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for

TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT

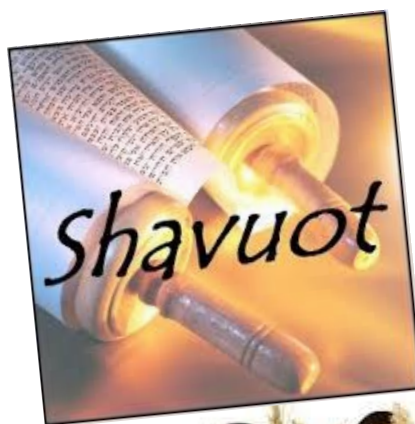
Saturday night, May 23

“A Second Look at Conversion”
(The Place of Conversion in Jewish life,
past, present & future)

Enjoy lively conversation

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick presenting

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, a Kabbalistic custom dating back over 500 years encourages us to stay up late studying Torah just as our ancestors did the night before the very *first* Shavuot, when they *first* heard the Ten Commandments.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is both my honor and a privilege to be writing my first message as President of Congregation Beth El. I am thrilled to accept this position as the third woman president in our synagogue's history and will do my best to serve the congregation with the dignity and respect that this honor deserves. I have been a member of Beth El for over 40 years and have been involved with Board activities for over 20 years. During this time, I have built very strong relationships with the clergy, office staff and congregants, which I feel will help me be a successful leader.

I am very fortunate to have a strong and energetic Executive Committee. I look forward to working with David Backal, Josh Brodtkin, Ben Levin, Karen Schlessel, Stuart Sauer, Cathy Backal, Leslie Breslau, Karin Elkis, Adam Sackstein and Tami Steinberg over the next couple of years. In addition, I have a fantastic Board of Trustees, which includes many past presidents whom I respect and whose experience will serve as an invaluable tool to me.

These are very exciting times for Beth El. We have embarked on a search for an assistant Rabbi as well as a new Early Childhood Center Director. A Strategic Planning Committee of very talented and dedicated volunteers has been established to help redefine and restructure our organization to make us operationally more efficient. Our "Securing Our Legacy" campaign is an opportunity to help us reach our goal of retiring our debt and to-date we have successfully raised over \$4.6 million in a short period of time. I ask everyone to support this campaign and do their part to help Beth El reach its goal of financial independence so that we can continue to bring many incredible programs and services to our congregants and our community. As we reinforce our commitment to our mission of "Integrate, Educate and Elevate," we write our story not only for the present, but also for our future. This is the story that tells us the value of belonging to such a wonderful synagogue.

As president, I am encouraging all of our congregants to get involved!! Volunteer for committees and come to our events, as we have so many exciting opportunities and programs on our agenda. There is something for everyone! Please feel free to communicate with me or other Board members about what you would like to see and what you think would make Beth El a better place.

Make a commitment to strengthen your Jewish life.

Lauren Soll

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Jews By Choice Shavuot at Beth El 2015



Did you know that in the Weekday Amidah, said three times a day by Jews worldwide, we thank Gd for converts to Judaism?

"But, I thought Judaism does not welcome converts?" you say. We are supposed to

push them away when they ask to join our People. Not so fast! Here is the text of that blessing from the Amidah:

"Let Your tender mercies, Lord our Gd, be stirred for the righteous, the pious, the elders of the House of Israel, our scholars, for the righteous converts, and for us..."

We ask Gd to be mindful and merciful of those who have chosen Judaism. On Shavuot we learn about one of our People's most famous converts, Ruth. We read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot morning. Ruth's story is told because Judaism actually celebrates Jews by Choice. In fact, the Book of Ruth tells us that Ruth herself was the great-grandmother of King David and from David, in turn, will eventually come the Moshiach. So who says Judaism does not love converts?!

In celebration of Shavuot, and in the spirit of the Book of Ruth, I have invited one of the many members of Beth El who are Jews by Choice to come and tell her story. On Sunday, May 24, 2015, the First Day of Shavuot, Lauren Williams will share with all of us her journey to Judaism. A regular each week for Shabbat services, Lauren is a beloved member of our Beth El Family. She teaches in our ECC, she runs our Tot Shabbat program, and she is a member of the choir. I am very much looking forward to hearing what Lauren has to say, and I hope that all others who have chosen Judaism will come for this service as well.

In order to set the tone for Lauren's talk, I'll be leading a study session for our annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot on Saturday night, May 23, 2015, the night the holiday of Shavuot actually begins. My topic that night will be, "A Second Look at Conversion" and I'll examine the place of conversion in Jewish life, past, present and future. I hope that we will be able to have a lively conversation as we study the sources together.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot is a Kabbalistic custom that dates back over 500 years. The custom encourages us to stay up late at night studying Torah just as our ancestors did on the night before the very first Shavuot, when they first heard the Ten Commandments. In accepting the Ten Commandments, our ancient ancestors were saying, in effect, "We are all Jews by Choice" in that we all voluntarily choose to make the Torah's laws and traditions part of our own lives. The Tikkun study session will follow our Shabbos Mincha/Maariv service which is scheduled for 8:10 PM.

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SHARING OUR LIVES

as of March 30, 2015

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Susan Dashoff Ellman, Margie Blum

B'NAI MITZOT:

Linda & Joel Appel on the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Luke & Emily Steele

Pam & Mark Steele on the B'nai Mitzvot their children, Luke & Emily

Eugenia & Vladimir Boroda on their son, Zachary becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Alison & Andrew Keim on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Samantha

Donna & Richard Bell on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Samantha Keim

Jamie & Andrew Finberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jason

Alicia & Jason Harding on the B'not Mizvah of their daughters, Macy & Laina

Heidi & Jay Kagan on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madeline

Rita & Alan Kagan on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Madeline Kagan

Tami & Brad Krupnick on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydney

Nicole & Adam Landau on their sons, Nathan & Benjamin becoming B'nai Mitzvah

Jamie & Harold Orel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Julia

Diane Rose on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Stefanie

Marleen & Brent Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin

Sheryl & Richard Schweitzer on their son, Robert becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Ellen & Kenneth Turner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lily

Cheryl & David Weinberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marisa

Leah & Jason Wolf on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma.

ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES:

Linda & David Wander on the engagement of their daughter, Dana to Jared Satkoff

Shirley Wander on the engagement of her granddaughter, Dana

Bobbie & Steve Wenick on the engagement of their granddaughter, Tal Revel to Daniel Lehmann

Harriet Schulman on the engagement of her son, Todd to Beth Lorell

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Jews By Choice

Shavuot at Beth El 2015

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The study session will begin about 9:00 PM and we'll follow it up with cheese cake since there is another custom of eating dairy foods on Shavuot. Shavuot services both Sunday morning and Monday morning will be at 9:00 AM and Yizkor Memorial Prayers will be recited on Monday morning at 10:30 AM.

It is true, in a certain sense, we are all "Jews By Choice," but we are especially thankful for those who have chosen to be Chosen. Like we do Ruth, we celebrate all of our Jewish brothers and sisters who have made this most meaningful commitment. Chag Samayach!

IN MEMORIAM

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The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Richard Charny

Husband of Judith
Father of David, Jacob & Adam

A HEARTFELT THANK

Thank you to the entire Beth El Community for the support, kind words and comfort as we cope with the loss of our beloved son and brother, Scott Clayman.

Natalie Clayman
Eric and Amy Clayman and family

SHARING OUR LIVES

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BIRTHS:

Beverly & Warren Brandwine on the birth of their grandson, Simon Brandwine

Peggy & Lou Gold on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Beth Gold

Linda & Richard Moskowitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Rae Fox

Marilyn & Steve Roth on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Michael Roth

Suzanne Taylor on the birth of her great granddaughter, Grayson Riley Taylor

Eileen & Bernie Yaffa on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Evan Zaslavsky

BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Isaac Edward Block, father of Nancy Cutler

Scott Clayman, son of Natalie Clayman, brother of Eric Clayman

Berta Kravitz, mother of John Kravitz

Eileen Zarin, sister of Robin Sue Landsburg

MAZEL TOV TO:

Eva & Marvin Schlanger on being honored with the 2015 Israel Advocacy Award

BETH EL BUSINESS CONNECTION



This fundraising program features local businesses that wish to offer a predetermined donation to Beth El based on congregants buying their products or services for a specified period of time.

This is a great fundraiser for Beth El and by supporting the Business Connection, you are helping your shul by purchasing products and services that you already use.

When you make your purchase, please mention that you are a Beth El member.

If you are a business owner or know of a business that would like to participate, please contact Belle S. Hirn, Beth El News Editor at bhirn@bethelsnj.org

LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM



Beth El was recently given the opportunity to participate in a charitable Endowment initiative under the auspices of the Jewish Community Foundation. The program is funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in order to foster an awareness of the importance of Endowments to the future of any charitable or religious organization. *The Grinspoon Foundation offered an unrestricted \$5,000 grant, during each of the first two (2) years of the program, to any organization meeting certain criteria.*

The Grinspoon Foundation challenged all of the participating organizations – and almost every Jewish organization in our area is participating - to obtain at least eighteen (18) Endowment commitments during each of the first two (2) years of the program. Our committee is pleased to advise you that **Beth El was the first** of the organizations involved to meet and surpass the Grinspoon Foundation challenge. **We have already qualified for the first of the \$5,000 grants** in less than half way through the first year of the program.

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Our Committee will be happy to discuss various options with you. All of us thank those who have helped to ensure Beth El's future.

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A Special Invitation from Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro

V'yasu chulam agudah achat la'asot r'tzon'cha b'layvav shalem; each of us has been instilled with awe, **bound together**, to carry out Gd's will wholeheartedly. I chant these words during the High Holydays during the repetition of the *Amidah* during *Musaf*.

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed..."

—Jeremiah 17:14

Joshua Pomerantz Boro

Son of

Stephen Boro and Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

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With great pride,

Josh invites you to share in his joy

as he is called to the Torah

to celebrate becoming a

Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, May 16, 2015 9:00am

Parshat Behar—Bechukotai

בהר־בחקותי

Congregation Beth El

8000 Main Street

Voorhees, NJ 08043

Please join Josh for a festive
Seudat Mitzvah luncheon following the service

I have been blessed to be your Hazzan for almost 11 years! During this time, I have gotten to know you, heard your stories and shared in your cherished life events. We have laughed together and cried together. We have come together both in times of great joy and in overwhelming sadness. We are bound together as a sacred community, a *Kehillah K'dosha*.

When Stephen and I moved here from San Diego to join our Beth El family, our son, Joshua, was only two years old. I vividly recall our very first Shabbat at Chapel Avenue. Josh came up to the *bima*, in his quiet and *menschlichkeit* way, to sit on my lap during Rabbi Krupnick's sermon (as became his custom for the next few years). Just as the Rabbi concluded, Josh was returning to his seat next to Stephen in the "jury box". On his way, he dropped his sippy cup on the marble *bima* floor. Although the contents inside the cup remained intact, the crashing sound reverberated for what felt like an eternity! I remember looking over at Rabbi Krupnick and both of us began to laugh. I knew right then and there that we had found our home!

As I have celebrated nearly 1,000 B'nai Mitzvah with my Beth El family, it would be

my honor and great pleasure to have you join us as Joshua celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, May 16.



Sisterhood

For those of you who were present at Sisterhood Shabbat this year, we were given the charge by Rabbi Krupnick to help spread the word about the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat candles every week. Shabbat candles are traditionally a woman's mitzvah. The woman sets the tone of the household; it is her task and G-d-given ability to ensure that light and harmony prevail in her home. Lighting candles to usher in Shabbat is a mitzvah for which the light is seen and appreciated as it lends a soft and peaceful atmosphere to the Day of Rest. We want to help everyone partake in this mitzvah by offering a free set of Shabbat candles to take home and light each Friday night. Candles are available at Judaically Yours, our gift shop, every Thursday and Friday. Attached to each set of candles is the blessing for lighting the candles so you have everything you need to Light-Up-Shabbat. And, once you light your candles, before you say the blessing, take a quick picture of yourselves with your beautiful Shabbat candles glowing and send it to Juli Sloves at JMSloves@comcast.net. She will post them all on our Sisterhood facebook page. Each week we can look forward to seeing pictures of our Beth El family and friends partaking in this beautiful mitzvah and lighting up Shabbat.

I want to thank Sharon Mindel, Renee Kessler, Lauren Williams and all of their volunteers for another successful Party Showcase. We had a record number of vendors this year and a great turn-out for this event. I also want to thank Debbie Drachman, Nancy Lubars and Michele Miron for organizing our New York City trip and also Haz-zan Alisa Pomerantz Boro for accompanying us on this trip and making it so special. Mark your calendars for May 20 for our annual Dine and Study with Rabbi Krupnick, and June 3 for our closing event and Installation of new Officers.

As this year comes to an end, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as president for the last three years. I am very grateful for all the people who worked on the Board with me these past three years and for all the opportunities I had to meet new people and make new friends. I will always remember this time and I look forward to continuing to be an active presence in Sisterhood. I wish Renee Kessler and her new Board much mazel as you tackle the next two years. May we continue to go from strength to strength.

With much love and gratitude,
Faye Shapiro

MEN'S CLUB



At last, the warm weather is upon us. Like so many others, I really love this time of year.

Our calendar starts to slow down this time of year, but there are still two more installments of our Torah on Tap series. The first is on Wednesday, May 13 at Dublin Square Pub (8:30pm). The second is our season finale Wednesday, June 10. If you haven't been to one yet, then why not give it a chance and make this one your first.

Please check the Beth El Buzz for more information on these events (or contact me at yoelweiss@aol.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several members of Men's Club whose efforts help make all our programming possible:

Bill Baranoff	Ray Katz
Bruce DuBoff	Craig Kessler
Henry David	Gary Shapiro
Mike Glass	Bennett Shanker

Soon we will be putting together next year's calendar and we are always looking for good ideas. If there is a program you would like to see on the calendar, this is a great time to let me know.

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

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MAZAL TOV

Sydney Krupnick

Hebrew Name: Simcha Hyka
Daughter of: Brad & Tami Krupnick
Sister of: Mitchell
Granddaughter of: Barbara Kessler,
 Joe & Carol Krupnick

Torah Portion
 Tzav * March 28, 2015

Sydney's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:
 Donating portion of her gifts to the American Cancer Soci-

MAZAL TOV

Madelyn Altman

Hebrew Name: Chanah Leah
Daughter of: Robert & Jacquelyn Altman
Sister of: Emily
Granddaughter of: Robert & Inez Zubrin
 Isadore & Sondra Altman

Torah Portion
 Acharei & Kedoshim * May 2, 2015

MAZAL TOV

Rebecca Leah Germaine

Hebrew Name: Rivka Leah Gilad
 u'P'nina
Daughter of: Gene & Pauline Ger-
 maine
Sister of: Hannah Germaine
Granddaughter of: Isaak, Dina, Michael, So-



MAZAL TOV

Ryan Chakov

Hebrew Name: Raphael
Son of: Stacy & Richard Chakov
Brother of: Matthew & Morgan
Grandson of: Hersh & Myrna Wilkes
 Ruth Chakov
 Harriett Kaufman

Torah Portion
 Bamidbar * May 23, 2015

MAZAL TOV

Mitchell Cassel

Hebrew Name: Moshe Shepsel
Son of: Ilene & Tom Cassel
Grandson of: Paul & Jane Harris
 Leslie Cassel

Torah Portion
 Naso * May 30, 2015

Mitchell's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:
 Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia. Mitchell volun-
 teers at the house to benefit the families of patients at
 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Also, the Make A
 Wish Foundation to purchase a wish for a terminally ill



MAZAL TOV

Perry Bernard

Hebrew Name: Periel Feivel ben
 Rachiel Ephraim v Sarah
Son of: Jackie & Richard Bernard
Brother of: Ian Bernard
Grandson of: Joyce Green

Torah Portion
 Korach * June 20, 2015

Perry's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:
 Michael J. Fox Foundation (Parkinson's)
 and American Cancer Society



COLEL

May

1st Friday Family Service and Dinner

Friday, May 1
5:45pm Service
6:30pm Dinner (Fees and RSVP's required)

Sisterhood Dine and Study

Wednesday, May 13
6:30pm
Rabbi Krupnickj presenting

Community Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Saturday, May 23
8:00pm (No Fee)

Library Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, May 28
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Amy Kaplan presenting

June

1st Friday Family Service and Dinner

Friday, June 5
5:45pm Service
6:30pm Dinner (Fees and RSVP's required)



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NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Megan Nachod, Director



As we approach the end of the school year, it is a great time to reflect on all of the wonderful things that we accomplished this year at school. We've been busy! We have learned about fairy tales, letter sounds, dinosaurs and have done countless science experiments. We've sorted leaf types, visited with firefighters, decorated cookies, voted for President and built our own Chanukah Menorahs. We celebrated a year's worth of holidays, waited and waited for the first snow fall of the season with excitement and then waited (and waited and waited) for it to finally warm up. As I said before, it has been a busy year, filled with the magic of learning with young children.

It's also been a busy year as we prepare to transition in a new ECC Director. My family and I will be moving to Pennsylvania this summer and so I will be leaving the school in someone else's capable hands. Long before I was the Director of Beth El's ECC, I was a congregant and Beth El has meant a great deal to me over the years. Fortunately, I will be back in the Fall to celebrate my daughter's Bat Mitzvah here at Beth El. It isn't easy to leave a place and a community that hold so many memories for us, but I know that we will be back to say hello.

The end of the school year doesn't mean the end of our activities, because the learning doesn't stop when the school year is over. Summer camp begins in June and we're looking forward to summer and all of the fun activities that the warm weather brings. After all, we provide excellent programming for children for 52 weeks of the year, 6:45AM - 6:00PM. Be sure to check out our Facebook Page (Congregation Beth El Early Childhood Center) for photo updates on what we do during these exciting and fun filled days.

Wishing you a summer packed with things that you enjoy the most.

I hope that your summer includes spending time with friends, learning something new and enjoying the outdoors.

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and
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*Friday, May 8, 2015
19 Iyar 5775
at 6:00 PM*

MAZAL TOV TO OUR

Confirmands

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**Kitta Bet (2nd Grade)
End of the Year Concert
Wednesday Evening, May 6 - 7:00 PM
Main Sanctuary**

Kitta Bet will celebrate their accomplishment of completing second grade with an End-of-Year Concert on Wednesday evening, May 6. Under the expert direction of their gifted teachers, Chaya Amar and Robin Finkelstein and our Music Director, Cantor Leon Sher, the class will perform a lively program of songs to demonstrate what they have learned. Parents, relatives and friends will be delighted to see how much their children have accomplished.

**Susan Asbell Tzedakah Boxes
to be given at Gan Graduation
Sunday, May 17**

On Sunday, May 17, 9:30 AM, our youngest children and their families will celebrate the end of their first year at Beth El Religious School with songs and prayers the children have learned during the course of the year. Teacher, **Elana Doar** and her assistant, **Leah Korn** are looking forward to giving their students their well deserved "diplomas". Thank you to Music Director, **Cantor Leon Sher** for what promises to be a great performance. Thank you also to Gan Chairs for the reception to follow.

This year we are initiating the Susan Asbell Tzedakah Box Project, giving a tzedakah box to each Gan Graduate. Susan Asbell, Z"l, was a great proponent of teaching children the importance of giving tzedakah and starting them on that practice at an early age. Susan initiated the tradition of giving Tzedakah boxes to the Religious School children in 3rd Grade at their Chag Hasiddur. In Susan's memory, we will begin this beautiful tradition even earlier, in Kindergarten at their Gan Graduation. We have established a fund in memory of Susan Asbell. If you would like to contribute to this fund for the purpose of giving these tzedakah boxes to our children, you may give a contribution to the **Susan Asbell Fund** and indicate **Tzedakah Boxes for Gan** as the message.

**Vav Siyyum, 6th Grade Graduation
Friday, May 29**

Kitta Vav, our 6th Grade graduating class will celebrate its milestone with a Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner – Friday, May 29 at 6:00 PM. The evening will commence with a service conducted by the students of Kitta Vav and followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner. During the program our students will sing a selection of z'mirot (songs), read their reflections and receive diplomas and gifts from our Men's Club and Sisterhood. Our Vav chairpersons Sharon Nadelbach and Lauren Neff will help make this occasion a memorable experience for all. *Yasher Koach* to teachers, Lea Rozovsky, Gilah Lewis Sietz, Tovah Kurlansik and Music Director Cantor Leon Sher, for a job well done.

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BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (continued)

Kitta Vav Graduates

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GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

It's Bring Your Grandparent or Special Friend Day

to Beth El Religious School
Sunday, May 3, 10:15 AM

(School Starts at 9:00 AM as usual!)

- Engage in a **mitzvah project** with your grandchild or special friend in his/her class
- Enjoy a **school-wide zimriyah**, (concert) in the Main Sanctuary at 11:15 AM
- Enjoy our **Congregational Annual Lag Ba'Omer Picnic** on our beautiful patio at 12 Noon
- Join the fun in organized **Lag Ba'Omer relay races** and games on the grass

You'll have an opportunity to participate in our **Annual Blood Drive** and other mitzvah opportunities throughout the morning!

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of the Month

Madelyn Altman	May 2
Hannah Weber	May 2
Nicole Austin	May 2
Jordyn Meltzer	May 9
Rebecca Germaine	May 9
Joshua Boro	May 16
Madeline Podolnick	May 23
Ryan Chakov	May 23
Jacob Yankowitz	May 30
Mitchell Cassel	May 30
Nicole & Jordyn Wolf	June 6
Jake Herskowitz	June 13
Juliet Noah	June 13
Perry Bernard	June 20
Lauren Snyderman	June 20
Gabrielle Hanover	June 27

REMINDERS:

- May 5 – Last Tuesday Hebrew High School
- May 6 – Kittah Bet End of Year Concert
- May 7 – Last Thursday Hebrew High School
- May 10 - Religious School CLOSED – Mother's Day
- May 17 Last Sunday of Religious School & Gan Siyyum
- May 19 – Last Tuesday of Religious School
- May 20 – Last Wednesday of Religious School
- May 29 - Vav graduation
- May 30 – Last Junior Congregation

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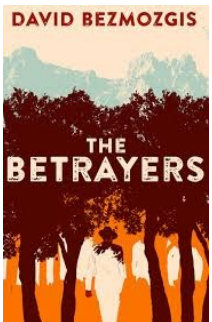
May Service Times

Junior Congregation with Larry Abrams & Chaim Respes 3rd - 6th grades 10:15AM - 12:00PM Every Shabbat morning in the Chapel	Minyan Katan Grades K - 2 11:00AM - 11:45AM In Sanctuary Ext. B May 9, 30	Tot Shabbat with Lauren Williams Up to age 4 & their parents 11:00AM - 11:45AM In Sanctuary Ext. D May 9, 30
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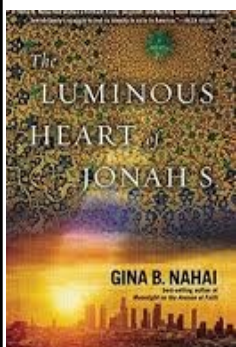


Iran, France, Crimea, Israel – this month’s featured novels take us to intriguing destinations and tell captivating stories. No passport needed, just a comfortable chair!

David Bezmozgis is a young Soviet American writer whose work is outstanding. In his latest, **The Betrayers**, he imagines the life of Baruch Kotler, an Israeli politician



whose extramarital affair has been exposed by his opponents. He and his mistress seek solace in the Crimean town where Baruch spent happy summers in his youth. Baruch was a Soviet dissident; betrayed to the authorities he spent years in the Gulag. While on vacation, he encounters an important figure from his early years and he deals with his son, who will go to great lengths to avoid following an Israeli army order he considers immoral. Bezmozgis takes an essentially simple plot and through literary skill creates a clever and thought-provoking story.

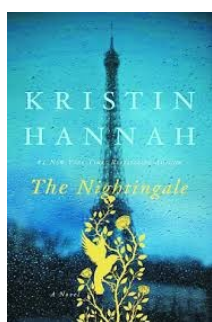


Gina Nahai’s **The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.** takes readers into the secretive world of Iranian Jews in L.A.. This is a murder mystery that is epic in scope, educating the reader about the 3000-year history of the Jews of Iran. The story opens with the murder of a cruel Iranian Jewish man whose investment scheme collapsed, leaving others distraught, but apparently causing him no personal harm. From there the story goes back to 1950s Tehran, where the Soleyman family has become very wealthy.

Disagreement about who is the rightful heir to the Soleyman fortune ensues, as do kidnapping, murder and mayhem, until the Iranian revolution leads the characters to America. Despite creating new lives in a new land, the refugees’ histories will follow them. Nahai brings a mystical/magical touch to this ambitious and entertaining novel.

Kristin Hannah is not a name usually associated with Jewish books, but her new, bestselling novel, **The Nightingale** takes us

to WWII France, where sisters Vianne and Isabelle live on a farm in the Loire Valley. Vianne’s husband is off serving in the army and her daughter Sophie is going through a rough adolescence. Isabelle, an outspoken young woman who has been expelled from various convent schools, joins the Resistance, helping downed Allied airmen across the Pyrenees to Spain. Her code name is “The Nightingale” and she helps many before being captured. Vianne will also help by hiding a Jewish child. Throughout the story, the persecution and deportation of France’s Jews is a key element. Hannah is a popular storyteller and **The Nightingale** is a historical novel that you won’t be able to put down.



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Congregation Beth El

May, 2015

Iyyar - Sivan 5775

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

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

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Note & Exception Below:

Tuesday, May 19—Rosh Chodesh Sivan, 7:15AM

Sunday, May 24- 1st Day Shavuot, 9:00AM

Monday, May 25 - 2nd Day Shavuot, 9:00AM **Yizkor services**

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

7:36pm

7:43pm

7:50pm

7:56pm

9:03am

8:02pm

MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2

Sunday, May 3—Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10- Thursday, May 14

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17 -Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23 - Erev Shavuot & Tikun 8:10 PM

Sunday, May 24 - First Day of Shavuot 8:10 PM

Monday, May 25 - Second Day of Shavuot 8:15 PM

Tuesday, May 26—Thursday May 28 8:15 PM

Friday, May 29 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 30 8:15 PM

Sunday, May 31—Thursday, June 4 8:20 PM

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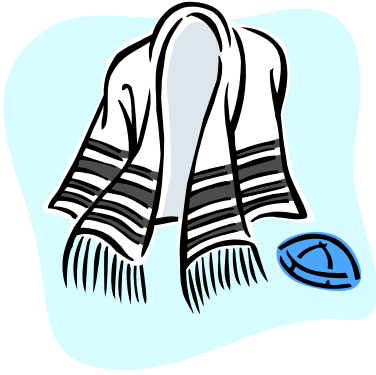
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JUNE MINCHA TIMES



Congregation Beth El

June, 2015

Sivan—Tammuz 5775

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

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

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Note & Exception Below:

Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18 —Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 7:15AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES: MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES

	Sunday, May 31—Thursday, June 4	8:20 PM
8:07	Friday, June 5	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 6	8:20 PM
	Sunday, June 7- Thursday, June 11	8:25PM
8:11	Friday, June 12	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 13	8:25PM
	Sunday, June 14 -Thursday, June 18	8:30 PM
8:14	Friday, June 19	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 20	8:30PM
	Sunday, June 21—Thursday, June 25	8:30 PM
8:15	Friday, June 26	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 27	8:30PM
	Sunday, June 28—Thursday, July 2	8:30 PM

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