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## Beth El Newsletter

September (Elul / Tishrei) and October (Tishrei / Cheshvan) 2022-5782 / 5783



A SUMMER WELCOME Members from all walks of life enjoyed a summer spent welcoming Rabbi David & Stephanie Englander to our Beth El family. Rabbi Englander has been able to meet hundreds of congregants this summer at our Welcome Weekend events, Ice Cream Socials, Lunch & Learns, Splash Pad Parties, Schmooze & Brews, Shabbat Under the Stars, Bagels on the Boardwalk, and Coffee Chats. We were thrilled to welcome the Jewish Relief Agency of Southern New Jersey to our first splash pad event. It was

wonderful to see our tiniest members helping pack boxes of food for local people in need. Our second splash pad party featured a sing along with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro. Our splash pad parties were wonderful opportunities for our current and prospective ECC families to meet each other, some of our staff, and



our staff, and our clergy! Our welcome summer ended with a home run as more than 65

Beth El friends and family spanning the generations enjoyed an afternoon at Citizens Bank Park sitting with Rabbi Englander in the Beth El section as the Phillies took on the Mets.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with creating this memorable

summer: Emily Caracciolo, Jeff Cohn, Robin Cohn, Barbara & Eric Frantz, Sebastian Goldstein, and

**Rachel Miller**. We also extend gratitude to **Linda Lazarow and Joyce Ruthen** for their help with the set up for the Welcome Weekend Wine & Schmooze.

If you were unable to attend our summer festivities, we hope you will join us for High Holidays and our fall classes and programs. We have something for everyone! There is a place for you at Beth El.



# INTRODUCING CHEVRA: CREATING CONNECTIONS FOR ADULTS

Chevra was created as an avenue for Jewish adults in and around their 50s to come together for fun activities, dinners, wine tastings, social action projects, and more throughout the year with the goal of developing relationships and connections spiritually and socially with others in their same stage of life. We are excited to create a steering committee to guide this group. To get involved, contact Alicia at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or Tracey at tweiss@bethelsnj.org.

#### Tot Shabbat: Stories & Sh'ma



Families with children ages 5 and under are invited to our new bi-monthly Shabbat morning program in the sanctuary from 9:45am— 10:00am. Beth El Clergy will read stories, sing Sh'ma and other fun songs with parents and children to provide a casual and meaningful Shabbat experience for our youngest members.

<u>Mark Your Calendars:</u> September 10, 17 October 8, 22 November 19, December 10



## CLERGY CORNER



## Rabbi David Englander

Shalom Friends,

It has been a whirlwind but also an immensely satisfying first month as senior rabbi of Beth El, our spiritual home. The "rollout" following our arrival in the community sought to involve all ages both during the week and on Shabbat, here and down the

shore. I'm glad for the chance to meet hundreds of people, and Stephanie and I feel warmly welcomed to our new community. Those who have been here longer than us, which is pretty much everyone, should feel very proud of what values and practices are represented at Beth El on a daily basis. I hope to add a new voice to the generational conversation exploring what it means to be Jewish in our world today, and how to best live out the traditions that have sustained our faith for millennia.

Our annual opportunity to do this is quickly approaching, as the month of Elul begins and counts up toward Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the year to unfold. These holy days present a chance to look inward and to take stock of our lives, gauge our efforts, and commit to the improvements we haven't managed to achieve yet. True, some of these resolutions are strikingly similar to ones we have made in past years. But we account for this through the liturgy of coming together to recite, sing, and



We hope you had a great summer and are ready for the 2022-23 school year. It's that

Dear Parents of College Students,

time of year when we reach out to you so that we can prepare for this year's College Connection program. By sending out three packages each year - Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim - we keep our undergraduate students connected to their Judaism and to Congregation Beth El.

Our first package will be sent out October 6 and we ask for all updated addresses for upperclassmen and incoming freshmen no later than August 26, 2022.

If you haven't received the form, please email either Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or Jackie Bernard at 4bernards@comcast.net.

To get involved either as a recipient or a volunteer on the committee, please contact Jackie Bernard at 856.630.0585 or 4bernards@comcast.net.

We thank you and wish your children a successful year at college.

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As you've seen, our synagogue leadership has committed to making some carefully considered logistical changes to our beloved holiday experience. Open seating in the social hall service should make it easier to find a seat you are comfortable in, and our sanctuary seating choices have expanded to make it easier to attend as a family in our beautiful gathering place. Teen and youth engagement services and programming will continue to be offered for kids of all ages. However you choose to engage during these awesome hours, we affirm that they present an annual invitation to be together as a community. In doing so, we come before God as individuals to make our best case for the chance to live, learn, and love in the year to come.

It is the greatest of honors to help plan and implement a season of High Holidays and fall festivals with my exceptional clergy partners, professional staff, lay leadership and volunteers. Each member of our Beth El family is deserving of high praise and thanks for committing time, energy and resources to ensuring that

Beth El is vibrant today and will remain so for generations to come. As one of the newest members of our congregation, I can share with a full heart that it is deeply impactful to see how we engage all who enter this space physically or virtually. I hope many of us can return to our exceptional building in the weeks to come, with quality broadcasts available for those who cannot. Whether you choose one option or a mix of both, may we be blessed to aspire to be and do more, lift each other up, and strive forward into the new year. May God richly bless you and may we bless each other with great fulfillment and an inspired, wonderful and healthy 5783.

On behalf of Stephanie, Yaffa, Zev, and Ayal I wish you and your family a *shanah tovah u'mtukah*, a good and sweet year of 5783 that is about to begin.

## President's Message



## Stuart A. Sauer

#### President

In my Kol Nidre speech last year, I talked about upcoming changes in our Synagogue. Our biggest change in 28 years, is the transition of Rabbi Krupnick to Rabbi Emeritus and the introduction of a new Senior Rabbi to

our 100-year-old congregation. I mentioned that Rabbi Krupnick was a hard act to follow. We found our guy and we are fortunate to start a new era in our great Shul's history with Rabbi David Englander.

On June 25th, we honored Rabbi Krupnick as he officiated at his last Shabbos service as our Senior Rabbi. Rabbi has touched each and every one of us. He has been there whenever we needed his guidance, direction, and comforting words. There was no better way for us to show our appreciation and thank you, than to fill the seats in our beautiful Katz Sanctuary, and it was packed. We know that Beth El is Rabbi and Helene's spiritual home, and they will continue to be part of our Shul as they transition to their new roles for years to come. Rabbi Krupnick and Helene, may you go from strength to strength, חַזק וְנָתְחֵזּק

On July 1st, we marked a milestone moment in our history. Rabbi David Englander became our Senior

Rabbi at Congregation Beth El. Shabbos morning, July 2nd, Rabbi Englander officiated at his first service as Senior Rabbi. As President, I was gratified to see our Katz Sanctuary packed with the excitement and curiosity from our members to meet our new spiritual leader. It was a beautiful sight! We also want to warmly welcome Stephanie Englander to our Shul family and to share our stories and to make new memories with the Englanders.

Over the last few weeks, Beth El has hosted many events, for all our members to meet and chat with Rabbi Englander. From lunch and learn study sessions, to ice cream socials, and bagels and coffee at the JCC, Rabbi Englander has been actively engaging with our Shul's culture. On August 21st, there was a Phillies vs Mets baseball game...OK, Rabbi Englander is a hardcore Mets fan, I'll give him a pass on that one!

The High Holidays are in a few weeks. It will be wonderful to see the seats filled in our Katz Sanctuary and Appel Social Hall for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We welcome the New Year with in-person davening with our Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Eli Kahn. We will listen, learn, and be inspired by Rabbi Englander and Rabbi Krupnick as they lead us in prayer. Let the new era begin with good health, happiness, and peace.

Zei Gezunt!

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**



#### Josh Laster Executive Director

It always feels quieter in the office in July and August, but we are as busy as ever preparing to come together for the High Holidays, enrolling children for the ECC, planning for Religious School and meeting with people that want to join Beth El. For my article this month, I wanted to share a highlight of the summer with you.



We were fortunate that Sunrise Association opened their newest day camp serving South Jersey and the Philadelphia area right

here at Beth El! Sunrise Association operates day camps in the United States and Israel for children with cancer and their siblings, and they are able to attend free of charge. Sunrise Day Camp was actually supposed to start here the summer of 2020, but due to the health risks of Covid they had to cancel those plans. I was so pleased to get the call from their leadership this past winter that they were indeed planning



to operate for the summer of 2022.

Sunrise has been able to operate a fun, healthy, safe and secure camp for six beautiful weeks. We are fortunate to have a beautiful building and grounds that allowed us to host Sunrise Day Camp and operate our successful ECC summer program. On Sunrise Day Camp's website there is this quote: "*Children with cancer and their siblings often live in a world of no, but at Sunrise Day Camp, it is a world of YES*!" On behalf of Beth El, it was our absolute pleasure to say yes to Sunrise and witness just how much happiness they bring in to the lives of the children and their families.

Shanah Tovah!

## BETH EL EDUCATION



#### Rabbi Nogah Marshall Educational Director The Gift of Shabbat

Have you ever wanted time to stand still? Have you ever wanted to cherish a moment so it would last a life time? Isn't it true that as you get older time goes faster? As a parent, I feel all of these emotions every single day. When

my first daughter was born everyone told me "they grow up so fast". Well, in that moment those words did not mean much. But as each day, week, month and year passes, I think about those words all of the time, wishing that time would stand still so I could savor each moment.

What I love about Judaism is that it is a religion that focuses on the holiness and sanctification of time. And what better time to create this holy time, then on the gift of Shabbat.

Our Torah teaches us that the first holy object in the history of the world was time. In the Book of *Bereshit* at the end of the story of creation: "And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy." The meaning and purpose of Shabbat is to take a moment out of our regular schedule and celebrate this period of time.

What is this gift of Shabbat? According to Abraham Joshua Heschel, "the meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to holiness in time."

Like you I am sure, my weeks are filled with work, car pools, homework, making dinner, laundry, and errands. No matter how hectic things are during the week, I know one thing, the moment I light the Shabbat candles with my family, a sense of calmness comes over us. The atmosphere in our home changes. Our work is pushed aside, the phones are put away, and the topic of our conversations are shifted to the more meaningful areas of life, away from the daily school-work routine.

As Abraham Joshua Heschel teaches us, Shabbat is a time to celebrate and refresh ourselves for the new week. I admit, it is not easy at times to do this. However, it is important to realize that Shabbat is a day that is supposed to enhance our lives. When we are commanded to *Remember and Keep the Shabbat* it may be difficult to comprehend why. But if we look back at Abraham who had no choice but to trust and believe in G-d, we can begin to appreciate what Shabbat is all about. Abraham, the first Jew, had no idea if he would enjoy being a Jew, but he took that chance and listened to G-d. If we follow Abraham's lead and take that chance by trying to observe some of G-d's commandments, who knows, we might like it!

I encourage you to allow Congregation Beth El to accompany you on this journey of welcoming in Shabbat into your lives. Shabbat is an amazing time to spend at Beth El. In addition to our Main Sanctuary service we offer two amazing opportunities for our younger members and their families. Every Saturday morning from September-May Junior Congregation meets in the Chapel from 10:30am-11:45am with Chai Respes and Bruce Duboff, two dynamic teachers from our Religious School and Hebrew High School program. This service is full of singing, student participation, games, and lots of candy! During this service, students put into practice the prayers they learn in Religious School and even have the opportunity to read from the Torah! It is a perfect place to spend as a family together on Shabbat morning.

And if that is not enough, for our youngest members we have babysitting from 9:30am-12:00pm. Every couple of weeks, kids (and parents!) are invited to the sanctuary at 9:45am for Tot Shabbat Stories & Sh'ma with Rabbi Englander and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro (details on front cover). Following all of the services, the entire congregation joins together for a delicious Kiddush luncheon.

As we enter into a new cycle, a Jewish new year, I urge you to carve out this time in your schedule and join us whether it is once a month, twice a month, or every week and savor the gift of time that we are given on Shabbat.



#### Ayelet Mittelman ECC Director

What a fantastic summer we have had here at our ECC! Our Camp Kaitana had the most awesome experiences including bubble parties, dinosaur hunts, exploding volcanos, puppets pizzazz and of course plenty

of splash pad play!!

We are SO excited to head into our 2022-23 ECC school year. We are thrilled to welcome parents back into the building! We are also happy about the return of our fabulous mid-day specials like mini sports, karate, dance, bricks 4 kids and cooking; as well as exciting new programs heading our way!

*"Teaching Strategies Gold"* is an incredible new curriculum program that we will be using this year. Under the guidance of Amy Weinstein, our Curriculum and Instruction Director, we are sure that this year is going to be our best year yet!!

We look forward to so many wonderful changes and experiences in the 2022-23 year! Stay tuned for all the fun!!



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#### ZICHRONAM LIV'RACHAH as of August 5, 2022

#### We Mourn the Passing of Beloved Members

#### Elva Diamond

Wife of: Joseph Diamond (z"l) Mother of: Mark (Dora) Diamond and Rachel (Gary Smith) Diamond Grandmother of: Lauren and Cara Diamond Sister of: Elaine Marcus

#### Zev Kahn

Son of: Rabbi Eli Kahn and Miriam Kahn Step-son of: Rosemary Kahn

#### Gary Kanalstein

Husband of: Barbara Kanalstein Father of: Eric (Esmera) Kanalstein and Stacy (Richard) Nockowitz Grandfather of: Margot (Simeone), Jack, Eliyar and Elham

#### Edward Rosof

Husband of: Carol Rosof Father of: Stephanie (Michael) Ritigstein, Craig z"l (Sarah) Rosof Grandfather of: Noah, Spencer and Drew Ritigstein; Sophia and Benjamin Rosof

#### We Send Condolences

#### Steven (Leah) Back

loss of his step-mother, Mona Back Wife of: Carl Back and Dr. George Handler, z"l; Mother of: Michael Handler, Robin Handler-Clare (Rabbi Ori Clare), Allen (Randy) Handler Step-Mother of: Dr. Norman (Shari) Back, Richard (Vicki) Back Grandmother of: Jenny Shackpher-Brown; Erica Back-Lederer (Harley Lederer); Rebecca Handler-Feinsilber (Eric Feinsilber); Gabrielle Clare; Justin Back; Jordan Back-Mayers (Johnathan Mayers); Amanda Back; Zacherie (Klerissa) Handler; Garret Clare; Gavin Handler; Madison Back; Ne-eman Hunter Back; Rivka Mikki Back; Great Grandmother of: Harper Brown; Adeline Brown Reagan Handler; Nash Handler; Demi Brit Feinsilber; Sister of: Barbara Applebee

#### Bruce (Sherry) DuBoff

loss of his father, Hubert Duboff Father of: Gary (Bonnie) DuBoff, Husband of: Ileen DuBoff Grandfather of: Jacob (Hanna), Lindsey (Max), Drew, and Max

#### Diane Rose

loss of her father, Leslie I. Rose, MD Husband of: Nancy Rose, Father of: Harold Rose and Sarah (Dave) Torok Zayde of: Stefanie, Jena and Rafi

#### Sheila & Sam Mandel

loss of their brother-in-law I. Jack Stone Husband of: Lenore Stone

#### Mike (Lori) Phillips

loss of his father, Robert "Bob" Phillips Husband of: Diane Phillips Father of: Gary (Ashley) Phillips Grandfather of: Maddie, Molly, Liv and Elle Phillips

#### Michael (Stephanie) Ritigstein

loss of his father, Jerry Ritigstein Husband of: Hinda Ritigstein Father of: Eric (Andrea) Ritigstein Grandfather of: Noah, Spencer and Drew Ritigstein; Jonas Ritigstein



# שומרים SHOMRIM

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# MAZAL TOV!

## **B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES**

Ann & Bernie Miller Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Drew Meredith Greenspan

**Stuart Wasserlauf** on his second Bar Mitzvah

## ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Lisa & Stephen Brodack engagement of son, Jonathan, to Ricki Gold

Barbara & Martin Brodack engagement of grandson, Jonathan, to Ricki Gold

> Sherry & Bruce DuBoff on their 30th wedding Anniversary

**Staci & Craig Tinkelman** engagement of daughter, Rachel, to Nick Siebert

Sydney & Carl Tinkelman engagement of granddaughter, Rachel, to Nick Siebert

> Barbara & Joe Walkes on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Lynne & Diego Warszawski engagement of son, Nataniel, to Jacob Winkelman

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ari Greenberg, son of Robyn Greenberg and Aaron Greenberg, won a silver medal in the 4x100 relay, a silver medal in the 4x400 and a GOLD medal in the individual 800 at the Maccabi Games in Israel!

**Dr. Shanin Gross** opened Virtua Pride Primary Care in Marlton. Virtua Pride Primary Care provides customized medical care for LGBTQ+ people and allies. Dr. Gross is the lead physician in the practice.

Lynn Goldman Paul received the Above and Beyond Award from the Southern New Jersey chapter of the Red Cross.

At the San Diego Maccabi Games, **Darby Chhabria and Dylan Kratchman** won the gold medal in Girls Basketball and **Bennett and Jonah Kutikov** won the gold medal in Swim. **Aidan Woods** won a Midot Medal, awarded to individuals who go above and beyond. We honorable mention **Kyle Shubach** and **Nate Morgan**, who competed in Boys Basketball. Go team!

**Dina Silverman** was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University.

## BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Nancy & Hank Cutler birth of grandson, Myles Jacob Hochbaum

> Selma Feldschneider birth of great-granddaughter, Juliana Rose Feldschneider

Casey & Kenny Gold birth of daughter, Madeline Willa Gold

**Peggy & Lou Gold** birth of granddaughter, Madeline Willa Gold

Dana & Neil Hoffman birth of daughter, Harlow Bell Hoffman

Jaclyn & Dylan Isadore birth of son, Samuel Asher Isadore

Judy & Arthur Kratchman birth of granddaughter, Harlow Bell Hoffman

> Taylor & Jeremy Orlin naming of daughter, Sienna Zayne

Hilary & Harry Platt birth of grandson, Samuel Asher Isadore

Nicole Wasilus & Josh Raffel on the baby naming of daughter, Hallie

Marcy Sanders birth of great-grandson, James Harry Alderman

**Debbi & Michael Silverman** birth of granddaughter, Rebecca Maeve Silverman

> Linda & David Wander birth of granddaughter, Anna Wander

Shirley Wander birth of great-granddaughter, Anna Wander

**Shirley Yaffa** birth of great-granddaughter, Adi Chana Yaffa, in Israel birth of great-grandson, Lev Natan Yaffa

The Kanalstein Family would like to thank those who made a donation to Congregation Beth El in Gary's memory. Your kindness during this difficult time is appreciated.

- Barbara Kanalstein and Family



#### Our 5th Annual Golf Classic and Game Day on June 13 was a HOLE IN ONE! More than 150 people participated in this wonderful afternoon at the Legacy Club at Woodcrest!



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Golf Chair: Gary Shapiro, Game Day Co-Chairs: Heidi Silverberg and Melody Taylor, Donna Bell, Myrna Cohen, Brandon Ettinger, Harris Klear, Bill Landsburg, Don Meltzer, Audrey Pecarsky, Robert Schwartz, Stephen Smith, Scott Tanker, Craig Taylor

#### BETH EL HOSTS PRIDE SHABBAT



On June 17, Beth El held its first Pride Shabbat to celebrate and honor LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Rabbi Krupnick and Cantor Sher led a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service with speeches and readings from Kavod chair, Dr. Shanin Gross, and Kavod member,

Alex Rudin. This Shabbat service and schmooze was one of many efforts to make our shul as welcoming, inclusive, and accepting of everyone as we can be. Someone from the community who attended shared these sentiments with our staff, "Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. I'm part of the LGBT community and Jewish so it felt nice to be part of a really positive experience."

To quote Rabbi Krupnick, "Pride Shabbat is a day for us to celebrate the inclusivity of Congregation Beth El. We Jews certainly know what it feels like to be an "othered" minority. We know what it feels like to simply want to be accepted in a world that often marginalizes our People simply because of who we are. It's no accident that so many hospitals have Jewish names, like Mt. Sinai, Maimonides and Einstein. In spite of the fact that Jewish doctors could have saved thousands of lives in existing hospitals, we Jews had to start our own. Quotas and simple Jew-hatred kept us out. True, if you took on a non-Jewish sounding last name, you could "pass" and perhaps work there. But you could not be proudly Jewish, wear a kippah to work, or even wear Jewish jewelry. Jewish people should not need to 'pass" to feel comfortable at Beth El simply because of who they are and who they love. Pride Shabbat is not only about gay people feeling proud. It's about Beth El being proud of living our values; proud of becoming and being a warm, accepting and understanding congregation for Jewish people who want nothing more than that for themselves, their families and their community."



הַבָּה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נָעִים שֶׁבֶת אַחִים גַם יָחַד How good and pleasant it is when Gd's people live together in unity! (Psalms 133:1) Habonim invites you to sweeten up your holiday meals with Magical Sweet Shop! Items are pareve unless otherwise noted.



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Order by Sunday, September 18 Order forms can be found at bethelsnj.org/habonim or in the flyer racks at Beth El.

Pick up Rosh Hashanah Orders: Sunday, September 25 10:00am - 12:00pm at Shabbat entrance

Pick up Yom Kippur Orders: Sunday, October 4 10:00am - 12:00pm at Shabbat entrance

#### **ROSH HASHANAH SELECTIONS:**

Jewish Apple Cake - \_\_\_x \$22 = \_\_\_\_ Jewish Blueberry Cake - \_\_\_x \$22 = \_\_\_\_ Golden Round Honey Cake - \_\_\_x \$24 = \_\_\_\_ Chocolate Ganache Truffle Cake - \_\_\_x \$24 = \_\_\_\_ Chocolate Chip Brownie Brick (6 brownies) - \_\_\_x \$21 = \_\_\_\_ Dessert Bar Sampler - \_\_\_x \$14 = \_\_\_\_ (16 mini pieces - raspberry pecan, lemon, apricot and chocolate chip brownie.)

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#### YOM KIPPUR SELECTIONS:

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| Golden Round Honey Cake x \$24 =                  |
| Chocolate Bobka x \$18 =                          |
| Chocolate Ganache Truffle Cake x \$24 =           |
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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

How To Write Your Own High Holy Day Prayers with Rabbi Krupnick Tuesday, September 6. 8:00pm

HABONIM ELUL LUNCH & LEARN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. 12:00PM BYO dairy lunch and enjoy "Why Yom Kippur is My Favorite Holiday" with Rabbi Englander.

**NERF PARTY FOR 3-5 GRADERS** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. 12:00PM Kick off the new year with a nerf battle! Bring books to donate and sort for BookSmiles.

How to Let Go of the Past and Start Anew with Rabbi Marshall Tuesday, September 13. 8:00pm

**SINGLES SHABBAT** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. 7:30PM All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.

**SELICHOT** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. 7:15 PM Details on back cover.

WHO LIVES, WHO DIES, WHO TELLS YOUR STORY? WITH HAZZAN POMERANTZ-BORO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. 8:00pm

KADIMA TOP GOLF FOR 6-8 GRADERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25. 11:00AM Join us at Top Golf Mount Laurel for our kick-off!

#### TASHLICH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. 6:00PM Toss your sins into the water at our family-friendly, all ages Tashlich program.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1. 8:00PM Religious school and ECC parents are invited to Forgotten Boardwalk Brewery to meet and greet with Rabbi Englander.

MARCH OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 2. 9:00am Join the Beth El team!

EAGLES WATCH PARTY FOR 8-12 GRADERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2. 12:30-4:00PM Chill with your friends in the Youth Lounge and root for the Eagles as they take on the Jaguars!

JCRC BOOK CLUB: IT COULD HAPPEN HERE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2. 7:00PM Join the conversation of how hate can happen anywhere with Jonathan Greenblatt, author and current CEO of the ADL.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JFCS HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5. Drop off non-perishable Kosher foods at Beth El on Yom Kippur.

SURKOT PARTY FOR 3-5 GRADERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9. 12:00PM Celebrate Sukkot with games, candy, and more!

MEN'S CLUB STEAK & SCHNAPPS IN THE SUKKAH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12. 7:00PM Our annual Sukkot steak dinner is back in person!

HABONIM SUPPER IN THE SUKKAH THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13. 5:30PM A lovely sukkot experience with meet & greet, supper, and conversation.

**PRAYERS AND PAJAMAS IN THE SUKKAH** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14. 5:30PM Special Shabbat party in the Sukkah for families with children ages 5 and under!

#### LET'S DO SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14. 5:30PM Snickerdoodles, Kabbalat Shabbat, and an all ages celebration with community Shabbat dinner.

#### Sippin' in the Sukkah

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15. 8:00PM Wine tasting and game night in the sukkah for Chevra's first event!

#### Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Krupnick

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 17. 12:00PM Timeless wisdom for the Modern Age. The cornerstone of Jewish ethics from the Talmudic age gives you advice you can use all the time.

#### Service from the Heart

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21. 6:00PM A fun, interactive musical Kabbalat Shabbat service embracing our special needs community.

#### SINGLES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21. 7:30PM All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.

#### Sisterhood Dine & Study with Rabbi Englander

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27. 6:30PM Welcome to a new year with our new rabbi at our Paid Up Membership Event.

For details and registration information, visit bethelsnj.org/calendar-2/ or contact our Events and Programs Coordinator, Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org

## LOOKING BACK AT...





## RECENT BETH EL HAPPENINGS

Rabbi Englander and Rabbi Marshall visited our Beth El campers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos! It was wonderful to see these great kids and spend the day with them at camp.





Our Schmooze & Brews with Rabbi Englander at Zed's Beer was a lovely meet & greet outing. Thank you to Juli Mandel Sloves and Glenn Sloves for helping to organize!



I scream, you scream, we all screamed for our three Ice Cream Socials this summer. It was fun to see so many members spanning the generations come out to meet Rabbi Englander and enjoy a cool treat!

## Thank You Rachel Miller



After almost a decade, Rachel Miller has retired from her role as chair of our Social Action Committee. Rachel has spearheaded our phenomenal annual MLK Day of Service events, Family Chanukah mitzvah programs, as well as

countless other social action drives and initiatives. Along with her husband, Stephen, she introduced our community to the Jewish Relief Agency and inspired our congregants to be

more actively involved with food insecurity in this area. We are so grateful for her dedication, passion, creativity, and innovation. Thank you Rachel for your many years of service to Beth El and the greater community!







## LILAH KUTIKOV

Daughter of Jessica & Alexander Kutikov September 5, 2022

Sister of: Bennett and Jonah Granddaughter of: Sharon & Robert Katz and Bella & Michael Kutikov Mitzvah Project: Inspired, collected books, and raised funds to furnish a PJ Library Resource Center at the JCC Camps at Medford.



## **JAMES GORDON**

Son of Susan & Andrew Gordon September 10, 2022

Brother of: Eliza and Kate Grandson of: Judy & Richard March, Louise & Joseph Master, and Helene & Alan Gordon

**Mitzvah Project:** Collected books for BookSmiles to distribute to children and school districts in need.



## KATHIE STEINBERG-ROSE

Daughter of Susan Bass & Howard Steinberg (z"l) September 10, 2022

Sister of: Eric Wife of: Keith Rose Mitzvah Project: Collected shoes for at-risk youth with Oaks Integrated Care.



## JACOB SILVER

Son of Lori & Steven Silver September 17, 2022

Brother of: Madelyn and David Grandson of: Susan & Frank Linder and Blanche & Joe (z"l) Silver Mitzvah Project: Participated in the 2022 American Heart Association Southern NJ Spring Heart Walk and led a team to raise money to fight heart disease in memory of his grandfather.



## ANDREW STEINER

Son of Dana & Howie Steiner October 8, 2022

Brother of: Sydney Grandson of: Tina & Lenny Steiner and Judy (z"I) & Sidney (z"I) Smith Mitzvah Project: Raised awareness for the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation in loving memory of his grandmother, Judy Smith, who passed away in 2017.



## NOAH & SPENCER RITIGSTEIN

Sons of Stephanie & Michael Ritigstein

October 15, 2022

Brothers of: Drew

**Grandsons of:** Carol & Edward (z"l) Rosof and Hinda & Jerry (z"l) Ritigstein **Mitzvah Project:** Worked with the charity Leveling the Playing Field by collecting new and used sports equipment and sorting the donations to be distributed to schools and other under resourced youth organizations.

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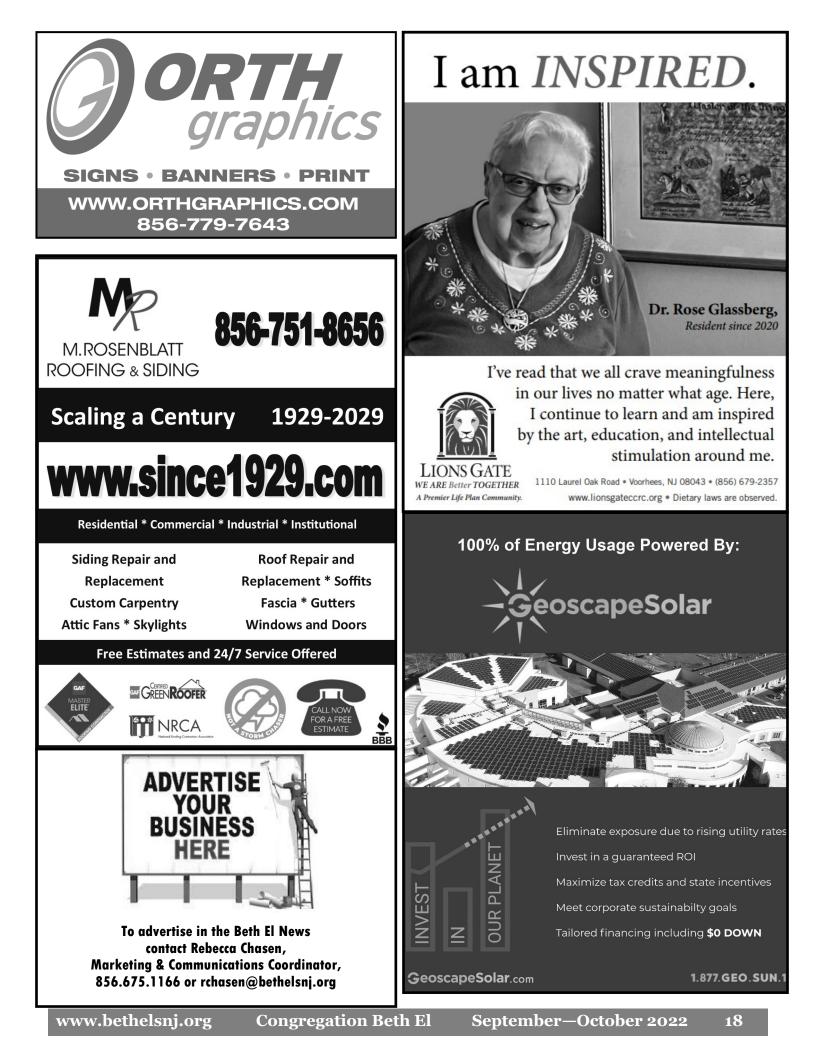
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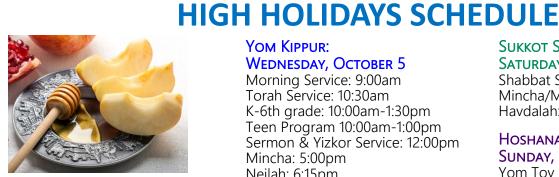
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SELICHOT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:15pm Havdalah, Program, Service: 8:15pm

#### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH:**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Evening Service: 6:00pm Candle Lighting: 6:33pm

#### **ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE:** Monday, September 26

Morning Service: 9:00am Torah Service: 10:15am K-6th grade: 10:30am-1:30pm Teen Program - 10:30am-1:30pm Tashlich: 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:30pm Candle Lighting: 7:40pm

#### **ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Morning Service: 9:00am Family Service: 10:15am Teen Program: 10:15am-11:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:30pm Havdalah: 7:29 pm

## KOL NIDRE:

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4** Mincha: 2:00pm

Family Service: 5:30 pm Candle Lighting: 6:19pm Kol Nidre: 6:30pm

#### YOM KIPPUR:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 Morning Service: 9:00am Torah Service: 10:30am K-6th grade: 10:00am-1:30pm Teen Program 10:00am-1:00pm Sermon & Yizkor Service: 12:00pm Mincha: 5:00pm Neilah: 6:15pm End of Fast: 7:26pm

**EREV SUKKOT:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 Yom Tov Services: 6:00pm

#### SUKKOT DAY ONE: Monday, October 10

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am Children's Program: 10:30am-11:30am Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:00pm Candle Lighting: 6:58pm

#### SUKKOT DAY TWO: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am Children's Program: 10:30am-11:30am Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah: 6:30pm Havdalah: 6:56pm

SUKKOT CHOL HA'MOED: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 Morning Minyan: 7:30am Ma'ariv: 7:30pm

## SUKKOT CHOL HA'MOED:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13** Morning Minyan: 7:30am Ma'ariv: 7:30pm

SUKKOT CHOL HA'MOED: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 Morning Minyan: 7:30am Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00pm SUKKOT SHABBAT: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 Shabbat Services: 9:00am Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:00pm Havdalah: 7:01pm



#### HOSHANAH RABBAH: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am Evening Minyan & Yizkor: 6:00pm Candle Lighting: 6:00pm

#### SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH: Monday, October 17

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am Children's Program: 10:00-11:00am Simchat Torah Celebration: 6:30pm

#### SIMCHAT TORAH: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am Children's Program: 10:00-11:00am Evening Minyan: 6:30pm Havdalah: 6:56pm



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