



# NEWS

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2014**

**THE MIDTOWN MEN**  
4 STARS FROM THE ORIGINAL CAST OF JERSEY BOYS!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Beth El leadership has long recognized that a revenue model based upon dues assessment and collection is not the model for the future. This is why our Endowment Team led by Steven Eisner, Neal Cupersmith, Joceyln Borowski, Victor Levy and David Backal have worked so tirelessly to ensure that the new Beth El Endowment Program will succeed.

Recently, you received a letter which Steven and I signed along with a copy of our Endowment brochure. I wanted to take this opportunity to answer some questions about endowments which may have arisen.

An Endowment Program is not a source for immediate or short-term funding. As a result, we will still have to rely upon our generous Beth El community to pay dues, attend fund raisers, buy scrip and otherwise support Beth El. However, an Endowment Program is a wonderful opportunity to ensure the long-term growth and vibrancy of our shul. We all want to preserve Beth El for the future to make sure that our tangible heirlooms (such as our plaques and photographs) as well as our less tangible, but more important memories always have a home. Although many of us may not be in position to make a significant donation to Beth El - for example a \$10,000 gift, a \$100,000 gift or even more, our Endowment Program may allow you to make such a commitment and by doing so realize that our synagogue will not only be preserved but will remain a leader in our community as well as in the entire conservative movement.

Our Endowment Program has vehicles in place to allow you to make a significant monetary contribution for the future by committing a part or percentage of your estate, by purchasing an insurance policy, by gifting appreciated stock, art, real estate or jewelry or in any number of other ways thereby committing more than you otherwise could - perhaps because you always wanted to repay Beth El for all it has done for you, perhaps because you want to make sure there is a robust Beth El in the future.

You may be contacted by a Beth El volunteer with a request to join our many members who have committed to our Endowment Program. Please consider coming aboard this ship to ensure our financial success.

Finally, we do recognize that many of our members may have previously made a commitment in their will or otherwise participated in funding an Endowment for Beth El's future. If so, first and foremost, "Thank you!" and second would you please call Hanina Ruttenberg at the Beth El office at 856-675-1166 so we may count you towards our goal. Oh, I may have omitted mentioning our goal. In the year 2020 Beth El will be celebrating our 100th anniversary and our vision for 2020 is to have \$10,000,000 committed towards this most worthy program.

Have you been to Shabbat services lately and noticed the upgrades we have made to our Kiddush? If not, stop by - its every Saturday rain or shine - and enjoy some Torah, a sermon and some yummy food. I want to thank Tamar for all she has done to enhance our Shabbat experience. Also, if you would like to participate in helping out with our Kiddush Fund to honor a birthday, anniversary or just because you like the food, please give Tamar a call at 856-675-1166 and she will make sure your generosity is acknowledged.

Thanks!  
Eric

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE



### Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Assimilating Wisely

Most of the time when we Jews hear the word “assimilate” it has negative connotations, but I don’t think that’s always the case. Jews have always learned from the world around us, and we have contributed a great deal to it as well. I

believe that the challenge of Judaism – in every age – is learning the art of assimilating wisely. We have too much to offer the world to be tucked away in isolated pockets with no access to the outside world. For instance, our Jewish sense of social justice and equality propelled the Civil Rights movement forward in our country. Recently, I was watching a program on the assassination of President Kennedy and it referenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Most people don’t realize that Martin Luther King spoke to the Rabbis of the Conservative Movement the week before he was assassinated and thanked my predecessors for carrying the cause along with him. That’s probably why he referenced Jews first in his “I Have a Dream Speech” when he spoke of people living in harmony. But it’s not just our sense of social justice that is vital to the world: Jewish creativity in the arts and in culture has helped to make the world a more beautiful place; our impact in the realm of science has saved countless lives. Jews, a small sliver of the world’s population, have accounted for more than 20% of all Nobel Prizes awarded. Jews who lived cloistered lives did not, and do not have that kind of influence.

Yes, it is true that fewer Jews are maintaining Jewish law, fewer are marrying Jewish people, and raising Jewish kids – and most importantly, less Jewish people describe themselves as “religious”. Sometimes assimilation is a threat. That is precisely why we need to assimilate wisely.

When have you assimilated too far? When you feel that you have nothing to offer the cause of the Jewish People. The world needs all kinds of “religious” Jews – observant of Jewish law and not; Jews who can read Hebrew and Jews who cannot; Jews who are moved by sitting in synagogue, and Jews who live their spirituality in other ways; Jews who are politically active and not; the list goes on and on... Judaism is a broad spectrum of belief and practice. We need to understand, and to get our children to understand, that each of us – each of them, has something precious to contribute in moving Judaism forward – that we are an evolving civilization made up of “Religious Jews”. And if your Judaism shapes and informs your life, if your religion shapes your self-concept – you ARE “religious” and you have something important to contribute to our growth as a People. Each of us has something precious to contribute. And that means always walking the fine line between being citizens of the world and yet standing apart from it as well. But it starts with pushing deeper; asking ourselves just what our Judaism means to each of us and the way it shapes our lives. We need to articulate to ourselves and to others the values and practices, the beliefs and customs that shape our lives. And we can’t always do so on our own. We need to read and study and learn what Judaism is all about. By doing so we not only gain a deeper understanding of ourselves, but we help our children and grandchildren to do the same. Judaism is an evolving civilization and we are the ones who will move it forward.

## SHARING OUR LIVES

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY:**

Jared Bennett, Margie Goldstein, Bernice Gothard

### **BIRTHS:**

Laurence Dock on the birth of his grandson, Dylan Jacobs  
Rita & Alan Kagan on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Carly Marissa Rinehart

Norma Kamis on the birth of her first granddaughter, Evelyn  
Elizabeth Brinda

Sharon & Robert Katz on the birth of their grandson,  
Sebastien Benjamin Mason

Sheila & Samuel Mandel on the birth of their granddaughter,  
Zoe Rachel Cashman

Jodi & Jason Rinehart on the birth of their daughter,  
Carly Marissa

Diane & Stuart Traster on the birth of their grandson,  
Dylan Jacobs

Shirley Yaffa on the birth of her great grandson,  
Matanya Yaffa in Israel

### **B'NAI MITZVOT:**

Jodi & Edward Abrams on their daughter Heather  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Lauren & David Chesnick on their daughter Alison  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Arlene & Harris Colton on their grandson David  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Rande & Ron Dubrow on their granddaughter Emma  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Heather & Jody Fisher on their daughter Morgan  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Florence Fridrich on the B'nai Mitzvah of her great grand-  
children, Ephraim Fridrich and Shoshana Leba Fridrich

Valerie & Larry Gross on their daughters Hannah  
and Alyssa becoming B'not Mitzvah

Ivy & Marc Guralnick on their daughter Sophie becoming  
a Bat Mitzvah

Robyn & Leonard Kaplan on their daughter Lindsay  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Sheila & Sam Mandel on their granddaughter Sophia  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Sharon & Steven Nadelbach on their son Noah  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Nicole & Andrew Poulshock on their son Michael  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Juli & Glenn Sloves on their daughter Sophia becoming  
a Bat Mitzvah

Jen & Jim Weiss on their daughter Emma becoming  
a Bat Mitzvah

Linda Weiss & Josh Matasow on their granddaughter Emma  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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# SHARING OUR LIVES

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## ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES:

Scott Cohen on his engagement to Zina Pyatetsky  
 Bernice Gothard on the marriage of her son Alan to Joanne (Jodi) Hoffman  
 Megan and Leigh Nachod on their marriage  
 Lynn & Joe Rosner on the marriage of their son Jacob to Lauren Butler  
 Laura & Alan Wechsler on the marriage of their granddaughter Lauren Butler to Jacob Rosner

## BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Richard Brenner, father of Scott Brenner  
 Barry Freedman, husband of Helene Freedman, brother of Richard Freedman, stepfather of Lisa Brodack  
 Fred Manders, father of Steve Manders  
 Jeffrey Millman, brother of Arlene Colton  
 Eliezer Rozovsky husband of Lea Rozovsky  
 Sheldon Sherman, father of Michael Sherman  
 Harold Stern, father of Stuart Stern  
 Charlotte Watson, mother of Edward Pecelli  
 Barry Weinraub, brother of Shirley Brenner  
 Shelley M. Zeiger, husband of Marion Zeiger  
 Sue & Gilbert Zellan, grandparents of Leah Wolf

## Purim is coming!

### March 15



Be on the lookout in your mailbox for information on the wonderful Purim custom of Shalach Manot.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are again offering our congregants the opportunity to participate in this custom of gift giving and greeting.

It is a wonderful way to send an expression of love and friendship to family, neighbors, friends, teachers and clergy.



For more information, contact Renee and Craig Kessler at 856-429-2258

# IN MEMORIAM

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of  
**Marjorie Katz**  
 Beloved wife of Lewis Katz  
 Beloved mother of Drew (Rachel) Katz and Melissa (Steven) Silver

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of  
**Eliezer Rozovsky**  
 Beloved husband of Leah Rozovsky

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of  
**Shelley M. Zeiger**  
 Beloved husband of Marion

## Chesed



On October 6, in the span of 4 hours, the Beth El Chesed committee, along with over 75 Volunteers, prepared 1000 meals for those in need in our community. Meals were prepared and delivered to JFCS, Cathedral Kitchen, Klein Branch JCC, Robin's Nest and several other location organizations.

I'd like to thank everyone who has come out to cook with us in 2013 and look forward to setting a schedule for monthly cooking in 2014. A special thank you to the following for their financial donations to the Chesed program during the last quarter of 2013:

Thalia and Herbert Cohen, Congregation Beth El Sisterhood, Congregation Beth El Habonim, Toby and Irwin Dubner, Selma Feldschneider, Ben Lenoff, Ann and Bernie Miller, Ada Richards, Illene Rubin

And finally, I am thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the Community Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation for \$2500 to enable us to continue our work.

Renee Kessler  
 Chesed chair

# COLEL NEWS

## January

### **Wrap It Up! A Tefillin Workshop for Adults**

Rabbi Arnow & Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro  
Learn the how's and the why's of donning  
Tefillin and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

3 Sessions: January 5, 12, 26 @ 10:00AM

### **Pirkei Avot: Timeless Wisdom for the Modern Age VI: The Journey Continues:**

Rabbi Krupnick; The cornerstone of the Jewish  
Ethics from the Talmudic Age gives you  
advice you can use all the time. Open to all.

6 Sessions: January 8, 15, 22, 29,  
February 5, 19 @ Noon - \$36.00

### **Sisterhood New Year, New You Yoga Night**

Start the year with your Sisterhood friends in  
an evening of fun and Yoga as you stretch  
your mind and body.

January 16 @ 7:00PM - Social Hall A & B

### **Torah on Tap:** Rabbi Arnow

A freewheeling conversation and schmooze  
on Jewish topics at a local hangout.

January 22 @ 8:30PM - Dubh Linn Square  
Pub & hosts

### **Library Short Story Discussion Group with Amy Kaplan**

- 1:30PM - \$25.00 for the series

(8 sessions). The dates are:

January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24,

May 22

### **The Gatekeepers, Academy Award**

### **Nominee for Best Documentary 2013**

### **Film and Discussion**

For the first time ever, six former heads of the  
Shin Bet, Israel's secret service agency, agree  
to share their insights and reflect publicly on  
their actions and decisions.

January 23 @ 7:00PM - FREE and Open to  
the Community

## February

### **Library Short Story Discussion Group with Amy Kaplan**

- 1:30PM - \$25.00 for the series  
(8 sessions). The dates are:

February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22

### **Yearnings - Jewish Learning at a Deeper**

**Level:** Rabbi Krupnick

Celebrate the graduation of our adult learners  
who have completed a yearlong course of  
study with Rabbi Krupnick.

February 1 @ 9:00AM

### **The Phil Podell Memorial-World Wide**

**Wrap:** Rabbi Arnow

Join Men's Clubs around the world for a "How-  
to" service with Tallis and

Tefilin for men, women and students. Grade 6  
and up. Breakfast is  
included.

February 2 @ 9:00AM →

# CONGREGATION BETH EL WELCOMES THE *MIDTOWN MEN*

Get ready to "Rock and Roll" as Congregation Beth El travels back in time to the 1960's. On **Sunday evening March 2, 2014** the sounds of The *Midtown Men*, a '60s tribute act, will fill the Beth El Sanctuary, honoring and having fun with the more innocent, romantic sounds of that turbulent decade. This sensational production reunites **Four Stars from the Original Cast of Broadway's Jersey Boys**. Tony Award winner **Christian Hoff**, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award nominee **J. Robert Spencer** star in this one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating the music that defined the '60s. During their time in the mega-hit musical *Jersey Boys*, these four talented artists shared the stage for over a thousand performances and delighted television audiences with appearances on the "Today Show", "The Late Show" with David Letterman, and "Dick Clark's Rockin New Year's Eve." From New York City to Los Angeles and all points in between, don't miss the top-shelf choreography, incredible harmonies and legendary onstage chemistry that is **THE MIDTOWN MEN!**

**For information about individual or corporate sponsorships please contact Shari Smith in the Beth El office.**

## BETH EL WELCOMES BACK CONGREGANTS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISRAEL

### **Beth El Religious School's Confirmation Class**

**Rabbi Noah Arnow**

**Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro**

**Chaim Respes**



If you have recently returned from a trip to Israel,  
please let our office know! Email  
Bhirn@bethelsnj.org

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### **Bagels and Broadway: The Jewish Influence on Broadway:**

Leila Kotler Joffe Bring your dairy lunch and join us on an in-depth look at the Jewish composers who made some of the greatest shows possible. Leila Joffe will facilitate a video presentation and discussion.

**Sisterhood Shabbaton:** Join our First Friday community for a special Sisterhood catered Shabbat Dinner and study session. Continue the celebration on Shabbat with a Sisterhood led tefillah, followed by Kiddush lunch and learning. February 7 & 8 - Fee TBD

**Please refer to the COLEL Brochure for further information.**

# THANKSGIVING AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

## 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Boys & Girls Club of Camden

There were 350 members of the Boys & Girls Club and their families who helped themselves to a delicious Thanksgiving meal which was served by members of Congregation Beth El and members of my Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Club.

Betty the Caterer provided the main course of turkey, stuffing, and gravy. Kosher and delicious!! Our thanks to Peter Olster.

Wegmans served up vegetables, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce and cookies.

Ponzio's diner made dessert sweeter with 250 cupcakes.

Macaroni and Cheese was provided by Neil Parish of the Kibbitz Room.

Foil pans needed to heat and serve the food were provided by Gelmarc Distributors.

Lynne and Steve Paul donated 300 rolls.

Twenty turkeys were raffled off to lucky families. Our thanks to Staci and John Gelman.

### All were graciously donated by the vendors.

None of this would be possible without our hard working BE members: Shari and Jonah Smith, Hanina Ruttenberg, Ron and Rande Dubrow, Maggie Duyan, Sam Asbell, Phyllis Pearl and Barb Collick. Special thanks to Lynne, Rande and Phyllis who helped get everything ready the day before.

I think we all got more than the children by way of a filling meal, metaphorically speaking.

Thanks to all- hope we can do it again next year.  
Susan Asbell



December 4, 2013

Ms. Michele Miron  
Congregation Beth El  
800 Main Street  
Voorhees, NJ 08043

Dear Ms. Miron,

Thank you for Congregation Beth El's amazing support of the **Boys & Girls Club of Camden County** again this month! Our Club members will be delighted to receive the bags and bags of new toys and games during this year's holiday party. It is through the generosity of our friends and neighbors that the Club is able to keep 2,000 children safe, engaged in meaningful activities and looking forward to the future.

The **Boys & Girls Club of Camden County** plays a vital role in helping young people identify and achieve their dreams. Our belief is that every child, no matter where or to whom they are born, has the potential to BE GREAT, to be productive, to succeed and to soar. Congregation Beth El's participation is a shining example for others and we are grateful for your outstanding support.

Please visit our Facebook page to learn more about our children's successes. We hope you will stay connected, follow our progress and engage in Boys & Girls Club events in the coming year. Thank you again for your investment in our youth. We wish you and your fellow congregants a safe and joy filled holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Shanahan  
Executive Director

Please retain this letter as a receipt for your in kind donation of 7 bags full new toys. No portion of this gift has been used to provide you with any goods or services.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Boys & Girls Club Camden County • 1709 Park Blvd. • Camden, NJ 08103 • Tel 856.966.9700 • Fax 856.966.7300 • www.BeGreatCamden.org

## Congratulations Yoel Weiss

Beth El congratulates Yoel Weiss on  
receiving the coveted Men's Club 2013  
Man of the Year Award

Mazel Tov to Yoel on this well deserved  
honor and thank you Yoel  
for all you have done for our Shul!



# MAZAL TOV TO OUR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAHS

## Alyssa Gross

**Hebrew Name:** Alezo Hava bat Leib Israel vi Golda  
**Daughter of:** Laurence & Valerie Gross  
**Sister of:** Seth Gross, Hannah Gross  
**Granddaughter of:** Bonnie Gross, Arlene & Charles Fradkin

**Alyssa read the Torah Portion:**  
Vayeshev \* November 16, 2013

**Alyssa's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:**  
Israel Tennis Centers Foundation

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## Hannah Gross

**Hebrew Name:** Chana Michal bat Leih Israel vi Golda  
**Daughter of:** Laurence & Valerie Gross  
**Sister of:** Seth Gross, Alyssa Gross  
**Granddaughter of:** Bonnie Gross, Arlene & Charles Fradkin

**Hannah read the Torah Portion:**  
Vayeshev \* November 16, 2013

**Hannah's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:**  
Donating to "Give the Gift of Childhood" for Cleft palate at  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

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## Sophia Rose Sloves

**Hebrew Name:** Ziva Rachel  
**Daughter of:** Juli & Glenn Sloves  
**Sister of:** Benjamin Sloves, Raquel Sloves  
**Granddaughter of:** Sam & Sheila Mandel, Sheila & Wally Sloves

**Sophia read the Torah Portion:**  
Miketz \* November 30, 2013

**Sophia's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:**  
Cupcake baking and sales to raise funds for Food Allergy  
Research and Education, whose mission is to ensure  
the safety and inclusion of individuals with food allergies  
while relentlessly seeking a cure.

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## Andrew Jake Rowan

**Hebrew Name:** Simcha Toviah ben Fivel V. Ilana  
**Son of:** Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan  
**Brother of:** Sydney Rowan  
**Grandson of:** Sandra K. Rowan and  
Helen & Arnold Rosen

**Andrew reads the Torah Portion:**  
Mishpatim \* January 25, 2014

**Andrew's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:**

1. Neighborhood Lemonade Stand to raise money to buy toys for the Pediatric ward at Virtua Hospital.
2. JFCS - swam laps to raise money for Project Morry. Tzedakah: Project Morry sends underprivileged children to overnight camp

## Lindsay Ilyssa Kaplan

**Hebrew Name:** Aciella Aliza  
**Daughter of:** Dr. Len & Robyn Kaplan  
**Sister of:** Danielle Sydney Kaplan  
**Granddaughter of:** Marsha & Sheldon Clark and  
Simon & Esther Kaplan

**Great Granddaughter of:** Lakey Lerner

**Lindsay read the Torah Portion:**  
Vayetze \* November 2, 2013

**Lindsay's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:**  
Cooper Hospital Child Life Program.

New toys, clothes and necessities were collected for young children involved in an unfortunate accident or illness.

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## The Sackstein Family B'nai Mitzvah Chumash Fund

When I became a bar mitzvah many years ago, I received a hardcover edition of the Hebrew Bible in English, published by the Jewish Publication Society. But with no Hebrew, and more importantly, no commentary, I don't think I ever used it.

That's why I'm so proud that Congregation Beth El, through the generosity of the Beth El Sisterhood, has been giving the gift of the Etz Hayim chumash (Torah) to our b'nai mitzvah students, the same chumash that is in the sanctuary. However, for cost reasons, we've been giving a small version of it, with print that sometimes requires a magnifying glass.

After some reflection and feedback, Rabbi Krupnick and I decided to make a change, and with the very generous support of Sharon and Adam Sackstein, as well as with the help of the Sisterhood, we are now presenting students with the Stone Chumash, published by Artscroll. This chumash has a tremendous amount of commentary that brings insights from the Talmud, from midrash, and from many ancient, medieval and modern sages. This is a chumash that students can use throughout their lives as teens and adults, and that they can grow with. Indeed, it is a chumash I consult almost every week!

I am so grateful to Sharon and Adam Sackstein for this gift to our youth, and for their vision and support. Additionally, Adam and Sharon have set up the **Sackstein Family B'nai Mitzvah Chumash Fund**, which is open to contributions, and will help fund the gift of chumashim for our b'nai mitzvah students for many years to come. Please consider making a donation!

Rabbi Noah Arnow

# BE CLUBS

## MEN'S CLUB



Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2014 to everyone. The past couple of months featured some great programs including Torah on Tap and the Man of the Year dinner. Bowling night, a Men's Club tradition, was also a great night out for the guys.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Torah on Tap will meet at Dubh Linn Square Pub on Wednesday, January 22 @8:30pm.

Men's Club will be offering an Adult Tallis & Tefillin Class Sunday mornings (5, 12 and 26) in January at 10:00am. If you have never learned or if it has been a while since you put on tallis and tefillin, here is a great opportunity to learn how and understand why. Breakfast is included. The class is scheduled to lead into the Phil Podell Memorial World Wide Wrap (WWW) which will take place on Sunday, February 2. I hope you can make some or all of the classes as well as the WWW.

If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in Men's Club or has a good idea for programming, please send me an email or walk up to me in Beth El to tell me. We can always use more volunteers and more ideas. We can grow our Club and support our synagogue but we need your help. Please join us.

I hope to see you soon.  
Yoel Weiss - President

## SINGLES SHABBAT

Come One, Come All

Singles, Divorced, Widows and Widowers  
Join us for **Shabbat Services at Beth El**

Friday  
January 17  
8 PM

Friday  
February 21  
8 PM

**in the Chapel** - FOLLOWED BY AN ONEG

Meet *singles* from NJ, PA and Delaware.

No Synagogue Affiliation is needed.

This service is open to **ALL** single persons of **ALL** ages.

*No reservations are required.*

**For info. contact: Norma Kamis (856) 662-7916**

[normatrack@verizon.net](mailto:normatrack@verizon.net)

## HAZAK



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

**1PM**

Our own **Amy Kaplan**  
Is reviewing  
"Once We Were Brothers" &  
other new reading material.

Enjoy a meeting full of  
Surprises, Fun & Friendship.  
Light refreshments

**FEBRUARY  
NO MEETING  
DUE TO WEATHER!  
SEE YOU IN MARCH!**

## Nihum Avelim - Caring for Mourners

It has always been the practice of Congregation Beth El to reach out to our congregants who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. In an effort to meet the needs of our Beth El family, the Caring for Mourners Committee has come together to reenergize its efforts.

We have developed a comprehensive guide explaining the Jewish approach to mourning. This book will be available to any congregant who sustains a loss.

Beginning with the day of the funeral, the Caring for Mourners Committee will provide a wide range of services to our families including:

- Setting up a home for shivah
- Delivering the Beth El "shivah chairs" for mourners
- Organizing a morning and evening minyan in the mourner's home

As this is a wonderful mitzvah and a way to support your fellow congregants in their time of need, the committee welcomes volunteers. For more information on how to receive the booklet or to volunteer, please send us an email.

Susan Asbell  
Co-Chair Caring for Mourners Committee  
[skasb1@verizon.net](mailto:skasb1@verizon.net)

Marsha Goodman  
Co-Chair Caring for Mourners Committee  
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Happy 2014 to everyone! I hope you've been able to attend some of the Sisterhood events this year, but if not, there are still many more planned so watch for emails and e-vites so you don't miss anything. If you are not receiving the e-vites, but would like to, please let me know. And, don't forget to Like us on Facebook (Beth El Sisterhood) so you can read all about what we are doing.

I want to thank **Sharon Mindel** for coordinating our outing to the JCC's Festival of Arts, Books and Culture. We heard two fabulous female authors and a great time was had by all. I also want to thank **Leah Wolf** and her committee for organizing this year's Paid Up Membership Dinner. Dinner was great and our speaker, Sheri Desaretz, was very interesting and enjoyable. Lastly, for those who came out to any part of the Scholar in Residence weekend, I hope you had a great time. And, thank you to **Robin Schwartz** who helped coordinate the Sunday brunch that we co-sponsored with Men's Club.

This month, Sisterhood will be having New Year, New You Yoga Night to help us start off the new year right. It is on Thursday evening January 16 at 7pm, which also happens to be Tu B'Shvat, which celebrates the new year for the trees. Why not spend the evening with your Beth El Sisters, relaxing with some yoga and enjoying some fresh fruits while we learn a little bit about Tu B'Shvat. Watch for more details.

Then, in February we will have our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. We will be joining with the First Friday dinner on February 7, and then participating in services on February 8, all as a means of encouraging Beth El women and their families to share Shabbat together for all of Shabbat, not just Shabbat morning. I hope many of you will consider joining us for dinner Friday night as well as services the next morning. It promises to be an enjoyable weekend for all.

As we start the new calendar year, many of us make resolutions to improve our lives in some way or another. Some try to lose weight, or exercise more, or spend more time with family, etc. I hope that you also find time to make Sisterhood a bigger part of your lives in the coming year. We have lots of great things to accomplish and we can't do it without the help and support of all of our members.

B'Shalom,  
Faye Shapiro,  
President

## Sisterhood Torah Fund



Torah Fund Cards are perfect for any occasion (i.e., Simchas, New Baby, Get Well, Sympathy) and can be purchased for \$4 each throughout the year at our Gift Shop or by contacting one of our Torah Fund Secretaries:

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Robin Rutberg- #482-0696

[jeliro@comcast.net](mailto:jeliro@comcast.net)

It is through **Torah Fund** that our Sisterhood, affiliated with the international organization **Women's League**, strengthens Conservative Judaism by financially aiding the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY), The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (American Jewish University in Los Angeles, CA) and The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem, Israel). Our very own Rabbis Krupnick and Arnow as well as our Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro are graduates of JTS.

Help us to preserve and promote a strong future for Conservative Judaism by ensuring its future leaders. **Torah Fund** needs your support!

Please contact Debbie Drachman or Renee Rudolph with any questions.



## Cook for a Friend



Our volunteers from Sisterhood, Men's Club, Habonim, Young Families & USY **cook over 1000 meals** for Jewish Family & Children's Service, our own members who are in need and for the JCC Klein Branch in Philadelphia.



**To continue this mitzvah, we need your help! Your donation of \$10.00 will provide 3 kosher meals for someone in need.**

**Please make your checks payable to Beth El Sisterhood with the memo indicating Cook For a Friend.**

Please mail your check to the Beth El Office:  
8000 Main Street, Voorhees, N. J. 08043  
Please *mark the envelop* "Cook For A Friend"

# BE CLUBS

## YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES:

**February 22**

YFG Family Shabbat

**April 6**

Community Yard Sale/Craft Fair

**April 17**

Pump it Up Passover break party

**June 6 - June 8**

Family Retreat Weekend at Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD



### Membership Welcomes

*our newest members:*

Steve and Nancy Smith

## And the Beat Goes On...



JOIN US

for



### Wednesday Morning Minyan

**7:30am**

*Pray, schmooze, nosh, learn*

Sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood

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Join congregants & clergy for a monthly congregational Shabbat Experience.

*An evening of Shabbat togetherness for all ages*

First Friday of *EVERY* month. Open to All.

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# FYI

Larry Abrams, Jewish Educator of the Year and Recipient of the Prestigious United Synagogue William B. Lakritz Memorial Award and Marilyn Doane, Lay Leader of the Year.



Pictured (L-R): Rabbi Noah Arnow, Rabbi Aaron Krupnick, Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Larry Abrams, Yaffa Fuchs, Marilyn Doane

## Sisterhood has meals available for congregants facing difficult times



Our Chesed freezer is fully stocked with individual and family sized meals that can be delivered.

Please contact Renee Kessler, 429-2258. [Rbkess@comcast.net](mailto:Rbkess@comcast.net)

## DONATE TO THE KIPPOT BOX

Spring clean your drawers of your unused, "collectable" Kippot.

All Kippas are welcome regardless of a memorable name or date.

Help Beth El fill the Kippot Box and find more drawer space at the same time.

Thank you.



## Beth El Kvells for our Community Leaders

***Beth El members have had a long history of being leaders in the South Jersey Community. In this vein we wish to recognize and honor those leaders among us.***

Mazel Tov **Larry Abrams** and **Marilyn Doan** who were honored by Jewish educator's assembly where **Larry** received the **William B Lakritz Memorial award for excellence in Jewish Education** and to **Marilyn** for outstanding **Lay Leader**.

Mazel Tov to **Hannah Backal** on her **first** professional role in "**Elf**" at the **Walnut Street Theater**.

Mazel Tov to **Helene Blumenfeld** and **Betsy Fischer** who recently returned from their Women's only JNF mission to Israel.

Mazel tov to **Jeff Brown** for receiving the **Lifetime Achievement Award at the Fourth Annual Sports Awards at the JCC**. **Jeff** is **Founder** and **two-time chair** of the **Sports Award Dinner**, **Longtime leader** on the **JCC Board of Directors**, **Major contributor** to the **JCC Health & Wellness expansion** and **Active supporter** and **volunteer** in **JCC youth programs**, particularly the **Junior Maccabi Basketball League**.

Mazel Tov to **Jamie Dollinger** who will be **co-chairing the 2014 Federation Super Sunday**.

Mazel Tov to **Karin Elkis** on being the **subject of a feature article** in the **South Jersey** section of the **Inquirer**. The article praised her **30 year "superstar"** commitment to government.

Mazel Tov to **Suzanne and Victor Levy** on **Co-Chairing the Federation Major Gifts event**.

Mazel Tov to **Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Rebecca Boro** and **Jennifer Sholder** for **leading the crowd in song** at the **Fourth Annual Sports Awards at the JCC**.

Mazel Tov to **Donna Rose** and **Hope Morgan, Games Directors for the 2014 Maccabi Games** being held in Cherry Hill.

Mazel Tov to **Marvin Samson** on being the **first** to receive The **USciences Service Award**. **Marvin** currently serves as the chairman of the **USciences board**.

Mazel Tov to **Bob Schwartz 2014 Maccabi Games Chair**.

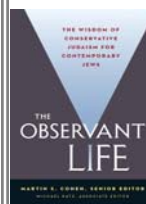
Mazel Tov to **Yoel Weiss** on receiving the **Men's Club Man of the Year 2013 Award**.

Mazel Tov to **Rebecca Wilen** for being asked to join **Israel's first U-19 lacrosse team**. Rebecca will be spending her winter break **competing** in Eastern Europe and **teaching** young Israeli girl's lacrosse.

## KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Dr. & Mrs. Ira Adler  
 Dr. & Mrs. Zalman Agus  
 Mr. & Mrs. Alan Breslow  
 Drs. Alan & Heidi Dias  
 Mr. Jerome Emdur  
 Mr & Mrs. Bart Greenspan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Kaminer  
 Dr. & Mrs. Richard Moskowitz  
 Dr. Todd Rowan & Dr. Ilene Rosen  
 Drs. Gady & Elana Segal  
 Mrs. Lina Shane  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Shapiro  
 Dr. & Mrs. David Wander  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peretz Wittman

The Conservative Community Beit Midrash presents:  
**The Observant Life: The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews**



Join our community's Conservative Rabbis (including Rabbis Krupnick and Arnow) for 12 sessions of in-depth study. We will continue the exploration we began last year of topics from this excellent book on Conservative Judaism's approach to salient issues such as business ethics, family relationships, sexuality and more.

**Monday nights, 7:30-9:00 PM**

January 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24;  
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7

Kellman Brown Academy  
 1007 Laurel Oak Road in Voorhees  
 Cost: \$25 (does **not** include book)  
 Please call 856-751-6663 to register

# BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director



### Award Winning Family B'Yachad Programs in January/February:

**Vav (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**Family B'Yachad:**

**Build a Pair of Tefillin Sunday, January 5 @ 10:15AM**



This program engages our families by providing the opportunity for learning about the mitzvah of *t'fillin* through text and table discussion. Our families use the "United Synagogue Federation of Men's Club" kits (*Build a Pair*) to build

and decorate mock *t'fillin*. The process is wonderful as parents help their children and reawaken their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience. The children and parents are then invited to participate in the Federation of Men's Club World Wide Wrap wearing their mock *t'fillin*.



### "Shabbat in a Box,"

**A Gan Family B'Yachad Program Sunday, January 12 @ 9:30AM**



Our youngest children and their parents will have an opportunity to experience the "Shabbat" feeling, learn the beautiful customs and traditions of Shabbat, create Shabbat heirlooms and have a blast, as they participate in our **Gan Family B'Yachad-Shabbat in a Box Program**. Families will spend the morning creating their own Shabbat Box, complete with *challah*, *Kiddush* cup, candle sticks and *challah* cover. They will get to braid and bake their own *challah*, learn the blessings associated with each *mitzvah*



and have a great time circling through the many activities around the room. A big surprise finish is planned for the final activity. Stay tuned for more results, but whatever you do, **DO NOT MISS** this amazing *Family B'Yachad* Program.

**Bet (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Family B'Yachad: Havdallah: Spice and Spirit Sunday, February 23**

The *Havdallah* program gives our families an opportunity to learn the mitzvah and customs associated with *Havdallah*. They discover the reasons for the different components of the *Havdallah* service, learn the three blessings and create their own kit. A beautiful ceremony closes the program. We expect all our parents to attend, but should you not be able to, please arrange for your child to be "adopted" by another family.

### Federation's Super Sunday Focus of Beth El Religious School's Mitzvah of the Month for January



Religious School children dedicate the month of January to collecting tzedakah for the Federation's Super Sunday, January 26. In addition to a donation that was made, all tzedakah money collected during the month of January will go toward the Jewish Federation of Southern NJ's Annual Campaign. This is Religious School's way of giving back to the community. A federation representative will also speak to our children during school to educate them about all the different ways in which our Jewish Federation helps the Jewish community of Southern New Jersey.

**Beth El Religious School's Annual Zimriyah Celebrating A Kehillah Kedosha (Holy Community)**

Sunday, February 2, 10:30 AM, (right after World Wide Wrap) - Main

Sanctuary. Featuring performances by *all the children, Shira Chadasha and the "Teachers' Chorale."* Special duet by *Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Cantor Sher.* Musical Director: Cantor Leon Sher

**Beth El Families Participate in the Phil Podell**

**Memorial World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 2 from 9-10AM**

Families whose children are in Grades 6 - 10 will have the opportunity to participate in the biggest **tefillin outreach program** of the year. The **Federation of Jewish Men's Club** will try to have all Jews everywhere put on T'fillin, **World Wide Wrap**, (<http://www.worldwidewrap.org/et05decwrap.html>). In conjunction with the **B'nai Mitzvah Program**, (Tallit & T'fillin) this program invites all families from grades 6 - 10 to come and learn about the mitzvah of putting on **t'fillin** and enjoy breakfast courtesy of Men's Club. All **Religious School children in grade 6 whose parents attend the program, will be excused until 10:30 AM**. Let's make this a real happening! Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This invite is for everyone, HS students, that means you too! **Bring your tallit and t'fillin if you have one. If you don't, come anyway! We'll share!**

### REMINDERS:

- January 1 – Religious School CLOSED - Winter Break
- January 2 – Hebrew High School CLOSED – Winter Break
- January 19 – Religious School CLOSED – Martin Luther King B'day Weekend – Day of Service
- February 16 – Religious School CLOSED – Presidents' Weekend
- February 18 – Hebrew High School CLOSED

### Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of the Month

- Hannah Wilkes - January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Jacob Manders - January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew Rowan - January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Reid Edelman - January 25<sup>th</sup>

# NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

(winner of the Solomon Schechter Gold Award)

## Megan Nachod, Director



Dear Families;

Registration has begun for the 2014-2015 school year and it promises to be an exciting and dynamic year. Our school is already excellent, but we also believe that a quality program needs to adapt. We want to meet the needs of our children and their families so we added several new elements this year, including:

- Weekly Nosh and Stay for parents: Grab a cup of coffee and pastry after drop off.
- Inclement weather drop-off: Curbside drop off whenever possible.
- Play group room: After morning program pick up, families can host a play date in our play room.

We are adding tremendous flexibility to our offerings for the 2014-2015 school year. Families will be able to customize their child's program to fit exactly what they need, when they need it. In addition to our Core Program, scheduling options will be very flexible and range from our Breakfast Club at 6:45-8:45AM to our Afternoon Adventures until 6:00PM. These schedules offer flexibility to families, with smooth transitions and minimal interruptions in a child's play because they will remain in the same classroom.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR CORE PROGRAM:

- **Celebration of Shabbat & holidays year-round**
- **Longer learning hours**
- **Pre-literacy & pre-math skill development**
- **Visits to area museums, theaters and community attractions**
- **National nutrition education program, *Willow Comes to School***
- **Hebrew instruction**

Our school is committed to the task of providing a safe, nurturing and respectful environment where the youngest members of the Jewish community can begin to grow and develop their physical, social, emotional and educational abilities within the framework of Jewish values and traditions. Our vision is to provide a quality, developmentally appropriate program which actively engages and excites young children while reaching beyond its modern facility to involve the home, the family, the synagogue, and the community.

**Have you seen our program in action? Please come for a Friday morning Kabbalat Shabbat with the kids and Bamba, our friendly puppet. Or like us on Facebook (Congregation Beth El ECC) to stay informed about all of our exciting events.**

Hope to see you soon.

Megan Nachod



4 years old class with Chef Robert Bennett from Classic Cake



Casting her vote



Birthday with Bamba



Olive Press during Hanukkah



Farewell to Susan Haggas

# BELL LIBRARY NEWS

## Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian

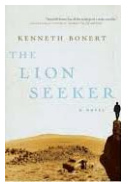


These may be the “shortest” days of the year, but the long, dark evenings of winter are the perfect time for catching up on some reading. Our shelves are filled with new novels by new authors as well as familiar, favorite writers -- and we have some surprises, too!

Naomi Ragen is the American-Israeli, Orthodox and sometimes controversial author of several international best-sellers. Her new book, ***The Sisters Weiss***, tells the story of Rose and Pearl Weiss, who grow up in an ultra-Orthodox home in 1950s Brooklyn. Rose becomes an outcast due to a serious transgression. Forty years later, Pearl’s daughter Rivka learns the truth about her Aunt Rose and sets off on a dangerous adventure. This story of loyalty and betrayal will satisfy readers who enjoyed Ragen’s previous works, such as *Jephte’s Daughter*, *Sotah* and *The Sacrifice of Tamar*.



We don’t often read about the Jews of South Africa, but Kenneth Bonert’s new novel, ***The Lion Seeker***, takes us deep into the history and culture of this land. In this very ambitious book, the Helger family leaves Lithuania for Johannesburg in the early 20<sup>th</sup> C. Formidable mother Gitelle and her firebrand son Abel are strong characters who propel the action of the novel. Ambition, greed and of course, apartheid are among the themes of this sweeping story. At almost 600 pages, ***The Lion Seeker*** is a grand saga, a terrific page-turner that will keep readers riveted.



In ***Freud’s Mistress***, authors Karen Mack and Jennifer Kaufman speculate about what may have occurred between Sigmund Freud and his sister-in-law Minna Bernays. This intriguing historical novel follows Minna as she loses her job and moves in with her older sister Martha Freud, Sigmund’s wife, to help run the household and care for the Freuds’ six children. Martha was not receptive to some of her husband’s ideas, but Minna found them fascinating. Minna and Sigmund developed an intellectual bond, but factual details about how far their relationship went are sketchy. The authors speculate about the “affair” between Minna and Sigmund, while bringing fin de siècle Vienna to life, depicting both high society and the servant class.

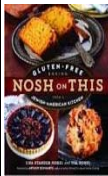


And in the “surprise” department: Would you believe Nicholas Sparks (yes, that Nicholas Sparks, mega-bestselling author of such books as *The Notebook*) has written a new novel that features two couples – one of whom is Jewish?! Yes, ***The Longest Ride*** tells the story of Ira and Ruth Levinson (the Jewish couple, of course). Ira, stranded after a car crash, struggles to remain conscious. His deceased wife Ruth appears to him and urges him to hang on, recounting stories of their life together. Not too far away, Sophia, a college student recovering from a recent breakup, meets cowboy Luke and these two very different young people fall in love. How do the stories of these two couples converge? Read ***The Longest Ride*** (have some tissues handy; after all, this is Nicholas Sparks) and find out!



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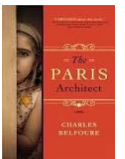
More and more gluten-free products are appearing on supermarket shelves and on restaurant menus. If you are looking for recipes to fit a gluten-free lifestyle, take a look at ***Nosh On This, Gluten-Free Baking from a Jewish-American Kitchen***, by Lisa Stander-Horel and Tim Horel. From crackers to danish, brownies to cream-filled éclairs, this beautifully illustrated cookbook will help you create crowd-pleasing breads and desserts.



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Anyone who spends any time driving (well, that’s just about everyone) can take advantage of our audio book collection. Pop a CD in and enjoy a novel while commuting or running errands. Our newest audio books are:

***The Paris Architect*** by Charles Belfoure. Written by an architect, this story imagines a French architect, Lucien Bernard, in Paris during WWII. Though not sympathetic to the plight of the French Jews, Bernard, through a series of events, ends up designing secret hiding places for them. Lots of period detail and local color in this one! (We also have the print edition.)



***Jacob’s Oath*** by Martin Fletcher. In the aftermath of WWII, Jacob and Sarah, Holocaust survivors who met in Heidelberg, are among the 20 million refugees walking home. Jacob is intent on seeking revenge on a concentration camp guard known as “The Rat,” who killed his brother. This is a love story that is also a thriller, a story of the consequences of revenge hailed as “a gem of a novel,” “heart-wrenching and heartwarming.” (We also have the print edition.)



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Our annual **Jewish Book Month** fundraiser has once again been a success. Congregants who participated have helped ensure that the Library has an ever-expanding collection of the best Jewish books and media. A complete list of Jewish Book Month donors will appear in the next issue.

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Remember the Kindles! You can borrow a **Kindle e-reader** from the library. The Kindles are pre-loaded with current fiction and non-fiction. Take one home today and try using it; you can keep the Kindle for 3 weeks – plenty of time to read a couple of the pre-loaded titles!

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The Library’s **Short Story Discussion Group** will meet on **Thursday, January 23 and Thursday, February 27**, 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend -- bring your friends, too. For more information, call the Library (ext. 503).



# COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

## THE TREE OF LIFE

**LEAF:** Purchasing a leaf on Beth El's Tree of Life, which is located inside the Shabbat and Holiday entrance to our building, is the perfect way to commemorate a significant life-cycle event.

Remember your wedding, birthday, anniversary, or your children's B'nai Mitzvah or other accomplishment by having a leaf custom engraved for \$216 (12 times Chai).

**STONE:** For a more significant addition to the Tree of Life, please consider the purchase of a stone to adorn the bottom of the artwork. Each stone is custom engraved onto an all natural surface and promises to be a source of great family pride for years to come. The cost for each stone is \$500.

To order the leaf or stone, please phone the Beth El office.



## ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

### Giving Today to Secure Tomorrow

Making a commitment to Beth El's Endowment Fund will help ensure funding will always be available to support & enhance the many important, religious, educational & communal services that Beth El provides to its members & community. There are many ways to participate: Make an immediate contribution of cash, appreciated securities, real estate, art work or other collectibles; Include a bequest to Beth El in your Will; Designate Beth El as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy; Establish a Donor Advised Fund dedicated to the support of Beth El; Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

For more information as to how you can participate in building Beth El's Endowment for the Future please complete this coupon & return it via 1<sup>st</sup> class mail or e-mail.

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 E-mail: Endowment@bethelsnj.org



## Memorial Room

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a plaque (\$500) in our Memorial Room.

Additionally, the names and yahrzeit dates will appear on the digital screen, scrolling during the yahrzeit week, high holidays and other haggim.



Phone the Beth El office for more information.

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 Use the *Congregation Beth El* website: <http://www.bethelsnj.org> as the portal  
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We have seen more activity in our account with the recent purchases of iPods and TV's, in addition to books and other items. Beth El reaps more income with MORE volume in sales.

*It is really simple...give it a try*

Questions: Please contact Mort at [Kanovsky@verizon.net](mailto:Kanovsky@verizon.net)

## Beth El is a Member of the "Jewish National Fund Affiliate Program"



There is **NO** easier way to earn money for Beth El & support Israel at the same time.

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 Click on "support us"/"shop here" and then Jewish National Fund to make your purchase/donation. **Tell your friends, families & other congregants. Congregation Beth El will reap the rewards.**

Plant Trees in Israel, Greeting Cards, Water Certificates, Honor Book Certificates, etc.

**Every order placed, Beth El gets 20% commission.**

For questions, call Debbie Drachman at 856 - 719 - 9485

# JANUARY MINCHA TIMES



## Congregation Beth El

January 2014

Tevet—Shevat 5774

### *SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES*

**\*\*\*Sunday 9:00 AM\*\*\***

**Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM**

**Saturday 9:00 AM**

### **Exceptions For Morning Services:**

**Rosh Chodesh Shevat**

**Friday, January 31st 7:15 AM**

### **MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES**

Sunday Dec. 29—Thursday Jan. 2	4:40PM
Friday, Jan.3—"First Friday"	6:00PM
Saturday, Jan.4	4:40PM
Sunday, Jan.5 - Thursday, Jan.9	4:45PM
Friday, Jan.10	4:40PM
Saturday, Jan.11	4:45PM
Sunday, Jan.12 - Thursday, Jan.16	4:55PM
Friday, Jan.17	4:45PM
Saturday, Jan.18	4:50PM
Sunday, Jan.19 - Thursday, Jan.23	5:00PM
Friday, Jan.24	4:55PM
Saturday, Jan.25	5:00PM
Sunday, Jan.26 - Thursday, Jan.30	5:05PM
Friday, Jan. 31	5:05PM
Saturday, Feb. 1	5:10PM

#### **Junior Congregation**

with Larry Abrams  
3rd - 6th grades  
10:15AM - 11:45AM  
Every Shabbat morning  
in the Chapel

#### **Teen Services**

10:30AM - 12:00PM  
Once a month  
  
Jan. 4

#### **Minyan Katan**

with Ilana Yares  
Grades K - 2  
11:00AM - 11:45AM  
In Sanctuary Ext. B  
  
Jan. 11, 25

#### **Tot Shabbat**

with Tammy Arnow  
Children up to age 4  
and their parents  
11:00AM - 11:45AM  
In Sanctuary Ext. D  
  
Jan 11, 25



# FEBRUARY MINCHA TIMES



## Congregation Beth El

February 2014

Adar I 5774

### *SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES*

**\*\*\*Sunday 9:00 AM\*\*\***

**Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM**

**Saturday 9:00 AM**

### **MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES**

Saturday, Feb. 1	5:10PM
Sunday, Feb. 2 - Thursday, Feb. 6	5:20PM
Friday, Feb. 7 - "First Friday"	6:00PM
Saturday, Feb. 8	5:20PM
Sunday, Feb. 9 - Thursday, Feb. 13	5:30PM
Friday, Feb. 14	5:20PM
Saturday, Feb. 15	5:25PM
Sunday, Feb. 16 - Thursday, Feb. 20	5:35PM
Friday, Feb. 21	5:30PM
Saturday, Feb. 22	5:35PM
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Friday, Feb. 28	5:40PM
Saturday, March 1	5:40PM

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# CARING ACTS OF TZEDAKAH

(AS OF NOVEMBER 18)

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## BELL LIBRARY FUND

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**The following contributions was made in honor of Donna Bell, President of JCC:** Barbara & Mark Collik, Delores & Jerry Gerstein, Lil & Doc Joe Hassman, Illene & Warren Rubin, Marcia & Bruce Tomar

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New position  
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