

## Congregation Beth El

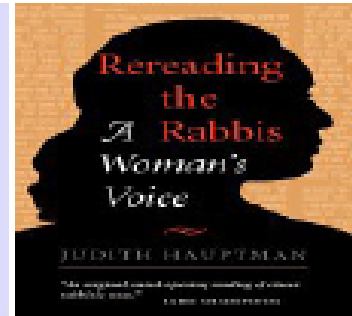
is proud to present

# Dr. Rabbi Judith Hauptman, Scholar in Residence



### December 6, 7, 8

- **First Friday, 6 PM**  
*The Torah of Parenting: A Talmudic Take on Toddlers, Tykes, Tweens and Teens*
- **Shabbat Morning, 9 AM**  
*Our Parents, Our Children: Jewish Wisdom on Changing Roles with Compassion and Dignity*
- **Sunday Morning, 10 AM**  
*Having it All, Where Has it Gotten Us: The Evolution & Future of Women in Judaism*



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Beth El as your Favorite Charity

From time to time I have the opportunity to speak to philanthropists about including Beth El in their plan for future charitable donations. Many times it is an easy discussion to have; sometimes it just takes a little longer to get my points across. For those less familiar with donating to a synagogue, questions sometimes arise in the nature of why a synagogue with a facility as beautiful as ours needs donations and the nature of the charitable work we do.

First and foremost, the beauty of our facility is appropriate for our mission to help in the service of Gd while helping to integrate, educate and elevate our members. What better tribute is there to Gd than to pray to Him in a beautiful house of worship. It is why we dress well and appropriately for services, why we stand when our ark doors are opened and why we cover our heads and act with a high degree of decorum when we enter Beth El.

Second, there is so much we do to help people. We work hard to have three daily minyans to inspire all and to comfort those who mourn. We have our Shabbat services with our unique and inspirational sermon series and often these services feature a Bar or Bat Mitzvah who have been trained through our education system. Our system works to educate the very young all the way to the not-so-young with our ECC, religious school, Hebrew high and adult education classes. We are working with the JFCS to teach professional restaurant skills to the developmentally disabled young adults through the Soups and Sweets program and we have the capability to teach younger special needs students who get personalized Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs. We help to feed the needy, connect with college students who are living away from home for the first time and run great programs for first time parents, long-time parents and all of us in between. And, if I had more space here I could continue and continue.

Let me assure you that many in our community recognize all we do to help. For example, in August, we received a very special gift from a Mt. Laurel church who closed its doors, sold its real estate and distributed the net proceeds from the sale to charities including Beth El. A copy of my thank you note follows:

*Dear Mr. Schmutz,*

*Yesterday, Rabbi Aaron Krupnick opened his mail and received your congregation's generous donation of \$10,000. As a result, Rabbi got in touch with me and I called your attorney, Josele Finney who advised me your church had decided to cease operations and sold its real estate and the proceeds were being distributed to houses of worship in our area.*

*First, it is my honor as president of Beth El to accept your generous donation. We are receiving your gift just before the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashana) and it is this time of the year that Jewish people throughout the world take an introspective look at our lives. Your generosity serves as a reminder that our working to improve the spiritual lives of our community is recognized and important and I can assure you that your generous gift will be used in the spirit in which it was intended, to make the world a better place for all.*

*Second, with your permission we would like to acknowledge your gift in our regular periodical, the Beth El News. If you would prefer more anonymity or another method of recognition, kindly give me a call. My personal cell phone number appears below my name.*

*Once again, thank you so much for your generous gift.*

*Sincerely,*

*Eric J Clayman*

The gift is being used to assist those members who have short-term financial difficulties and need financial assistance from Beth El.

Finally, thank you for the wonderful feedback I received after giving my Kol Nidre remarks. As was suggested, I have included them on our website to share with the entire congregation. <http://bethelsnj.org/about-beth-el/presidents-message/>

Eric

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE



### Rabbi Aaron Krupnick New Shoes My Take on the Pew Study

The results of the Pew Study on Jewish Americans were published earlier this fall and the results present all of us who are committed to maintaining a meaningful and vibrant Judaism with challenges and opportunities. Here are some of the results: The intermarriage rate, a bellwether statistic, has reached a high of 58 percent for all Jews and 71 percent for non-Orthodox Jews — a huge change from before 1970 when only 17 percent of Jews married outside the faith. Two-thirds of Jews do not belong to a synagogue, one-fourth do not believe in Gd and one-third had a Christmas tree in their home last year. Yet, at the same time, 94 percent (!) of all U.S. Jews say they are proud of being Jewish.

I take the fact that 94 percent of all American Jews are proud to be Jewish as an invitation to engage more of our people in Jewish life. To me it means that being Jewish makes them feel good about themselves. Now it's up to us, the committed core, to make sure that those who are unaffiliated and under-affiliated find open pathways to a more meaningful Jewish life here with us. It reminds me of a story my father z'l was fond of telling: Two men were sent to Africa at the turn of the last century to sell shoes to people still living in grass huts and walking around barefooted. One sent back a telegram saying, "Send ticket home. No one here wears shoes!" The next salesman's telegraph to the boss read, "No one wears shoes! Bonanza! Send more shoes!"

I think that there are two ways of looking at this data and its implications for Beth El: We can say, "Look, we are not for everyone, and our shul should be made up of people who share our values and commitment." Or we can say, "Let's lower the barriers as much as possible so that we can bring more people into our orbit and perhaps they will come to share our values and commitment in time." I believe in my heart that our purpose as a shul should reflect this second perspective. I think that this is what Judaism was and should always be about: Sharing a love of Jewish life, the joy of Jewish living and an enthusiasm for Jewish culture with as many Jews as possible. We need to meet our fellow Jews where they are at now; Integrate them into Jewish communal life, Educate them about what Judaism is all about and Elevate their spirits in the process. *Bring 'em in, build 'em up and send 'em out.* I think this should be our mission and I believe strongly that we should be a "mission-driven shul." That 94 percent number tells me that we need to better figure out the source of that pride, (which actually increases in younger cohorts) and bring those who feel it into closer orbit with our synagogue. We need to think deeply and clearly about what we can do to remove some of the barriers that might keep people away, while at the same time reaffirming the commitment of those who are already with us. We can capitalize on this overwhelming sense of pride that even the most assimilated Jews evidently feel. And, if our doors are open wide enough, we can bring more people across our threshold and every Jew can get a "new pair of shoes" right here at Beth El.

## SHARING OUR LIVES

### **SPEEDY RECOVERY:**

Molly Furman, Larry Katz

### **BIRTHS:**

Shelly & Allan Brenner on the birth of their granddaughter, Julianna Drew Silverstein

Maria & Steve Gilbert on the birth of their daughter, Jessica Beth & Harvey Jacob on the birth of their grandson, Shachar B. Jacob

Rebecca & Jake Jacobs on the birth of their son, Dylan Beverly Kellman on the birth of her first great grandson Eileen & Bernie Yaffa on the birth of their granddaughter, Mia Rose Zaslavsky

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

Jodi & Edward Abrams on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Heather

Sandy & Zalman Agus on the B'nai Mitzvot of their grandchildren, Eli & Kayla Agus

Leeanne & Steven Back on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Hunter

Heidi & Harry Checkoff on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lilly

Sheila & Louis Lenoff on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin

Sharon & Steven Nadelbach on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Noah

Shera & Stuart Shalit on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari

### **ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES:**

Peggy & Louis Gold on the engagement of their son, Kenneth to Casey Herzog

Linda & Stuart Yaffa on the engagement of the son, Jeffrey to Peri Rosenstein

Shirley Yaffa on the engagement of her grandson Jeffrey Yaffa to Peri Rosenstein

Illene & Warren Rubin on the engagement of their son Dr. Paul Rubin to Julie Mitzner.

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

Aaron Wolf, husband of Sandy Wolf, father of Danny

Loretta Cutler, mother of Diane Morgan Steinberg

Jacob Farber, husband of Anita, father of Dan

Rose Fink, grandmother of Michele Miron

Abraham Mashioff, father of Benjamin

Mark Zeitz, step-father of Jason Wolf

David Schnall, brother of Shirley Beller

Gladys Heine, mother of Margie Blum

### **Mazel Tov to:**

Donna Bell on her installation as president of the Katz JCC

\*\*\*Sharing the happenings in our lives is part of what the Beth El Family represents. Call, email or stop in, but let us know when you have a family event, simcha, loss, illness, etc.

# IN MEMORIAM

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The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

### **Gladys Heine**

Beloved mother of Margie Blum  
and Janet Goodstein

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

### **Jacob Farber**

Beloved husband of Anita,  
Beloved father of Dan (Stacy Lewin) Farber,  
David (Darryl) Farber, Ruth (Rick) Farber Horowitz

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

### **Aaron Wolf**

Beloved husband of Sandy,  
Beloved father of Danny (Liza) Wolf

## *Thank You*

Dear Beth El Family,

Thank you for visiting, bringing and sending food, sending donations, giving us hugs and especially sharing your own personal stories of how you knew Aaron.

You gave me, Danny and Adina great comfort in helping us to cope with the loss of my beloved husband and their beloved father.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Wolf

# KOL NIDRE APPEAL

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Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Asbell  
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Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Backal  
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Mr. & Mrs. William Baranoff  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Barrish  
Drs. Edward & Marcia N. Baruch  
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Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Behrend  
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Mrs. Ethyl Blumenfeld  
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# COLEL NEWS



## Rabbi Dr. Judith Hauptman, Acclaimed Author, Talmud Scholar, Feminist and Jewish Educator is our CoLeL Scholar-in-Residence December 6 - 8

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Dr. Hauptman will be featured in three separate venues that address our congregation.

- **1st Friday, 6:00PM - *The Torah of Parenting: A Talmudic Take on Toddlers, Tykes, Tweens and Teens***

This will be geared to families with young children. Registration for this program will be available in the office or on the [www.bethelsnj.org](http://www.bethelsnj.org)

- **Shabbat Morning 9:00 AM - *Our Parents, Our Children: Jewish Wisdom on Changing Roles with Compassion and Dignity***

This topic will be of interest to our families with aging parents and our seniors. Dr. Hauptman will speak during the sermon time and answer questions during the Kiddush luncheon.

- **Morning- 10 AM - *Having it All, Where Has it Gotten Us: The Evolution & Future of Women in Judaism***

This topic will be exceptionally important to the women of our congregation, but is open to men as well. It will follow our morning minyan and will feature a breakfast sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club.

### Rabbi Krupnick's Sunday Morning Nosh & Drosh - Pre-Hauptman-Preps...

As we've done in the past, Beth El's Men's Club and CoLeL will sponsor two Sunday mornings, November 3 and 24, 9:45AM, right after morning minyan, where Rabbi Krupnick will teach a class in preparation for our scholar in residence, Dr. Rabbi Judith Hauptman's visit.

Please RSVP for these prep classes by emailing Kimberly Chandler at [kchandler@bethelsnj.org](mailto:kchandler@bethelsnj.org)

## November

**Sundays, November 3 - 24 - Morning Nosh & Drosh - Pre-Hauptman Prep (after morning minyan); Chapel & Sanctuary A**

**Wednesday, November 13 - Torah on Tap - 8:30PM - Dublin Square Pub & host Rabbi Arnow**

**Sunday, November 17 - The Men's Club Breakfasts & Speaker Series - 9:45AM (after morning minyan) & 11:30AM - Social Hall C**

**Thursday, November 21 - Library Short Story Discussion Group with Amy Kaplan - 1:30PM - \$25.00 for the series (8 sessions). Future dates are: December 19, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22**

## December

**Friday, December 6 - 8 - Scholar in Residence Program (Please see above)**

**Thursday, December 19 - Library Short Story Discussion Group with Amy Kaplan - 1:30PM - \$25.00 for the series (8 sessions). Future dates are: January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22**

Please refer to the COLEL Brochure for further information.

SHIRA CHADASHA TO PERFORM AT BARNES & NOBLE  
December 4 at 6:15PM



# BE CLUBS

## MEN'S CLUB



It has been a tremendous start to the year. Our Torah on Tap program continues to be a hit. Discussing issues in the torah with Rabbi Arnow that are relevant to the present day while enjoying a beer. There is always room at the table for one more, so if you haven't had a chance to join the conversation yet, please accept my invitation to join us.

Congratulations and thank you to every member of the Mid Atlantic Region of Men's Club that participated in the second annual Tour De Shuls Bike Ride to raise money for Camp Ramah. The fundraiser was a huge success and looks to grow even more next year.

Our breakfast and speaker series got off to a great start with author Jon Horovitz discussing his book "Jews With Tools". Thank you as well to Bruce DuBoff, Craig Kessler, Gary Shapiro and the rest of the Men's Club kitchen crew for preparing the delicious breakfast.

November has shaped up to be quite an event packed month as you will see below.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Torah on Tap will meet at Dub Linn Square Pub on Wednesday, November 13 @8:30pm.

Our breakfast with speaker series will continue on Sunday, November 17 when Marty Schmidlap joins us to discuss his book "Nobody Sleeps Tonight". The book is a fictional autobiography about a Jewish family and their antics.

Our annual bowling night takes place on Monday, November 25. While there aren't any guarantees, our Rabbis have been known to attend this event in the past.

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

I hope to see you soon.  
Yoel Weiss - President

## SINGLES SHABBAT

Come One, Come All

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



**Friday  
November 21  
8 PM**

**Friday  
December 20  
8 PM**

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

Meet *singles* from NJ, PA and Delaware.

No Synagogue Affiliation is needed.

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

*No reservations are required.*

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

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

*Important  
DATE!*

## HAZAK

**TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19**

**Special Program**

TBA

**1PM**

Light refreshments

Enjoy a meeting full of  
Surprises, Fun &  
Friendship

**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 17**

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE**

**Post Chanukah  
Program**

**1PM**

Come meet  
old and new friends.  
Light refreshments served.

### Sisterhood has meals available for congregants facing difficult times



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

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

## And the Beat Goes On...



JOIN US  
for



*Wednesday Morning Minyan*

**7:30am**

*Pray, schmooze, nosh, learn*

Sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood



# BE CLUBS



The Sisterhood Board is working very hard to plan some fun and exciting programs for the women of Beth El. Hopefully, many of you already participated in some of our events this year. October was rather busy for us, and I want to personally thank everyone who came out and supported Sisterhood.

I especially want to thank **Renee Kessler** for helping with our opening event at A Taste of Olive. Not only did we learn about how olive oils and vinegars are made, but what makes them Kosher, too. Next, I want to thank **Laurie Kolmins** and **Michele Miron**, our Social Action Chair-people, for helping to coordinate Beth El's participation in the Community Mitzvah Day on October 6, as well as the many people who volunteered that day. Hopefully, you and your families learned, firsthand, the power of community in helping to make the world a better place. Next, I want to thank **Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro** for spending the day with us in New York City and for helping to make our New York trip so educational, entertaining, and fun! And also to **Debbie Drachman** and **Ilene Rubin** for helping to plan our trip to New York. Lastly, I want to thank our Torah Fund Chair-people, **Debbie Drachman** and **Renee Rudolph**, as well as **Ann Miller** and the rest of their committee, for putting together a beautiful Torah Fund brunch with TBS. And, of course, to the spouses of our clergy, **Stephen Boro**, **Tammy Arnov** and **Helene Krupnick** for sharing their stories and sharing their spouses with us.

On Monday November 11, Sisterhood will be going to the JCC's Festival of Arts, Books and Culture for Ladies' Night to hear two fabulous authors, Laurie Rubin at 6:30pm followed by Lynn Povich at 8:00pm. Laurie's book, "Do You Dream in Color: Insights From a Girl Without Sight" will touch your heart and Lynn's book "The Good Girls Revolt: How the Women of Newsweek Sued their Bosses and Changed the Workplace" will educate you about civil rights. Cocktail reception between the two authors included. Cost: \$18 if we get a group together (regularly \$20). RSVP to Sharon Mindel at 856) 795-3310 or [samindel@yahoo.com](mailto:samindel@yahoo.com).

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 3 for Sisterhood's Paid Up Membership Dinner. This is open to all women who have paid their Membership dues for 2013 - 2014. This year's dinner will feature Life Coach, Sheri Desaretz who will present "Women's Ten Most Wanted", a smorgasbord workshop of ten topics of keen interest to women, including self-esteem,

getting out of your comfort zone, self-sabotage, work/life balance, time management, perfectionism, choices, change, learning to say "No" and more. And, best of all, it is FREE if you've paid your dues. But, reservations are required so we know how many people to expect. RSVP to Leah Wolf at (215) 915-1330 or [jasonleah@aol.com](mailto:jasonleah@aol.com).

Lastly, as part of Beth El's Scholar in Residence weekend, Sisterhood will be co-sponsoring the Sunday brunch on December 8 with Dr. Judith Hauptman who will be speaking about The Evolution and Future of Women in Judaism. More details about this to follow.

In closing I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, as we witness the

only time in our lifetimes that the first day of Hanukkah will coincide with Thanksgiving. In fact, scientists and mathematicians have calculated that this will not happen again for over 75,000 years. However, those a tad younger than me (unless I live to 103), may see Thanksgiving Day coincide with the first night of Hanukkah in the year 2070. Let us embrace this double celebration of Judaism and America as we realize how lucky we all are to live in a country in which we are free to practice whatever religion we choose.

With warm holiday wishes from my family to yours,

Faye Shapiro,  
President

## Sisterhood Torah Fund

On October 27, the Sisterhoods of Congregation Beth El and Temple Beth Shalom came together at our sixth collaborative **Torah Fund Brunch**, in support of the educational institutions that prepare our Jewish leaders and educators. A great group of women gathered at Beth El to enjoy a delicious meal and an entertaining and meaningful program. The theme of the morning, "**All In The Family**", featured our own Helene Krupnick, Stephen Boro and Tammy Arnov, along with Rachel Zivic and Jessica Weinberg from TBS. These wonderful spouses of our clergy and educators shared their perspectives on the impact of the JTS experience and their spouses' career choices on their families' lives. Thank you to our committee of dedicated volunteers, Debbie Drachman, Renee Rudolph, Ilene Rubin, Barbara Sharofsky and Ann Miller, who made this event possible. And a very special thank you to all Torah Fund Benefactors and supporters.

Mazel Tov to Beth El Sisterhood on its upcoming **Women's League Award of Honor** for exemplary devotion to the **Torah Fund** Campaign. This award, marking the fulfillment of Sisterhood's financial goal to the 2012-13 campaign, will be presented at the Mid Atlantic Regional Torah Fund Event to be held in Philadelphia on November 17.

Starting with an initial campaign in 1942 to raise \$10,000, Torah Fund has ensured that Conservative Judaism lives and thrives by gifting over \$90 million to the educational institutions of the Con-

servative movement. **Torah Fund** provides students with places to live, study and worship in the colleges and universities that educate our future Jewish clergy, scholars, educators and leaders. Funds raised help to support the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. **Our own Rabbis and Hazzan are products of JTS.**

The women of Beth El's Sisterhood can participate in **Torah Fund** in many ways. Donations start at \$18. A Special Gift Donation of \$180 takes you to the Benefactor level and entitles you to this year's beautiful Torah Fund pin and 36 special occasion Torah Fund cards. Contact Ilene Rubin [illenerubin@aol.com](mailto:illenerubin@aol.com) for information on becoming a Benefactor, Debbie Drachman, [drachman@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:drachman@pobox.upenn.edu) or Renee Rudolph, [reneer@datasoft-assoc.com](mailto:reneer@datasoft-assoc.com) for all other donations or information.

Torah Fund Cards are perfect for any occasion and can be purchased for \$4 each throughout the year at our Gift Shop or by contacting one of our Torah Fund Secretaries:

Melody Taylor- #795-0767,  
[cht1947@comcast.net](mailto:cht1947@comcast.net)

Amy Rosssano- #428-0309,  
[amyrossano@gmail.com](mailto:amyrossano@gmail.com)

Robin Rutberg- #482-0696,  
[jeliro@comcast.net](mailto:jeliro@comcast.net)

# BE CLUBS

## YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

# tot Shabbat

## And Minyan Katan

Join us to celebrate Shabbat with your children and meet other young families at these fun and age-appropriate Shabbat morning services.

*Featuring Songs, Stories, Movement and Prayer*

- **Tot Shabbat with Tammy Arnow:** for kids up to age 4 and their parents. Meets in Sanctuary Ext. D from 11:00 - 11:45 AM
- **Minyan Katan with Ilana Yares:** for grades K-2 and their parents. Meets in Sanctuary Ext. B from 11:00 - 11:45 AM
- **Junior Congregation** for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades is every week from 10:15 - 11:15 AM in the Chapel.
- **Babysitting** is available every Shabbat from 10 AM to noon!

**Future Tot Shabbat and Minyan Katan Dates:**

October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23, December 14, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 10

Young Families Group of Beth El invites you to join us for an

### Adult Night Out!

## November 16, 8 PM



Pinsetters Bar & Bowl

7111 Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ

**\$15** includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental

Cash or check made payable to Beth El will be accepted the night of the event.

Please RSVP by November 9 to Kimberly Chandler

[kchandler@bethelsnj.org](mailto:kchandler@bethelsnj.org) or 856-675-1166 ext. 409



We will be holding a 50/50 raffle to raise money for school

uniforms to benefit H.B. Wilson in Camden!



### STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES:

**November 16**

Adults only Bowling night at Pinsetters in Pennsauken

**February 22**

YFG Family Shabbat

**April 6**

Community Yard Sale/Craft Fair

**April 17**

Pump it Up Passover break party

**June 6 - June 8**

Family Retreat Weekend at Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, MD

### THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLIDAY SET UP VOLUNTEERS



## Beth El Kvells for our Community Leaders

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

**Dr. Robert Belafsky**, who has served our Jewish community for many years, recently stepped off the Gertrude and Raymond Saltzman Foundation Board after 14 years of service as a Trustee.

Mazel tov to **Jamie Dollinger Hirsch** on being the recipient of the JFS Shellie Greenspun Award

Mazel Tov to the three Beth El members being honored at this year's Jewish Federation Annual meeting: Robert Schwartz, Janie Dollinger Hirsch, Ronit Boyd



### Membership Welcomes our newest members:

Miriam Mingrone	Madeleine and Andrew Respler
Alma and Jose Campos	Eric and Marta Rosenzweig
Jeramy and Danielle Cohen	Jonathan and Amy Roth
Katherine and Sebastian Goldstein	Brooke and Eli Schostak
Rachel and David Green	Marc and Theresa Shapiro
Dorothy Kesselman	Michael and Debra Silver
Rachel and Gregory Klingenstein	Rachel and Eric Simpson
Mindie and Jason Lichterman	Gwen Solar
Ronda and Jeffrey Meltzer	Dianne Steinberg
Stephanie and Jeffery Rappaport	Fred Supnick
Tonia and Chiam Respes	Harriet and Marvin Tepper
	David and Abbi Weisel
	Lauren Williams

### First Friday's At Beth El



Join congregants & clergy for a monthly congregational Shabbat Experience.

*An evening of Shabbat togetherness for all ages*

First Friday of EVERY month. Open to All.

For more information please contact Shari Smith at [ssmith@bethelsnj.org](mailto:ssmith@bethelsnj.org)

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



**Sydney Gaffin  
Faith & Allan Goldstein**

If you have recently returned from a trip to Israel, please let our office know! Email [Bhirn@bethelsnj.org](mailto:Bhirn@bethelsnj.org)



### Thank You...

Our *aron kodesh* (where our sanctuary Torah scrolls are housed), is more radiant than ever, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Rick Billig, one of our community's leading jewelers and a longstanding member of Congregation Beth El

Again this year, as in past years, Rick took it upon himself to burnish our collection of sterling silver Torah crowns and breastplates, restoring them to their original luster.

He has our gratitude, not only for polishing these sacred ornaments, but for setting an example of how one person can make a difference to his synagogue.

**THE ENTIRE BETH EL COMMUNITY THANKS  
RICK BILLIG OF BILLIG JEWELERS**



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



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

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

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

# BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director



**Congregation Beth El**  
to Honor  
**Marilyn Doane** and  
**Larry Abrams** at the  
**JEA Gala**  
**November 14** at  
**Temple Sinai,**  
**Dresher PA**



Congregation Beth El is delighted to be honoring **Marilyn Doane** as one of our outstanding lay leaders and **Larry Abrams**, a dedicated member of our Faculty. They will be recognized at a Regional Dinner sponsored by the Jewish Educators Assembly on Thursday evening, November 14 at 6:00 PM at Temple Sinai, Dresher, PA. Faith Rubin, the long-time Education Director of Temple Sinai will also be honored at that time. More than a dozen schools and synagogues are participating in this Gala, which celebrates the good works of those who devote themselves to Jewish education.

We invite you to pay tribute to our honorees by attending the Dinner (advance reservations required) or by placing an ad in the Scroll of Honor that will be published in conjunction with this event. The Jewish Educators Assembly is the professional organization educators in the Conservative movement. For more information, to register for the Dinner or to place an ad, please visit the Jewish educators Assembly website [www.jewisheducators.org](http://www.jewisheducators.org) or contact me, Yaffa Fuchs at [yfuchs@bethelsnj.org](mailto:yfuchs@bethelsnj.org) or 856-675-1166 x 419.

### Secret Shop

**Sunday, November 17**

Religious School Board has gone shopping! Wait till you see the little gifts your children will be able to buy for Chanukah this year. Thank you Deborah Kelberg and Lisa Zaretsky for chairing this event.

### Everyone Has a Name A Gan (K) Program Sunday, November 3

Children and parents discover for whom the children were named and present the information to each other during Sunday School hours. This great program which ends with refreshments takes place during two Sunday mornings. Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

### "Tzitzit; The Ties that Bind Us," Hey (5<sup>th</sup> Gr) Family B'Yachad Program Sunday, November 24; at 10:15AM Beit Midrash



Students and their parents will learn about the concept and importance of the mitzvah of *Tzitzit*. They will learn that it's a mitzvah that can be found in the *Vayomer* prayer, the third paragraph of the *Shema*. They will have fun with *gematria* and learn how to actually tie the intricate knots of the *tzitzit*. The program will take place at 10:15AM. Parents should make every effort to attend this worthwhile program.

### Gimmel (3rd Grade) Family B'Yachad: My Siddur Sunday, December 15, at 9:30AM



3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and their parents will learn about the siddur, the prayer book that our children receive during their *Chag Ha-siddur and Consecration Service, Friday, March 14, 2014*. They will also have an opportunity to create a special *siddur* cover for the occasion. Each *siddur* cover will be unique with the child's Hebrew name on it including a design of their choosing. Parents should make every effort of attending this program with their child or make arrangements to have

their child 'adopted' by another family. (Details will be forthcoming.)



### Anti-Bullying Programs at Beth El Religious School December 10 and 11

Fourth and Fifth Grade students will have an Anti-Bullying Program during school on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 11. We are extremely fortunate to have this program sponsored and facilitated by Jewish Family and Children Service. Beth El Religious School is determined to fight bullying and discrimination as is evident by our zero-tolerance policy toward bullying.

**Shira Chadasha to Perform at  
Barnes & Noble  
December 4 at 6:15PM**

### Reminders:

- Tuesday, November 5  
Religious School & Hebrew High  
CLOSED – Election Day
- Thursday, November 7  
Hebrew High School CLOSED
- Sunday, November 10  
Religious School CLOSED  
NJEA weekend
- Thursday, November 14  
Hebrew High School CLOSED
- Sunday, November 17  
Religious School Secret Shop
- Wednesday, November 27  
Religious School CLOSED
- Sunday, December 1  
Religious School CLOSED  
Thanksgiving weekend
- Tuesday, December 17 thru  
Thursday, January 2  
Hebrew High School CLOSED - Winter break
- Sunday, December 22 thru  
Wednesday, January 1  
Religious School CLOSED - Winter break

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

- Lindsay Kaplan - November 2
- Jacob Natkin - November 9
- Alison Chesnick - November 16
- Alyssa & Hannah Gross - November 16
- Morgan Fisher - November 23
- Sophia Sloves – November 30
- Michael Poulshock - November 30
- Sophie Guralnick - December 7

# NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

(winner of the Solomon Schechter Gold Award)

## Megan Nachod, Director

The holidays made the beginning of the school year very busy. We celebrated them in full style as we ate apples and honey, made our own shofars, learned how to blow them and danced down the hall with the Torah. November is full of festivities as well with the newly-named Thanksgivukkah (Thanksgiving and Hanukkah). Latkes with your turkey, anyone?

Our January Twos class begins next month. This class, which meets for two hours, two days a week is a great opportunity to introduce your child to a warm, structured learning environment. The children cook, sing and make new friends in a cozy classroom with Allison Burkett Cook, our wonderful Parenting Place teacher.

We have also been busy planning new play spaces this summer and they will shortly be ready for the children to enjoy. The outdoor space features inviting areas for dramatic play and large motor play, as well as science and discovery with our new gardens. Some of the new materials are designed specifically with our littlest students in mind and feature climbing toys made specifically for toddlers. Our indoor play space is filled with materials that allow children to be investigators and cultivate their problem solving and creative thinking skills.

Our play space is not the only innovative addition for this year. A new cooking and nutrition education program is beginning for our three year olds to introduce them to a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. This program is part of a national study funded by the Pepsi Co. and our ECC is the first private school in the country to be invited to join the study. Our brand new garden will be very useful when the children are tasting and cooking a variety of fruits and vegetables. This program is in addition to our new Hebrew program in the older classrooms that teaches children vocabulary through songs and interactive language games.

As you can see, we are constantly trying to improve and add additional innovative programming to the school. Are you interested in seeing us in action? Please call and make an appointment. We would love to show you what we do.

Megan Nachod  
[mnachod@bethelsnj.org](mailto:mnachod@bethelsnj.org)  
856-675-1166, ext 420



Enrollment for Fall 2014 begins in January. Currently enrolled families and Beth El members have priority enrollment. Call for your information packet.



Our Sukkot Flags

# BELL LIBRARY NEWS

## Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian



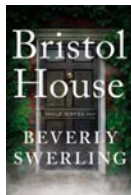
Mystery and detective stories are among the most popular books in libraries. There's something richly satisfying about following a plot filled with twists and turns, all the while knowing that the end will bring resolution. The seemingly endless range of sub-genres within this genre – cozies, procedurals, historicals, etc. – means there really is something for every reader.

We have many mystery series in the Bell Library, by such favorite authors as Faye Kellerman (her just-released addition to the Decker/Lazarus series is **The Beast**) and Harlan Coben. There are also many fine stand-alone titles: here's a sampling of our newest additions:

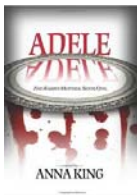


For fans of historical mysteries, there's Patricia Royal's **The Sanctity of Hate**. This story takes us to Tyndal Priory in 1295 England. A Jewish family, passing through town, is accused when a local Christian man is murdered. In addition to being a fine mystery, this story offers a glimpse of Medieval England at the time of the Edict of Expulsion of its Jewish population.

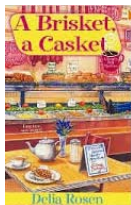
Another historical – this one with supernatural elements, is **Bristol House**, by Beverly Swerling. Here Annie Kendall, a present-day architectural historian, is hired by the Shalom Foundation to search for Judaica from the time of the Second Temple; these artifacts were originally discovered by a Jewish man in England at the time of King Henry VIII. Annie rents a flat in London, where she begins receiving "visits" from the ghost of a medieval monk. Joining forces with an investigative reporter (who looks like the monk), Annie tries to solve a present-day mystery with roots in the past. This is not simply a ghost story – it is a complex tale with strong elements of Jewish history.



Adele Rothstein is a feisty, attractive 75-year-old femme fatale who has buried three husbands. In **Adele, The Rabbi's Mother: Book One**, by Anna King, Adele joins forces with a young man from her son's congregation as they try to find out who brutally attacked the boy's mother. Adele and the other characters are well-drawn in this "cozy." It's a fun read – light and entertaining with an engaging story.



Delia Rosen also writes cozies. Her first book, **A Brisket, A Casket: A Deadly Deli Mystery**, is about Gwen Silver, who inherits her uncle's Nashville Deli. When a customer dies while eating at the deli, the coroner says it's food poisoning, but Gwen suspects it's murder, and works with a police detective to learn the truth. Another "Deadly Deli Mystery" by Rosen, **A Killer in the Rye**, finds Gwen suspected of murder when her rush-order delivery of rye bread arrives and she discovers that the driver has died. These stories, with their Southern setting, offer a fun, different spin on the amateur-sleuth story.

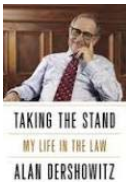


"Kindle" update: Our Kindles (e-readers available for you to borrow) now have Daniel Silva's **The English Girl** and Jessica Soffer's **Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots** in addition to many previously-added titles. Come borrow a Kindle and see how easy it is to use an e-reader!



You're reading this, so you no doubt enjoy books and your Synagogue Library! Now is the perfect time to show your support of the Library by contributing to our annual **Jewish Book Month** fundraiser. Each year, the month preceding Hanukkah is designated as the national **Jewish Book Month**. This is a time for celebrating Jewish books and ensuring that they are available and widely read. We ask that you participate by dedicating Bell Library books at the discounted rate of **\$20.00 per book, or 2 for \$36.00**. The books you dedicate will be inscribed with bookplates, and the people you honor with these dedications will receive personalized letters detailing your gifts. This is a great way to say "Happy Hanukkah," "thank you," "congratulations," and the like; it is also perfect for condolences and yahrzeits. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more details about making these donations, or call us at 675-1166, ext. 503 for more information. Thank you!!

The **Festival of Arts, Books and Culture** at our JCC is just days away! The Festival opens with a "wow" on Sunday morning Nov. 10, when Alan Dershowitz will discuss his new book, **Taking the Stand**. That night, Paul Reiser will entertain, starting at 7:00 PM. And that's just Day One! Here are more highlights:



Monday, Nov. 11: at 11:00 Sybil Gilmar and Helene Wecker will be discussing their books, **The Jew and the Pope**, **The Golem and the Jinni** (respectively)

Tuesday, Nov. 12: at 9:30 see Jessica Soffer, author of **Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots**, followed by B.A. Shapiro and Lisa Barr discussing their books **The Art Forger** and **Fugitive Colors** (respectively)

Wednesday, Nov. 13; at 7:30 PM baker extraordinaire Paula Shoyer will discuss her book, **Holiday Kosher Baking**

Thursday, Nov. 14: see Hallie Ephron at 11:00, when she presents her book, **There Was an Old Woman**, and return at 7:30 for Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, author of **The Devil Never Dies**

Saturday, Nov. 16 brings "SNL Live at the JCC" at 8:00 PM with the original SNL writers and Laraine Newman

Sunday, Nov. 17: spend the morning with Ronald Balson, author of the hugely popular novel, **Once We Were Brothers**, beginning at 10:00.

To confirm events/times and to purchase tickets, please call the JCC (424-4444). See you at the Festival!

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The Library's **Short Story Discussion Group** will meet on **Thursday, November 21** and **Thursday, December 19**, 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. This friendly group is always open to new participants – please plan to join us! For more information, call the Library (ext. 503).

# COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

## THE TREE OF LIFE

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

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

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

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

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

There is **NO** easier way to earn money for Beth El & support Israel at the same time. **The procedure is as simple as a CLICK!**

Go to our website: [www.bethelsnj.org](http://www.bethelsnj.org) Click on "support us"/"shop here" and then Jewish National Fund to make your purchase/donation. **Tell your friends, families & other congregants. Congregation Beth El will reap the rewards.**

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

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

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

## ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

### Giving Today to Secure Tomorrow

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send me information on participating through:

- Bequests , Life Insurance
- Donor Advised Fund
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Immediate Gift of Cash
- or Appreciated Assets

I have already included Beth El in my estate plans. Please let me know how my plan can be included as part of Beth El's **ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE.**

Return to: Congregation Beth El  
Endowment for the Future  
8000 Main Street  
Voorhees, NJ 08043  
E-mail: [Endowment@bethelsnj.org](mailto:Endowment@bethelsnj.org)

## Memorial Room

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

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



Phone the Beth El office for more information.

## Scrip Program

Support Beth El by Simply Shopping at your Favorite Stores



**IT'S AS EASY AS 1,2,3:**

1. Click on "Buy Scrip" under Quicklinks on [www.bethelsnj.org](http://www.bethelsnj.org)
2. Place your order on the on-line form
3. Pay by phone or by check and pick up your order at Beth El

The Scrip program helps support educational programming for children and adults at Beth El



## Congregation Beth El is an Amazon Affiliate

Purchases generate a **4% Rebate** Use the *Congregation Beth El* website: <http://www.bethelsnj.org> as the portal Click on "Support us" and then click on Amazon. Entry to the Amazon site will follow automatically



We have seen more activity in our account with the recent purchases of iPods and TV's, in addition to books and other items.

Beth El reaps more income with MORE volume in sales.

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

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

# NOVEMBER MINCHA TIMES



## Congregation Beth El

November 2013

Cheshvan - Kislev 5774

### *SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES*

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

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

### Exceptions For Morning Services:

Chanukah/Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 & 29 9:00 AM

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

Friday, Nov. 1	5:45 PM
Saturday, Nov. 2	5:45 PM
Sunday, Nov. 3 - Thursday, Nov. 7	4:50 PM
Friday, Nov. 8	4:35 PM
Saturday, Nov. 9	4:40 PM
Sunday, Nov. 10 - Thursday, Nov. 14	4:45 PM
Friday, Nov. 15	4:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 16	4:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 17 - Thursday, Nov. 21	4:35 PM
Friday, Nov. 22	4:25 PM
Saturday, Nov. 23	4:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 24 - Thursday, Nov. 28	4:35 PM
Friday, Nov. 29	4:20 PM
Saturday, Nov. 30	4:30PM

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

**Minyan Katan**  
with Ilana Yares  
Grades K - 2  
11:00AM - 11:45AM  
In Sanctuary Ext. B  
Nov. 9, 23

**Total Shabbat**  
with Tammy Arnow  
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and their parents  
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# DECEMBER MINCHA TIMES



## Congregation Beth El

December 2013

Kislev—Tevet 5774

### *SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES*

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

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

### Exceptions For Morning Services:

Rosh Chodesh Tevet,

Tues., Dec. 3 & Wed., Dec. 4 7:15 AM

Fast of 10th of Tevet, Friday, Dec. 13 7:15 AM

Wed., December 25 & Wed., Jan. 1 9:00 AM

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

Sunday, Dec. 1 - Thursday, Dec. 5	4:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 6	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec. 7	4:25 PM
Sunday, Dec. 8 - Thursday, Dec. 12	4:30 PM
Friday, Dec. 13	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec. 14	4:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 15 - Thursday, Dec. 19	4:35 PM
Friday, Dec. 20	4:25 PM
Saturday, Dec. 21	4:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 22 - Thursday, Dec. 26	4:35 PM
Friday, Dec. 27	4:25 PM
Saturday, Dec. 28	4:35 PM
Sunday, Dec. 29 - Thursday, January 2	4:40 PM

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3rd - 6th grades  
10:15AM - 11:15AM  
Every Shabbat morning  
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#### Minyan Katan

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Dec. 14

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Donna Bell installation as JCC President  
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Bar Mitzvah of Ben Bliss

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