

BETH EL NEWS

September - October 2018



Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Setting the Bar

In one of the prayers we often recite at our Friday night service we say, "Torah is demanding, yet sweeter than honey, more precious than gold." And indeed,

Torah is very demanding. Judaism sets the bar high, expecting great things of us each and every waking hour of the day. In fact, the bar is set so high that it is inevitable that we fail to meet the mark. We fail to live up to our own standards, let alone Gd's. We fall prey to temptation. We give in to frustration, anger and cynicism. We act impulsively, saying and doing things that we wish we could do over. And that chasm between who we are and who we know we ought to be is never more obvious than on Rosh Ha-Shannah and Yom Kippur. Our faith, Judaism, sets the bar high. Maybe that's a reason they are called the "High Holidays," they are a reminder of how much higher we need to go.

On Yom Kippur, after ten days of soul searching and apologizing, Tradition gives us the chance to close the gap. We cannot live in a state of guilt forever. That's not healthy nor productive. Instead, Judaism gives us a mechanism, a day of fasting and reflection, for transmuting guilt into moral growth. The prayers we recite on that sacred day of reckoning remind us that the loving Gd created us in a spirit of forgiveness, knowing full well that the price of setting the bar high is our falling short from time to time. We are called upon not to lament our human frailty, but to recognize it, in ourselves and in others. As Gd forgives us (and Gd does!) so we learn to forgive others. As we pray that Gd will be

patient with our mistakes as they are reviewed, so we are called upon to be patient with others who have failed us. As we prayer for rapprochement, we try to find the courage to do that for relationships we know are in need of repair.

For many, this has been a challenging and contentious year. But on the High Holidays we indeed get a do-over. We have the opportunity to come together as one big, boisterous family. These holy days remind us that we are, every single one of us, created in the image of Gd. That sacred and holy part of each of us is hidden, but undeniable. I hope that when you come to shul this Yuntif you feel the presence of the Shechinah, the aura of holiness that fills the room. Here, all around you, are people who want to do more, to be more, and to never stop growing. They are there to pray to Gd for help in doing so. And we are there to remind us that we might be the ones to help them get that much closer to feeling Gd, and goodness in their lives.

We are human; we fail, and fall, and get back up again, and then fail and fall again. But we are also part of a sacred community, here to lift up one another. We should never lower the bar, but at the same time, we should be more than willing to help others reach higher, for in the process we rise up as well. May this be an uplifting, inspiring and fulfilling High Holy Days for all of Beth El.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - DAVID BACKAL



I hope everyone had a terrific summer and that you were able to take some time to slow down.

For most, summer means relaxing and spending quality time with family and friends, but for Beth El it just means another very busy season. Our clergy, staff, volunteers and board have been working tirelessly to get ready for the High Holy Days and plan our fiscal year ahead while keeping our summer calendar filled with fun and exciting events for all. Our jam-packed summer included wonderful programming such as Hot Diggity Dog Night at the Splash Pad, Hazzan's Devotion by the Ocean in Ventnor, We All Scream for Ice Cream Party, and our extremely successful 1st Annual Golf Outing. I thank everyone who made the summer a terrific one for Beth El, our Congregation

and Community!

I hope you have a clear calendar over the next few months, as we have a wonderful slate of events and something for everyone as we turn the page from summer to fall. A few programs to keep an eye out for include Sukkah Decorating Party for All, Shabbat dinners, 2nd Annual Mitzvah Mall, prominent speakers, and our Chefs-In-Residence Series. On January 26, our don't miss event, "Mental Mishigas," featuring award winning hypnotist, Dale K, combined with internationally known mentalist duo, The Evasons. Please see our seasonal mailings for more information about all of our programs and activities. We are a Shul that never sleeps.

As I look back on my first year as President, one of the greatest rewards has been participating in our Shabbat Services. It truly is a warm and welcoming service that allows you to unplug and spend time reflecting. As you might recall, one of my goals has been to get every congregant to enter our building and be more engaged this year than in years past. I'd like to take that vision one step further in the year to come and invite you to share a Shabbat with your Beth El Family.

This is going to be a wonderful year for Beth El and I look forward to sharing it with you.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish you and your family a happy, healthy, peaceful and meaningful New Year, L'Shana Tova.

David Backal

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MESSAGE FROM LYNN GOLDMAN PAUL

Dear Beth El Family,

I would personally like to thank you for the Community Service award. The evening was spectacular and my words of gratitude seem inadequate as to how I feel. Even now, months later, I still close my eyes and smile at the thought of the Unity in the Community evening. I would like to thank everyone who supported the evening, in the planning, by attending, and the many kind wishes in the beautiful tribute book that I will always treasure.

I have been blessed with extraordinary experiences over the years, and I hope that I have helped those in need along the way. But, I am one small person, and I know that everyone reading my message, has also shared an act of kindness. So, as I said before, I would like to share this honor with everyone who has ever given of their heart so another heart could feel better.

I am proud and honored to be a part of our wonderful Beth El family.

Thank you again,
Lynn Goldman Paul

The money donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County will help provide programs and services for 9 children for the year!



Lynn presenting checks from the proceeds of the Unity in the Community Concert to Bernadette Shanahan of the Boys and Girls Club and Bea Frost of American Red Cross

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

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

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

SHARING OUR LIVES (AS OF JULY 20)

BIRTHS:

June & Steve Eisner on the birth of their grandson, Lucas Miles Goldstein
Lila Eisner on the birth of her great grandson, Lucas Miles Goldstein
Barbara & Eric Frantz on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Lily Bennett
Miriam Kessler on the birth of her grandson, Aidan Samuel Kessler
Sylvia Lande on the birth of her great granddaughter, Ava Lily Bennett
Bob Weinstein & Marthe Bramley on the birth of their granddaughter, Denver Monroe

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Leanne & Steven Back on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rivka
Linda & Paul Chase on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Ilana Chase
Melissa Chase on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Ilana
Shari Sussman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Ilana Chase
Ellen & Ken Turner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harry

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES:

Judith Charny on the marriage of her son, David, and Hannah Marks
Michele & Jeffrey Kahan on the marriage of their daughter, Allison, and Blake Goldfarb
Gamliel Respes & Yael Lopez on their marriage
Lauren Williams & Joel Rudin on their marriage

BETH EL MOURNS THE PASSING OF:

Juergen Baeuerle, father of Holger Baeuerle
Sylvia Dragum, grandmother of Jennifer Sholder
David Frischman, father of Betsy Fischer
Arthur Glass, father of Michael Glass
Fred Hoffman, brother of William Hoffman and uncle of Amy Clayman
Hadassa Kantor, mother of Haim Kantor
Frank Silverman, father of Linda Harowitz
Susan Shaffer, mother of Jen Stofman
Lois Strausson, mother of Ellen Fensterer
Ruth Zalut, mother of David Zalut

IN MEMORIAM OF OUR MEMBERS

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Arthur Freiman

Husband of Evelyne
Father of Sherry Sauer

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of September & October

Jacob Cutler September 22
Eli Aumiller September 29
Max Cwanger October 6
Abigail Goldman October 13

Ruby Schwartz October 20
Elsa & Lydia Heisler October 20
Zachary Chhabria October 27



Eli Aumiller

Son of Mira & Aaron Aumiller
Brother of Charli, Zev, and Max
Grandson of Carol & Joel Silbert
and Sandy Kellerman Levy

Mitzvah Project: Crafted and sold "Magnets for Mitzvot" to raise money for JRA (Jewish Relief Agency) in addition to volunteering



Max Jacob Cwanger

Son of Nicole & Mitch Cwanger
Brother of Noah and Nomi
Grandson of Barbara & Gary Kelley
and Pat & Jules Cwanger

Mitzvah Project: Collected soccer cleats and shin pads to donate to less fortunate communities in the area and packaged boxes for JRA (Jewish Relief Agency)



Zachary Louis Chhabria

Son of Heidi & Brian Chhabria
Brother of Darby and Ava
Grandson of Shelly & Allan Brenner

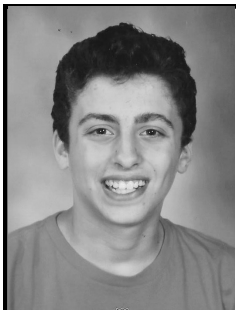
Mitzvah Project: Volunteers in the Activities Department at Lion's Gate



Abigail Goldman

Daughter of Cheryl & Daniel Goldman
Sister of Tara
Granddaughter of
Elliot & Beatrice Schwartz and
Arnold & Marilyn Goldman

Mitzvah Project: Making dog toys for local dogs, rescue animals and for local shelters, Animal Welfare Association and Voorhees Animal Orphanage



Jacob Cutler

Son of Caryn & Jason Cutler
Brother of Max
Grandson of Naomi & Fred Butter,
Ann & Joel Cutler, and Myra Cutler

Mitzvah Project: Raised money for the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, which helps children of first responders who have lost a parent in the line of duty



Ruby Isabelle Schwartz

Daughter of Alicia & Daniel Schwartz
Sister of William
Granddaughter of
Marlene & Jerry Jacobson and
Helen & Jordan Schwartz

Mitzvah Project: Raising money for Rolling Bones Dog Rescue, Animal Orphanage, Animal Welfare Association, and Cantor Scott's Cat Rescue



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The Community Partnership Program has been designed to connect local businesses to Beth El in an effort to raise funds on an annual basis.

Beth El has been connected to Camden County and more specifically the Cherry Hill and Voorhees area for nearly 100 years. Children start their education in our Early Childhood Center and continue on through our Religious School. Adults enrich their lives in our educational and cultural programs, and our community worships and celebrates together.

We pride ourselves on providing assistance to those in need.

By supporting Beth El, 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 Josh Laster at jlaster@bethelsnj.org or 856-675-1166.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Flower Fund- *Help beautify the High Holy Days at Congregation Beth El!*

\$25 minimum

Name of contributors: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address of contributor: _____

Name(s) to be commemorated: _____

Reason for commemoration: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Contributions help offset the cost of High Holy Day Flowers

New Year Greetings- *Send your friends a greeting to celebrate the New Year!*

\$15 per family (up to four names) and \$3 for each additional name.

Family Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address of contributor: _____

Names to be listed: _____

(Additional paper may be used for more names)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

New Year Greetings and Flower Fund Contributions will be listed in the next Beth El News.

Both forms must be completed and returned by Friday, September 21 to Shirley Yaffa

LULAV AND ETROG SALE

Please complete this form & return it to the Beth El office by **September 6**

Order pick up in the Beth El Office:
Thursday, September 20 - 9AM - 5PM
Friday, September 21 - 9AM - 2PM

For _____ Lulav and Etrog sets at \$50 per set.

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PHONE: _____

Any questions, please contact Abby Abramson at aabramson@bethelsnj.org or 856-675-1166 ext 406

HIGH HOLY DAYS

SELICHOT

Saturday Evening, September 1 at Temple Beth Sholom
8:30 PM Selichot Service & Program

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH (OPEN SEATING)

Sunday, September 9
Evening Service (*Sanctuary*) 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 (ASSIGNED SEATING)

Monday, September 10
Morning Service 8:30 AM
Tashlich 6:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv (*Chapel*) 7:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:57 PM

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 (OPEN SEATING)

Tuesday, September 11
Morning Service (*Sanctuary*) 8:30 AM
Family Service 10:15 AM
Evening Service 7:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE (ASSIGNED SEATING)

Tuesday, September 18
Mincha (*Chapel*) 2:00 PM
Family Kol Nidre (*Sanctuary*)
* OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY* 5:00 PM
Kol Nidre (*Sanctuary & Social Hall*) 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting 6:46 PM

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 19
Morning Service (*Assigned Seating*) 8:30 AM
Morning Yizkor Service 12:30 PM
Yizkor Service (*Open to Community*) 3:30 PM
Ask the Rabbi (*Sanctuary*) 3:30 PM
Mincha (*Sanctuary - Open Seating*) 5:15 PM
Neilah (*Sanctuary - Open Seating*) 6:35 PM
Ma'ariv (*Sanctuary - Open Seating*) 7:35 PM
End of Fast 7:42 PM

SUKKOT

EREV SUKKOT

Sunday, September 23
Evening Services 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 6:37 PM

SUKKOT DAY 1

Monday, September 24
Morning Services 9:00 AM
Evening Services 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 7:34 PM

SUKKOT DAY 2

Tuesday, September 25
Morning Services 9:00 AM
Evening Services 7:00 PM

HOSHANAH RABBAH

Sunday, September 30
Morning Services 9:00 AM
Evening Services (YIZKOR) 6:00 PM
Candle Lighting 6:26 PM

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, October 1
Morning Services 9:00 AM
Yizkor Service 10:30 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 1
Mincha 5:30 PM
Ma'ariv 7:00 PM
Simchat Torah Celebration 5:30 PM
Candle Lighting 7:22 PM

Tuesday, October 2

Morning Services & Hakafot 9:00 AM
Evening Services 6:40 PM

Save the Date - October 1
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION!
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Beth El High Holy Days Children & Youth Programs

Rosh Hashanah Day 1:

Babysitting 9:30am-1:30pm
Children & Youth Service and Program 10:15am-1:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 2:

Babysitting 9:30am-1:30pm
Family Service 10:15 am
Teen Program 10:15am

Yom Kippur:

Babysitting and Children and Youth Program 10:15am-1:30pm
Intergenerational Beit Midrash Program*
10:15-11:00 - Families with students in grades 5-7
11:15-12:00 - Families with students in grades 8-12
*Registration required

Children and Youth Program Grades K-6
Teen Service and Program Grades 7- 12
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Babysitting - 12 months old-Kindergarten
Registration required by August 31.

*<https://bethelsnj.org/high-holy-days-2018/>



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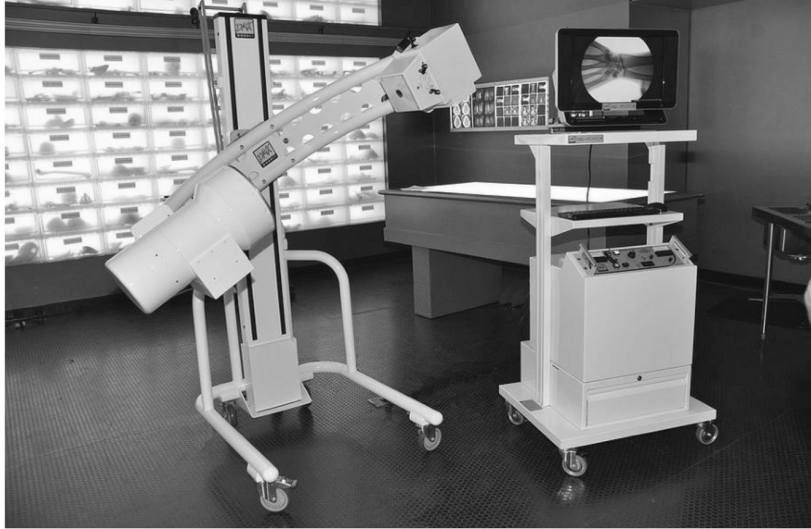
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Serves 8-10

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In just a matter of days we will be entering into the High Holy Day season. At the end of the season on Simchat Torah, we complete the Five Books of Moses. When we complete the Torah we recite a special phrase, “Chazak Chazak Venitchazek.” “Be strong, be strong, and together we will be

strengthened.” At first glance the word “Chazak” appears to be of importance, but in fact what is so meaningful is the use of the word “together.” “Venitchazek,” together we will be strengthened. The entire Jewish people finishes the book of the Torah as a community together but immediately begins it again, a new chapter and book by starting from the beginning again.

We as a synagogue family also begin every year a new chapter, a new book in our lives with new stories together. We hope that you will make some of your new stories with us here at Congregation Beth El by joining us for one or all of our exciting programs.

As we begin a new year, we will be offering a new program on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for our children in grades K-6. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah we welcome The Bible Players to Congregation Beth El. The Bible Players are a Torah comedy team based in New York City that are teaching Jewish values and sweeping the nation! The Bible Players use theater and improv to infuse comedy and laughs into tales from the Torah and beyond. Since founding The Bible Players in 2011, they have toured America from New York to Texas to California, bringing their unique show to thousands of people of all backgrounds and ages, from Pre-K through adults. They perform in 25 states, and do over 100 programs a year, all while remaining handsome and humble. The Bible Players will be leading our service and perform a very entertaining comedy show.

And on Yom Kippur following the youth services all of our children will eagerly anticipate the arrival of a gang of smart “dummies.” Assisted by renowned ventriloquist Jonathan Geffner, these madcap meshugeneh puppets will perform their highly acclaimed show, “Mish Mash!” in observance of Yom Kippur.

Our CoLeL (Adult Education) committee is very excited to provide for our congregation regular on-going Jewish learning in addition to our exciting speakers and programs. Beginning after the High Holy Days, we will be offering a variety of learning opportunities on Tuesday evenings at 7PM. Ranging from Hebrew reading, to engaging conversations about Israel, we will provide regular learning for you so look out for more information in your email soon!

On behalf of Scott, myself, and our family we wish you a Shana Tova.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, September 13 First Night of Hebrew High School

Sunday, September 16 First Day of Religious School and JRA Packing

Tuesday, September 18 No School-Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 19 No School-Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 23 Sukkot Decorating Party

Tuesday, October 2 No School-Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 14 Gan B'yachad Program

Sunday, October 28 Bet B'yachad, Tallis & Tefillin

Wednesday, October 31 No School-Teacher in Service

Shabbat Programming

September 15 Junior Congregation

September 22 Junior Congregation-Vav Shabbat

September 29 Junior Congregation-Hey Shabbat

October 6 Junior Congregation-Daled Shabbat

October 13 Junior Congregation-Gimmel Shabbat

October 20 Junior Congregation-Bet Shabbat

October 27 Junior Congregation-Aleph Shabbat

CoLeL Programming

October 16 Tuesday Night Learning with Dorin Elhadad

October 21 Beth El on Broadway-*The Band's Visit*-Sold Out!

October 23 Tuesday Night Learning with Rabbi Andy Green

October 30 - December 18 Hebrew Reading with Yaffa Fuchs; RSVP required



Congregation Beth El Early Childhood Center, Where All are Welcome and Everyone is Family!

It's Back to School 2018 and we are preparing even more exciting and innovative programming for our young learners. After such a successful 2017, please allow me to recap some of the highlights.

- ◆ Many more families have joined our Beth EL ECC Family which allowed us to open new classrooms keeping to our gold standard of low class sizes.
- ◆ Our staff has grown too and I am proud to say that we have Rock Star Teachers and Awesome Assistants.
- ◆ We added a parent communication app that allows you to be a part of your child's day in real time. Who doesn't love those wonderful pictures of your children when you are at work?
- ◆ Our holiday events are always a big hit with families and you can see our pictures and videos on our Facebook page.
- ◆ We added Prayers in Pajamas on Friday nights which is also a big hit.
- ◆ We offered special area classes that included Physical Education, Art, Music, Library, and classes with the Rabbi.
- ◆ Afterschool and afternoon programming included Mini Sports, Mini Soccer, Dance, Art, Karate, Bricks 4 Kids, Cooking, Baking, Mad Science, Bricks, Beakers, & Bots, Art Enrichment, and Computers.
- ◆ Safety and security is of the utmost importance and we continue to review our procedures to provide the very best security measures.

New in 2018, thanks to our fabulous Parent Teacher Group, we will be launching our new STEAM initiative. STEAM is an educational approach to teaching and learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics for guiding student inquiry and

discovery. As students engage in hands-on activities they are empowered to develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, innovation, and perseverance. The overarching goal is to blend project-based platforms that help our students understand, interpret, and utilize fundamental concepts to solve real-world problems. We are excited to offer this program to all of our students, Infants through Kindergarten.

Another new outreach and programming is with the Israeli American Council (IAC). Our partnership with the IAC will provide staff development for our teachers, books and curriculum for our students, meetings for families, and theatrical productions for all to enjoy.

New to our afterschool programming are the Hebrew Club, Yoga, Robotics, and Coding. These clubs have been requested and will round out our offerings to a total of 16 clubs or classes.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year!



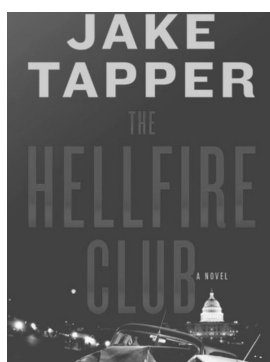
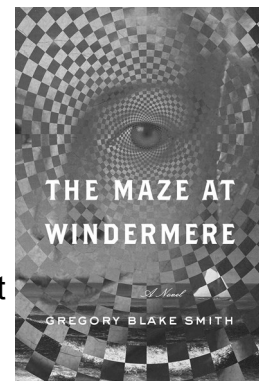
Our Camp Kaitana campers had a BLAST this summer!



The library is open once again and we have lots of terrific books to keep you reading.

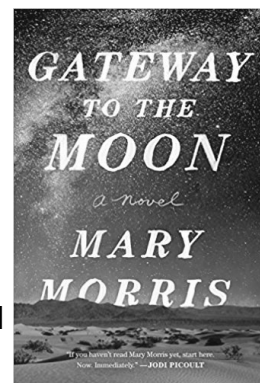
Ready for something new? Here are a few you'll find on our "New Fiction" shelves:

Gregory Blake Smith's **The Maze at Windermere** is unique. The author sets the novel in Newport, R.I. at five different times in American history, he creates five different plotlines to go with those historic moments, he writes each section in a style appropriate to that period, and he brings it all together through shared themes and details. One story is set in the present day, one in 1896, one in 1863, one in 1778, and one in 1692. The story set in 1778 has a wealthy Jewish family whose daughter catches the eye of a ruthless British officer. As Smith walks us through the different eras, alternating among them, we see that attitudes and behaviors may be timeless. This is a brilliantly imagined and beautifully executed novel.



Viewers of CNN know Jake Tapper as the network's chief Washington correspondent. For almost twenty years he has reported in Washington DC, so he knows politics. Now he has turned his attention to writing, and his first novel is **The Hellfire Club**, set in 1950s DC. Charlie Marder is not a born politician. Marder is a WWII veteran who is comfortable in academia, but his ambitious father uses connections and gets Charlie elected to Congress. Like many newly elected representatives, his desire to do what is ethical and in the best interests of his constituents bumps up against some harsh realities as he deals with McCarthyism and such figures as Roy Cohn. A fatal car accident puts Marder and his wife in a sordid underworld where there are secret societies, unsavory deals, and a dangerous conspiracy. If you like politics, and enjoy a page-turning thriller, try this one.

The idea that there are people in the American Southwest today who are descendants of converso Jews from 500 years ago is intriguing. Some say it's a fact, others deem it doubtful, but whatever your view, Mary Morris's **Gateway to the Moon** is captivating. This novel has two parallel narratives: one tells the story of a secret Jew named Luis de Torres who sails with Columbus; the other is the story of Miguel Torres, a teenager living in present-day Entrada de la Luna, a 400-year-old town in New Mexico where residents are the descendants of de Torres. Miguel takes a job babysitting for a nearby, newly arrived Jewish family and sees similarities between their rituals and the long-standing, never explained customs of the locals. The long and vicious arm of the Inquisition, as well as Columbus's own cruelty toward the native population, are described graphically in the sections about de Torres. Morris's descriptions of the history, landscapes, and people are vivid and hold the reader's attention.



Library hours are:
Tuesday 9:30 – 12:00 and 2:30 – 5:00
Wednesday 9:00 – 11:30

The Library's Short Story Discussion Group will reconvene on Thursday, October 25, 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. Have you ever joined us for these discussions? If not, now's the time to give it a try! We discuss stories both classic and contemporary. Plan now to attend! For more information, please call the library (675-1166, ext. 503).

Congregation Beth El's



Simchat TORAH CELEBRATION!

Come Dance with the Torah!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Hakafot Festivities For Everyone!

*Delicious
buffet
dinner*

5:30PM Services begin

- Join our Torah Parade
- Unroll the Scroll
- Buffet dinner stations
- Singing and dancing

*Open
l'chaim
bar*

7:00PM Conclusion of services and Torah reading

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HOLIDAY

CANDLE LIGHTING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 26 8:30AM 7:35PM	AUGUST 27 7:15AM 7:35PM	AUGUST 28 7:30AM 7:35PM	AUGUST 29 7:30AM 7:35PM	AUGUST 30 7:15AM 7:35PM	AUGUST 31 7:30AM 6:00PM 7:15PM	1 Ki Tavo 9:00AM 7:15PM 8:30PM SELICHOT (AT TBS)
2 8:30AM 7:25PM	3 LABOR DAY 8:30AM 7:25PM	4 7:30AM 7:25PM	5 7:30AM 7:25PM	6 7:15AM 7:25PM	7 7:30AM 6:00PM <i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i> 7:04PM	8 NITZAVIM 9:00AM 7:05PM
9 EREV ROSH HASHANAH 8:30AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	10 DAY 1 ROSH HASHANAH 8:30AM 6:00PM TASHLICH 7:00PM SANCTUARY 7:57PM	11 DAY 2 ROSH HASHANAH 8:30AM 7:00PM	12 FAST OF GEDALIAH 7:15AM 7:10PM FAST ENDS 7:41PM	13 7:15AM 7:10PM	14 7:30AM 6:00PM 6:52PM	15 VAYELECH SHABBAT SHUVA 9:00AM 6:55PM
16 9:00AM 7:05PM	17 7:15AM 7:05PM	18 KOL NIDRE 7:30AM 2:00PM MINCHA 5:00PM FAMILY KOL NIDRE 6:30PM KOL NIDRE	19 YOM KIPPUR 8:30AM 12:30PM YIZKOR 5:15PM MINCHA 6:35PM NEILAH 7:35PM MA'ARIV FAST ENDS 7:42PM	20 7:15AM 7:05PM	21 7:30AM 6:00PM 6:41PM	22 HA'AZINU 9:00AM 6:45PM
23 EREV SUKKOT 9:00AM 6:00PM 6:37PM	24 DAY 1 SUKKOT 9:00AM 6:00PM 7:34PM	25 DAY 2 SUKKOT 9:00AM 7:00PM	26 SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED 7:15AM 6:50PM	27 SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED 7:15AM 6:50PM	28 SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED 7:15AM 6:00PM 6:29PM	29 SUKKOT CHOL HAMOED 9:00AM 6:30PM
30 SUKKOT HOSHANA RABAH 9:00AM 6:00PM YIZKOR	OCTOBER 1 SUKKOT SHEMINI ATZERET 9:00AM YIZKOR 5:30PM MINCHA 7:00PM MA'ARIV 7:22PM	OCTOBER 2 SIMCHAT TORAH 9:00AM 6:40PM	OCTOBER 3 7:30AM 6:40PM	OCTOBER 4 7:15AM 6:40PM	OCTOBER 5 7:30AM 6:00PM <i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i> 6:18PM	OCTOBER 6 BERESHIT 9:00AM 6:20PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

6 - Brewing Trouble with Men's Club - 6 PM
 14 - Prayers in Pajamas - 5:30 PM
 16 - Boker Tov Café - 9 AM
 16 - JRA Packing - 10 AM
 17 - College Connection Packing - 3 PM
 21 - Singles Shabbat - 8 PM

23 - Festive Sukkot Service From the Heart - 10:30 AM
 26 - YFG Sukkot Event - 6 PM
 26 - Sisterhood Opening Event in the Sukkah - 7 PM
 27 - Habonim Singing in the Sukkah - 6 PM
 27 - USY Amazing Race: Sukkot Edition - 7 PM
 27 - Men's Club Steak & Schnapps in the Sukkah - 8 PM
 28 - Let's Do Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah - 6 PM

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CANDLE LIGHTING

HOLIDAY/SPECIAL

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21 9:00AM 6:05PM	22 7:15AM 6:05PM	23 7:30AM 6:05PM	24 7:30AM 6:05PM	25 7:15AM 6:05PM	26 7:30AM 6:00PM <i>LET'S DO SHABBAT</i> 5:47PM	27 VAYERA 9:00AM 5:50PM
28 9:00AM 6:00PM	29 7:15AM 6:00PM	30 7:30AM 6:00PM	31 7:30AM 6:00PM	NOVEMBER 1 7:15AM 6:00PM	NOVEMBER 2 7:30AM 5:35PM <i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i> 5:38PM	NOVEMBER 3 CHAYA SARAH 9:00AM 5:45PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

- 1 - Simchat Torah Celebration - 5:30 PM
- 9 - Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Program - 7 PM
- 11 - Bourbon & Blues -
- 12 - Prayers in Pajamas - 5:30 PM
- 14 - Build BookSmiles Free Libraries with Men's Club - 1 PM
- 14 - USY Kadima Kickoff Event - 12 PM
- 16 - Nourish Your Soul Tuesday Night Learning - 7 PM
- 18 - Sisterhood Challah Bake - 7 PM

- 19 - Singles Shabbat - 8 PM
- 23 - Nourish Your Soul Tuesday Night Learning - 7 PM
- 24 - Men's Club Torah on Tap - 7:30 PM
- 25 - Library Short Story Discussion Group - 1:30 PM
- 25 - Chefs in Residence with Women Cook Israel Cooking Demo - 6:30 PM
- 26 - Let's Do Shabbat Dinner with Women Cook Israel - 6 PM
- 30 - Nourish Your Soul Tuesday Night Learning - 7 PM

Men's Club



Adam Weissman, President
Adam.w.weissman@gmail.com

Welcome back from the summer! I'm looking forward to the great programs that our community is planning for the year! Men's Club is working on ways to help the whole community grow stronger through service events, ritual involvement, and social enrichment.

I'd like to invite everyone to participate as we continue to grow the Beth El family closer and stronger!

Here are some of our upcoming events:

- ◆ Brewing Trouble with Men's Club - Sunday, September 2 at 1PM. Prepare for Simchat Torah by brewing beer to share with family and friends. RSVP required
- ◆ Steak and Schnapps in the Sukkah - Thursday, September 27 at 8PM. Join Men's Club as we enjoy the Sukkah with Steak (or fish), tasty beverages, and an engaging conversation lead by Rabbi Green. RSVP required
- ◆ Help build BookSmiles Free Libraries, hosted by Men's Club - Sunday, October 14 at 1PM. Join Men's Club as we help enrich the community through reading with BookSmiles.
- ◆ Torah on Tap - Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30PM. First of the 2018-2019 season. Join Rabbi Green with a beer and ponder Jewish life's biggest questions.

We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Please reach out to me with any comments at: adam.w.weissman@gmail.com or bethelmenclubsnj@gmail.com.

Sisterhood



Barbara Sharofsky, President
bsharofsky@gmail.com

If you've ever attended a morning minyan in the past decade or two, you may have met one tenacious woman, Shirley Mangel, z"l.

One of the amazing things about Shirley was her commitment to attending the daily morning minyan. She drove herself every morning and, when she could no longer drive, wonderful members of the morning minyan would bring her. However she could get there, she did. Although she tried to attend every morning, one of the minyanim that Shirley enjoyed the most was our Wednesday morning minyan, sponsored by Sisterhood. She participated in services and in the discussion group which followed, and held her own in discussion.

Aside from minyan, Shirley was an active member of Sisterhood, and had been for many years. She came to all types of programs and events, with Challah Bake as one of her favorites. She participated as often as she could, getting rides from many of her Beth El Sisters. Her presence was felt in Sisterhood for so many years. It is for this reason that Sisterhood decided, with blessings of our clergy and congregation president, to honor the memory of Shirley Mangel by renaming the Wednesday morning "Minyan and Me" for her. Going forward, The Shirley Mangel Minyan and Study, will stand as a legacy to Shirley, and also stand as a warm and welcoming minyan to all who need a spiritual lift. Come join us on Wednesday mornings, and stay for a healthy breakfast and a wonderful discussion. All are welcome!



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Habonim 2.0



Judy Simkin, President
lensim@comcast.net

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable summer. Before long, the Jewish New Year will be here and Habonim 2.0 has been busy planning wonderful activities for the new year.

As in the past we will be having our annual Rosh Hashanah Bake Sale. To avoid the heat of the kitchen you can order anyone of the following items: Jewish Apple Cake (\$17), Flourless Chocolate Torte with cookie crumb crust (\$17), Round Honey Cake (\$17), and this year we are adding a Pear Streusel Cake (\$17), and a box of 6 large Chocolate Brownies (\$15) All of the baked items are pareve and are baked by the Magical Sweet Shop. Look for the order form on page 10 and mail checks to Beth El Habonim c/o Mort Kanovsky: 9 Anvil Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

All orders are due by Tuesday, September 4 with a pick up on Friday, September 7 from 10am-2pm. Don't miss out on this whether you are entertaining at home or going to a friend or family member.

We will be having our Supper in the Sukkah program on Thursday, September 27 from 6-9pm. Good food, good friends and an exciting program. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

We have received a lot of additional names of Beth El Empty Nesters. If you are an empty nester and have not done so please forward your name, phone number and e-mail address to Judy Simkin at lensim@comcast.net or call 856-829-2651. It just takes a phone call or text to be added to our list. Remember there are NO DUES to belong!

All of us at Habonim wish you and your loved ones a very happy, Healty and sweet New Year.

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Young Families' Group



Nikki Cohen, President
nicolecohen24@gmail.com

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is gearing up for a great school year. Let's go EAGLES!!!!

YFG has some exciting events planned for this year. We hope to kick off in the fall with a family-friendly event 'Smore's by the Sukkah' on the evening of September 26 at Beth El. This event will take place right after Hebrew school for an early evening/sunset sandwich of chocolate and marshmallows by the fire.

At the end of October, YFG is planning a family nature walk or hike right here in Cherry Hill and/or Voorhees. We have some great trails nearby and this can be a fun Sunday afternoon activity for all ages. We will also be bringing back the postponed event from last year Cupcake Wars for a little friendly competition and a parents night out at Top Golf. Stay tuned for all the details!

We love our volunteers but we could always use more help. If you are interested in joining YFG to help with event planning, please do not hesitate to reach out at nicolecohen24@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



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Alicia Drozen, Youth Director
adrozen@bethelsnj.org

The Beth El Youth Department is ready for an exciting fall starting with our kick-off BBQ on August 29 at 6:00pm. All teens in the Beth El community are invited to join us for this end of summer BBQ, play games, enjoy a special treat and

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SAVE THE DATES:

September 27: Amazing Race: Sukkot Edition

October 12-14: USY LTI weekend at Beth El

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November 1: Pizza Lounge Night

November 21: Turkey Trot

December 6: Latke Lounge Night

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Congregation Beth El Sisterhood

Dear Women of Beth El,

With the end of summer quickly approaching, we look towards the fall and all of the new beginnings... school starting, teens going off to college, maybe a new job! In Judaism, the start of fall signals the start of our New Year. Rosh Hashanah ushers in a time to reflect, to be thankful, and to think about how you can be an integral part of our Beth El Family.

Beth El Sisterhood is the perfect vehicle for you to get involved here, at Beth El. There's something for everyone in Sisterhood. From creative arts programming to amazing learning opportunities- social events and events that lift your spirits- we have it all!

Our Sisterhood is part of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, whose theme for this year is "ATID: Future." This past year Women's League celebrated its 100th anniversary. We now look ahead to the future, ATID. How will Women's League, and Sisterhood, evolve? How can you be part of the future? Over one hundred years ago women like us decided that they needed an outlet, something Jewish to call their own. And so Women's League of Conservative Judaism was born. Beth El Sisterhood, in the same vein, brings together women of all interests and generations – mothers, daughters, seniors, millennials and friends— to create a better world for Jewish women, Beth El and our community. We hope you will join us as we help to move our sisterhood into the next 100 years!

This year, we have again made it easy to join Sisterhood! **You can pay your dues online at www.bethelsnj.org/our-groups/sisterhood, or by returning the form below. All paid members should plan to join us on November 1 as we celebrate Beth El women at our annual Paid-Up Membership Event, "Walk the Runway: An Evening of Friendship and Fashion."**

From the entire Sisterhood Board and my family, I wish you not only a sweet New Year, but one filled with new friends and experiences. I look forward to having you join our BE Sisters.
Shana Tova,

Barbara Sharofsky
President, Beth El Sisterhood

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