:00AM 7:00PM YIZKOR  8:18PM	16 PESACH—DAY 8 9:00AM YIZKOR 7:50PM HOLIDAY ENDS 8:19PM	17 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:20PM	18 SHEMINI 9:00AM 7:25PM
19 9:00AM 7:40PM	20 7:15AM 6:30PM* MINCHA 9:00PM* MA'ARIV	21 YOM HASHOAH 7:30AM 7:40PM	22 7:30AM 7:40PM	23 TRIBUTE DINNER 7:15AM 7:40PM	24 ROSH CHODESH 7:15AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:27PM	25 TAZRIA-METZORA ROSH CHODESH 9:00AM 7:35PM
26 9:00AM 7:50PM	27 7:15AM 7:50PM	28 YOM HAZIKARON 7:30AM 7:50PM	29 YOM HAATZMAUT 7:30AM 7:50PM	30 7:15AM 7:50PM	MAY 1 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:34PM	MAY 2 ACHAREI MOT- KEDOSHIM 9:00AM 7:45PM
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10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00AM 8:05PM	11 7:15AM 8:05PM	12 LAG B'OMER 7:30AM 8:05PM	13 7:30AM 8:05PM	14 7:15AM 8:05PM	15 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:48PM	16 BEHAR- BECHUKOTAI 9:00AM 8:00PM
17 9:00AM 8:10PM	18 7:15AM 8:10PM	19 YOM HASHOAH 7:30AM 8:10PM	20 7:30AM 8:10PM	21 7:15AM 8:10PM	22 YOM YERUSHALYIM 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^ 	23 BAMIDBAR 9:00AM 8:05PM
24 ROSH CHODESH 9:00AM 8:15PM	25 MEMORIAL DAY 8:30AM 8:15PM	26 7:30AM 8:15PM	27 7:30AM 8:15PM	28 EREV SHAVUOT 7:15AM 7:00PM  7:59PM	29 SHAVUOT—DAY 1 9:00AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  8:00PM	30 SHAVUOT—DAY 2 9:00AM YIZKOR 8:10PM HOLIDAY ENDS 9:06P
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PASSOVER SCHEDULE

2020—5780

Tuesday, April 7

Search for Chametz
Sale of Chametz Form Due (page 17)

Wednesday, April 8

Siyum for 1st Born, Wednesday, April 8 - 7:00am
Last time to eat Chametz, before 10:47am
Mincha/Ma'ariv—6:00pm
Candlelighting—7:11pm
1st Night Seder

Thursday, April 9: Yom Tov

Yom Tov Services—9:00am
Family Programming—10:45am
Mincha/Ma'ariv—6:00pm
Candlelighting—8:12pm
2nd Night Seder

Friday, April 10: Yom Tov

Shacharit—7:15am
Family Programming—10:45am
Mincha/Ma'ariv—6:00pm
Candlelighting—7:13pm

Saturday, April 11: Shabbat Chol HaMoed

Shabbat —9:00am
Mincha/Ma'ariv —7:15pm

Sunday, April 12: Chol HaMoed

Shacharit—9:00am
Mincha/Ma'ariv —7:15pm

Monday, April 13: Chol HaMoed

Shacharit—7:15am
Mincha/Ma'ariv —7:15pm

Tuesday, April 14: Chol HaMoed

Shacharit—7:15am
Mincha/Ma'ariv —7:15pm
Candlelighting—7:17pm

Wednesday, April 15: Yom Tov

Shacharit—9:00am
Family Programming—10:30am
Mincha/Ma'ariv & Yizkor—7:00pm
Candlelighting—8:18pm

Thursday, April 16: Yom Tov

Shacharit & Yizkor—9:00am
Family Programming—10:30am
Mincha/Ma'ariv—7:50pm

**PESACH ENDS
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 8:19PM**

SHIRLEY'S 18 YEARS AT BETH EL



Shirley Yaffa, our fabulous Receptionist & Administrative Assistant and the smiling face who welcomes you to the building, celebrated her "Chai" Birthday here as a staff member of Beth El on March 18, 2020.

Beth El has been an important part of Shirley's life for many years, beginning with her marriage to her late husband, Jerry, z"L by the late Rabbi Harry B. Kellman, They were about to celebrate 50 years of marriage when he passed 14 years ago. Beth El was there for her then, and still is.

Their three children, Joel, Stuart and Michele were confirmed at Beth El and Michele & Stuart were married there. She is now the proud grandmother of 16 grandchildren and has 17 great grandchildren (so far). You can find her each day at her desk meeting and greeting parents, children, and congregants.

Shirley is a beloved member of our staff. Shirley is also an active participant with the Habonim 2.0 group as well as a regular in the Pirkei Avot Class with Rabbi Krupnick.

Shirley loves Beth El and looks forward to coming to work each day sharing her smiles and positive attitude.



Beth El loves you, Shirley!

Thank you for being such an integral part of the Beth El family.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Please update your winter or summer address with us!

If you travel to Florida or another location during the winter, or down the shore for the summer, please share your address with us so you don't miss any of our news!



Contact Melissa at
mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Lawrence Dock

*Father of Diane (Stuart) Traster
Grandfather of Rebecca (William) Jacobs*

Lita Manheim

Wife of Irwin Manheim z"L

Milton Sandler

Father of Cheryl Sandler

Rhoda Schwartz

Wife of Morton Schwartz

Suzanne Taylor

Mother of Craig (Melody) Taylor

SPECIAL GUEST FROM UGANDA



We were proud to welcome **Samson Nedritu** as our Shabbat guest in March. Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick met him while traveling in Uganda with a group of Rabbis to meet the Abayudaya, the 1,500 or so Jews who are building and maintaining a vibrant Conservative Jewish community there. Many of the Rabbis arranged for Samson to visit the United States to experience other Jewish communities, share his love of Jewish life, as well as gain new insight into Jewish life that he can bring back to

Uganda. Samson's dream is to become a Conservative Rabbi. Samson taught in our Hebrew High school, celebrated Shabbat with our ECC students and Shomrim members, and spoke from the bima with Rabbi Krupnick. We all enjoyed his talents on the drum!

BETH EL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

If you know someone who deserves special recognition, please contact Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org

WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO:

Alan Blumenfeld

loss of his brother-in-law, Matthew Holtzman

Keith Dunoff

loss of his father, Abraham Paul Dunoff

Ruth Katz

loss of her brother, Gerald M. Mintz

Elynn Kellerman

loss of her father, Harold Brecher, PhD

Ralph Noah

loss of his mother, Clementine Noah

Audrey Oppenheim

loss of her mother, Marian Haisfield

Eileen Perice

loss of her brother, Barry Norman

Glenn Sloves

loss of his father, Wallace Sloves

Marcia Swerdloff

loss of her father, Joel Feinberg



For the past 16 years, **Joel Fleisher** has volunteered his time to helping students learn how to read at Clara Barton Elementary School. Joel was the first recipient of the Heart of the District award by the Cherry Hill Board of Education.

"The Heart of the District award will be periodically given to a student or community member who demonstrates the heart of the Cherry Hill public schools through upstanding character, devotion and caring that may not be in the spotlight but touches many and uplifts all," Superintendent Joseph Meloche said.



Jared Wilen, son of **Barbra & Allen Wilen**, was elected to be the 96th Grand Aleph S'gan (the vice president of programming for the International Order of BBYO.) He will lead programming and the planning of the 2021 BBYO International Convention in Philadelphia.

Vikki & Michael Leslie's daughter, **Devon**, achieved Valedictorian of the May 2020 graduating class of Stevens Institute of Technology. Their daughter, **Grayson**, was selected as a delegate for the State Rotary Youth Leadership Conference in June!

May Their Memories Be A Blessing

**List as of March 11, 2020*



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS!

More than 330 holiday packages and Beth El news updates were sent to 117 college students across the country this school year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to keep our college students connected to Beth El and their Jewish community.

To participate for 2020-2021, please submit the following to Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or (856) 428-5145: Student Name—School Address— Student's Email — Name of School/Class Year—Parent Name, Phone, Email

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST PACKAGE OF 2020-2021 IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020*

**ALL ADDRESSES MUST BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. PLEASE SUBMIT STUDENT INFO EVEN IF PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED.*

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For information: Gloria Back at 856.428.6368 OR gback5454@aol.com

MAZEL TOV

B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

RONIT & CHARLES BOYD
BAT MITZVAH OF DAUGHTER, EDEN

SUSAN DASHOFF-ELLMAN
BAT MITZVAH OF GRANDDAUGHTER, ANNABELLE ROBERTS

RAE & YEHUDA EHRlich
BAT MITZVAH OF GRANDDAUGHTER, EDEN BOYD

DONNA FLETCHER AND BARRY KRATCHMAN
BAT MITZVAH OF DAUGHTER, KAMERON KRATCHMAN

SHEILA & SAMUEL MANDEL
BAT MITZVAH OF GRANDDAUGHTER, SYDNEY CASHMAN

SHEILA & SAMUEL MANDEL
BAR MITZVAH OF GRANDSON, LEO MANDEL

KELLY MYERS
BAR MITZVAH OF SON, ZACHARY

JULIA & ADAM ROBERTS
BAT MITZVAH OF DAUGHTER, ANNABELLE

HARRIET SCHULMAN
BAR MITZVAH OF GRANDSON, ARI SCHULMAN

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

EDITH BRISTOL
ENGAGEMENT OF GRANDSON, NATHANIEL MOLDOFF TO
YAELE NUSBAUM

SELMA ELLIS
ENGAGEMENT OF GRANDSON, BRIAN HOROWITZ,
TO EMILY STERN

RANDEE & ALAN MOLDOFF
ENGAGEMENT OF SON, NATHANIEL, TO YAELE NUSBAUM

SYLVIA MOLDOFF
ENGAGEMENT OF GRANDSON, NATHANIEL MOLDOFF

AUDREY OPPENHEIM
AUF RUF OF MARC OPPENHEIM AND ILANA BAGEL

BARBARA & DAVID OPPENHEIM
AUF RUF OF MARC OPPENHEIM AND ILANA BAGEL

KAREN & DAVID SCHLESSEL
AUF RUF OF SON, MARC, AND KATIE YOUNG

DONNA & PHIL STARKMAN
ENGAGEMENT OF DAUGHTER JESSICA, TO REUBEN
ROZENBAUM

BIRTHS & BABY NAMINGS

RABBI ANDY & CHARLENE GREEN
BIRTH OF NIECE, ALIVIA MADISON NAFT

JOYCE & MEL RUTHEN
BABY NAMING OF GRANDDAUGHTER, ELLA GOLDIE

LISA & ABBEY SPECTOR
BIRTH OF GRANDDAUGHTER, MAXINE JANE ASHER

MARIANNE & DAVID ZALUT
BIRTH OF GRANDSON

JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF SHOMRIM MEMBERS

PILLAR

The Brown Families – Sidney & Sandy and Jeff & Tracy
Donna & Richard Forman – Forman Foundation
Eva & Marvin Schlanger

VISIONARY

Marvin Samson Foundation

SUSTAINER

Jerome M. Katz
Alison & Andrew Keim

BUILDER

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Son of Robin & Alan Brandeis

April 4, 2020

Brother of: Max

Grandson of: Roz & Warren Brandeis, Ellen & Rich First, Faye & Richard Fulginiti

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered at Abramson Senior Care, an elder care network. He visited with residents, led Shabbat services, and made a donation.



STACEY & LAUREN GRUBER

Daughters of Deborah & Matthew Gruber

April 18, 2020

Granddaughters of: Marcy & Michael Postelnak

Mitzvah Project: Collected money for One Love Animal Rescue and made a gift basket that was raffled off at a fundraiser for the rescue.



NATHAN MORGAN

Son of Jamie & Darin Morgan

May 2, 2020

Brother of: Maya

Grandson of: Grace & Neil Shuster, Peggy Morgan

Mitzvah Project: Raised money for Hearing Loss Association of America, an organization committed to education and awareness of issues related to hearing impaired persons.



ARDEN LESLIE

Daughter of Vikki & Michael Leslie

May 16, 2020

Sister of: Devon and Grayson

Granddaughter of: Albert Schulter

Mitzvah Project: Collected toiletries for Mothers Matter and made a donation to Race to End Women's Cancer in memory of her Mommom, Nancy Ruth Schulter

Shabbat

WEEKLY

Friday Night Live

Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00pm

Shabbat Morning

9:00am

Torah Talk

10:15-11:00am

Join Rabbi Green to discuss fascinating topics from our weekly Torah portion.

Babysitting

9:30am - 12:00pm

FIRST FRIDAYS

Prayers And Pajamas*

5:30pm

A musical, interactive, and fun Shabbat service with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and pizza dinner especially for families with children ages 5 and under.

Celebration Shabbat

6:00pm

Celebrate your birthday and anniversary month with us!

SECOND & FORTH SATURDAYS

Junior Congregation

10:15-11:45am

A fun, participatory service with Chai Respes for K - 6th Graders

THIRD SATURDAYS

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By Amy Kaplan
Congregation Librarian

The Passover rush is here. Shopping, cooking, getting the house cleaned; there's a long list of chores to keep us busy. But when the last matzah ball is eaten and the family has gone home, it will finally be time to sit down, put your feet up, and read a good book. Here are some suggestions:

Alice Hoffman's books always have a magical quality to them, and her newest, **The World That We Knew**, is no exception. Here she spins a tale of Eastern Europe's darkest hour, when Hanni Kohn is determined to send her 12-year-old daughter Lea away to safety. She goes to a respected rabbi who also has a daughter, Ettie. Ettie creates a golem, Ava, who is sworn to protect Lea. The path to safety takes Lea and Ava to Paris, a convent in eastern France, and a mountaintop school. Along the way Lea will find love, and Ava will discover that she can feel emotions. This novel is quite different from most Holocaust fiction, and once again showcases Hoffman's considerable talent.

The Third Daughter by Talia Carner was a surprise. I knew what it was about, but I wasn't prepared for the impact it would have. In this novel, 14-year-old Batya is a girl from a very poor family in Russia about one hundred years ago. A duplicitous Jewish man shows up, promising her family money in exchange for marrying Batya and taking her to America. The America he takes her to is South America – Buenos Aires – where she is placed in a brothel. This would be just a seamy story were it not based on fact: the organized crime group Zwi Migdal operated a large prostitution business in South America, and their representatives would travel to Eastern Europe and Russia to con families into providing young girls. Carner has researched the subject thoroughly. This disgraceful chapter of Jewish history is shocking and deeply disturbing.

Faith Quintero's **Loaded Blessings** is set in two time periods – the present day and during the Spanish Inquisition. Inspired by current events such as the BDS movement and other anti-Israel activities, and widespread misinformation about Israel, she created this story. In Seville, Spain, at the time of the Inquisition, a Jewish woman faces an agonizing decision: convert, leave, or face death. A gentile friend makes bronze candlesticks for her to take on her travels. In the parallel contemporary story, Abi has a very old bronze candlestick, and has long wanted to find the matching one. When a sunken ship is found off the coast of Tel Aviv, she hopes it will yield the missing candlestick. Abi's story offers a close-up of contemporary Israel and the issues it faces.

Wishing you a zissen Pesach – and many serene hours of great reading!

Investors Foundation Grant Supports Safety and Security Here at Beth El



A \$15,000 grant from the Investors Bank's Foundation is helping us complete safety and security projects here at Beth El.

We applied for the grant from the Investors Bank

Foundation, which supports non-profit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank.

Investors Bank's Christopher P. Warren, senior vice president business lending; Barry Epps, assistant vice president and Voorhees branch manager; and branch supervisor Sayantani Bhattacharya, presented the check to the leadership of Congregation Beth El.

"We are proud to present Congregation Beth El with this grant in support of its efforts to ensure the safety of its members," said Warren. "Everyone should feel secure in their ability to participate in worship, education, and the other activities available through Congregation Beth El."

Josh Laster, our Executive Director, said, "We are grateful to Investors Bank Foundation for providing the necessary funds to increase security at Beth El. With their support, we were able to implement new protocols offering additional protection to our education programs."

"I know I speak for the leadership of our congregation when I say that Investors Bank is aptly named," exclaimed Senior Rabbi Aaron Krupnick. "They are investing in our shared future by helping to make our children, and their parents, safe and comfortable here at our school. Our children are our future, and we are proud to be investing in them together."

"Investors Bank believes in supporting organizations and activities that strengthen the communities where our customers and employees live and work," said Epps. "Congregation Beth El plays an important role in our community and we believe we have an obligation to support its efforts."

Be on the lookout for new security features here at Beth El!

FUN TOGETHER AT BETH EL



YOUTH DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



USY (for 8-12 graders) bethelsnj.org/usy

On January 31, the Raush family hosted 10 USYers at their home for a beautiful **Shabbat Dinner** with services led by 2 of our high school seniors.

On February 8, we learned self-defense techniques at **Israeli Krav Maga** in Cherry Hill! Our event started with a beautiful Havdalah!



KADIMA (for 4-7 graders) bethelsnj.org/kadima

On February 9, we had a fun **Tu BiShvat Ice Cream Seder**. We tasted various fruits, carob, and ice cream. We also planted parsley to grow for Passover!



On February 22, we held our 2nd annual **Kadima Ninja Warrior** beginning with Havdalah. We participated in all sorts of ninja obstacles and parkour challenges at Warrior Gyms in Mount Laurel.



CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH USY & KADIMA! Friday, May 29. 6:00pm All 4-12 graders invited!

Participate in Kabbalat Shabbat, enjoy a delicious dairy Shabbat meal with cheesecake dessert, and a participate in a night of competitions with prizes!

\$18 per person.
Register: bethelsnj.org/usy



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Men's Club participates in this special service followed by a delicious Passover Kiddush .

YOM HASHOAH COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION MONDAY, APRIL 20. 7:00PM

Remember the Holocaust and honor the victims and survivors together with the community at Beth El.

TRIBUTE DINNER CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE RABBI AARON & HELENE KRUPNICK THURSDAY, APRIL 23. 6:15PM

Join us for dinner and a comedy show.
Details on front cover.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 26. 9:30AM

Join us in celebrating our Beth El community as we honor our volunteers and board members.

YOM HAZIKARON MONDAY, APRIL 27

Honor Israel's Memorial Day with the community.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CAFÉ 72 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29. 5:30PM

"Spotlight on Israel" - A community celebration with dinner and activities for all ages!

LIBRARY SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP THURSDAY, APRIL 30. 1:30PM

Engaging discussion with Amy Kaplan.

SURVIVOR SISTERS MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT TBS

Dr. Beth Blumenthal will speak about mammograms and 3D technology. We are joining with the TBS Caring Sisters group for this special program.

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- Attend Minyan
- Read Torah on Shabbat
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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**THE JEWISH MUSIC OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6. 7:00PM**

Explore about how Maestro Bernstein put his Jewish identity in many compositions including Hashkiveinu, Yigdal, and even West Side Story and Candide.

**PENN MEDICINE LECTURE SERIES:
WOMEN'S CANCERS: RISKS AND PREVENTION
THURSDAY, MAY 7. 6:30PM**

Join a panel of Penn Medicine Physicians for this informative discussion here at Beth El.

**SERVICE FROM THE HEART
FRIDAY, MAY 8. 6:00PM**

Join us for a musical service embracing our special needs community with a fun challah making activity. Interpreted in ASL.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13. 2:00-7:00PM**

Perform this life-saving mitzvah! Register or walk-in.

**DINE & STUDY WITH RABBI KRUPNICK
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13. 7:00PM**

Join us for a wonderful dinner of learning and friendship with Sisterhood.

**TORAH ON TAP
TUESDAY, MAY 26. 7:00PM**

Study, sip, and socialize with Rabbi Green and Men's Club. Enjoy an engaging Torah conversation over drinks.

**HEALING SERVICE WITH BETH EL CLERGY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27. 7:00PM**

Find inner peace through prayer and meditation.

**LIBRARY SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP
THURSDAY, MAY 28. 1:30PM**

Engaging discussion with Amy Kaplan.

SHAVUOT: MAY 28-30

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, May 28. 7:00pm

Join your clergy for an evening of study, prayer, and desserts.

Services, Yizkor, and Family Programming

Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30



LOOKING BACK AT...

RECENT BETH EL EVENTS



On February 9, Sisterhood and Men's Club partnered up for a red carpet fun-filled **Pre-Oscars Party** here at Beth El! We are grateful to our fabulous hosts Melissa and Adam Benn.



On February 23, **Dave Schlossberg** shared an inspirational program about how he overcame adversity and a life-changing injury caused by a drunk driver. Thank you to Project Lev for bringing this program to us.



On February 23, we held a fantastic **Mitzvah Mall Community Service Showcase** featuring more than 40 non-profit organizations. Thank you to Debra Kelberg and Marla Rosenthal for chairing this event!



On February 27, Sisterhood held a fun **Hamantaschen Bake** to prepare for Purim! The ladies filled the kitchen with energy, enthusiasm, and friendship!



On February 29, our ECC put on a fabulously fun **Quizzo Night!** Thank you especially to Shannon McFadden, Beth Lambert, and the ECC PTG for organizing such a great night!



Join us at Café 72
 Yom HaAtzmaut
 Spotlight on Israel!
 Wednesday, April 29. 5:30pm

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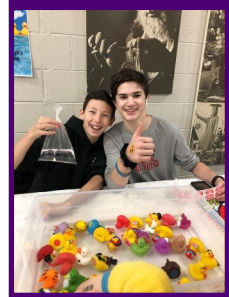


Thank you to everyone who helped with our **Mishloach Manot Purim** baskets this year! We were thrilled to be able to send a Purim basket to every Beth El member household. The pictured group of volunteers is a handful of the many who

enjoyed baking you fresh hamantaschen at the Classic Cake factory! We are grateful to all of the hard work put in by our fabulous chairs **Jodi Abrams, Suzi Abrams, and Shera Shalit** as well as our dedicated Engagement Director, **Melissa Leibowitz**.

We are also grateful to the volunteers for their time and dedication to spearhead our fabulous Purim Carnival: **Beth Lambert, Brandi Seltzer, Shari Shapiro, Dina Silverman, and Sara Valli**. The carnival was an incredible morning with a variety of inflatables, games, DJ, petting zoo, Toddler Town, goldfish which allowed many participants to leave with new pets, and more!

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PASSOVER INFORMATION



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

by Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Q: When is the Fast of the First Born?

A: The *Siyum* of the Fast of the First Born will be held on **Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00am**. We will conclude a *seder* (order) of Mishna at the end of services so as to negate the need to fast.

Q: When do we search for Chametz?

A: Following a thorough cleaning of the house, the search for leaven is held on **Tuesday evening, April 7 after night fall**. Breadcrumbs are placed conspicuously in rooms where food is normally eaten. Using a candle, a search is made and the crumbs are whisked with a feather onto a wooden spoon and then into a paper bag. The prayer said at this time is found in the Haggadah.

Q: What do we do with the crumbs in the bag? Where is Chametz burned?

A: Chametz should be burned on **Wednesday, April 8**. After morning Minyan (7:00am), we will have a small bonfire in a steel drum in the parking lot to burn your Chametz. Parents and children can come from **8:15—9:00am** that morning to share in this ritual.

Q: How and why do I sell my Chametz?

A: On Pesach it is forbidden to possess Chametz.

B: All Chametz that will not be eaten or burned needs to be sold to a non-Jew through a transaction facilitated by the Rabbis of Beth El. (**Sale of Chametz form below**.) It should be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul no later than **Tuesday, April 7** by noon.

Foods During Pesach

The following foods are forbidden for use during **Pesach**: All uncertified products of the 5 specified grains traditionally identified as Chametz: oats, wheat, barley, rye and spelt. This includes such products as bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, etc. Ashkenazic custom has us refraining from eating rice, corn, peas and legumes because when ground they can be confused for those grains listed above. However, in a different form, some of the derivative products of these foods are permitted such as peanut oil. With so much *hechshered* food available in our area, it is best just to look for the certification on foods.

Kashering Utensils

Pots and Pans: Silverware and pots must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned and then completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

Earthenware: China and pottery etc. may not be kashered.

Ovens & Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed. Oven and range should be on as hot as possible for ½ hour.

Microwaves: After a thorough cleansing, a cup of hot water should be brought to a boil until most of the water disappears.

Dishwasher: The Rabbinical Assembly has ruled that after not using the machine for 24 hours, running a full cycle through empty with detergent will kasher a dishwasher for Pesach.

Tables, Food, Closets & Counters: Should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. Then they may be used.

Kitchen Sink: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

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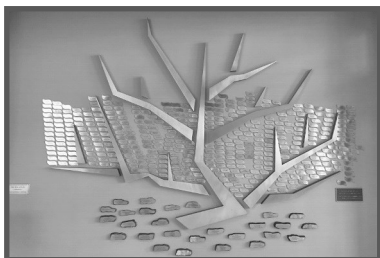
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