There is a place for you at Beth El. We Belong Together.

Beth El Newsletter
October (Tishrei/Cheshvan), November (Cheshvan/Kislev), December (Kislev/Tevet) 2020/5781

Our Early Childhood Center had a fabulous start to the year. Everyone is taking safety very seriously so that we can learn, play, and celebrate together!

We've been thrilled to safely offer some in person experiences here at the shul.

Beth El Turns 100!

In honor of Beth El’s Centennial celebration, here are some fun facts and tidbits from our history:

On October 3, 1920, a meeting was held in Benjamin Natal’s law office to organize a new congregation in Camden. On October 17, 1920, South Jersey’s first Conservative congregation was “organized” and elected Morris Handle as Beth El’s first president.

Beth El Sisterhood was founded on November 1, 1921. By the fall of 1935, Sisterhood had 200 members and annual dues were $2.

Beth El Men’s Club was organized in 1937. The Men’s Club sponsored the Blood Bank drive dating back to 1957 with a goal of collecting 125 pints.

Rabbi Harry B. Kellman was installed as Beth El’s Rabbi on September 9, 1947 by Dr. Max Artz. Louis L. Goldman was the chairman of the installation ceremonies.

The USY (United Synagogue Youth) group was founded in 1953.

In the fall of 1958, Beth El started an all day kindergarten called “The Foundation School” under the supervision of Dr. Samuel Rosenblum.

The Young Associates group was organized during the summer of 1960. The group had 115 founding members and M. Zev Rose was the first president serving for 2 years.

The Golden Jubilee Committee in 1970 included Lois Asbell and Shirley Yaffa.

“Our record of achievement is great, but progress demands that we continuously search and research our goals and objectives. Great are our accomplishments—greater year our responsibilities. We must constantly anticipate social changes in an ever changing world. As an institution of learning and service we must consistently combat the corrosive effects of assimilation and be an effective instrument for transmitting the Jewish heritage to our youth. Consequently, Beth El will continue to dream of new heights while hopefully be deserving of the applause of the community for its contributions toward creative continuity. Mazel Tov”

- Rabbi Isaac Furman z”L from the 50th Anniversary Booklet
The High Holidays in 2020 marked 100 years since we first gathered as a Beth El community. What an exciting time to be part of our synagogue! October 1 marked my five year anniversary as Beth El’s Executive Director. That’s just about 5% of our 100 year history. We are celebrating our centennial anniversary because of dedicated members, inclusive of many multi-generational families, that value how Beth El offers community, worship and education to create an enriched Jewish life. We offer purposeful Jewish living.

I included this picture with my article, because it is a snapshot of many of our staff and our president, Karen Schlessel, taken just after Rosh Hashanah. This team, and all the staff, leaders and volunteers not pictured, are part of creating the most dynamic Beth El you have ever seen. This year is a year like no other. This year, the families of our community are not able to come together in the way they always have done since 1920-1921. This year will stand out in our 100 year history as the year we pivoted, the year we offered worship and education in brand new ways and sought to engage our members far beyond the walls of our beloved synagogue. This is the year we grew and we adapted.

I’m so proud to be part of our shul during this momentous time. I look forward to being part of this team for many more years and to leveraging this year to make the next 100 years meaningful, engaging and relevant to all those that consider us their spiritual home.
The Esther Award goes to... Congregation Beth El for sublime, spiritual, and safe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services during a pandemic! Mazel Tov on an experience for the ages!

I am so proud of our clergy and staff for their outstanding work and complete commitment to make our High Holidays so meaningful and warm. While davening at home, it was as if we all came home to our shul. Kudos also to our devoted lay leaders, volunteers, members, and benefactors. Each and every one of you connects us and enables Beth El to uphold and strengthen our sacred mission. We live up to our credo, We Belong Together, once again demonstrating it’s not the space, but the people.

Remember what our grandmothers said, “We plan. Gd laughs.” We will continue to grow and adapt. We will attain new heights. It’s how we’ve thrived and prevailed for a century now. “Historic” describes 5781’s High Holiday services as well as our centennial. Together, let’s go forth with pride, strength, and courage.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

New Years Greetings From:

- Abby & Robert Belafsky
- Elissa, Eric, Alex, Seth, and Sydney Boory
- Chris, Ronit, Ayla, Jacob, Adina, and Eden Boyd
- Leslie, David, Benny and Sammy Breslau
- Lisa, Stephen, Jonathan, and Mallory Brodack
- Sharon & Bill Bronstein and Family
- Barbara and Mark Collik
- David, Jill and Micah Hulnick
- Aaron, Jessica, Elijah and Caleb Inver
- Dan, Stacy, Zach and Ethan Farber
- Carol & Joel Fleisher
- Edith Green and Family
- Norma Kamis, Jeffrey, and Jacob Kamis, Alisa Kamis-Brinda & Family
- Alison, Andrew, Jared and Sami Keim
- Ruth & Larry Katz and Family
- Janet & Phil Kirschner
- Robin Sue & Bill Landsburg and Family
- Ann & Bernie Miller and Family
- Darin, Jamie, Nate and Maya Morgan
- Ellen & Ira Podell, Helene, David, Melanie and Becca Rausch
- Gladys & Barry Robbins
- Sharon, Jay, Ben, Andrew, Shelby, Blakely, Jackson, Rachel S., Andrew S. and Mia S. Ruder
- Lauren, Joel, Alex, and Jacob Rudin
- Marcy Sanders and Family
- Sherry, Stuart, Aaron, Molly and Dino Sauer
- Karen & Dave Schlessel and Family
- Harriet Schulman and Family
- Robert, Betsy, Emily and Madi Schwartz
- Faye & Gary Shapiro and Family
- Phyllis & Malcolm Trobman and Family
- Jim, Jen, Ilana and Emma Weiss
- Len & Judy Wizmur
- Shirley Yaffa and Family
- Stuart & Linda Yaffa and Family

Dear College Students and Parents,

We hope this message finds you all well as we continue to get through these challenging times. Our College Connection Program is committed to our goal of keeping our college students connected to their Judaism and to Beth El. In light of the ever-changing variables related to the coronavirus, we made changes in the implementation of the College Connection Program at this time. In lieu of our traditional packages for Sukkot and Chanukah, Rabbi Green will be reaching out to the students through the use of technology and in-person events held at Beth El. Our plan is to send letters and/or video messages that will continue to provide insight and inspiration regarding their college experience. Students will also be invited to join Rabbi Green and their peers at ZOOM meetings where they will be welcome to share their perspectives as well.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent us your students’ contact information. If you have not already done so, please send it to ALM4SP@aol.com. The most critical information at this time is their e-mail address in addition to the name of their school and their expected year of graduation.

We thank you for your understanding and your assistance. We will be re-evaluating our plan for Purim as we get closer to the spring.

Take good care and stay well,

Gloria Back and Ann Miller

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If I Knew Then...
If I was told twenty years ago, as a new Educational Director at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in NYC, the flagship synagogue of the Reconstructionist Movement, that in the year 2020 a pandemic would hit and all of our educational programs would be remote and online, I would have thought it was a joke. In fact, I would probably not have understood what virtual or remote meant, as the internet was not as sophisticated then as it is today.

However, almost a year ago, the world as we knew it literally changed overnight. In person traditional education as we knew it, turned upside down. A whole new age of learning has been introduced and I am so proud of what we here at Congregation Beth El have achieved these past 7 months.

After months of learning, evaluating, and researching, we at Beth El, have created inspiring, meaningful, and spiritual learning opportunities for learners of all ages. Although our physical building may not be fully open, our educational programming is stronger than ever. Not only have we adapted to our new “normal”, we have surpassed our expectations! Our new and innovative programming has been more accessible and has brought Judaism into so many lives of our congregation.

One of our new programs created as an outcome of the pandemic is our new Teen Summit Program. This year I am thrilled to announce that our S.A.I.L Hebrew High School, together with Temple Beth Sholom’s Hebrew High School received a grant from the JCF Community Endowment Fund for our new Teen Summit Program. This new initiative was created to bring the Jewish teens together virtually during these isolating times. Six times a year (three Tuesdays and three Thursdays) our teens will gather through Zoom to learn and socialize together. Each session features a well-known speaker. Our first Summit took place on October 13 and featured former Knicks player Michael Sweetney. Michael Sweetney was an all American Georgetown player, a lottery pick for the New York Knicks and is the assistant Basketball Coach for Yeshiva University and basketball coordinator of Camp Ramah Poconos. Michael shared an inspirational talk and answered questions about his life in the NBA, struggling with Mental Illness, and Justice and health in today’s world. Our next Teen Summit will take place on November 19 with guest speaker Ariana Berlin, an American artistic gymnast, dancer and film actress who competed for the UCLA Bruins gymnastics team, and is currently a producer for Fox. Ariana will share her story and her ties to Judaism. For more information to join these teen summits please email me at nmarshall@bethelsnj.org.

So, yes, if I knew 20 years ago I would have to transform our educational programs from traditional learning to virtual learning, I would have embraced this challenge. And that is what we have done here at Beth El. We embraced the challenge and dreamed big. And I will continue to work with my incredible team of teachers, educators, and committees to provide the most innovative, creative, educational, meaningful, and spiritual programs possible for all of our students.

As George Bernard Shaw once said, You see thing and you say why? But I dream things that never were and I say “Why Not?”

Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director

www.bethelsnj.org Congregation Beth El Oct-Nov-Dec 2020
I am relatively new to Beth El having only been involved for about 5 years; first as a parent in the ECC and then as part of our incredible Beth El team. In my short time with Beth El, I have come to think of it as my home. The Clergy, Staff and Congregants are my family. The services, events, and educational experiences, are simply the cherry on top.

Some of you may know this story, and some of you may not, but I’d like to share with you what drew me to Beth El. For that, we need to go back 27 years, to when I was 16 years old, and went on the March of the Living. For those of you who do not know, the March of the Living is a journey from dark to light, that takes you through the devastation of the concentration camps in Poland, then to Israel, to see how the Jewish people have thrived, even in the face of such horror. The experience raised many questions for me. I lost faith in humanity to a certain extent, and also lost my faith in Gd. I turned to my Rabbi for guidance, and support. I wanted to believe that my faith could and would be restored, but unfortunately I was given very little comfort or reassurance.

I can honestly say that over the years, my faith in my religion waned. I didn’t have a community that I felt connected to, having moved so many times. My faith took a back burner in my life.

That all changed, as soon as I came to Beth El. I had toured Beth El as I was looking for care for my then-toddler. During the tour, I was told how inclusive and welcoming the community was, and was then invited to join Beth El for Rosh Hashanah. No ticket, no membership packet with dues, just “JOIN US!” So, I did. I joined that Rosh Hashanah morning, with cautious optimism. What I experienced was an incredibly inspiring sermon by Rabbi Green. His sermon was full of love, and of the importance of forgiveness. After Rosh Hashanah, I joined again for Shabbat mornings and heard more beautiful sermons by Rabbi Krupnick.

These sermons reminded me how much my faith means to me. Joining for Shabbat, and being invited by a beautiful congregant to be part of her “Shabbat Family”, was everything my soul had been missing. I had found my spiritual home. I was reminded that being a good Jew meant being able to forgive, to ask questions, to be tolerant, and to love with my whole heart. All of which are at the core of Beth El.

Joining Beth El, reminded me how important it is for me to keep Shabbat with my family, and say the Shema with Maya before bed every night. It reminded me how important it is for me to fight with all of my being to keep Judaism alive and well in my life and in the lives of my family. It reminded me how important it is for me to be a part of a community that preaches love, acceptance, hope, and generosity.

This is what we celebrate Beth El. A synagogue that is so much more than just a spiritual home. A place that has meant so much to so many for so long; and yet has resonated so beautifully with someone like me in very recent years. Normally, when someone has a birthday, we say “Ad me’ah v’esrim”, which translates to “May you live to be 120”. In this case Beth El will meet that milestone before we know it. So, I’d like to wish Beth El, something different. I would like to wish Beth El “Od me’ah v’esrim”, another 120 years! Another 120 years of love, innovative engagement, inclusion, growth, and beautiful spiritual meaning. May this place forever be for others, what it has been for me.

Mazal Tov Beth El!!
**REES TITTON**
*Daughter of Jennifer & Ross Titton*
October 3, 2020

*Granddaughter of:* Judi & Barry Titton
Ellen & Eric Dubliner

*Mitzvah Project:* Volunteers in the Special Education Department of VMS. Created a fundraiser, Happy Hooks for the Special Education Department. Made and delivered care packages to essential workers.

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**BENJAMIN SNYDERMAN**
*Son of Audrey & Marc Snyderman*
October 17, 2020

*Brother of:* Leah

*Grandson of:* Carol & Neil Snyderman and Carmella & Albert Zalcman

*Mitzvah Project:* Sold his artwork to raise money for Project Refit to help veterans combat isolation amongst the military and first responders.

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**NOAH CWANGER**
*Son of Nicole & Mitch Cwanger*
October 24, 2020

*Brother of:* Max and Nomi

*Grandson of:* Pat & Jules Cwanger and Barbara & Gary Kelley

*Mitzvah Project:* Collected and delivered bedding, toys, and food for Voorhees Animal Orphanage; labeled siddurim for High Holidays, and delivered Shabbat-O-Grams for Jewish Federation; packaged and delivered food for Jewish Relief Agency.

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**ADAM LEIBOWITZ**
*Son of Melissa & Lee Leibowitz*
October 3, 2020

*Brother of:* Hannah
*Grandson of:* Paula & Nancy Fox and Barbara & David Weiss

*Mitzvah Project:* Donated 25 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in Chester, PA. Volunteered with younger swimmers at South Jersey Aquatic Center. Delivered flower arrangements to residents of Lions Gate with Petals for a Purpose.

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**STEVEN SOROKIN**
*Son of Michelle & Evan Sorokin*
October 24, 2020

*Brother of:* Ashleigh & Daniel
*Grandson of:* Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Sorokin

*Mitzvah Project:* Held a toy drive through Holton’s Heroes for children at CHOP. Donated clothing to Salvation Army for disaster victims.
ALEX GLAUSER  
Son of Marla & Jeff Glauser  
October 31, 2020  

Brother of: Madison  
Grandson of: Elaine & Barry Glauser  
Mitzvah Project: Donated money to a charity close to his heart.

ELIZA GORDON  
Daughter of Susan & Andrew Gordon  
November 14, 2020  

Sister of: James and Kate  
Granddaughter of: Judy & Richard March, Louise & Joseph Master, and Helene & Alan Gordon  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered to deliver food for Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and donated tzedakah to JFCS Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantry.

TARA GOLDMAN  
Daughter of Cheryl & Daniel Goldman  
December 12, 2020  

Sister of: Abigail  
Granddaughter of: Beatrice & Elliot Schwartz Marilyn & Arnold Goldman  
Mitzvah Project: In honor of her aunt, Jodi Kratchman, Darby is raising money to support the needs of women battling breast cancer. When the pandemic allows, she will teach basketball to children ages 10 and under to raise money for the cause.

SEBASTIAN ENDA  
Son of Lisa & Jeff Enda  
December 19, 2020  

Brother of: Caleb  
Grandson of: Janet & Joel Enda and Andrea & Richard Freedman  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered with JFCS Kosher Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to seniors and homebound clients. Sebastian also befriended a Holocaust survivor through JFCS Friendly Visitor and ran a collection for Leveling The Playing Field.

STACEY & LAUREN GRUBER  
Daughters of Deborah & Matthew  
November 14, 2020  

Granddaughters of: Marcy & Michael Postelnak  
Mitzvah Project: Collected money for One Love Animal Rescue and made a gift basket that was raffled off at a fundraiser for the rescue.

CHARLI AUMILLER  
Daughter of Mira & Aaron Aumiller  
December 19, 2020  

Sister of: Eli, Zev, and Max  
Granddaughter of: Carol & Joel Silbert and Sandy Kellerman Levy  
Mitzvah Project: Made and sold hundreds of “candy bouquets” with all proceeds going to the Lone Soldier Foundation in memory of Michael Levin. Charli baked challahs weekly since COVID and delivered to families to enjoy for Shabbat.
WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Jeanette Adler
Wife of Jay Adler

Barbara Friedman
Wife of Henry Friedman

WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO:

Jodi Abrams
loss of her step-father, David Nevins

Mark Reiner
loss of his father, Leo Reiner

Lois Romm
loss of her mother, Alice Damens

Ed Silberman
loss of his mother, Vivian Silberman

May Their Memories Be A Blessing
*List as of October 7, 2020

THANK YOU!
To our adult choir for enhancing our High Holiday services and to our Torah and Haftarah readers, shofar blowers and our lay daveners!

MAZEL TOV
To our members honored by the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey

- Marcy Dash Friedman – Incoming President of Katz JCC
- Charlene Green – Recipient of JFSNJ Staff Achievement Award
- David Hulnick – Recipient of JFSNJ Shellie Greenspun Young Leadership Award
- Harry Platt – Incoming President of JFSNJ
- Alison Platt-Tarnopol – President of Jewish Senior Housing and Healthcare Services for 2nd term

MAZEL TOV
Robin & Steve Cohn
engagement of son, Brian, to Dani Gershkow

Arlene & Harris Colton
celebration of 65th Wedding Anniversary & 50 years at Beth El

Anita Farber
celebration of 50 years at Beth El

David Gutin
recipient of Helen F. Spiegel Leadership Award from Jewish Senior Housing and Health Care Services

Vikki & Michael Leslie
Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Arden

Jamie & Darin Morgan
Bar Mitzvah of son, Nathan

Lynn & Steve Paul
Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Benjamin Goodfriend

Joy Perez
Bar Mitzvah of son, Michael Tobin

Eileen & Salvatore Perice
marriage of son, Rabbi Michael, to Rachael Burgess

Hae Youn & Steven Reichenberg
Bar Mitzvah of son, Evan

Sharon & Jay Ruder
birth of granddaughter, Mia Logan Schlossberg

Betsy & Robert Schwartz
engagement of daughter, Emily, to Andrew Nahum

Marcy Sanders
birth of great-granddaughter, Bea Savannah Alderman

Albert Schulter
Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Arden Leslie

Diane & Jim Silberman
Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Hannah Bush

Barbara & Howard Strosberg
Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Jackson Berry

Marthe Bramley & Bob Weinstein
birth of grandson, Bramley Fynn Braunstein

Linda & Stuart Yaffa
birth of grandson, Paxton Jordan

Shirley Yaffa
birth of great-grandson, Paxton Jordan

*List as of October 7, 2020
“In 1992 when Milton Sternberg was President of Beth El, he attended a three day conference with other synagogue presidents. He reported to the Board of Trustees all the new committees discussed, one being social action. I immediately volunteered to chair and with a small group we reached out to various places in the community. Beth El was always dedicated to Federation and Jewish causes but did very little outside the Jewish community. We opened the door to Samaritan Hospice, Cooper outpatient pediatric facility, South Jersey aids coalition, Caring Hearts Ministries and many other agencies. We had a toy collection for Cooper pediatrics and, along with volunteers, we spent the day with Santa giving out the gifts. The Religious school made cards and Matzah covers to put in Passover bags for the Jewish patients under the care of Samaritan Hospice. I am very proud that Social Action has continued to reach out to all people, and make a difference in so many lives.” - Lynn Goldman Paul
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The Brown Families – Sidney & Sandy and Jeff & Tracy
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Eva & Marvin Schlanger

VISIONARY
Marvin Samson Foundation

SUSTAINER
Jerome M. Katz
Alison & Andrew Keim

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Iris & Steven Auerbach
Gloria & Ira Back
Susan & David Backal
Cathy & Marc Backal
Donna & Richard Bell
Jocelyn Borowsky
Marcia & Arnold Cohen
Betsy & Peter Fischer

Elaine (z”L) & Bart Greenspan
Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick
Judy & Donald Love
Ellen & Michael Lowenberger
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Carol & Donald Meltzer
Sharon & Adam Sackstein
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Jennifer & Michael Gerstein
Deborah & Ed Hochberg
Sharla & Morton Kanovsky
Rachel & Stephen Miller

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro &
Stephen Boro
M. Zev Rose
Karen & David Schlessel
Lauren & Jon Soll

Linda & David Wander
Elaine L. Waxman
Julie & Jason Whitney
Barb & Allen Wilen
Judith & Leonard Wizmur

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Caring Acts of Tzedakah (as of October 1)

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**IN HONOR OF**
- 50th wedding anniversary of Melody & Craig Taylor
- Birth of granddaughter to Howard Joffe
- Bat Mitzvah of daughter of Asaf and Marisa
- Bar Mitzvah of Nate Morgan
- The marriage of Tamar & Nir Shamir’s son

**IN MEMORY OF**
- David Nevins
- Leo Reiner
- Speedy Recovery
- David Wander

**BELL LIBRARY FUND**

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**IN HONOR OF**
- Special birthday of Ed Plasky

**IN MEMORY OF**
- Leo Reiner
- Mother of Nancy Levin
- Jaime Giglio
- Leo Reiner
- Alice Damens

**MARGIE BLUM COOK FOR A FRIEND FUND**

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**IN APPRECIATION**
- Barbara & Mark Collik
- Birthday of Ryna Alexander
- Renee Rudolph Lieberman’s Aunt Charlotte
- Yahrzeit of William J. Simon, Rochelle Myers Wolberg
- Len Simkin

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND CONTINUED...**

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**IN HONOR OF**
- Happy New Year to Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Schwartz
- Yahrzeit of Zena Stein
- David Nevins
- Richard Vernick
- Speedy Recovery

**FAMILY SUPPORT FUND**

**DONOR**
- Bonnie & David Gold
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**IN HONOR OF**
- Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Bush
- Marriage of Marc Schlessel & Katie Young
- Marriage of Marc Schlessel & Katie Young

**IN MEMORY OF**
- Vivian Silberman
- Richard Vernick
- Yahrzeit of Sonia Vaupen
- Yahrzeit of Israel Vaupen

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- Gail & Marty Raffner
- Judy & Len Simkin
- Spinhirne Family
- Andrew & Rebecca Weiss

**IN APPRECIATION OF**
- Bram Hirschberg
- Marriage of Marc Schlessel & Katie Young
- Faye, Gary & Allison Shapiros’ participation in HHD Services
- Yahrzeits of Benjamin & Ethel Hassman
- Leo Reiner
- Vivian Silberman
- David Nevins
- Yahrzeits of Morris Raffner and Marilyn Raffner
- Yahrzeit of Esther Simkin
- Jack Schlessel
- Naomi Matusow Druckman

**RABBI ANDY GREEN SPECIAL FUND**

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- Jessica & Aaron Inver
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- Karen, Dave, Zoe, Marc & Katie Schlessel
- Alice Bronstein
- Joan Feinberg
- Selma Feldschneider

**IN APPRECIATION**
- Rabbi Andy Green
- Rabbi Andy Green’s visit
- Rabbi Andy Green
- Rabbi Andy Green

**IN HONOR OF**
- Sharon & Bill Bronstein - 50th wedding anniversary
- Charlene Green, recipient of Jewish Fed. Staff Achievement Award
- Conversion of Jenna Feldschneider

**IN MEMORY OF**
- Barbara Friedman
- Yahrzeit of Morty Mann
- Alice Damens
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Charles E. Trobman Memorial Award

This year’s recipient of the Charles Trobman Memorial Award presented on Yom Kippur, 5781 is Dr. Jaclyn Rosenzweig.

Chuck died Erev Yom Kippur, 1995. As promised to him, a young Doctor at Sloan Kettering Cancer would be recognized at Beth El through the Medical Research Fund which was established in his memory.

The Trobman Family has received yearly reports from Susanne Hershowitz, Associate Director, of the Dept. of Pediatrics at Sloan Kettering (MSK Kids). Many of the past recipients have personally reported their research progress. We are always proud of Our Beth El Family for their continued Interest and Support for the fight of MSK’s ongoing challenge to control and ultimately eliminate cancers and other other blood disorders affecting children and young adults.

Dr. Rosenzweig is currently researching novel therapies for Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). AML represents approximately 20% of pediatric leukemia. Jaclyn’s dedication to research and her mentoring of pediatric residents and students will prove to be a worthy recipient.

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