

# BETH EL NEWS

November- December 2017



**Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro**

*Modah Ani Lefanecha Melech Chai V'Kayam, Shehechezarta Bi Nishmati B'chemla Raba Emunatecha!* These are the words I recite before rising each morning. They help me begin my day with a feeling of gratitude.

For many of us, this has been a year of hardships, filled with uneasy times. We feel the need to summon the strength and courage to withstand any extraordinary events that come our way. Sometimes, it feels that nothing can fully prepare us for everything we are going to face.

One possibility is to fill our days with empathy and caring. Our lives can be full of relationship building and connecting with others. We can look for the gems which are all around us and we can find strength in others. We can continue to count our blessings. I write this article on the day before the festival of Sukkot, knowing, however, that you will not read it until closer to Thanksgiving. Did you know these are two of my favorite holidays!?

On Sukkot, we are commanded to feel joyous and to be thankful. It is the holiday we, grateful for the fragile gift of life, grab hold with both hands and draw our loved ones close to our hearts; even when, especially when, we are shaking.

The focus on gratitude and blessings makes Thanksgiving my other favorite holiday. Fortunately, Judaism gives us that gift every day. Our tradition (Talmud Menachot 43b) teaches us that we are obligated to recite 100 blessings every day. One of

the blessings I count daily in my life is being a part of our Beth El family. I thank everyone who contributed to making the High Holy Day services at our shul so meaningful. Thank you for opening your hearts and your souls. I am honored to know you as family members and individual participants in our sacred community.

Every soul matters; ticket takers, ushers, Torah and Haftarah readers, choir members, security, gabbayim, office and maintenance staff, greeters, bima buddies, daveners, shofar blowers, hug-ers, lifter-uppers, tissue getters, comforters, mourners, participants, observers, helpers...inspirational moments are all around us. We laughed. We cried. It was awesome!

Another blessing I cherish is our ability to help others. Every one of my B'nai Mitzvah students has participated in our 13 Mitzvot Program, where they broaden their knowledge of Judaism and perform acts of study, ritual, and kindness in preparation for becoming a Jewish adult. Each child also selects his/her own special tzedakah project. This year, we are inviting the entire community to our first Mitzvah Mall on Sunday, November 19. With thanks to Debra Kelberg, our B'nai Mitzvah students will have the opportunity to showcase their projects and many charitable organizations will be on hand to answer questions and inspire you. I hope to see you during this meaningful day at Beth El from 11am - 12:30pm.

When you arise in the morning, say a quick Modeh Ani, and think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive!

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - JOSH LASTER



I remember my father built a sukkah in our backyard when I was about five years old. He wrapped the frame built from 2x4s with chicken wire, and then fastened corn stalks all around with more across the top. The rest of the memory is a little bit fuzzy. Maybe we ate in the sukkah. Maybe my brother, sister and I treated it like a club house and just hung out inside of it. Maybe we played tag and it was home base. I don't remember those aspects, but I remember watching him build it. I think that's why building a sukkah has been on my Jewish family bucket list – my list of things I would like to do as Erica and I raise our daughters, Isabella and Maryn, with positive Jewish memories and traditions.

This year, I decided to check that item off on that list. My daughters were VERY excited to be a part of this project. They had learned all about Sukkot in the ECC and at Religious School. They were looking forward to having meals and hanging out with friends and family in the sukkah.

I wanted to build the sukkah to connect with my past and start a tradition with my family. The girls wanted to build a sukkah because they saw from Beth El that Sukkot is a time to gather and celebrate with others. It was a true collaborative effort. Maryn helped me fasten everything together. Isabella helped make the decorations. Erica made sure we stuck to our plan of eating outside. And most importantly, they all laughed together when pieces of the frame fell on me. Their learning inspired us to look for opportunities to enrich our Jewish lives at home which ties in perfectly to the Beth El Mission Statement:

***“Beth El is our spiritual home. We create a warm and welcoming community where people of all generations are enriched by learning and inspired to discover their personal experience of Jewish life.”***

The High Holy Days present so many opportunities to connect with others and celebrate meaningfully at Beth El, at home and at the synagogue with friends and family. During Sukkot and Simchat Torah we had events and programming with close to 600 people in attendance! Those in attendance prayed, ate, laughed, sang and danced together. For our family, like many other families, we celebrated in the home where we live and in our spiritual home. This community ties it all together and makes our Jewish life so rich and so meaningful.

In this edition of the Beth El News, just turn through the pages and you'll find many opportunities to connect with others at Beth El. It's these connections that represent the true value of our community. You should have also received our Fall programming postcard in the mail and will be receiving one for the Winter and Spring as well. Our website is updated with upcoming events and our weekly emails will always keep you informed. I hope you are able to join us for the programming we offer throughout the year.

If you ever want to join us for a program, and you are concerned that you won't know anyone there, you should contact our Community Engagement Director, Tamar Barkan. She would be very pleased to make introductions and assist you with becoming more involved at Beth El.

See you at shul!

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We pride ourselves on providing assistance to those in need.

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

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

If you are interested in being part of the Beth El Community Partnership Program, please contact Reta Feldman at [rfeldman@bethelsnj.org](mailto:rfeldman@bethelsnj.org) or 856-675-1166.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - DAVID BACKAL



It was so wonderful to be with our Beth El family for the High Holy Days. It is a very special time of year for our entire congregation as we reflect as a community and individually. I hope the holidays were as meaningful to you as they were for me and my family. I encourage you to stay off autopilot and think about how you live your lives every day.

I know I “thanked” so many during my Kol Nidre message, but I want to say again how terrific our professional staff is and how much we appreciate all that they do for us during the High Holy Days and throughout the year. They put in so much time and effort leading up to and throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur so that services run smoothly allowing us to pray and celebrate the holiday. We should all be extremely grateful for their role in our shul. We are also blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers.

I also mentioned that one of my visions was for us, as synagogue, to have a better understanding of the importance of supporting our fundraising efforts as we are adapting to the diverse needs of our congregants. We greatly appreciate all who have participated in our High Holy Day (Beth El) Appeal and we should all be extremely proud of our high participation rate. If you’d still like to make a donation, please contact our office or visit our website. Your contributions make a big difference in supporting our daily needs and allows us to be at the forefront of community outreach and Beth El in-reach.

I want to personally thank Ellen Podell and Ellen Marks for sharing their family and Beth El stories with us on Yom Kippur. We know it wasn’t easy for them to speak in front of the entire congregation, but their messages were very powerful and filled with emotion. Ellen and Ellen, we are glad to be a part of your family.

My other vision was to have our congregation be more engaged and for us to strengthen the bonds of our Beth El community and provide more Jewish connections for our members. We are well on our way as we are creating more entry points for us to spend time with fellow congregants and our clergy. We are always looking for ways to improve and grow. In early December, I will be traveling to Atlanta along with a few other Board Members and Clergy to the USCJ Annual Convention “Dare Together”. There we will be inspired and empowered with new ideas, strategies and skills to strengthen the Beth El community.

So, as we turn the page from holiday season to holiday season, from self-reflection to giving thanks and celebrating family and friends, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and Chanukah!

And remember, *You do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you!*

**Like our President, David Backal, says, “ You do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you!”**

**We want to make sure we stay a part of your life, but to do so, we need the current contact information for all members of your household!**

3 easy ways to update your information:

1. Email Davida Chornock at [dchornock@bethelsnj.org](mailto:dchornock@bethelsnj.org)
2. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/bememupdate>
3. Mail the following information to 8000 Main Street, Voorhees, NJ 08043: Name, Address, Birthdate, Email Address, Cell Phone Number, Employer, Employer Address, and Work Email

***Thank you!***

## SHARING OUR LIVES (AS OF OCTOBER 1)

### **BIRTHS:**

Ann Rosenberg on the birth of her granddaughter, Alexandra Rachel Fischel

### **B'NAI MITZVAH:**

Marvin Backal on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Bar Mitzvah  
Tracy & Jeffrey Brown on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Steven  
Shirlee & Bernard Brown on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Steven  
Sheryl & Mark Schuster on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Brett  
Marcelle Tompakov on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Brett Schuster  
Harris Gaffin and Melanie Gaffin on the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons, Jack & Max  
Stacey & Andrew Unterlack on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Caleb

### **ENGAGEMENTS:**

Bonnie & Michael Gewurtz on the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Matt Myers

### **BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:**

Erna Bratt, mother of Stuart Sauer  
Stanton Fischer, father of Donna Starkman  
Leonard Green, grandfather of Rabbi Andy Green  
Eyal David Sherman, brother of Rabbi Nogah Marshall  
Cecele Moss, sister-in-law of Shirley Mangel  
Benjamin Shanker, brother of Milton Shanker  
Selina Weitzman, mother of Richard Weitzman

## IN MEMORIAM OF OUR MEMBERS

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Erna Bratt**

Mother of Stuart Sauer

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Shirley Mangel**

Mother of Stuart Mangel, Leslie Cohen, & Fredda Kretvix

**Don't miss our first ever Mitzvah Mall!  
Learn how you can make a world of difference.**

**Sunday, November 19, 2017  
11AM-12:30PM**

**Get Inspired:** Attend the Mitzvah Mall to find your charitable interests and learn how to get involved in our community!

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**Sign up or have questions?  
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## Mazal Tov to all our B'nai Mitzvah of November & December

Adam Feinstein  
Justin Herskowitz  
Jenavieve Rose

November 4  
November 25  
November 25

Ava & Sara Simkin  
Max Swarbrick  
Vanya Weinstock

December 9  
December 16  
December 16



### Adam Feinstein

Son of Debbie & David Feinstein

Brother of Ari

Grandson of Judith & Bernard Feinstein and Mark & Shellie Zimmerman

Mitzvah Project: Donating part of his Bar Mitzvah money to the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center in memory of his great-grandparents, Helen & Saul Jurysta. Adam also collected over 1,100 books for BookSmiles.org



### Justin Herskowitz

Son of Melissa & Jeffrey Herskowitz

Brother of Alexa and Jake

Grandson of Ms. Patricia Koutcher and Dr. Martin Koutcher

Mitzvah Project: Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation and JRA (Jewish Relief Agency)



### Max Swarbrick

Son of Jenifer & Jeremy Swarbrick

Brother of Jordyn & Lilah

Mitzvah Project: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Eagles Charitable Foundation



### Vanya Weinstock

Son of Mitchell & Tatiana Weinstock

Brother of Danya

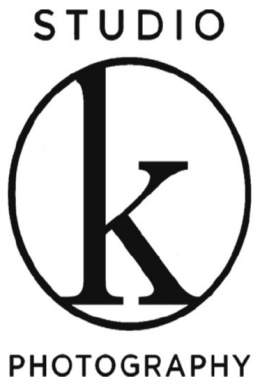
Grandson of Jack Weinstock, Dinah Weinstock, Riasa Varauka, and Uric Varauka

Mitzvah Project: Playing piano in geriatric homes

### 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 \*

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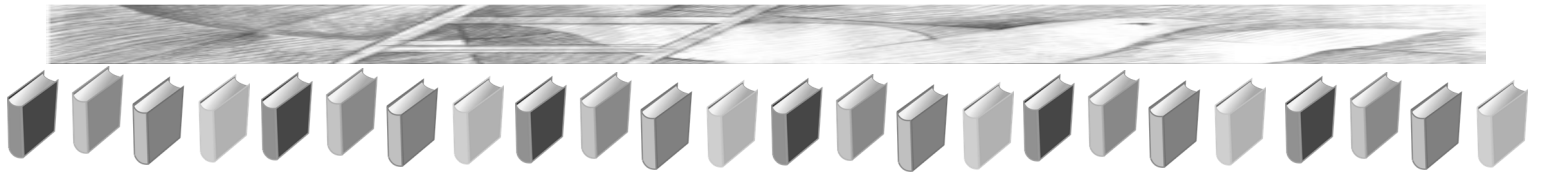
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Our members have always supported the Bell Library because they understand the intrinsic value and importance of a viable library in a major synagogue. The Jewish people have been called "The People of the Book" for centuries; we treasure learning and study. Please help keep these values at Congregation Beth EI!

Your support this year is very important. Your gift will enable us to continue to serve the Congregation, providing books and media that educate and entertain.

As is our Jewish Book Month tradition, each contribution of \$20.00 (or 2 for \$36.00) entitles you to a book dedication, indicated by an inscribed bookplate. A personalized letter will be sent to anyone you wish to honor. (The regular rate, available anytime throughout the year, is \$25.00 per book.)

Book dedications are the perfect way to offer greetings for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, other simchas, or "just because" and are appropriate for yahrzeits and other solemn occasions as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please encourage your fellow congregants to join you in making donations that support education for all ages in our Library.

This special offer ends December 31.

B'shalom,

Amy Kaplan, Congregation Librarian

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS



*Thank you to everyone who participated in our biggest High Holy Day food drive yet in support of the JFCS Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantries!*

### Flower Fund

- ◆ Sharon & Bill Bronstein and Toby Mazer, in memory of our beloved parents & husband, David & Fania Rotman and Dr. Howard Mazer
- ◆ Selma Ellis, in memory of Bertram Ellis, Dorothy & Daniel Lepau, and Norman & Judith Lepau
  - ◆ Merle & Ken Glass, in memory of our departed loved ones
- ◆ The Larry Katz Family, in memory of our loved ones: Herman & Freda Mintz, David & Ida Katz, and Gloria Hecht
- ◆ Ann & Bernie Miller, in loving memory of our parents: Molly & Al Miller and Lillian & Louis Levin
- ◆ Harriet Schulman, in memory of Herman Harnick (father), Lillian Harnick (mother), and Arlene Shupnick (sister)
  - ◆ Harvey & Thelma Shaps
- ◆ Hazel D. Starr, in memory of husband, father, and grandfather Harold G. Starr
- ◆ Shirley Yaffa, in memory of parents Rose & Samuel Wiesner, Rose & Harry Yaffa, beloved husband Jerry Yaffa

### New Year Greetings

- ◆ Bill & Sharon Bronstein, Lisa Ravitz and Adam Butler, Andrew & Jessie Ravitz, Ariel and Richard Bronstein & Family, and Toby Mazer & Family
  - ◆ Dr. and Mrs. Harris N. Colton & Family
    - ◆ Merle & Ken Glass
    - ◆ Larry & Ruth Katz & Family
      - ◆ Shirley Mangel, z"l
    - ◆ Ann & Bernie Miller & Family
  - ◆ Sharon, Jay, Ben, Andrew, Shelby, Blakely, and Rachel
    - ◆ Harriet Schulman
    - ◆ Hazel D. Starr & Family
    - ◆ Shirley Yaffa & Family



## Thanksgiving

A month and a half ago my brother, Eyal David Sherman, of blessed memory, passed away, at the age of 36. Eyal has been a quadriplegic for the last 32 years, after suffering a brain stem tumor and stroke. Eyal could not move a limb of his body and he could not make a sound

with his voice. Yet, Eyal graduated college and became an unbelievable artist. Eyal made me who I am today. His strength, wisdom, and perseverance taught me to be a better person. He taught me that every person deserves to be treated the same despite their limitations and because of Eyal I have dedicated my life to making sure that everyone despite their limitations receives a quality Jewish education. Eyal taught me no matter what life throws at you, you can accomplish anything and Eyal did this by going to school, celebrating a Bar Mitzvah, graduating high school and college with honors, not to mention his beautiful paintings. Eyal never complained. He always looked at the glass half full. He never gave up and achieved more in his 36 years than most people do in their entire lifetime.

I have read hundreds of notes and letters from friends and family about the passing of Eyal, but the comments that stand out are that so many people said that my face always lit up when I would talk about Eyal. Eyal brought light into all of our lives and will always do so for the rest of our lives. Our family created a sacred space for Eyal at his most vulnerable time.

To learn more about Eyal Sherman, z"l, you can read his obituary at <http://www.philly.com/philly/obituaries/eyal-david-sherman-36-am-artist-who-overcame-handicaps-to-paint-vididly-20170925.html>

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember that every moment we have on God's earth is a moment to lead a life of purpose and to be thankful for. I am incredibly thankful to be part of this amazing Kehillah of Congregation Beth El. During this difficult time Beth El was there for me and family to comfort us and I cannot be more thankful to be part of this family. So, this Thanksgiving I thank you for being my family. May Eyal's life inspire all of us to acts of charity and loving kindness and to thank

God for today. Zeh Hayom Asah Adonai. May the memory of a righteous person forever be a blessing.



## SAVE THE DATE

November 19, **Religious School Visiting Day**  
9am-12pm

**Mitzvah Mall**  
11am-1pm

Thursday, November 30. **Evening with Rabbi Joseph Potasnik: "Life: What's It All About?"**

Join us for a Deli Dinner followed by an inspirational talk by Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the Executive Vice President New York Board of Rabbis, Fire Chaplain for the City of New York, and host of ABC's Religion on the Line.

Sunday, December 17, **Menorah Madness**

Join us as we attempt to break the world record of lighting the most hanukiyot at once. Bring 1 or bring 20 hanukiyot! All ages welcome!

11:30am-12:00pm



**Dear Beth El Families:**

Since our last edition we have celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. The children's programming was well attended and a good time was had by all. Thank you for all who attended.

We are planning for our Thanksgiving Feast and Chanukah Celebration and I will share more information in my Monday Memos. Our parent communication app *Brightwheel* is up and running in all classrooms. Please sign up if you have not already done so. This is a wonderful way to be a part of your child's day! Our Art, General Music and Holiday Music, PE, Library, and Rabbi Green visits are in full swing and the students are enjoying these special area classes. Havdalah and Shabbat are times when our children come together and celebrate with Rabbi Krupnick, Rabbi Green, and Hazzan "PB" Pomerantz-Boro. Shabbat birthdays and Pizza Fridays are fun days and if you need any forms please check on my table or ask me.



**Important Dates:**

- October 23 - Pajama Day
- November 7 & 8 - Picture Day
- November 14 - Silly Hat Day
- November 22 - Early Dismissal (3:15pm)
- November - 23 & 24 School Closed Thanksgiving
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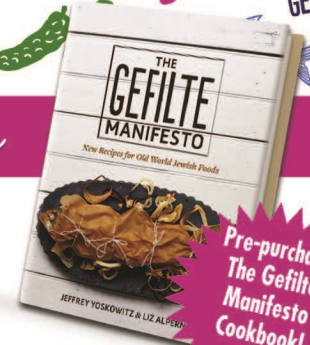
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| OCTOBER 29<br>9:00AM<br>6:00PM                   | OCTOBER 30<br>7:15AM<br>6:00PM | OCTOBER 31<br>7:30AM<br>6:00PM | 1<br>7:30AM<br>6:00PM  | 2<br>7:15AM<br>6:00PM                   | 3<br>7:30AM<br>CELEBRATION SHABBAT<br>5:35PM<br>5:35PM                 | 4 VAYERA<br>9:00AM<br>5:40PM   |
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| 19 ROSH CHODESH<br>8:30AM<br>4:40PM              | 20<br>7:15AM<br>4:40PM         | 21<br>7:30AM<br>4:40PM         | 22<br>7:30AM<br>4:40PM | 23 THANKSGIVING DAY<br>8:30AM<br>4:40PM | 24 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING<br>8:30AM<br>4:20PM<br>4:20PM                | 25 VAYETZE<br>9:00AM<br>4:25PM   |
| 26<br>9:00AM<br>4:35PM                           | 27<br>7:15AM<br>4:35PM         | 28<br>7:30AM<br>4:35PM         | 29<br>7:30AM<br>4:35PM | 30<br>7:15AM<br>4:35PM                  | DECEMBER 1<br>7:30AM<br>CELEBRATION SHABBAT<br>4:15PM<br>4:18PM        | DECEMBER 2<br>VAYISHLACH<br>9:00AM<br>4:20PM                             |

**NOTES:**

- 1 - Penn Medicine Lecture Series - 5:30PM
- 1 - Torah on Tap - 8PM
- 2 - Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner - 6PM
- 7- 8 - ECC Picture Days
- 8 - Family Israel Trip Meeting - 7PM
- 11 - Veteran's Shabbat
- 12 - Religious School Closed
- 13 - 19 - Religious School Silent Auction
- 14 - ECC Silly Hat Day
- 14 - JAFCO Fashion Show - 7PM
- 15 - Chesed Cooking - 6PM
- 16 - Library Short Story Discussion Group - 1:30PM
- 16 - Chefs in Residence: Gefilteria - 7PM

- 17 - Let's Do Shabbat Dinner with Gefilteria - 6:45PM
- 17 - Singles Shabbat - 8PM
- 18 - YFG Karaoke Event at Sakura Springs- 7PM
- 19 - Religious School Visiting Day
- 19 - Mitzvah Mall - 11AM
- 19 - Men's Club Eagles Viewing Party - 8PM
- 22 - ECC Early Dismissal - 3:15PM
- 22-26 - Religious School Closed
- 22 - USY Turkey Trot
- 23 - Hebrew High Closed
- 23 - 24 - ECC Closed
- 28 - Barnes & Noble Bookfair
- 30 - CoLeL Lecture Rabbi Potasnik - 7PM

**SHACHARIT**

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**HOLIDAY / SPECIAL**

| SUNDAY                             | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                 | WEDNESDAY                          | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY                                  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| NOVEMBER 26<br>9:00AM<br>4:35PM    | NOVEMBER 27<br>7:15AM<br>4:35PM                    | NOVEMBER 28<br>7:30AM<br>4:35PM         | NOVEMBER 29<br>7:30AM<br>4:35PM    | NOVEMBER 30<br>7:15AM<br>4:35PM    | 1<br>7:30AM<br><i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i><br>4:15PM<br>4:18PM                             | 2 VAYISHLACH<br>9:00AM<br>4:20PM          |
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| 31<br>9:00AM<br>4:45PM             | JANUARY 1<br>NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>8:30AM<br>4:45PM    | JANUARY 2<br>7:30AM<br>4:45PM           | JANUARY 3<br>7:30AM<br>4:45PM      | JANUARY 4<br>7:15AM<br>4:45PM      | JANUARY 5<br>7:30AM<br>4:30PM<br><i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i><br>4:31PM                     | JANUARY 6<br>SHEMOT<br>9:00AM<br>4:40PM   |

**NOTES:**

3 - Men's Club Eagles Viewing Party - 8PM  
 6 - Chesed Cooking - 6PM  
 9 - Casino Royale - 7PM  
 10 - Religious School Secret Shop  
 14 - Habonim Chanukah Party - 6PM  
 15 - Let's Do Shabbat Dinner - 6:45PM  
 15 - Singles Shabbat - 8PM

17 - Menorah Madness - 11:30PM  
 19 - Men's Club Scotch & Latkas - 8PM  
 19 - 28 - Hebrew High Closed  
 21 - Library Short Story Discussion Group - 1:30PM  
 21 - Sisterhood Challah Bake - 7PM  
 24-31 - Religious School Closed  
 25-29 - ECC Closed



## Men's Club



*Larry Hanover, President*  
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Men's Club has never been more fun, exciting and meaningful than it has been during the start of fall 2017.

We kicked off our calendar with our first Brew and Bottle Your Own event, supplying the homemade suds that helped make Beth El's Simchat Torah more festive than ever. In October, our Steak and Schnapps in the Sukkah, led magnificently by Rabbi Green, drew well over 70 attendees and included loads of new guys feeling Men's Club camaraderie for the first time. And our Krav Maga event had parents and kids connecting Israeli-style to learn the art of self-defense used by the Israeli Defense Force.

Things aren't stopping in November. We have Rabbi Green back in action with the November 1 launch of our famed five-part monthly Torah on Tap series (he delivers the wisdom while we imbibe a bit). The second part (December 19), featuring Rabbi Krupnick, is a bigger version called Scotch & Latka for Chanukah.

We also plan a meaningful Veteran's Shabbat on November 11 to honor those in our congregation who have served.

Then there's Eagles mode for two Sunday night games:  
November 19: Eagles-Cowboys viewing party at shul (with South Jersey Men's Club)  
December 3: Eagles-Seahawks viewing party at the Boro household

Don't forget mitzvah mode. Larry Abrams kicks it up a notch as, on the morning of November 19, he leads us in collecting, packing and delivering books as part of his astounding BookSmiles.org nonprofit program (which brought in 6,000 books last year!) The event is part of the shul-wide Mitzvah Mall.

We hope you enjoyed the ease of receiving dues notices by email for the first time and being able to pay online. As of this writing, we're planning to email you again before the end of 2017 as well as do a traditional mailing to ensure greater numbers than ever can join.

## Sisterhood



*Barbara Sharofsky, President*  
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Sisterhood started the year off creatively and, of course, with wine! Painting and Pinot was very successful, thanks to the hard work of Marla Glauser and her committee. We would like to thank everyone in our sold out crowd who attended and supported Beth El Sisterhood. Everyone came away with a one-of-a-kind block painted pillow, and a new friend or two....or three.

There's so much more to come! If you haven't sent in your Sisterhood membership dues yet, it's not too late. Send a check to the Beth El office, attention Sisterhood Dues. THEN--plan to join us on November 2 for our Paid Up Membership Dinner and Program, starring The Make Up Bar!

Our Wednesday Morning Minyan, Minyan and Me, continues to thrive. This interactive morning service is open to everyone, and all are welcome to join us for a healthy breakfast and a great discussion! No reservations are needed--just come on in!

November 19 is our first ever Mitzvah Mall. Last year, on Sisterhood Shabbat, Rabbi Krupnick tasked Sisterhood with this project. His vision was to have a way for our students to have one place to go to "shop" for their Mitzvah Project. Marla Rosenthal quickly stepped up to run this program, and it will be a wonderful morning. Plan to join us that morning to see all of the possible projects students can aspire to, not to mention some of our past students who are still working hard with the organization or project they chose for their Mitzvah projects. It promises to be a special day.

It's BACK! Rosh Chodesh Events are making their 2018 debut on January 17, 2018. Stay tuned for more details soon!

Save the Date: Sisterhood Shabbat, January 27, 2018!

## Young Families' Group



*Nikki Cohen, President*  
nicolecohen24@gmail.com

Hope everyone is enjoying this holiday season. Stay tuned because the YFG has a lot of exciting events coming up.

We hope everyone had a great time at the October 27 Let's Do Shabbat.

We loved spending quality time with you and your families as well as our Beth El family.

Our first adults-only event of the year is happening on November 18 at Sakura Springs. Secure the sitters now so you can join us for some sushi and karaoke fun!

We are already planning for the spring with some great family events such as bingo, challah baking and cupcake wars... it's going to be a great year!!

We also have some FUNdraisers coming up as well that we can't wait to roll out so look for us on Sundays at Hebrew school pick up.

If you're interested in joining the YFG committee because you have great ideas for upcoming events or want to volunteer to help, please don't be shy. We'd love to have you!

Go Eagles!!

## Habonim



*Judy Simkin, President*  
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Wishing everyone a very Happy Healthy New Year and may you and your loved ones enjoy the entire holiday season.

Once again, we had our annual Supper in the Sukkah on Monday evening, October 9. Over 70 people came and enjoyed a delicious supper in our festive sukkah that was followed by a special program presented by entertaining Fred Behrend, the author of *Rebuilt from Broken Glass*.

On Thursday, December 14, the third night of Chanukah, we will be having our third annual Chanukah party when a delicious holiday meal will be served. Everyone is asked to bring their own Chanukiah and candles as we light them together. We are also asking everyone to bring their favorite dreidel. More information will be coming but be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions. Feel free to forward any ideas to Judy Simkin at 856-829-2651.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

### SINGLES SHABBAT

Meet people of all ages in a warm environment!

Shabbat service is FREE and open to ALL! Held every third Friday of the month at 8 PM in the Chapel. Oneg following services.

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**November 17 ♥ December 15**

Contact Norma Kamis:  
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USY brings a brand of teen engagement and Jewish enrichment that nothing else can offer on both a local and regional scale. From grades 8-12, the United Synagogue Youth has some fun event to offer to every Jewish teenager.

On November 22, our very own Beth El chapter will be hosting the region's annual Turkey Trot, this year with a fitting theme of "Tailgating the Turkey" with lawn games to match beside the dancing. Admission will be \$15, but if you bring a canned good for the SA/TO (Social Action/Tikun Olam) food drive, admission for the individual will be reduced to \$12.

In addition to regional involvement, the chapter periodically hosts Shabbat Dinners and Overnights on select weekends, bringing food, fun, and a little bit a ruach to everyone who joins in. Also approaching in the near future are tentatively dated hayride/bonfire, snow tubing, and paintball events along many others.

All information regarding the chapter, membership fees, and how to get involved can be found on the USY portion of the Beth El website (<https://bethelsnj.org/our-groups/usy-grades-8-12/>).

We hope to see you at our next event!

**ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS & PARENTS!**

**BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION IS ACCEPTING ADDRESSES FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR\*\***

**Help us keep our Beth El college students connected to their shul and Jewish community. We provide holiday packages and Beth El news updates throughout the school year.**

If you would like your student to participate in this FREE program, please submit the following information to Ann Miller at [ALM4SP@aol.com](mailto:ALM4SP@aol.com) or (856) 428-5145

- Student Name
- Student's E-mail Address
- Name of School/Class Year
- Student Mailing Address
- Parents' Name, E-mail Address, and Phone Number

**ALL ADDRESSES MUST BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. PLEASE SUBMIT STUDENT'S ADDRESS EVEN IF PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED.**

**INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 TO RECEIVE THE SECOND (CHANUKAH) PACKAGE.**

(Names submitted after this date will be added to the February Purim list)

For more information call Gloria Back  
(856) 428-6368

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| <b>Hours:</b>          | 9 AM - 5 PM     |
| 9 AM - 12 PM           | Wednesday       |
| Sunday                 | 9 AM - 5 PM     |
| Closed Monday          | Thursday        |
| 9 AM - 5 PM & 7 - 8 PM | 10 AM - 12 PM   |
| Tuesday                | Friday          |
|                        | Closed Saturday |



We're just days away from our Jewish community's premier cultural event: the Festival of Arts, Books, and Culture. Held at the Katz JCC, the Festival brings authors and entertainers for a jam-packed week.

There's so much to enjoy – here's a taste of what's in store:

Tuesday, November 7, 9:30 AM: Ellen Umansky will discuss her debut novel, *The Fortunate Ones*. This sweeping story takes readers from WWII Vienna to contemporary Los Angeles. The story involves a painting by Chaim Soutine that connects two women generations apart.

Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 PM: Alice Hoffman, beloved novelist, will speak. Her book, *Practical Magic*, was a bestseller, and now she has written a prequel, *The Rules of Magic*.

Wednesday, November 8, 9:30 AM: Lynda Schuster, author of *Dirty Wars* and *Polished Silver*, is a former foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal. She has worked on a kibbutz, reported from Central America and Lebanon, and married a diplomat.

Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 AM: I will be moderating a discussion with Marie Benedict, author of *The Other Einstein* and Rachel Kadish, author of *The Weight of Ink*, two works of historical fiction. *The Other Einstein* brings to life the story of Mitza Maric, Albert Einstein's wife. While he is the acknowledged genius, she was the brilliant, and ill-treated, wife who inspired and collaborated with him. *The Weight of Ink* is the brilliantly conceived and executed story of two remarkable women: Helen Watt, a modern-day historian with a passion for Jewish history, and Ester Velasquez, a 17th Century young woman from Amsterdam who moves to London, where she becomes scribe to a blind rabbi. When a trove of 17th C. documents is discovered, Helen is determined to find out the true story about them.

Thursday, November 9, 12:30 PM: Luncheon with Nicole Krauss. Her *History of Love* was an award winner, and her new novel, *Forest Dark*, again shows her immense talent. (Reservations required)

Thursday, November 9, 7:30 PM: Two respected authors with new books about Israel will bring their insights in a discussion moderated by Harvey Shapiro. Michael Bar-Zohar, official biographer of David Ben-Gurion and Shimon Peres, is the author of *Phoenix*, *Shimon Peres and the Secret History of Israel*. Francine Klagsbrun will present her new biography *Lioness*, *Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*.

**Be sure to buy your tickets now (events do sell out!) for these and many other authors and entertainers.**

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**Do you know about The Library's Short Story Discussion Group? We had our first session of the year on October 26, and we will meet again on Thursday, November 16 and Thursday, December 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. For over 30 years (!) we've been gathering to discuss Jewish stories, classic and contemporary. New participants (that means you!) are always welcome. Come enjoy a lively discussion with us. For more information, call the Library (675-1166, ext. 503).**

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