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Sunday, April 17 - Annual Meeting Thursday, May 12 - Café 68, A Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration Sunday, May 22– Open House at our Annual Picnic



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LAUREN SOLL



What an honor and privilege it has been this past year serving as the President of Beth El. I have been so fortunate to meet and work with so many interesting and talented people. As President, it has been eye-opening to see how hard both our staff and volunteers have worked together to continue to provide the education, services and programming that makes Beth El such a special place.

As I think back over this past year, I find myself thinking about the tremendous spirit of volunteerism we have at Beth El. The United States designates a week to salute all the volunteers in the country. This year, National Volunteer Week is the week of April 10 - 16. Many websites related to volunteerism proclaim, "Volunteers are the roots of a strong community." In our case,

volunteers are essential to help our shul grow strong and be successful. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers who chair or participate on the committees that are the backbone of our synagogue. Thank you to all our countless volunteers who help make things happen at Beth El. One of our most significant accomplishments this past year has been the growth of our shul membership. Since May, we have welcomed 43 new families to our Beth El family. I want to extend a special thank you to one of our valued volunteers, Debra Kelberg (Membership and Religious School Committee Chair), who along with Tamar Barkan (Director of Membership, Events and Programming), have made tremendous recruitment and follow-up efforts which have greatly benefited our shul.

Over the year, we have welcomed many new incredible staff members to our team of professionals including Rabbi Andy Green as Assistant Rabbi, Dina Eliezer as Early Childhood Center Director, Josh Laster as Executive Director, Beth Josephs as Clergy Executive Administrator, Davida Chornock as Educational Opportunities Specialist and new Marketing, Communications & Membership Specialist, and Mike Mellace as Controller. Together as a team, along with our existing staff members, including Rabbi Krupnick and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, our synagogue continues to run efficiently and meet the needs of our congregants.

Sadly, at the end of this school year, we bid a bittersweet farewell to Yaffa Fuchs, our amazing and talented Religious School Director, who will be retiring after 27 years at our shul. We are so grateful for all she has done educating not only students but also adults through her inspiring adult education programs. In addition, Yaffa has been instrumental in starting our special needs program, Project Lev, which has become a model for other shuls across the county. We wish her only the best and much happiness on her retirement.

With Passover soon approaching, I encourage you to purchase scrip for all your shopping needs. Our scrip program is a significant part of our budget and brings in revenue so that we can continue to bring to Beth El so many wonderful events and programs. I want to wish you and your family a sweet and Happy Passover!

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JOIN US FOR THE BETH EL ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016 10:00 AM

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast • Meet our leadership • Hear about the state of our synagogue Welcome our new Board of Trustees and our new Beth El members

Go to www.bethelsnj.org/bylaws to see the proposed Bylaw changes

Special Tributes to:

LESLIE BRESLAU, ANDREA MILLSTEIN, STEVEN EISNER
Outgoing Officers

YEARIT ACOSTA & FLOSSIE BARANOFF

In Appreciation of their years of Service

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RABBI AARON KRUPNICK



Memorable Meals

As I sit down to write this article Purim is in the rearview mirror and Pesach is fast approaching. Pretty soon we'll be gathering with family and friends for our sedarim. When I ask our b'nai mitzvah students what their favorite Jewish holiday is, more than half say "Passover." When I ask them why they say, "Because that's when our family comes together." And I know it is true, even if you rarely hear a kid say, "You know, we ought to get together as a family more often." They may not say it, but they are thinking it. Being with family represents stability and a sense of rootedness, for us, and for our children.

When I was a boy we almost always spent Sundays with my grandparents. My Bubby and Zayde did not drive so my Mom would go down town and pick them up and bring them back to our house. On the other hand, Pop-pop and Mommio lived close by so they'd just come over on their own, usually with smoked fish in hand. I looked forward to those meals we shared way back when. The details are blurred, but the memory lingers on... Times have changed and I suspect that many families no longer have the time to get together on the weekends; it's hard to carve out that family time when we can share a meal like that... But I have a suggestion: Have those weekend family meals at Beth El on Shabbos morning!

We have an absolutely awesome Kiddush each and every week after shul on Shabbos with hot kugels, a salad bar, sandwiches, smoked fish, cookies and cake, hot coffee and tea, and even top shelf schnapps for those so inclined. People come and linger; it's a great place for families and friends to... well... congregate. We do the cooking (with a staff of volunteers) and the cleaning; all you need to do is come and hang out. It's a safe and contained environment where kids can be kids. Think how nice it would be to have the family meet in shul – for Junior Congregation or our Sanctuary service, and then stay and linger as long as you like over a yummy lunch.

And when family come to visit from out of town, think of Shabbos lunch in shul, too. We have a magnificent building, inspiring services, and wonderful children's programming each and every week; take pride in hosting your family in your spiritual home. It doesn't matter whether you are here every week or every so often, whether you come for an hour or two, or three, you'll feel like you have done something good and important every time you come to shul on Shabbos. Make it a priority and you'll be making memories that will last a lifetime.

SHARING OUR LIVES

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Lauren & David Chesnick on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sara.

Delores & Jerry Gerstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sloane.

Jennifer & Michael Gerstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sloane.

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

Debbie & Ed Hochberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joseph.

Paula & Mitchel Jayson on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Hallie & Harris.

Eileen & Allan Laufgraben on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Morgan.

Jodi & Ross Laufgraben on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Morgan.

Lori & Steven Silver on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madelyn.

Melissa & Jonathan Sinrich on the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons, Jacob & Jared.

Rose & Sol Schwartz on the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandsons, Jacob & Jared Sinrich.

Phyllis Steinsaltz on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Joseph Hochberg.

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SHARING OUR LIVES

ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES:

Arielle Gelman & Justin Cohen on their marriage.

Linda & David Wander on the marriage of their daughter, Dana, to Jared Satkoff.

Shirley Wander on the marriage of her granddaughter, Dana.

BIRTHS:

Rita & Alan Kagan on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabel Rachel Fredette.

Rabbi Andy & Charlene Green on the birth of their son, Beck Roosevelt.

Myra & David Gutin on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Natalie Chess.

Nancy & John Kravitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordan Belle Lebovitz.

Shirley Yaffa on the birth of her newest great-grandson, Meir.

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Norma Kamis

BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Jeff Camson, father of Renee Seigel.
Irvin Dworkin, father of Brian Dworkin.
Molly Furman, wife of Rabbi Isaac Furman.
Larry Lazarow, brother of Ken Lazarow.

Marc Levin, husband of Joan Langer, father of Lisa Stegall.

Joseph Krupnick, father of Brad Krupnick.

Florence Sklar Resnick, mother of Myrna Sorokin, grandmother of Lisa Sorokin Cohen, Evan & Michelle Sorokin and Lauren Neff.

Fred Ruttenberg, husband of Judy, brother of Carole Goldin Renee Shapiro, wife of Steven Shapiro.

Dolores Steinberg, mother and Bernard Steinberg, father of James Steinberg, grandparents of Marc & Rebecca Steinberg Larry Zitomer, husband of the late Bea Zitomer.



The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Molly Furman

Wife of Rabbi Isaac Furman Mother of Esther (Jack) Miles and Phyllis (Jonathan) Wagoner Sister of Frieda Gilden, Gershon Willner and Adele Berkowitz

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Fred Ruttenberg

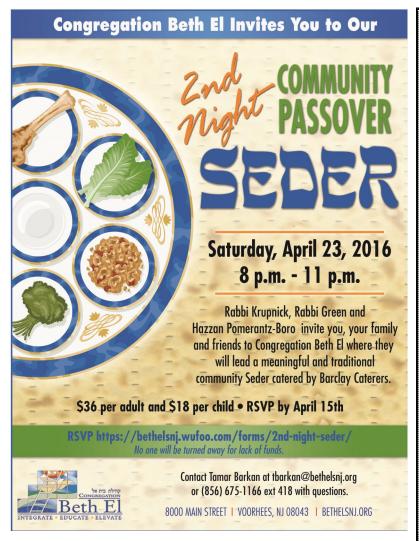
Husband of Judy
Father of Dina (Adam) Blackman and Betsy (John) Contant
Brother of Carole Goldin

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Renee Shapiro

Wife of Steven

Mother of Stacy Shapiro and Marci (Michael) Rosenstein



DON'T BE A SLAVE TO YOUR STOVE ALL PASSOVER!

FREE YOURSELF TUESDAY, APRIL 26 AND LET US DO THE COOKING.

FREEDOM CAFÉ 5-8 PM

\$18 AN ADULT & \$12 A CHILD RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

856-675-1166 X. 418 TAMAR BARKAN

> KOSHER FOR PASSOVER MENU AND MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

PASSOVER SCHEDULE 2016- 5776

EREV PESACH

Search for Chametz Thurs. Eve. April 21
Siyum for 1st Born Fri. Morn. April 22 - 7:00 AM
Last time to eat Chametz
Fri. Morn. April 22 - before 11:08 AM

SEDER SCHEDULE

First Seder, Friday Evening April 22 Second Seder, Saturday Evening April 23

EVENING SERVICES

First Night Fri., April 22 6:00 PM Second Night Sat., April 23 6:00 PM

MORNING SERVICE

First Day Saturday April 23 9:00 AM Second Day Sunday April 24 9:00 AM

CHOL HAMOED MINYAN TIMES

Tues. April 26 - 7:15 AM & 7:50 PM Wed.April 27 - 7:15 AM & 7:50 PM Thurs. April 28 - 7:15 AM & 7:50 PM Fri. April 29 - 7:15 AM & 7:50 PM

LAST DAYS EVENING SERVICE

Thursday, April 28 6:00 PM Friday, April 29 6:00 PM Saturday, April 30 7:35 PM (Service to End Pesach)

LAST DAYS MORNING SERVICE

Seventh Day Pesach
Friday, April 29 9:00 AM
Eighth Day Pesach, Shabbat & Yizkor
Saturday, April 30 9:00 AM

PESACH CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Fri. Evening, April 22 - 7:27 PM Saturday Eve. April 23 8:30 PM Thurs. Evening, April 28 - 7:34 PM Friday Eve. April 29 7:35 PM

Questions and Answers by Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Q: When is the Fast of the First Born?

A: The Siyum of the Fast of the First Born will be held on Friday morning, April 22 at 7:00AM. We will conclude a seder (order) of Mishna at the end of services so as to negate the need to fast.

Q: When do we Search for Chametz?

A: Following a thorough cleaning of the house, the search for leaven is held on **Thursday after night fall, April 21.** Breadcrumbs are placed conspicuously in rooms where food is normally eaten. Using a candle, a search is made and the crumbs are whisked with a feather on to a wooden spoon and then in to a paper bag. The prayer said at this time is found in the Haggadah.

Q: What do we do with the crumbs in the bag? Where is Chametz burned?

A: They should be burned on **Friday morning**, **April 22.** After morning Minyan (7:00AM), we will have a small bonfire in a steel drum in the parking lot to burn your Chametz. Parents and children can come between **8:15AM and 9:00AM** that morning to share in this ritual.

Q: How and why do I Sell my Chametz?

- A: On Pesach it is forbidden to possess Chametz.
- B: All Chametz that will not be eaten or burned needs to be sold to a non-Jew through a transaction facilitated by the Rabbis of Beth El. (Sale of Chametz form below.) It should be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul no later than Thursday, April 21 no later than 12 pm.

Foods During Pesach

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: All uncertified products of the 5 specified grains traditionally identified as Chametz: oats, wheat, barley, rye and spelt. This includes such products as bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers and cereal, etc. Ashkenazic custom has us refraining from eating rice, corn, peas and legumes because when ground they can be confused for those grains listed above. However, in a different form, some of the derivative products of these foods are permitted such as peanut oil. With so much *hechshered* food available in our area, it is best just to look for the certification on foods.

Kashering Utensils

Pots and Pans: Silverware and pots must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned and then completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

<u>Earthenware:</u> China & pottery etc. may not be kashered.

Ovens & Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed. Oven & range should be on as hot as possible for ½ hour.

<u>Microwaves:</u> After a thorough cleansing, a cup of hot water should be brought to a boil until most of the water disappears.

<u>Dishwasher:</u> The Rabbinical Assembly has ruled that after not using the machine for 24 hours, running a full cycle through empty with detergent will kasher a dishwasher for Pesach.

<u>Tables</u>, <u>Food</u>, <u>Closets</u> & <u>Counters</u>: Should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. Then they may be used.

<u>Kitchen Sink</u>: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

DELEGATION OF POWER SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM

I hereby authorize Rabbi Aaron Krupnick to be my agent to sell all kinds of Chametz including but not limited to any leavened food, dishes, pots, pans and utensils used with leavened food, which may be in my possession at the address below. Rabbi Krupnick is also empowered to lease all places wherein Chametz owned by me may be found, particularly at the address listed below. Rabbi Krupnick has full right to appoint any agent or substitute in his stead and said substitute shall have full right to sell and to lease as provided herein.

I understand that the sale will be effected at sundown **on Friday, April 22.**

This form is to be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul by Thursday, April 21 no later than 12 pm.

MEN'S CLUB

The warm weather is right around the corner. The promise of spring and summer really gets me going.

First off, I would like to announce that after 4 years, I will be stepping down as Men's Club President and I am very excited to announce that Larry Hanover will become the next Men's Club President. Larry is a very caring, energetic individual and I know he will do a great job! Congratulate him when you see him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several other members of Men's Club whose efforts help make all our programming possible (please thank them when you see them as well):

Bill Baranoff Ray Katz
Bruce DuBoff Craig Kessler
Henry David Gary Shapiro
Mike Glass Bennett Shanker

Our calendar starts to slow down this time of year but there are still two more installments of our Torah on Tap series. The first is on Wednesday April 6 and the second is on Thursday May 5, both at Tir Na Nog (8:30pm). If you haven't been to one yet, then why not give it a chance and make one of these your first. Please check the Beth El Buzz for more information on Torah on Tap (or contact Andrew Bender at abender@anchortex.com).

Our annual Men's Club Shabbat will be on Saturday, April 30. We will be leading the service and have parts for anyone who would like one. A synagogue wide kosher for Passover lunch follows the service. If you would like to participate, please contact Larry Abrams at rochesterra@gmail.com.

If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in Men's Club, has a good programming idea or would like to assist in bringing speakers, please send an email to Larry Hanover at hanovers4@comcast.net. Soon, we will be putting together next year's calendar and we are always looking for good ideas. If there is a program you would like to see on the calendar, this is a great time to let us know.

I hope to see you soon.

Yoel Weiss - President

Sisterhood

Sisterhood has lots to get excited about this spring. Check out these upcoming events and plan to join us!

Wednesday, April 6 – Israeli Dancing is coming to Beth El. Join us the first Wednesday of each month from 8-9:30 pm. No experience needed as our professional instructor, Vera Galid, will have us up and dancing in no time. Costs \$10.

Sunday, April 10 - Virtual Passover Recipe Share. Let's get set for Passover by sharing our favorite recipes on line. Starting on April 1, we'll have a Facebook page set up to share your favorite go to recipes. Look for more information in the Buzz.

Wednesday, April 13 –Wine, Dine and Study. Please come join your friends and enjoy good food and scintillating conversation while we study with our very own Rabbi Krupnick. We will also have a pre-dinner wine tasting of some great Passover wines. This is an event you don't want to miss!! Cost is \$25 which includes the wine tasting, dinner and program. Payment in advance is required. Evening is being chaired by Cathy Backal and Beth Brodkin. RSVP to Cathy at cbackal@comcast.net

Sunday, May 1 – join your Beth El Sisters for a wonderful day out of the building. Look for more information in the Buzz and on line.

Monday, May 9 – Rosh Chodesh, It's a Woman's Thing. We'll be welcoming the new month of Iyar with music, study and friendship.

Here are some photos of the amazing events we held in February and March:





We welcome all Beth El women at our events. Please come out and share in the power of Sisterhood.

Renee Kessler, President 429-2258 or <u>rbkess@comast.net</u>

BE CLUBS

Grillin' up a good time! Please join us for a Habonim Barbecue!

Thursday, June 2 6 p.m. The Courtyard at Congregation Beth El Rain or Shine

\$15 pp - ---3+

Don't wiss it!



Please reserve: Number of Tickets___@\$15 pp = Total_ Name_____

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Please make check payable to: Beth El Habonim

Mail to: Morton Kanovsky 9 Anvil Court Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 or give to Shirley in BE office. Please Note: Reservation & Payment due by: May 26, 2016

Are you a member of Beth El and want to connect with others with similar interests? Then Habonim is for you!

Over 15 years ago, Rabbi Krupnick had a vision whereby members with empty nests could continue to experience a social and cultural outlet within the synagogue. From this vision Habonim was created and remains an active arm of our synagogue. We are inspired by our love of Beth El and strive to provide in-house activities as well as trips to places of interest. All of our events are very well attended and positively received!

Habonim is a group of vibrant, supportive, and dedicated individuals who are delighted to include everyone in our organization, long standing Beth El members and newcomers as well. We know you will enjoy the wonderful benefit of developing long-lasting friendships.

We are a family within the Beth El family.

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Won't you join us? Just come, enjoy, get involved, and have fun. Become part of Habonim!

You will be glad you did!!

For more information, please contact Judy Simkin at 856-829-2651 or lensim@comcast.net or Margie Blum at 856-234-2814 or margieblum@comcast.net

You won't want to miss our trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC on Sunday September 18,2016.

More information to follow.

Join us for

Wednesday Morning Minyan 7:30am

Pray, schmooze, nosh, learn

Sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood

From Sisterhood and Men's Club

Our sincere thank you to those congregants who participated in the mitzvah of sending Shalach Manot and to those who came out to pack and deliver over 570 bags.

We could not have done it without you!

Renee and Craig Kessler Amanda and Adam Weissman





SINGLES SHABBAT

Meet people of all ages in the warm & safe environment of Beth El. Shabbat service is FREE and open to ALL! Held every third Friday of

the month at 8 PM in the small Chapel. Oneg to follow services; no reservations are needed.

Join us! April 15 May 20 June 17

Contact Norma ♥ Kamis: P: (856) 662-7916 E: normatrack@verizon.net



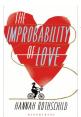


BELL LIBRARY NEWS AMY KAPLAN, CONGREGATION LIBRARIAN



Downton Abbey fans – and other Anglophiles – we have new novels you won't want to miss. Here's one for you: Natasha Solomons' new novel, *The Song of Hartgrove Hall*. Solomons, a British writer, sets her novel in Dorset, England, opening the action on New Year's Eve, 1946. The once-grand

Hartgrove Hall, where the New Year's Eve gala takes place, is in need of saving, and the two brothers who own it are determined to do just that. Things get complicated when Jewish wartime singer Edie Rose arrives on the scene. Readers will quickly become engrossed in this story of the power of music, loss, and joy. It's a love story that will keep readers turning the pages, and maybe reaching for a handkerchief. Pour a cup of tea and enjoy this new novel by the author of *The House at Tyneford* and *The Gallery of Vanished Husbands*.



Our second British offering is *The Improbability of Love*, by Hannah Rothschild, and yes, she is a descendant of the banking Rothschilds. She is also the chair of England's National Gallery and the Tate, so she is well qualified to write about the art world. Her novel is a satire about the

London art world. At the center of the action is struggling chef Annie, who buys a painting at a junk shop; the painting turns out to have very special powers. Assorted characters with colorful names (like Barthomley Chesterfield Fitzroy St. George) pop up along the way as Annie seeks information about the valuable painting she has acquired – a painting other people would very much like to have. She also uncovers some information about Nazi art theft during WWII. And, oh, did I mention there's also a budding romance for Annie?

Moving back to the domestic scene, Ben Nadler's *The Sea Beach Line* is a mystery set in New York City, from Coney Island to the area around New York University and the Upper East Side. Izzy Edel has been expelled from Oberlin and returns to



NY to find his estranged father Alozjy, who had been selling books from a cart in Greenwich Village and has gone missing. Izzy learns about his father's secret life and meets some of the not-so-savory characters from a religious sect. This novel combines elements of Jewish folklore and the Talmud in a complex story.

Another new novel set in New York is *Run You Down*. Dahl's debut, *Invisible City*, introduced Rebekah Roberts, a crime journalist. Rebekah left the insular Brooklyn Hasidic community into which she was born, and is estranged from her



mother, Aviva, who abandoned her when she was an infant. In Dahl's new novel, Rebekah is still coping with the trauma that arose from the case she solved in *Invisible City*. Now she is gathering clues about her mother's runaway life, and what became of her uncle, who also rebelled against the Hasidic community. She is also still working on the case of the suspicious death of Pessie, the young Hasidic woman whose murder was explored in the previous novel. This is a fast-paced read with insights into the ultra-Orthodox community.



Fans of Daniel Silva, please note that we now have Silva's newest, *The English Spy*, both in print and on CD (unabridged). Whether you prefer to read or listen, you can enjoy the clever plotting and non-stop action by one of the very best thriller writers.

The Library's **Short Story Discussion Group** will meet on **Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, May 26**, 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. These are the last two sessions of the "season," so be sure to attend. Even if you have never joined us before, you are most welcome to come to these sessions! For more information, please call the library (675-1166, ext. 503).

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BELL LIBRARY

Amy Kaplan is looking for volunteers support.

Please contact Amy at:
akaplan@bethelsnj.org
with the hours you are available.

Thank you in advance for your help.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER DINA ELIEZER, DIRECTOR

PLAYING IS LEARNING!

Playing is an important part of our ECC's daily activities. While many perceive it as being not important academically, here are what some leading scholars, writers, and other thinkers have written or said about play:

Play is our brain's favorite way of learning. Diane Ackerman

Play fosters belonging and encourages cooperation. Stuart Brown, MD, Contemporary American psychiatrist

It is in playing, and only in playing, that the individual child or adult is able to be creative and to use the whole personality, and it is only in being creative that the individual discovers the self.

D.W. Winnicott, British pediatrician



Play, while it cannot change the external realities of children's lives, can be a vehicle for children to explore and enjoy their differences and similarities and to create, even for a brief time, a more just world where everyone is an equal and valued participant.

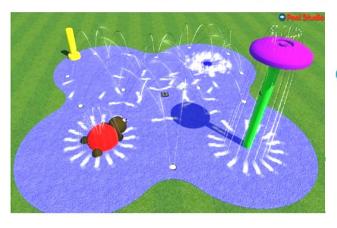
Patricia G. Ramsey, Contemporary American educational psychologist

Almost all creativity involves purposeful play. Abraham Maslow, American psychologist





2016



Our new, state of the art SPLASH PAD is the first in the area and a safe and fun alternative to a pool for young children.

Run by our experienced and nurturing ECC staff, Camp Kaitana runs from June 20-August 12. Open to the community - For ages 2 through 5

For pricing and more info, contact Sheryl Morales, Camp Coordinator, at 856-675-1166.

Benjamin William Sloves

Son of Juli and Glenn Sloves

Grandson of Sam and Sheila Mandel & Sheila and Wallace Sloves

Mitzvah Project: Gift Card Collection for Chai Lifeline and Jewish Family and Children Services IFCS

Rachel Bliss

Daughter of Jerry and Karen Bliss

Granddaughter of Ruth and Abe Salzman & Anna and Art Bliss

Mitzvah Project: Volunteering at Challengers Baseball, a league for mentally or physically disabled people ages 4-25

Danielle Sydney Kaplan



Daughter of Len and Robyn Kaplan

Granddaughter of Marsha and Sheldon Clark, Esther Kaplan & the Late Simon Max Kaplan

Mitzvah Project: Collected toys, gift cards and personal care items for children that are part of Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options JAFCO

To all our B'nai Mitzvah of April—May

Macy Desmond	Apríl 2
Rachel Bliss	Apríl 9
Braden & Dylan Schwartz	Apríl 16
Danielle Kaplan	May 7
Benjamin Sloves	May 21
Jared Wilen	May 28



TO All of our Graduates!

Emily Altman
Alexa Atlas
Jake Atlas
Max Becker
Elizabeth Berg
Raina Besser
Steven Brown
Sara Chesnick
Aidan Dworkin
Julia Edelman
Ethan Farber
Adam Feinstein
Will Feldscher

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Nathan Wolf
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Confirmation 2016

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Aleph (1st Grade) Family B'Yachad Program- From Slavery to Freedom: A Passover Adventure, Sunday, April 3, 10 AM

1st Graders and their parents will enjoy journeying through the Haggadah by focusing on the Ten 况 Plagues and creating a "Plague Basket" for their Seder.

Bring your Grandparents or Special Friend to School, Sunday, April 10, 10 AM

Students will have an opportunity to bring their grandparents or special friend to school with them. Together, the children and their guests will learn about Passover and create a memento for their Seder.

At 11 AM, everyone is invited to a special concert by Jacob 'Spike' Kraus, an up and coming talent in the Jewish music scene. Spike will be performing with our Religious School! Free and Open to the Community.

Religious School Passover Program - Sunday, April 17 - During School - Grade Level Pesach Sedarim – Want to help? Email Debbie Feinstein at debezim@yahoo.com

Confirmation - Friday, May 6

Kitta Bet (2nd Grade) - End of the Year Concert -Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 PM

Kitta Bet will celebrate having completed second grade with an End-of-the Year Concert. Under the expert direction of their gifted teacher, Chaya Amar, our Music Director, Cantor Leon Sher, and her assistants, Allison Shapiro and Jake Brooks, the class will perform a lively program of songs to demonstrate what they have learned.

Café 68: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration -Thursday, May 12

This year, CoLeL, Beth El's Adult Education, is proud to sponsor Café 68, celebrating Israel's 68th Birthday with a Family BBQ & Israel Shuk - 6:00 - 7:30 PM. We will be bringing an array of vendors selling all sorts of Israeli products and food, with Israeli dancing Once again, we are looking forward to the last by Dan Rakdan, and fun activities for the whole family. Then for the adults, we will have a featured dynamic speaker at 8:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary. Stay tuned for details!

Vav Siyyum, 6th Grade Graduation -Friday, May 20

Kitta Vav will celebrate its milestone with a Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner. The evening will commence with a class picture, followed by candle lighting and service conducted by the students. A delicious Shabbat dinner will follow. During the program our students will sing a selection of z'mirot, read their reflections and receive diplomas and gifts from our Men's Club and Sisterhood. Our Vav chairpersons Marla Glauser, Audrey Snyderman and Melissa Leibowitz and their committee will help make this occasion a memorable experience for all. Yasher Koach to teachers, Binyamin Stone and Jerry Bralow, Music Director, Cantor Leon Sher, and our Vav Assistants, for a job well done.

Gan Graduation, Sunday, May 22.

At 9:30 AM, our youngest children and their families will celebrate the end of their first year at Beth El Religious School with songs and prayers the children have learned during the course of the year. Teacher, Elana Doar and her assistants, are looking forward to giving their students their well deserved 'diplomas.' Thank you to Music Director, Cantor Leon **Sher** for what promises to be a great performance. Thank you also to Gan Chairs for the reception to follow.

Once again, we are continuing the Susan Asbell Tzedakah Box Project, giving a tzedakah box to each Gan Graduate. Susan Asbell, Z"L, was a great proponent of teaching children the importance of giving tzedakah and starting them on that practice at an early age. She initiated the tradition of giving Tzedakah boxes to the Religious School children in 3rd Grade, at their Chag Hasiddur. In Susan's memory, we begin this beautiful tradition even earlier, in Kindergarten, at their Gan Graduation. We have established a fund in memory of Susan Asbell. If you would like to contribute to this fund for the purpose of giving these tzedakah boxes to our children, please see Davida at the office.

Annual Almost Lag Ba'Omer Family Picnic, Sunday, May 22

Sunday of the year, May 22, for the annual (almost) Lag Ba'Omer Picnic, sponsored by our Men's Club. We'll have great food, relay races, gaga and basketball games and hopefully great weather. Stay tuned for updates!

April 2016 Adar II ~ Nisan 5776

Shacharit (morning) Services:

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM Saturday 9:00 AM

Exceptions For Morning Service:

Saturday, April 9, Rosh Chodesh Nisan - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 22- Siyum for First Born - 7:00 AM

Sunday, April 24 - Second day of Pesach - 9:00 AM

Monday, April 25 - Thursday, April 28 (Chol Ha'Moed) - 7:15 AM (All Days)

Friday, April 29 - Seventh day of Pesach - 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 30 - Eighth day of Pesach (Yizkor)- 9:00 AM

Candle Lighting	Mincha (Afternoon) Ma'ariv (Evening)	Services
7:06 PM	Friday, April 1	6:00 PM
	Saturday, April 2	7:10 PM
	Sunday, April 3 – Thursday, April 7	7:30 PM
7:13 PM	Friday, April 8	6:00 PM
	Saturday, April 9	7:15 PM
	Sunday, April 10 – Thursday, April 14	7:35 PM
7:20 PM	Friday, April 15	6:00 PM
	Saturday, April 16	7:20 PM
	Sunday, April 17 – Thursday, April 21	7:45 PM
7:27 PM	Friday, April 22 - First Seder	6:00 PM
	Saturday, April 23 - Pesach, 2nd Seder	7:00 PM
	(Mincha following AM service)	
	Sunday, April 24 – Wednesday, April 27	7:50 PM
7:34 PM	Thursday, April 28 - (Erev Chag)	6:00 PM
7:35 PM	Friday, April 29, Seventh day of Pesach	6:00 PM
	Saturday, April 30	7:35 PM

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Shacharit (Morning) Services:

Sunday 9:00 AM
Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM

Exceptions For Morning Service:

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day - Rosh Chodesh Iyar - 9:00 AM Monday, May 9, Rosh Chodesh Iyar - 7:15 AM Monday, May 30, Memorial Day - 8:30 AM

Candle Lighting	Mincha (Afternoon) Ma'ariv (Evenin	g) Services
	Sunday, May 1 - Thursday, May 5	7:55 PM
7:42 PM	Friday, May 6 Saturday, May 7	6:00 PM 7:45 PM
	Sunday, May 8 – Thursday, May 12	8:05 PM
7:49 PM	Friday, May 13 Saturday, May 14	6:00 PM 7:50 PM
	Sunday, May 15 – Thursday, May 19	8:10 PM
7:55 PM	Friday, May 20	6:00 PM
	Saturday, May 21	8:00 PM
	Sunday, May 22 – Thursday, May 26	8:15 PM
8:01 PM	Friday, May 27	6:00 PM
	Saturday, May 28	8:05 PM
8:06 PM	Sunday, May 29 – Thursday, June 2 Friday, June 3 Saturday, June 4	8:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:10 PM

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