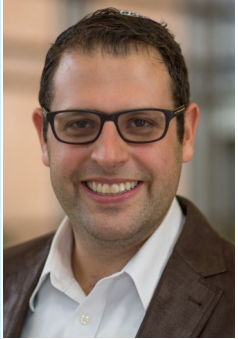


BETH EL NEWS

July - August 2018



Rabbi Andy Green

In Israeli society today, it's not hard to pick out the Hasidim of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov (1772-1810, Ukraine.) Not only do they wear distinctive large knitted white kippot, but more than other Hasidic groups, they often play music and dance joyfully on the public square.

Part of this approach comes from one of the most famous teachings of Rebbe Nachman: *mitzvah gedolah lihiyot b'simcha tamid*, "it is a great mitzvah to be joyful always."

Interestingly, if you examine the Torah and any of the numerous rabbinic listings of the 613 mitzvot therein, you'll be hard pressed to find this mitzvah. For that matter, can Gd really legislate our emotions? Do we even have the capacity to constantly be filled with joy? Rebbe Nachman, who himself struggled with depression, certainly did not. Perhaps his statement was aspirational. Or perhaps, his statement can be understood another way.

The Torah does use both the terms "joy" and "always," *simcha* and *tamid*, in teaching about how too we can connect to Gd. Joy is commanded regarding the three times a year, Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot, when the Israelites would make pilgrimage to the Temple. The Torah tells us that surrounded by friends and holy community in the sacred city, the Jewish people would feel Gd's closeness and "*be joyful*," *v'hayita ach sameach*. Similarly, consistency is commanded in discussion of the tamid offering, the sacrifice brought before Gd each and every day at dawn, reminding the Jewish people through consistent ritual of Gd's special relationship with them.

What Rebbe Nachman does in combining these two elements of ancient practice, joy in communal pilgrimage and ritual consistency, *simcha* and *tamid*, is provide a recipe for spiritual success. Instead of reading his instruction to be joyous always, understand it as a suggested practice to enrich life and overcome challenge: each and every day travel to somewhere deliberate to be in fellowship with others and there, intentionally reflect in gratitude, practice mindfulness, and delight in the blessings of the day. That is, make a consistent pilgrimage to engage in community and rituals of joy. Or, in other words, come to shul.

Let Beth El be the place where you bring the wholeness of your presence regularly, where you strive to find and share deep inner joy. Let Beth El be the place where the brokenhearted go to receive a smile; the place where a person can offer words and feel "heard"; the place where someone suffering can find hope, healing, direction, and comfort. Let Beth El be your home for real prayer and for deep learning, at every stage and in every season.

In some congregational communities, the summer months represent a hiatus from activity; after all, school's out of session and many are traveling or down the shore. Not so at Beth El. All summer long, come together with our congregational family to embrace joy through the rituals that lift you. From our daily minyan to our splash pad, the swimming pool to the golf course, the ice cream parlor to the jungle gym, Beth El has what you need to feel your daily dose of joy each day this summer. I'll look forward to sharing a smile, a bite, a teaching, a blessing, and a laugh with you.

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Beth El's Community Partner Program

In April of 2017, we quietly introduced our new Community Partnership Program! This program is designed to connect local businesses to Beth El in an effort to raise funds on an annual basis and provide them with the opportunity to engage members of our community.

There are many reasons businesses should consider supporting Beth El and using this program as one of their marketing tools. Beth El has been connected to Camden County and, more specifically, the Cherry Hill and Voorhees area for nearly 100 years. Children start their education in our Early Childhood Center, adults enrich their lives in our educational and cultural programs, and our community worships and celebrates together. We pride ourselves on providing assistance to those in need. By

supporting Beth El, businesses are assuring the Jewish future of our area and sustaining an organization that is committed to supporting those in need.

We are fortunate to already have the support of several Community Partners including Classic Cake, Comprehensive Pain Care, Kaminer Financial Group, M. Rosenblatt Roofing, Mac's Janitorial Services, Penn Medicine, Platt Memorial Chapels and The Tustin Group.

Our program offers four levels of partnership: \$25,000, \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Beth El's Community Partners receive multiple benefits depending on the partnership opportunity selected. These opportunities include meeting/event space, tickets to events and programs and inclusion on marketing and communication materials such as banners, fliers, newsletters and our website.

So what can you do with this information? Great question!

- If you own an area business, please consider joining our Community Partnership Program.
- If you work with an area business or have a strong relationship with an area business, please consider being an ambassador for Beth El and discuss the Community Partnership Program with them.
- Let us know if you know of an organization or business that you feel might be interested in this program and would like someone from Beth El to reach out to them.
- If you are willing to reach out to other area organizations and businesses and be a part of the Beth El Community Partnership Program team, please let us know.
- To respond to any of the above items, or if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time at jlaster@bethelsnj.org or 856-675-1166 ext. 405.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - DAVID BACKAL



As President of our shul, I have the opportunity to be a part of so many wonderful events, programs, and activities. The past few months have been no different. One of my great pleasures is watching our children, Beth El's students, grow from year to year. We celebrate every level of accomplishment in our students' lives from Kittah Gan's Graduation to the Kittah Bet Concert, from Confirmation to Senior (high school) Send-Off, and for a great reason. There is nothing better than acknowledging all of the hard work each child puts into their Jewish education.

Spending time with our students and families, as they took the next step in their Jewish Journey, enforced how proud I am of our educational programs and Beth El's learning community. I want to thank Debbie Beideman, our Early Childhood Center Director, and Rabbi Nogah Marshall, our Educational Director, for guiding our programs, and their terrific team of teachers and staff who help build the foundation of our future.

Some of the rewards of our schools, which this year educated over 500 students through our ECC, Religious School, Hebrew High School, and Beth El Junior College, was having our largest Teen Delegation attend AIPAC, a post B'nai Mitzvah retention routinely over 70%, and learning that three members of our USY Chapter have been elected to Executive positions at the Regional level. Mazel Tov to Sophia Sloves (President), Harris Jayson (Vice-President – Social Action/Tikun Olam) and Rebecca Rausch (Vice-President – Israel Affairs). Our Chapter isn't a large one, but it is extremely active. I invite all of our families with younger children to reach out and learn about USY.

I'd also like to thank our parents, and in many cases grandparents, for the success of our children's education. I know personally that it isn't always easy to get our children to go to Religious School and Hebrew High, but I truly thank you for your dedication and commitment to Jewish learning and growth. Encouraging your children to attend and participate in Religious School is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. They don't know it yet, but one day they will thank you for this gift.

If you are looking for a spiritual "pick-me-up" in the summer months, I find our casual Shabbat Services are the answer, and I know you will too. As Rabbi Krupnick likes to remind us, services begin when you get here.

Even though it is summertime, the Beth El staff and volunteers continue to work on creative projects, activities, and programs to offer and inspire our congregants. Think about your role at Beth El and how you can add to the experience or make a difference. As always, I encourage you to reach out with ideas and thoughts and to get involved at your own personal level.

On a personal note, Susan and I are about to embark on a new chapter in our lives. We will become empty-nesters in August, as our daughter Amy will be joining our son, Daniel, at the University of Connecticut (Go Huskies!) As we reflect on our family memories, we are grateful for the impact that Beth El has had on us and we feel so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community. From the Infant Room to the Senior Send-Off, Beth El was there.

I hope everyone is enjoying a restful summer and I look forward to sharing the High Holy Days with you.

David Backal

You do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you!

president@bethelsnj.org

SHARING OUR LIVES (AS OF JUNE 12)

BIRTHS:

Ruth & Larry Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Darryn Haleigh Katz
Miriam Kessler on the birth of her grandson, Aidan Samuel Kessler
Renee Rudolph & David Lieberman on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Rae Lieberman
Marilyn & Steve Roth on the birth of their granddaughter, Joelle Naava Roth
Shirley Yaffa on the birth of a great granddaughter

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Jennifer & Andrew Bender on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Noah
Eugenia & Vladimir Boroda on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel
Paula Goldberg & Larry Desmond on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Natalie Desmond
Karen & Eric Frieman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Chase
Bonnie & David Gold on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Dani Weinstein
Maxine & Edwin Ladov on the Bar Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Casey Borak
Sheila & Sam Mandel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Noah Rosenthal
Sheila & Sam Mandel on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Raquel Sloves
Diana Meltzer and Allan Meltzer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andrew
Miriam & Stan Meltzer of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Andrew
Ann Rosenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Areh, and the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter,
Rebecca
Janna & Dimitri Schneiberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ava
Linda & Judd Serotta on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jenna
Lori & Steven Silver on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David
Juli & Glenn Sloves on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Raquel
Michelle & Evan Sorokin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel
Myrna & Jeffrey Sorokin on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Daniel
Barbara & Joe Walkes on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Evan Pfeiffenberger
Julie & Jason Whitney on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Samantha

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES:

Marcy & Brian Friedman on the marriage of their son, David, to Jenny Markowitz
Deenah Kogan and Vitaliy Sirota on their wedding
Marcy Sanders on the marriage of her granddaughter, Stephanie Simon to Ethan Alderman

BETH EL MOURNS THE PASSING OF:

Seema Boroda, mother of Vladimir Boroda
Lester Botoff, father of Richard "Rick" Botoff and grandfather of Alisa Bellezza
Barbara Bowlen, sister of Judy Wasserlauf
Donald Feldscher, father of Gregg Feldscher
Fred Hoffman, brother of William Hoffman and Uncle of Amy Clayman
Caryn Kaplan, sister of Brad Specter
Harold Lenoff, father of Louis Lenoff
Helaine Mashioff, mother of Benjamin Mashioff.

SHARING OUR LIVES (CONT.)

BETH EL MOURNS THE PASSING OF:

Maurice Solly Sass, father of Melanie Stoopler
Alfred Ritter, father of Erica Ritter
Eugene Rudoy, father of Renee Rudoy
Irving Wiesner, brother of Shirley Yaffa
Hersh Wilkes, father of Stacey Chakov and Adam Wilkes

IN MEMORIAM OF OUR MEMBERS

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Milton Shanker

Husband of Marlyn and Father of Bennett

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Nancy Schulter

Wife of Albert
Mother of Vikki Leslie & Hilary Maslin

Our Shabbat Kiddush is a wonderful way to celebrate your Simcha with our Beth El community!

* Birth/Baby Naming * Wedding/Auf Ruf * Milestone Birthday * Anniversary *
* Graduation * Bar or Bat Mitzvah Anniversary * Other Special Occasion *

*To coordinate your event, please contact
Tamar Barkan at 856-675-1166 ext. 418 or tbarkan@bethelsnj.org*

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of August

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Sofia Gardner | August 12 |
| Alexander Grife | August 18 |

Please welcome Abigail Abramson, our new Educational Programs Administrator!



Abigail "Abby" Abramson is thrilled to join the Beth El family as the Educational Programs Administrator. She brings with her an array of experience from both the educational and business worlds, as well as extensive experience in childcare, management and consulting.

Abby can often be found enjoying live music, training for a marathon, donating her time to the local community or doing something arts and crafts! She has a passion to creatively problem solve and has always had an incredibly heartfelt connection with children and Judaic studies. Stop by and look for the big smile, she is always happy to lend a hand!



Sofia Clare Gardner

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Sister of Jayna

Granddaughter of Sybil & Ed Bernstein and Sara & Bruce Gardner

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Thank you for your consideration of this exciting new program. We look forward to your support.

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Date Received (Office Use Only): _____

Date Approved (Office Use Only): _____

NAME: _____

TEL #: _____

EMAIL: _____

PERMANENT SEAT HOLDERS, PLEASE CHECK HERE _____

OR: My/Our choice for seats is in the: _____ Sanctuary _____ Social Hall

| | <u>SECTION</u> | <u>ROW</u> | <u>SEAT(S)</u> |
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| First Choice | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Second Choice | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Third Choice | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH/NEAR: _____

(Please note, if the person you want to sit with/near has not submitted a seating request and/or is not current with their dues, they will not be seated.)

DEADLINE FOR PRIORITY SEATING IS JULY 2

**IF YOU NEED COLLEGE, GUEST OR RECIPROCITY TICKETS,
YOU MUST FILL OUT THE REQUEST FORM ONLINE BY JULY 31
<https://bethelsnj.org/high-holy-days-2018/>**

*If you would like to read Torah or Haftarah, have an Aliyah, open the Ark, or blow Shofar,
please email Leora Waiche at lwaiche@bethelsnj.org by July 2*

CONGREGATION BETH EL HIGH HOLY DAYS HANDICAP PARKING PASS

Please complete this form & return it to the BE office by **August 2, 2018**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLACARD #: _____ LICENSE PLATE: _____

FOR: 1ST ROSH HASHANAH _____
KOL NIDRE _____

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH _____
YOM KIPPUR _____

Any questions, please contact Davida Chornock at dchornock@bethelsnj.org



In Judaism we are consistently re-telling the Jewish people's stories of survival. Whether it is from Egyptian slavery or the Syrian Greeks, the Jewish survival proves God's love and protection of the people of Israel. However, if you dig deeper into our history, the Jewish people did much more than survive.

The Jewish people revived by re-imagining their faith and identity. After the destruction of the First Temple, Jerusalem was revived by a group that returned to Zion from the Babylonian Exile, and after the destruction of the Second Temple, Judaism was revived once again by the creation of Jewish worship.

As we enter into the Summer season and the quickly approaching High Holy Day season, it is our turn, personally, and as a community, to revive our spirit and souls. At Congregation Beth El we are always looking to revive our programs and look into the future of our congregation. We seek to create programs that are captivating and inspiring.

We have an exciting new Hebrew High School Program planned for the coming year. Earlier in the year we sent out a survey to our current and incoming Hebrew High School students to see what days and times for Hebrew High School work for their children as well as what kind of classes they are interested in taking. We received wonderful feedback and are thrilled to offer exciting new elective classes to our students. All students in grades 7-10 attend Thursday evenings for core classes taught by Rabbi Aaron Krupnick, Rabbi Andy Green, Rabbi Gamliel Respes, Chai Respes, Jodi Bloch, Alan Kritz, and new this year Dorin Elhadad. Classes include Jewish Lifecycle, American Jewish History, B'nai Mitzvah Seminar, Shoah, Jewish Ethics, Israel History, Pirkei Avot, and Tanakh.

Students also attend a second day of Hebrew High School. We understand that your children have many commitments in addition to Hebrew High School, therefore, this year we are offering four different days to choose from for elective classes that will allow more flexibility with interest and schedule. We are offering electives on Saturday

and Sunday mornings, and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

- **Saturday mornings:** students will join Rabbi Green's weekly Torah Talk Class with Beth El members. Following the class students will attend the main Shabbat morning service as a group and enjoy Kiddush lunch as a community following services.
- **Sunday mornings:** students will have the opportunity to take the Project Teach Seminar and Practicum with Perri Silverstein. Students will volunteer as teaching assistants as well as a seminar with curriculum from the Matan Institute for Teens.
- **Sunday mornings:** we will also offer a Hebrew Intensive (year long course) with Tali Alfassy where students will study Modern Hebrew, vocabulary, and grammar through intensive study.
- **Tuesday evenings:** we will offer our traditional electives with Ellen Fine, Smadar Eisner, Cantor Leon Sher, Haleh Rabizadeh, and Anouk Backal. Electives include Jewish Cooking, Hot Topics, Jewish Yoga, Jewish Short Stories, Choir, Mitzvah Class, and more.
- **Wednesday evenings:** we will offer a class sponsored by the IAC (Israeli American Council) Media Room with Dorin Elhadad (9th/10th Grade Students-year long course). The Media Room's activities will be guided by volunteer mentors from our community who have domain expertise in research, journalism, technology and education. The mentors will guide an elite diplomacy team made up of student ambassadors (ages 16-24) from the greater South Jersey Jewish community. The team will develop Israel awareness campaigns and will react to local anti-Israel and BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) activities. The team will also develop a network of activists from within the community who will take an active part in the Media Room's efforts.

I encourage all of you to take part in our revival and enroll your child into this exciting program and continue your Jewish journey with us here at Congregation Beth El. Have a wonderful summer.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - DEBBIE BEIDEMAN, DIRECTOR



It's hard to believe the school year is coming to an end. We have celebrated many wonderful holidays and events together throughout the year. Most recently we had a parade and sang songs with Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan PB, Rabbi Green, and Cantor Sher for Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Then we played games and answered questions in the Social Hall while sitting around the largest map of Israel we have ever seen. Afterward, we returned to our classrooms and had cupcakes to complete our celebration.



Our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) has provided special assemblies for our students such as Wacky Science, Magician, Groove Lounge, and the Phillie Phanatic. PTG has also provided an incredible Teacher Appreciation Week for the faculty. They also organized two Mom's Night Out events which were very popular. We all want to thank Beth Lambert and Dina Silverman, the co-chairs of PTG, for all their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Beth El Early Childhood Center.

Thank you to all of our Beth El Families for you have made this year truly amazing!

Thank you to our "Fabulous Faculty" for going above and beyond with our students each and every day!

Our Beth El Early Childhood Family has had a spectacular year and we look forward to all of our wonderful summer events on the Splash Pad and around town!

Brightwheel messaging has been very successful so please keep reading the parent messages and enjoying photos of your child's day.

Shabbat birthdays, Bagel Wednesdays, and Pizza Fridays are fun days and will be continued next year.



Important Dates:

July 4 School Closed Independence Day

August 17 Last Day of Summer Camp

August 20-24, 27, and 28 Multi Age Camp

August 29 -31 School Closed Teacher In-Service

September 3 School Closed Labor Day

September 4 First Day of School

Please encourage your friends to come learn and grow with our Beth El Family and schedule a tour today!



Sophia Sloves & Juli Mandel Sloves

Sophia Sloves is no stranger to USY. She became involved after her very first USY event in eighth grade, planning out how to reach her goal of regional president. Sophia states, “When I started with USY, I felt an instant connection with the region, and I knew I wanted to become more involved in leading it.” Sophia started as 8th grade representative, became Programming Vice President in 9th grade as well as joined the regional board’s Membership and Kadima committees, took on the chapter President role in 10th grade, then switched to regional Social Action/Tikkun Olam Vice President *and* International Development chair in 11th grade. Sophia finally reached her goal this year, as she was just installed as the Rresident of USY’s Mizrach region for the 2018-19 year, 33 years after her mother, Juli, held the same position.

Sophia has big plans for this year as both Regional President and as a member of the International general board. Sophia hopes to get more people involved in USY, “my main goal on both the regional and international level of USY is to encourage people to pursue leadership positions.” This year’s Regional Board has two Beth EI members! Joining Sophia is Harris Jayson, Social Action/Tikkun Olam vice president.

Sophia believes that there is something for everyone in USY. “USY gives me and every Jewish teen a place to comfortably express their identity and pride for Judaism. I love hearing the perspective of teens I would not otherwise have met on both their Jewish Identity and other topics.”

Juli also became involved in USY her freshman year of high school. A shy person at the time, USY helped Juli meet people and make friends from all over the Delaware Valley. She chaired Turkey Trot and held chapter board and regional board positions before being elected Regional President. Juli says, “I’m incredibly proud of Sophia. She had a plan and set her sights on becoming Regional President several years ago. Now she has made that happen. I love seeing how Sophia and Ben are getting the same things out of USY that I did — leadership experiences, strong Jewish connections and above all, friendships that will last a lifetime.

If you want your children to be involved with USY, please contact our new Youth Director, Alicia Drozen, at adrozen@bethelsnj.org.



Beth EI USY is excited to welcome our new Youth Director, Alicia Drozen!

Alicia has years of experience in non-profit events, most recently as the Program Director for Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles overseeing all of the synagogue’s adult and family programming. She is excited to work with the teens of the Beth EI community to reinvigorate the USY and Kadima youth groups.

We look forward to events co-sponsored with Hebrew High as well as other fun activities throughout the year. All Beth EI community teens are invited to get involved and share their ideas for our youth groups and youth activities. To get involved, please contact Alicia at adrozen@bethelsnj.org.

Congregation Beth El

Here's The Scoop on Our July Events:



Kick-Off Splash Pad Party

Join us at the first of
many fun Summer events

Tuesday, June 26
5:30 – 7pm

Hot "Diggity" Dog Night

at the Splash Pad

Tuesday, July 3
5:30 – 7pm

Garden Cocktail Party & Havdallah

Rabbi and Helene
Krupnick's Pool

Saturday, July 7
8pm – 10pm

End the Shabbat and start the week
with Cocktails. RSVP required to
tbarkan@bethelsnj.org
Space limited. Address upon response.

AIPAC Presents Israel's Turbulent Neighborhood

Iran, Hezbollah and Other
Dangerous Actors

Tuesday, July 10
7:15pm

Beth El hosts Senior Fellow at the
Foundation of Democracies,
Dr. Emanuele Ottolenghi with special guest
Yannick Tona www.aipac.org/BethEl

We Belong Together



like Ice Cream & Sprinkles!



1st Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, July 12

Woodcrest
Country Club

All participants will enjoy golf,
boxed lunch, cocktail hour
and barbecue.

Cost and additional information:
<https://bethelsnj.org/golf-outing/>

From Shul to the Pool

Rabbi and Charlene
Green's Pool

Saturday, July 14
1-4pm

Bring your swim suits and towels,
and hang out with friends.

RSVP requested to
tbarkan@bethelsnj.org.

Address given upon response.

We All Scream for Ice Cream Party

Thursday, July 19
5:30 – 7pm

Classic Cake
480 Evesham Road

Splash Pad Movie Night

Tuesday, July 31
5:30 – 8pm

JOIN US THIS SUMMER...THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



All Events Are Free and Open To The Community

For information contact

Tamar Barkan at 856.675.1166 x418 or tbarkan@bethelsnj.org

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**SHACHARIT
(MORNING)**

**MINCHA/MA'ARIV
(AFTERNOON/EVENING)**

CANDLE LIGHTING

HOLIDAY/SPECIAL

EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 FAST OF 17 TAMMUZ 8:30AM 8:30PM | 2 7:15AM 8:30PM | 3 7:30AM 8:30PM | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 8:30AM 8:30PM | 5 7:15AM 8:30PM | 6 7:30AM 6:00PM CELEBRATION SHABBAT 8:13PM | 7 PINCHAS 9:00AM 8:25PM |
| 8 8:30AM 8:30PM | 9 7:15AM 8:30PM | 10 7:30AM 8:30PM | 11 7:30AM 8:30PM | 12 7:15AM 8:30PM | 13 ROSH CHODESH 7:15AM 6:00PM 8:10PM | 14 MATOT-MASEI 9:00AM 8:20PM |
| 15 8:30AM 8:25PM | 16 7:15AM 8:25PM | 17 7:30AM 8:25PM | 18 7:30AM 8:25PM | 19 7:15AM 8:25PM | 20 7:30AM 6:00PM 8:06PM | 21 DEVARIM EREV TISHA B'AV 9:00AM 8:00PM MINCHA & TISHA B'AV SERVICES |
| 22 TISHA B'AV 8:30AM 8:20PM | 23 7:15AM 8:20PM | 24 7:30AM 8:20PM | 25 7:30AM 8:20PM | 26 7:15AM 8:20PM | 27 7:30AM 6:00PM 8:00PM | 28 VA'ETCHANAN 9:00AM 8:10PM |
| 29 8:30AM 8:15PM | 30 7:15AM 8:15PM | 31 7:30AM 8:15PM | AUGUST 1 7:30AM 8:15PM | AUGUST 2 7:15AM 8:15PM | AUGUST 3 7:30AM 6:00PM CELEBRATION SHABBAT 7:53PM | AUGUST 4 EIKEV 9:00AM 8:00PM |

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

2 - High Holy Day Priority Seating and Torah Reading/Honor Requests Due

3 - Splash Pad Night - 5:30PM

7 - Garden Cocktails & Havdallah at the Krupnick's - 8PM (RSVP Required)

10 - AIPAC Summer Briefing: *-Israel's Turbulent Neighborhood: Iran, Hezbollah and Other Dangerous Actors - 7PM*

12 - Beth El's First Annual Golf Outing at Woodcrest Country Club- 11AM

14 - From Shul to Pool at the Green 's- 1 PM (RSVP Required)

18 - Yizkor Book Forms Due

19 - Ice Cream Party at Classic Cake - 5:30 PM

20 - Singles Shabbat - 8PM

31 - All High Holy Day Seating Requests Due

**SHACHARIT
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EVENTS

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

2 - Handicap Parking Forms Due and Guest Seating Begins
 11 - Smores and More at the Boro's- 9PM
 13 - DIY High Holy Day Workshop - 1PM and 7PM
 14 - Splash Pad Night - 5:30PM
 16 - 25 - Rabbi Krupnick Family Trip to Israel

17 - Singles Shabbat - 8PM
 24 - Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park - 5PM
 27 - DIY Sukkot/Simchat Torah Workshop - 1PM and 7PM
 28 - College Connection Packaging - 3 PM

Men's Club



Adam Weissman, President
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I'm excited to write to you all in my first message to the Beth El community! I'm also excited to continue to build on the strong legacy Larry Hanover built with the Men's Club. We have had a fantastic start to 2018 with a January appearance by Phillies announcer

Tom McCarthy and the Phillie Phanatic. Then February brought Purim fun, including our traditional partnership with Sisterhood on delivering sweet and delicious Shalach Manot packages. April brought a huge success and lots of laughs with the Cookin' for the Wives dinner. And in May, Men's Club kicked off Summer with the annual barbecue for the Religious school families. Torah on Tap continues to draw a crowd with Rabbi Green's fantastic insight into the Torah and how it applies to modern life. June brought a fun night out with the Young Families Group to the Philadelphia Soul. Keeping the enthusiasm strong, we also started planning programming and events for the rest of the year.

We've got more great events coming up over the summer and look forward to you joining us!

I'm looking forward to helping build a stronger community with the Men's Club by helping you meet new people, create positive memories, and empower our Beth El family to enrich the greater community!

Sisterhood



Barbara Sharofsky, President
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Our year included so many wonderful women who enjoyed a variety of events. Thank you all for supporting our programs, and to the Board and Chairs who made it all happen! *Stay tuned for the coming attractions of fall.*

This year, however, we hosted:

- Minyan and Me: Wednesday morning Minyan, breakfast and discussion provided each week by Risa Wittman. Stay tuned for news about this ongoing service
- Programs, including our fun pillow painting night, and "Beach Blanket Bingo", chaired masterfully by Marla Glauser
- Chocolate, Wine and Torah Fund, planned by Faye Shapiro and Renee Kessler, Torah Fund chairs
- Paid Up Membership Dinner: Make Up Tips and Tricks, created beautifully by Laurie Grossman and Meredith Becker, Membership Vice Presidents
- Mitzvah Mall, led by Marla Rosenthal and Debra Kelberg
- Sisterhood Shabbat, a wonderful morning chaired amazingly by Risa Wittman, and all of the women who participated in services. In addition a special Thank You to Rabbi Nogah Marshall who spent the afternoon with us at a tea following Kiddush
- Challah Bakes, deliciously planned and orchestrated by Debbie Feinstein
- Shalach Manot: Purim Baskets, successfully chaired by Amanda Weissman and her husband, Adam
- Party Showcase, an amazing event chaired by Sharon Mindel, Renee Kessler & Laurie Grossman
- Dine and Study: Lovingly chaired by Sandra Agus, along with Patti Bourke, Joanie Adler and Gloria Back
- Rosh Chodesh: It's a Woman's Thing, looked after by Jennifer Stofman. We are always grateful to Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Charlene Green for their spiritual guidance during these events
- Our gift shop supports more than sisterhood. It provides beautiful gifts for any occasion and is brilliantly led by Linda Lazarow and her crew

As a group, we would like to publically thank Debbie Drachman for her service to sisterhood as treasurer these past many years. She has been the one to keep our finances organized and to make sure we can continue to support our causes. She has elected to step down from that role at this time, and I know you all join me in thanking Debbie for all she has done.

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Habonim 2.0



Judy Simkin, President
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On Thursday evening, June 7 Habonim 2.0 made its debut at a delicious BBQ held in our beautiful courtyard.

Many of you may be wondering what Habonim 2.0 means. This

group was started as a place for empty nesters to get together to have a good time by attending programs, shows and taking trips. **This is now an updated version open to all levels of empty nesters.** What we all have in common is that we belong to Beth El and our children are grown and out of the house or away at college. This encompasses a large group of people who enjoy getting together for a good time and a place to make or maintain friendships. There are no dues to belong to this group- just come and enjoy a good time.

Please contact Judy Simkin at lensim@comcast.net or call at 856-829-2651 and provide your name, phone number and e-mail address. We would welcome any ideas or suggestions that you have and we hope to see you at our next event.



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Young Families' Group



Nikki Cohen, President
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Summer break is upon us! Looking back, we had a great year with the Young Families Group.

We kicked off in the fall with parents night out at Sakura Springs enjoying some sushi and karaoke. Rabbi

Green sang 'Hit Me Baby One More Time' for an unforgettable evening. We also hosted a successful Thanksgiving pie sale with fresh pareve pies baked by long time Beth El member Diane Nussbaum from Diane's Patisserie. After the new year, the YFG families enjoyed a Sunday afternoon bingo and brunch where the kids won a grand prize virtual reality game. And the year ended with a Philadelphia Soul Jewish Heritage night paired up with Men's Club and a sunset Shabbat in the Park.

Next year, we will kick off with our recently postponed Cupcake Wars and maybe even bring back Sushi in the Sukkah and/or the infamous Quizzo Night!

YFG is looking for volunteers, whether you want to lead the group, chair an event or simply donate your time helping in the background... we'd love to have you.

Have a wonderful summer and stay tuned for all that's to come in the fall.

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