

## **NEWS**

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### Observance of Tisha b'Av at Beth El

#### MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 4

**8:00 PM**: Mincha **8:12 PM**: Fast begins

**8:20 PM**: Study with Rabbi Krupnick "Can We Ever Really Be Forgiven?:

Or Why We May Never Get the Temple Back"

Followed by Maariv and reading of Lamenttions (Eicha) in the lobby

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

**7:15 AM**: Shacharit with Torah reading and recitation and study of Kinot (liturgical poems for Tisha b'Av)

7:40 PM: Mincha (with Torah & Haftarah) and Maariv

8:40 PM: Fast ends

Summer 2014

## Parent-Child (0-3) First Notes Music Class Open to the community

Fridays, July 18th - August 22nd 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Congregation Beth EI ECC

8000 Main St., Voorhees, NJ 08043

A parent-child interactive class taught by an enthusiastic instructor who leads the class through singing, live-guitar playing, and fun activities giving children important foundations in music, rhythm, and vocalizing at a young age. Children will have the opportunity to learn while playing with egg shakers, rhythm sticks, and small manipulatives that encourage fine and gross-motor skill development.



Instructor: Kirsten Campbell - Marlton Music Training Center

Call for pricing and to register: 856-675-1166 or email yacosta@bethelsnj.org

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Frequently I am asked my favorite honor as President of our Congregation. I had a truthful and standard answer. I so enjoy sitting on the bimah for Shabbat services as it provides me with a unique perspective on our service. It is my joy to watch the Bar and Bat Mitzvah families as the service unfolds. The look in the mothers' eyes as they mouth the Torah, Haftorah and D'Var Torah as their children recite before family, friends and our Shabbat regulars. The fathers' eyes tearing up as Rabbi shares stories about grandparents who have passed. Its a wonderful honor and opportunity.

However, after a series of recent meetings I have had a change of heart. Now, my favorite honor is the opportunity I have had to meet with our community leaders. My title as President has afforded me access to the most impressive people in South Jersey. Sometimes I look around the room and just cannot believe that I have been included. Always, I try to listen and to learn. I am impressed with the participants' resumes - fantastically successful yes - devoted to our community and active in many, many

philanthropic organizations. They have a knowledge base built from what they have learned in business and industry and supplemented by what they have learned through their various philanthropic endeavors and they know so much and share so much. As my term continues I have become more comfortable meeting with these leaders, I have learned so much and hope to someday be a mentor to future leadership, just as these leaders have been so generous with their time mentoring me.

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Shortly after this article was written, the horrible plane accident which took the lives of seven people including our Congregants Lewis Katz and Susan Asbell occurred. May their memories serve as a blessing. Below is a copy of my notes which I used as *the basis* for my remarks, which I shared from the bimah the Shabbat after the incident as a tribute to our Rabbi and Hazzan for all they did to help our families, our Congregation and our community:

Last Shabbat I sat with our Hazzan and discussed Sophia Borowsky's beautiful Bat Mitzvah and the upcoming Henry Herskowitz funeral and the cycle of life. Then, just as Shabbat ended Beth El's world changed.

We cannot imagine how difficult it is to meet with family members who have just lost a loved one in order to craft a story to be told and shared. It is so much more difficult when the person who has passed is a loved one to you as well. Rabbi, you could have spent weeks or even months writing eulogies for Lewis Katz and Susan Asbell. Instead, you had two action-packed days filled with meetings, taking notes on tear-stained papers, writing, editing and most importantly listening.

On Tuesday morning at 10:00AM the Lewis and Marjorie Katz Main Sanctuary was open for what was to be a small private funeral. Hazzan chanted and sang with beauty and meaning and Rabbi you eulogized your beloved Lewis before 500 people. A former governor, a United States Senator, two sports team owners, a sports team president and so many more attended. This was a small, private funeral. This was Lewis Katz.

Then the two of you raced across town for Susan's funeral at Platt's. The service was called for 2:00PM and doors were to open at 12:30PM. By 12:45PM the line was the longest line anyone had ever seen an hour and fifteen minutes before a funeral was to begin. A touching tribute to Susan. When the service started, Hazzan chanted and sang with beauty and meaning and Rabbi, you eulogized your beloved Suasan in front of a packed house.

In addition, Temple University provided you with housing and you accepted its invitation to spend Wednesday on the dais for Lewis' memorial service, sharing your insights before a broader audience and yes, making Bill Cosby laugh.

Both of your commitments to excellence and commitments to our congregation have allowed you to do extraordinary work and you have made your Congregants proud. Thank you.

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## Rabbi Noah Arnow **Goodbye to Beth El**

In June, I attended a day-long seminar at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York for rabbis joining new congregations. Among

the many thought-provoking questions asked was, "What is ending for you as a part of this transition?" I want to share my thoughts on this question with you - and they are from me as a rabbi (still) of Beth El, separate and apart from considerations of how my family will be transitioning.

First, there is the Beth El family, the Beth El community. When I come into the chapel any given weekday morning, or stand on the bima in the Sanctuary on a Shabbat morning, or on the temporary bima in the Social Hall on the high holidays, I love scanning the room and seeing all of you there. Over the past four years, I have gotten to know so many of you, shared joy and sorrow with you intimately, chatted over bagels or kugel, beers, or no food at all. I've seen your children grow, I've seen us all age. I've seen wonderful people join the community, and beloved members leave the community. To be able to look around a room at Beth EI and know virtually everyone in it is an amazing gift and privilege. There's an unbelievable feeling of relationship, of relatedness, of connectedness, to having shared conversations and moments of holiness with so many people. And, while I know that I will forge new relationships and get to know my new community, I still have great sadness at leaving all of you. I cannot be a rabbi without, in a certain sense, loving every congregant I meet and get to know. So I feel a profound sense of loss at leaving this community of people whom I love and care about.

The other thing that for me is ending is, in a word, my apprenticeship. I came to Beth El fresh out of rabbinical school. I knew the basics of being a rabbi, after six years of school and several internships. But, it was here at Beth El that I truly learned to be a rabbi. I had two main groups of teachers over the past four years. The first is all of you. Your suggestions, always given with compassion and thoughtfulness, your reactions, your presence have all taught me so much about being a rabbi, and about humanity.

And, Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Furman have been my teachers as well. It doesn't matter what I say in a sermon - Rabbi Furman always gives me a good handshake, a smile and a kind word when he comes back up on the bima. They say people don't remember what you say or do, but how you make them feel. There are many things Rabbi Furman says, and does that I will remember, but I'll always remember that he made me feel like I was a rabbi, despite being in the presence of someone with more than fifty years in the rabbinate.

Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro has the most incredible instincts of any clergy-person in the business. As we all have experienced, she, like no other, can use music and ritual to capture and amplify a moment. She and I have shared so many conversations about



#### SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Erna Bratt, Jeffrey Camson, Shirley Wander, Margie Blum, Larry Katz

#### **BIRTHS:**

Shelly & Allan Brenner on the birth of their granddaughter, Scarlett Reese Caracciolo

Sharon & Robert Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Cora Elizabeth Laurence

Ronni & Mark Reiner on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Aiden Katz

Ann Rosenberg on the birth of her granddaughter, Lauren Danielle Fischel

Joyce & Melvin Ruthen on the birth of their grandson, Joshua Flynn Rohin

Barbara & Joe Walkes on the birth of their grandson, Rivan Bowie Walkes

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

Jocelyn & Mark Borowsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,

Laurie & Eric Grossman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel

Jill & David Hassman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,

Lil & Joe Hassman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter,

Leila & Ian Joffe on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Justen Nina & Randy Korin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Brynn

Robyn & Brett Kratchman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Mia

Marilyn & Edwin Ogen on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Noah Young

Svetlana and Alexander Litvak on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Michelle

Sheila & Samuel Mandel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Wade Rosenthal

Sheri & Jason Pecarsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter,

Audrey & David Pecarsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lia

Ellen Podell on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Rebecca

Marla & Martin Rosenthal on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Seth Aimee Rudman & Alan Vladimir on the Bar Mitzvah of their son. Eli

Hanina & Louis Ruttenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Mordechai Oppenheim in Israel

Marcy Sanders on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Harris Fermaglich

Andrea & Michael Stein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob Cookie & Allan Weinberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jacob Stein

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# SHARING OUR LIVES

#### ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES

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Joan & Ira Adler on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Beth Etra

Sylvia & Jack Moldoff on the engagement of their grand-daughter Andrea to Josh Krisch

Marilyn & Edwin Ogen on the marriage of their granddaughter, Alyssa to Mark Harrison

Nancy & Fred Rosen on the engagement of their daughter Megan to John Preston Tillery and the engagement of their son, Lee to Adria Vitlar

Illene & Warren Rubin on the marriage of their son Paul to Julie Mitzner

Joyce & Melvin Ruthen on the engagement of their son Marc to Sara Snyder

Shirley Wander on the engagement of her grandchildren Daryl Wander to Spencer Daly, Rachelle Wander to Lance Mitchell and Aimee Stahl to Zachary Herrmann

Shirley Yaffa on the engagement of her grandchildren Sarah Ahava Yaffa to Idan Aharon Mogen in Israel and the engagement of Shmuel Yaffa to Sara Howard

Larry Zitomer on the engagement of his grandson Brandon to Lauren Goetsch

#### BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Susan Asbell, wife of Sam, mother of Stacy Levin

Leon Cohen, husband of Zena

Nathan Heier, father of Steven Heier

Henry Herskowitz, father of Jeffrey Herskowitz and Lisa Fox

Leila Joffe on the loss of her grandmother, Josie

Lewis Katz, father of Drew Katz and Melissa Sliver

Ilse Manders, mother of Steve Manders

Edward Small, husband of Romayne

Pauline Steinberg

Buni Tarnapol, mother of Neil Tarnapol

# IN MEMORIAM

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The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

#### **Lewis Katz**

Beloved father of Drew (Rachel) Katz, Melissa (Stephen) Sliver

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

#### Susan Asbell

Beloved wife of Samuel Asbell Beloved mother of Stacy (Andy) Levin, Steven J. Asbell Beloved grandmother of Madeline, Jessica and Devyn

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

#### **Leon Cohen**

Beloved husband of Zena Cohen Beloved father of Phillip (Livia) Cohen, Mark (Rona) Cohen, Hilary (Ethan) Stolzenberg



#### Casual Shabbat at Beth El

We invite you to Join us Shabbat Mornings now thru August 30 for

Casual Shabbat



Shed your suits, jackets and ties for a more casual attire.

After services stay and enjoy a light Kiddush with friends.



Services begin at 9am, but Shul begins when YOU get there!!!

(No cutoffs or t-shirts please)

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Edward I. Small** 

Beloved husband of Romayne

#### IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Pauline Steinberg

May her memory be for a blessing

## LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM



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

The Grinspoon Foundation challenged all of the participating organizations – and almost every Jewish organization in our area is participating - to obtain at least eighteen (18) Endowment commitments during each of the first two (2) years of the program. Our committee is pleased to advise you that **Beth EI was the first** of the organizations involved to meet and surpass the Grinspoon Foundation challenge. We have obtained approximately twenty-two (22) Endowment commitment letters, and have secured the first of the \$5,000 grants available less than half way through the first year of the program.

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Our Committee will be happy to discuss various options with you.

All of us thank those who have helped to ensure Beth El's future.

Cathy & Marc Backal Susan & David Backal Donna & Richard Bell Pam & Bob Benedon Jocelyn & Mark Borowsky Amy & Eric Clayman June & Steven Eisner & Family Deborah & Edward Hochberg Jerome Katz

Alison & Andrew Keim Helene & Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Leon & Fran Levy Victor & Suzanne Levy Judy & Donald Love Lynn Goldman Paul Hilary & Harry Platt Ilene Rosen & P. Todd Rowan Sharon & Adam Sackstein

Gary & Faye Shapiro Karen & David Schlessel & Family Glenn Sloves & Juli Mandel Sloves Lauren & Jonathan Soll Stuart & Judith Wasserlauf Jennifer & Jim Weiss

### Rabbi Noah Arnow **Goodbye to Beth El**

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everything related to synagogue life and lore, and she has and encouraging mentor to me whose example I will carry advised and steered and encouraged me so much. As I prepare to lead my congregation, I know I'll be asking myself regularly, what would Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro be singing for this moment?

And Rabbi Krupnick? I have been your apprentice. I've watched you do virtually everything you do as a rabbi here, participated, helped, and absorbed, I hope. You have challenged me in ways that have been at times uncomfortable, but always necessary, and I, and the shul have benefited. I've watched you at board meetings and funerals, giving sermons, speaking to bat mitzvah girls and confirmation classes. I remember when I first met you, we were talking about sermons, and you said that you believed your words, spoken as a rabbi, could have an impact on people, could make a difference in their lives. I was skeptical then, but I am a believer now. You have been a gracious, supportive

with me my entire rabbinate and my entire life. Thank you.

As an apprentice, the final decisions about so many things here at Beth EI, were not mine. There is a certain degree of carefreeness that one can have when s/he is not the person ultimately responsible. As my apprenticeship ends, so does that ability to be carefree. But, the only reason I am prepared to take on the responsibility of my own congregation now is because all of you have been my teachers, and all I have learned at Beth El.

I will be in Cherry Hill through the end of July and would love to see you before I leave. After that please be in touch via email and Facebook.

> Lehitraot—farewell! Rabbi Noah Arnow



# BE CLUBS

## MEN'S CLUB



The summer months are here. I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and making the most of the season. After the winter we had, we deserve a great summer!

Men's Club is busy putting the calendar together for this upcoming year, but there are some events going on this summer. If you get the opportunity, please join us.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

We will be having our annual summer Bar-B-Q. It is a nice opportunity to get to know some of your fellow congregants, while enjoying the weather and dinner.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank some of our Men's Club members for all they do:

Bill Baranoff – Membership
Henry David – Kitchen crew
Bruce DuBoff – Kitchen crew head, flyers
Mike Glass – Treasurer
Ray Katz – Men's Club Shabbat coordinator
Craig Kessler – Kitchen crew, Shalach Manot
Bennett Shanker – Sports Coordinator
Gary Shapiro – Kitchen crew, special event coordinator and senior advisor

Thank you to each and every one of you. Your contributions are a key reason that we are successful.

Finally, we would like to congratulate David Breslau for his appointment as Regional Men's Club President.

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

## 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



As I complete my second year of Presidency of Beth El Sisterhood, I realize how lucky I am to have had such an opportunity to meet and work with the women of Beth El. Sisterhood women work, volunteer, plan, coordinate, implement and oversee so many projects, both in the synagogue and in our community and our efforts have been noted. I am ecstatic to say that we will be receiving an emerald Jewel in the Crown award at this year's International Women's League Convention in July, to recognize the outstanding work our Sisterhood has done over the last two years in education, programming, Torah Fund and Social Action. Congratulations to all the women who participated in Sisterhood events over the past two years as this award is for all of us. And, a big congratulations to our member, Ilene Rubin, who will be installed as an International Vice President at convention as well. I do still have a few people to thank for some events this past year. First, I want to thank Cathy Backal for running our Game/ Mahjong night in May. We had about 20 women, both new players and veterans, come out and learn how to play mahiong and we got a few great games going. Second, I want to thank Renee **Kessler** for coordinating all of our Chesed cooking events this past year. This is a huge undertaking, as several thousand meals are cooked throughout the year, ensuring that meals are always available for our congregants in need, as well as other members of the community. Third, I want to thank Michele Miron and

Laurie Kolmins for coordinating our monthly Social Action collections and ensuring they were delivered to the appropriate organizations. Fourth, I want to thank Linda Lazarow and all of the gift shop volunteers who keep the gift shop running 52 weeks a year. Fifth, I want to thank our weekly Wednesday morning minyan discussion leaders, Rabbi Arnow, Hazzan Pomerantz Boro, Helene Krupnick and Hedda Morton, for your enlightening and inspiring discussions each week, and Risa Wittman for coordinating the weekly minyan. Last, I want to give a special thank you to two Board Members who stepped down from the Sisterhood Board to take on other leadership roles in the community, Ann Miller and Sharon Sackstein. Sisterhood is grateful for all you have done over the years and we wish you good luck in your new endeavors.

On behalf of Sisterhood, I want to wish a very special thank you and goodbye to Rabbi Arnow and his family as they leave Beth El and move on to bigger and better things. Rabbi and Tammy have both contributed greatly to Sisterhood over the last few years and we will miss you. We wish you nothing but good things as you enter this new stage in your lives.

I am really looking forward to service as President for one more year. I have already met with my new Board to plan some awesome programs and events for next year. Please watch your mailbox over the summer for our Membership Packet which will include a tentative schedule for next year along with your dues envelope. I wish everyone a great summer and don't forget to send back your dues envelope when you receive it at the end of the summer. Sisterhood needs your support in order to continue to do all the great work it does.

B'Shalom, Faye Shapiro, President





Come One, Come All

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

> Friday July 18 8 PM

Friday August 15 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



Sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 1PM

**OPENING MEETING** 

Enjoy a fun filled afternoon Filled with a surprise quest.

Renew old friends & meet new friends.

Light refreshments served.





## Membership Welcomes

our newest members:

Ivy Brown Rovner and Eric Rovner
Orly and David Soffy



To the volunteers that answered the call for getting the May, June issue of the Beth El News stuffed, sealed, labeled and bagged. They are as follows:

Barbara & Marty Brodack
Susan Backal
Ann Miller
Lois Schatz
Elaine & Herb Horwitz

Marlene Mollen
Mort Hirsch
Toby Dubner
Arlene Plasky

I apologize if I overlooked anyone – Much appreciated! Shirley



## 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.

Mazal Tov to Max DuBoff on becoming the 2014-2015 HaZamir International Teen Leader Co-Chair

Mazal Tov to Meredith Becker on her promotion to Executive Director at Brightview Senior Living, Mt. Laurel



#### Café 66

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration at Beth El



Beth El Adult Choir performing at Café 66



L to R: Gil Hoffman, Key Note Speaker Steve Beilowitz, Benefactor Yaffa Fuchs, Cafe 66 Co-Chair Rabbi Krupnick & Eric Clayman

## ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS & PARENTS!

BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION COMMITTEE IS NOW ACCEPTING ADDRESSES FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR\*\*

Help us keep our Beth El college students connected to their shul and Jewish community. We provide holiday packages and Beth El news updates throughout the school year. If you would like your student to participate in this <u>free</u> program, please submit the following information to:

Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or (856)428-5145

Student Name School Address Student's e-mail address Name of School/Class Year Parent Name and Phone #

#### **DEADLINE FOR INFO IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014**

Names submitted after this date will be added to the December Hanukkah list.

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

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

Sponsored by the David Back College Connection Fund Anyone wishing to make a donation to the College Connection Fund may do so by calling the office at 856-675-1166 x 139

### MAZAL TOV

## Seth Harris Rosenthal

Hebrew Name: Selig Tzvi ben Moshe Ber

V Miriam Nechama

**Son of:** Marla and Marty Rosenthal

Brother of: Lyle

**Grandson of:** Arlene & Mel Grundt

Libby and Jerry (of blessed memory) Rosenthal

Pet Dog: Max

**Seth read the Torah Portion:** 

Shelach \* June 14, 2014

Seth's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:

Working with Heroes to Heroes - an organization that helps US veterans with PTSD by sending them to Israel to regain their faith. Seth created a slide show for their website and for presentations and is volunteering at their golf outing. He plans to continue working with them. Seth also held a drive for a homeless shelter and collected books for a school.

# NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Megan Nachod, Director

## The Early Childhood Center Year in Review



We played in the snow, over and over and over



We investigated our food, the growing and harvesting seasons, how plants grow, but mostly how they *taste*.



We learned to take care of our planet by recycling . . .



... and how to decorate delicious treats.



We wore silly hats for the day . . .



. . and made shofars that we could really blow.



The firefighters made our day with a visit to the school





Whether it was the 1st day or the 100th day, the fun never stopped. Want to join the fun next year? Call 856-675-1166, ext 420 or email mnachod@bethelsnj.org

# BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director



Hi Everyone, Hope you're having a great summer!

> Tzeytchem L'Shalom U'v'hatzlacha Rabbi Arnow!

On behalf of our students, parents, school board, teachers and staff, I'd like to wish Rabbi Noah, Tammy, Caleb, Hallel and Avra Arnow,

*tzeytchem l'shalom* and happiness as they venture onward to their new home in St. Louis, MO., where Rabbi Arnow will become Rabbi of Kol Rina Congregation. We will miss you!

#### Religious School Secretarial Change

We also wish to thank Flossie Baranoff, Religious School Secretary, who's been with us since 1998. Flossie, fortunately, is not leaving Beth El, but her role is changing. As of July 7, Flossie will become the Hazzan's part/time Secretary.

Religious School & Hebrew High are thrilled to welcome Kimberly Chandler as their new Administrative Assistant. You can reach her at <a href="mailto:kchandler@bethelsnj.org">kchandler@bethelsnj.org</a>

#### B'hatzlacha Binyamin Stone!

New Hebrew High School Coordinator
Binyamin is already busy making plans for a rejuvenated
Hebrew High School, meeting with students, parents and faculty to revamp, reframe and retool our program.

Join us on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/groups/874047765842228/

## Rosh Hodesh; It's A Girl Thing! Informational Meeting for Girls Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and their Moms

Tuesday, August 19
7:00 PM
at the home of
Dr. Gary and Faye Shapiro
1109 Crane Drive,
Cherry Hill NJ 08003

Thanks to the generosity of **Congregation Beth El's Sisterhood**, we are entering our 7th year of **Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing!**, a national award winning program for adolescent girls in 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade. It is a contemporary monthly celebration of the ancient New Moon (*Rosh Hodesh*) holiday that helps to build girls' self-esteem, leadership skills and Jewish identity in fun, intimate monthly gatherings, facilitated by a knowledgeable, fully-trained, dynamic Jewish woman.

The self contained program uses Jewish teachings and engaging activities to empower pre-adolescent and adolescent girls to navigate the life issues they care about most, including body image, stress, popularity, friendship, romantic relationships, and family. All issues which I know you will agree, are so important for our young women.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade girls from last year will be continuing into their year Bet and Gimmel, respectively and our newest group of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will be beginning their Year Aleph in the fall. See what Rosh Hodesh Girls are saying all over the country.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCQfvmGRjwQ#t=96

#### Beth El's Young Torah Readers

Beth El is proud of its Torah Readers. Do you know that last year more than eighty pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children from Religious School and Kellman Brown Academy read Torah at Beth El's Junior Congregation and Main Sanctuary. Some of the children were as young as six or seven years old. That's a remarkable record.

Here are the names of our Torah Readers for 5774

Oh, sorry, I guess you can't read that. Well, that's what our children see when they read directly from the Torah!

Want to read Torah this High Holiday Season?

Caleb Arnow, Eli Aumiller, Rivka Back, Elizabeth Berg, Jacob Berg, Perry Bernard, Zoe Blackman, Rachel Boroda, Natalie Borowsky, Adina Boyd, Mackenzie Bralow, Lily Cohen, Max Cwanger, Ava Dahan, Noah Deibler, Ben Derman, Cara Dias, Melody Dias, Seth Drachman, Aidan Dworkin, Aidan Epstein, Aidan Falk, Adam Feinstein, Sam Frieman, Sofia Gardner, Madison Glauser, Jamie Goldberg, Kyle Goldstein, Nino Grife, Laina Harding, Macy Harding, Caleb Heller, Juliet Heller, Joseph Hochberg, Maddie Jacobs, Jake Kasper, Samantha Keim, Carly Kolmins, Hannah Leibowitz, Isabella Levin, Nadine Litvak, Samantha Markoff, Jacob Miller, Evan Orel, Julia Orel, Ben Packman, Marlee Petkov, Gavin Poulshock, Andrew Rowan, Sydney Rowan, Brett Schuster, Elyse Schwartz, John Schweitzer, Alexa Segal, Jenna Serotta, Melissa Shapiro, Sean Shapiro, Emily Silver, Nava Silver, Ben Sloves, Raquel Sloves, Ariel Steinberg, Alexandra Sztejman, Caleb Unterlack, Jake Unterlack, Ben Wakshul, Nadav Warszawski, Hannah Weber, Marissa Weinberg, Danial Weinstock, Vanya Weinstock, Jared Wilen, Emma Wolf, Jordyn Wolf, Nathan Wolf, Nicole Wolf, Aidan Woods, Eva Woods, Jake Zaretsky, Mia Zaretsky

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# BELL LIBRARY NEWS Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian



Due to recent changes, the Library will be closed July and August.

Please visit when we reopen in September. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Please remember to support the library by contributing to the Library Fund. For each \$25.00 donation, you can dedicate a book in the library. The book will be inscribed and a personalized letter will be sent to the honoree. Book dedications are the perfect way to say "Happy Birthday," "Mazal Tov," or "Thank You," and they are appropriate for condolences and yahrzeits. Call the library (675-1166, ext. 503) to dedicate.

#### Beth El Religious School

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#### *Here are the opportunities:*

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## **Congregation Beth El**

July 2014

Tammuz—Av 5774

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

\*\*\*Sunday 8:30 AM\*\*\*

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

**Notes & Exception Below:** 

Friday, July 4th— 8:30AM

Tuesday, July 15th— Fast 17th of Tammuz - 7:15AM

Monday, July 28th—Rosh Chodesh Av -7:15AM

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

	Monday, June 30—Thursday, July 3	8:30PM
8:14PM	Friday, July 4	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 5	8:25PM
	Sunday, July 6—Thursday, July 10	8:30PM
8:12PM	Friday, July 11	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 12	8:25PM
	Sunday, July 13—Thursday, July 17	8:25PM
8:08PM	Friday, July 18	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 19th	8:20PM
	Sunday, July 20—Thursday, July 24	8:20PM
8:03PM	Friday, July 25	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 26	8:10PM
	Sunday, July 27—Thursday, July 31	8:15PM

## AUGUST MINCHA TIMES



### **Congregation Beth El**

August , 2014 Av-Elul 5774

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

\* \* \* Sunday 8:30 AM \* \* \*

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Notes & Exception: Monday, August 4th—Erev Tisha B'Av—7:15AM

Tuesday, August 5th— Tisha B'Av - 7:15AM

Tuesday, August 26th—Rosh Chodesh Elul— 7:15AM

Wednesday, August 27th—Rosh Chodesh Elul -7:15AM

Monday, September 1st—Labor day—8:30AM

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

7:56PM	Friday, August 1	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 2	8:05PM
	Sunday, August 3	8:05 PM
	Monday, August 4th—Erev Tisha B'Av	8:00PM
	Tuesday, August 5th— Tisha B'Av	7:10PM
	Wednesday, August 6th— Thursday Aug.7	8:05PM
7:48PM	Friday, August 8	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 9	7:55PM
	Sunday, August 10—Thursday, August 14	8:00PM
7:39PM	Friday, August 15	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 16	7:45PM
	Sunday, August 17—Thursday, August 21	7:50PM
7:30PM	Friday, August 22	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 23	7:35PM
	Sunday, August 24—Thursday, August 28	7:40PM
7:19PM	Friday, August 29	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 30	7:25PM
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