We are very excited that Rabbi David Englander accepted our offer to become the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth El! In doing so, Rabbi Englander will be only the 4th Senior Rabbi of our spiritual home since World War II. He comes to us from B’nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida where he has served for more than 20 years. We are excited to continue Beth El’s tradition of excellence with Rabbi Englander into our next 100 years!

Our synagogue president, Stuart A. Sauer, met with Rabbi Englander in early March to sign contracts and discuss our future. Stuart said “I am confident that Rabbi Englander will continue the traditions, customs and values that have made Beth El a leader in our community for over a hundred years.”

According to Rabbi Englander, “I am both overjoyed and deeply humbled to have been honored with the responsibility and opportunity to serve as your next Senior Rabbi. [This is] a chance for us to reflect on how important Beth El has been to generations of individuals and families. It’s also a chance to plan to offer a warm and welcoming embrace to everyone who is not yet part of a synagogue community who might benefit from joining their Jewish story to ours.”

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, who will continue her brilliance at Beth El as part of our leadership team said, “I am thrilled to be working with my new clergy partner, Rabbi David Englander, who has already proven to be a wonderful leader and a real mensch!”

Jason Whitney and Faye Shapiro led the rabbi search. According to Jason, “The search committee met with more than 10 candidates, and there was never a doubt that Rabbi Englander was the best one for Beth El. We are so excited to have him accept the Senior Rabbi position!”

We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Englander and his wife, Stephanie, along with their children Yaffa, Zev and Ayal to the Beth El family on July 1, 2022.
Clergy Corner

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

GRATITUDE

Modah Ani Lefanecha, Melech Chai V’Kayam, Shehechezarta Bi Nishmati B’chemla Raba Emunatecha! I recite these words every morning before I get out of bed, thanking Gd for the fact that I am alive. Starting each day with a feeling a gratitude permeates my life and helps me focus on blessings.

We all face many challenges in our lives. We need to have strength and courage for all of the extraordinary events which come our way. Sometimes, it feels like our world is falling apart and nothing can fully prepare us for everything we are going to face.

One coping mechanism that helps me is trying to fill my days with empathy and caring. By building relationships and connecting deeply with others, we can find gems all around us and the strength in others. As we serve as a blessing for them, we often find that they, in turn, become blessings for us. We can continue to count our blessings knowing that there is always something for which we can express gratitude.

A cancer survivor is grateful to their medical team and their support system. A homeless person might feel grateful for a scrap of food or shelter from a storm. A refugee can feel blessed to find safety and freedom. A mourner can feel gratitude for the love shared, even when too brief. In our weekday Sim Shalom siddur, there is a passage immediately preceding the Mourners Kaddish on page 84 which moves me:

In love we remember those who no longer walk this earth. We are grateful to Gd for the gift of their lives, for the joys we shared, and for the cherished memories that never fade. May Gd grant those who mourn the strength to see beyond their sorrow, sustaining them despite their grief. May the faith that binds us to our loved ones be a continuing source of comfort, as we invite those who mourn, and those observing Yahrzeit, to praise Gd’s name with the words of the Kaddish.

On our darkest days, as we struggle to find solace and strength, we are told to praise Gd and focus on gratitude to help us.

Not only during times of mourning, but every day, we can choose to focus on our blessings. Our sages teach us that we are obligated to recite 100 blessings every day! May we all be blessed with health, healing and peace.

Josh Laster
Executive Director

In October 2020, I shared the following as part of my tribute to Rabbi Krupnick & Helene:

(When I was interviewing to be the Executive Director of Beth El) I was excited to meet the Rabbi and learn more about his leadership, his demeanor and most importantly his vision. In considering my next opportunity, it was important for me that the senior rabbi be connected to his congregation, that he care deeply about the members and that he was focused on the relationships that would sustain the synagogue well into the future. He checked every box. It was clear to me that Rabbi Krupnick cared deeply for his shul and that on his part, he was looking for a partner to help oversee the multifaceted operation of Beth El.

I feel privileged to have worked with Rabbi Krupnick as our senior rabbi for close to 7 years. Our relationship has deepened during that time. He is a colleague, mentor, confidant, partner and friend. I value the work we’ve done together, and I am confident that as he transitions from Senior Rabbi to Rabbi Emeritus, our relationship will stay strong.

When I had the opportunity to meet with Rabbi Englander as part of our search process, I was so pleased to find similar qualities to what I experienced in my interview with Rabbi Krupnick. There was an instant connection that touched upon the exact same areas: connecting to his synagogue, caring for existing members and being focused on relationships. This was, and is, a rabbi that I could see partnering with for this next portion of the Beth El journey. We are fortunate that Rabbi Englander and Rabbi Krupnick will have this time of transition together. It will set us up for success in our endeavors to continue to serve our Jewish community.
On behalf of Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, and our staff, please join me in welcoming Rabbi David Englander to our Shul as our new Senior Rabbi. He will be officially taking on his new role as spiritual leader on July 1, 2022. Rabbi Englander was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999 and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He has served as Rabbi at B’nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida since 2000. He is originally from the New York - New Jersey area. I also want to welcome his wife Stephanie and children Yaffa, Zev, and Ayal to our community.

Thank you to Rabbi Krupnick who has served Congregation Beth El since 1994 and has been our Senior Rabbi since 2001. Rabbi will remain active in our synagogue as Rabbi Emeritus. We wish Rabbi and Helene the best as they transition into their new roles. I would also like to thank our Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Faye Shapiro and Jason Whitney along with all the members of the committee for a job well done, Yasher Koach!

Not waiting until July to begin to engage with our congregation, Rabbi Englander has already connected with members. He has attended many social events and one-on-one meetings in Florida with congregants who vacation there during the winter. He has reached out to families locally who are celebrating upcoming simchas and wished them a “Mazal Tov”. And at times, consolled and comforted families upon the loss of a loved one. He has joined us for on-line learning sessions and has already attended a Board of Trustees meeting. It is wonderful that he has already begun to introduce himself to our membership.

Throughout the summer, our Engagement Director, Melissa Leibowitz, is scheduling Rabbi Englander to meet with our families from our Beth El Religious School, Hebrew High School, Early Childhood Center, and all of our BE arms and committees. He will also be traveling to meet families at the Jersey Shore, to Center City Philadelphia, and to visit our kids at Camp Ramah and JCC Camps. I hope everyone has the opportunity to come out to these events, to meet him in these smaller group sessions and get to know his warm and friendly personality firsthand. Over the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity to spend time with Rabbi and get to know him better. I am confident that he will continue the traditions, customs and values that have made Congregation Beth El a leader in our community for over a hundred years.

Zei Gezunt, Be Well!

**Beth El Annual Meeting Leadership Updates**

Thank you to our Board members who have completed their term:
Adam Benn, Nicole Cwanger, Jemma Kline, Adam Lambert, Diana Meltzer, Stephen Miller

New Members of the Board of Trustees:
Michael Gray, Debbie Hochberg, Tameika Minor, Chaim Respes, Marc Shenker, Perri Brenner Silverstein

**Zichronam Liv’rachah**

We Send Condolences To

Danielle (Scott Brenner) Algazi
.loss of her mother, Toni Algazi

Rhona (Lenard) Brown
.loss of her mother, Shirley Wenger
.Wife of: Irv Wenger, z”l; Mother of: Michael (Marcy) Wenger, Abbe (Scott) Kessler; Grandmother of: Justin (Lauren Hersh) Brown, Jonathan Kessler, Jennifer (Jake) Nymans, Ivy (Eric) Rosner, Rachel (Jared) Welner, Joshua (Rachel) Wenger; Great-Grandmother of: Zoe and Zachary Brown, Noa Kessler, Max and Bailey Nymans, Alexis and Benjamin Rosner, Jonah and Gady Welner, Jassy and Jade Wenger

Alysa (Adam) Cooper
.loss of her grandmother, Gerda Weissman Klein
.Presidential Medal of Honor recipient by President Obama in 2011 and Oscar and Emmy winner for being the subject for the HBO documentary, One Survivor Remembers
.Great Grandmother of: Kayla and Jake

Larry (Cheryl) Hanover
.loss of his mother, Jacqueline Hanover
.Wife of: Irving Hanover z”l, Mother of: Ned Hanover, Grandmother of: Tyler and Gabrielle

Morton (Sharla) Kanovsky
.loss of his sister, Sorra Kanovsky Cohn
.Wife of: Ronald Cohn, MD, z”l
.Mother of: Sherry Chiasson, Debra Goldman, Michael Cohn

Ruth (Alan) Respler
.loss of her mother, Faye Eckhaus
.Wife of: Abe Eckhaus z”l; Mother of: Steven (Sherry) Eckhaus, Ellie (Richard z”l) Roth; Grandmother of: Jeffrey; Deborah (Silver); Andrew & Robert Respler; Michael & Jonathan Eckhaus; Mason & Emily Roth; Great Grandmother of: Hannah; Lilah & Benjamin Silver; Joshua; Danielle & Jacob Respler; Luna & Simon Respler
Our 2022 celebrations have gotten bigger and better! Our Purim celebrations in our ECC were epic! Amazing Purim parade, and a phenomenal Purim, Prayers & Pajamas with Rabbi Krupnick and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro started the holiday off with a musical bang! The children and their families had a blast showing off their costumes, and celebrating Shabbat. Families also got a chance to view the eleven beautiful baskets that were lovingly put together by our PTG, for a great fundraiser for our ECC! Many of our ECC families had a blast at the Religious School Purim Carnival as well!

Passover was celebrated in each classroom, where the children had fun making beautiful Afikoman bags and Seder plates to share with their families at their Seders. The Passover skit by Rabbi Marshall and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro had everyone entertained! The children learned all about the story of Passover and were excited to share all that they learned with their families.

We are so excited to welcome a new face to our ECC! Starting April 25, we are excited to welcome Amy Weinstein as our new Curriculum and Instruction Director. Amy is coming to us with over 20 years of education experience, including 17 years in special education. We are thrilled to have someone of her wealth of knowledge and experience join our team!

Our ECC registration is off and running and we are thrilled to see how our ECC will continue to grow in the coming year. Before we get into the 2022-23 school year, we are excited to offer our families our Camp Kaitana! Our Camp Kaitana offers an exciting summer filled with themed weeks, safe water play, and amazing experiences! Please email me if you are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild in our Camp or ECC!

As we approach the end of the school year, we are in the midst of planning for the upcoming year. We have many exciting programs in store for next year. Please keep a look out for an email with upcoming school information. I hope everyone has a wonderful relaxing summer and I look forward to another enriching year of learning together.

Wow! This year has truly flown by. It is true when we say, “time flies when you are having fun!” I am so proud of our entire team at the Beth El Religious School and Kesher Hebrew High School Program for a wonderful school year! Yasher Koach to our incredible teachers for their dedication and perseverance for providing a solid Jewish education during these past two years of our new “normal”. It has been amazing to have our students back in person in our building and we could not have done it without our faculty and staff, and for all of them I am grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank four individuals who have worked incredibly hard the past two years volunteering their time in order to have our students and teachers return back into our building safely. These four volunteers are the PTG (Parent Teacher Organization) co-chairs, Ilana Ablon and Lauren Paskoff and past Education Liaison, Jason Whitney, and current Education Liaison and Kesher Co-Chair, Marla Glauser. These four individuals have been an incredible support to me and the entire school, and I want to publicly thank them for their dedication in making sure our students receive the best possible Jewish education possible.

I would also like to thank two Religious School teachers who will be retiring this year: Mr. Alan Kritz and Morah Jane Arochas. We would also like to thank Moreh Bruce DuBoff who will be defending his dissertation. Although he won’t be teaching in our Religious School this year, we hope he will return in the near future.

Although we are saying farewell to Ilana and Lauren who are completing their two-year term, we welcome two new volunteers. I am thrilled to welcome as our incoming PTG co-chairs Emily Caraccio and Mandee Lipsman Andoian. I know Emily and Mandee will welcome your help. If you would like to become involved in our school programming please email them at Bersptg@bethelsnj.org.

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SAMUEL KOENIG  
Son of Wendy & Brad Koenig  
May 14, 2022  
Brother of: Ross and Max  
Grandson of: Elaine & David Lyons and Linda & Robert Koenig  
Mitzvah Project: Volunteered as a Buddy for Sports Unity Program helping kids with special needs. Collected and donated sports equipment to Camden.

JOSHUA GREENBERG  
Son of Robyn Greenberg and Aaron Greenberg  
May 30, 2022  
Brother of: Ben, Emma and Ari  
Grandson of: Suzi & Mike Greenberg and Debbie Schwartz  
Mitzvah Project: Coordinated a walk for the Voorhees Animal Orphanage to raise money to care for the animals.

DYLAN GERSTEIN  
Son of Jennifer & Michael Gerstein  
June 4, 2022  
Brother of: Sloane and Ethan  
Grandson of: Delores Gerstein and Barbara & Robert Lunks  
Mitzvah Project: Collected toiletries for Rhona Fischer Family Assistance Program at JFCS.

BENJAMIN NACHOD  
Son of Megan Nachod and Leigh Howard Nachod  
June 4, 2022  
Brother of: Mira  
Grandson of: Paul & Jan Howard, Jay & Wendy Nachod, Susan & Andrew Slater  
Mitzvah Project: Raised funds for Ukranian kids through a fund at the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia.

ISABELLA LASTER  
Daughter of Erica & Josh Laster  
June 11, 2022  
Sister of: Maryn  
Granddaughter of: Al & Ruth (z”l) Chazin, Irene Kogut-Laster & Marc Laster (z”l)  
Mitzvah Project: Made and sold jewelry through her business Blue I Jewelry and donated all proceeds to the Susan G. Komen foundation in memory of both of her grandmothers.

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Leaving a legacy is simple: Bequest in a Will, Gift of Life Insurance, Gift of IRA or Pension Funds, Gift of Cash or Assets, Charitable Remainder Trust. Contact Jocelyn at jdborowsky@comcast.net or Melissa at mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org.
B’NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Robin & Alan Brandies
B’nai Mitzvah of sons, Benjamin and Max

Heather & Joshua Broad
Bar Mitzvah of son, Shane

Jennifer & Alex Greenwald
Bar Mitzvah of daughter, Madison

Rachel & Stephen Miller
Bar Mitzvah of daughter, Talia

Arlene & Ed Plasky
Bar Mitzvah of granddaughter, Juliet Lynn Ratner

Richelle & Kameron Rabenou
Bar Mitzvah of daughter, Kaila

Carol & Ed Rosof
Bar Mitzvah of granddaughter, Sophia

Sarah Rosof
Bar Mitzvah of daughter, Sophia

Stacy & Marc Shenker
Bar Mitzvah of daughter, Mikayla

Julie & Jason Whitney
Bar Mitzvah of son, Tyler

BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Joanie & Ira Adler
birth of granddaughter, Amelia Juliet

Marsha Flager
birth of granddaughter, Noa Estelle Flager

Paula Levine
birth of granddaughter, Rachel Patricia Redfield

Rabbi Nogah Marshall
birth of niece, Noa Eyala Stopnitzky

Frann Petrella
birth of grandson, Jonathan DiLello

Shirley Yaffa
birth of great-granddaughter, Ruth

SPECIAL HONORS

Amy Clayman
was honored as one of the six “Women of Impact in our Community” by Politz Day School

Blake Goldstein
son of Katie & Sebastian Goldstein
won 2nd place in the 6th grade at the New Jersey Elementary Chess Championships.

Kyle Lehrfeld
son of Cori Lehrfeld and Ryan Lehrfeld
won 1st place in the Travel and Tourism Competition at the DECA HS state championships with his teammate Gia Gupta.

Melissa Lubars
daughter of Nancy Lubars
was cast as Jochebed in the off-Broadway show
The 10 Commandments: The Musical.

Ronda Manders
was honored as one of two recipients of the 1st Annual 2022 Esther Award for Excellence from JFCS.

Harriet Schulman
was honored as one of the six “Women of Impact in our Community” by Politz Day School.

Campbell Schwarz
daughter of Amy & Dan Schwarz
won the National Cheerleaders Association National Championship with her team from Rockstar Cheer.

Jordan Segal
son of Elana & Gadi Segal, grandson of Pam & Lewis Bornstein, and great-nephew of Judy & Len Simkin
won 2nd place in his weight class in the NJ State Wrestling Championships.

Jonah Serotta
son of Linda & Judd Serotta
debuted with the Philadelphia Orchestra where he performed the role of Richie in the world premiere opera
The Hours at Verizon Hall.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Abby Abramson and Jeremy Weitz
on their engagement

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

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

Selma Feldschneider
engagement of granddaughters:
Rachel Willinger to Eric Johnson
Taylor Feldschneider to Ethan Dewey
and
marriage of grandson:
Benjamin Feldschneider to Randi Richterman

Delores Gerstein
Auf Ruf of grandson, Benjamin Gerstein, and Perri Jacobs

Randi & Richard Gerstein
Auf Ruf of son, Benjamin, and Perri Jacobs
JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF SHOMRIM MEMBERS

PILLAR
The Brown Families – Sidney & Sandy and Jeff & Tracy
Donna & Richard Forman – Forman Foundation
Eva & Marvin Schlanger

VISIONARY
Marvin Samson Foundation

SUSTAINER
Jerome M. Katz
Alison & Andrew Keim
Anonymous

BUILDER
Iris & Steven Auerbach
Susan & David Backal
Cathy & Marc Backal
Donna & Richard Bell
Marcia & Arnold Cohen
Betsy & Peter Fischer
Elaine (z’l) & Bart Greenspan

Deborah & Ed Hochberg
Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick
Judy & Donald (z’l) Love
Ellen & Michael Lowenberger
Carol & Donald Meltzer
Miriam & Stan Meltzer
Sharon & Adam Sackstein

Elissa & Eric Boory
Delores Gerstein
Jennifer & Michael Gerstein
Sharla & Morton Kanovsky
Rachel & Stephen Miller

M. Zev Rose
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Lauren & Jon Soll
Linda & David Wander
Elaine L. Waxman

Julie & Jason Whitney
Barb & Allen Wilen
Judith & Leonard Wizmur

Gerry & Howard Abramsohn
Sharon & Elliot Atkins
Barbara & Marvin Backal
The Bell Baeuerle Family
Steven Beilowitz
Jennifer & Andrew Bender
Helene & Alan Blumenfeld
Jocelyn Borowsky
David & Leslie Breslau
Beth & Josh Brodkin
Jennifer & Ari Brooks
Staci & Jeffrey Cedar
Amy & Eric Clayman
Leslie & Steven Cohen
Myrna & Larry Cohen
Arlene & Harris Colton
Fran & Neil Cupersmith
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Karen & Ian Driben
Anita Farber
Christine & William Feinberg

Leonard Feldman
Peggy & Louis Gold
Jennifer & Alex Greenwald
Ilene & Harry Grossman
Myra & David Gutin
Barbara & Mark Jacobs
Sandra & Arnold Kaminer
Ziva & Haim Kantor
Gladys & Steve Krulik
Suzanne & Victor Levy
Renee & David Lieberman
Eileen Mangel
Andrea & Marc Millstein
Jamie & Darin Morgan
Linda & Richard Moskowitz
Lynn Goldman Paul & Stephen Paul
Salvatore & Eileen Perice
Hilary & Harry Platt
Ellen Podell
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Erica & Jerry Rothkoff
Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan

Joyce & Mel Ruthen
Sherry & Stuart Sauer
Amy & Daniel Schwarz
Betsy & Robert Schwartz
Brandi & Gregory Seltzer
Faye & Gary Shapiro
Shari & Jeffrey Shapiro
Carol & Joel Silbert
Judy & Len Simkin
Juli & Glenn Slosses
Barbara & Norman Some
Tami Bogutz Steinberg
Alison & Neil Tarnopol
Diane & Stuart Traster
Lynne & Diego Warszawski
Cookie & Allan Weinstein
Ilene & Michael Weinberg
Karin Elks & Steven Weinstein
Jennifer & James Weiss
Anonymous (1)
Every year our B’ni Mitzvah students have the opportunity to present their Mitzvah Projects to our community. This year, 13 of these students set up tables at our Purim Carnival to share their charitable efforts!

Here is a summary of the projects on display:
- **Elisha Behrend**: Muddy Puddles Project / Ty Louis Campbell Foundation
- **Mira Berman**: Jewish Youth Climate Movement
- **Shane Broad**: BookSmiles
- **Sebastian Enda**: Leveling The Playing Field
- **Madison Greenwald**: The Crayon Initiative
- **Isabella Laster**: Blue I Jewelry for Susan G. Komen
- **Kaila Rabenou**: 4Oceans
- **Hara Seltzer**: Child Life Specialist Team at Virtua
- **Mikayla Shenker**: CHOP Allergy Department
- **Jacob Silver**: American Heart Association
- **Rebecca Simpson**: Rebecca’s Mitzvah Muffins for PanCAN and Malala Fund
- **Benjamin Snyderman**: Project Refit
- **Ryan Stoopler**: Jewish Family & Children’s Services

Contact Leora at lwaiche@bethelsnj.org to learn more.

**HELP WANTED**
Do you want to make a difference at Beth El? Sign up to be a greeter or an usher on Shabbat! We are always looking for friendly faces to welcome Shabbat go-ers. Pre-B’ni Mitzvah students and their families are encouraged to sign up. Contact Leora at lwaiche@bethelsnj.org to get involved.

**ENGAGING OUR YOUTH**
Kadima, our youth group for 3-6 graders, held two fantastic events to engage our youth this winter. At Kadima Ninja Warrior in February, the group participated in parkour and ninja warrior style challenges at Pinnacle Parkour in Turnersville. Rabbi Marshall led the group in Havdalah. In March, more than 30 kids attended our Purim Costume Bowling Party at The Big Event in Cherry Hill. We did Havdalah, read a Harry Potter themed Purim shpiel, and enjoyed an evening of bowling. We have already started planning for the next school year and are excited to expand our options for the youth to elementary age activities for 3rd—5th graders and middle school programming for 6th & 7th graders.

**GUYS NIGHT OUT**
The Men’s Club met at Double Nickel Brewery in March for an evening of informal networking and delicious drinks.

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Café 74: A Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
Details on front cover

Prayers and Pajamas for ECC Families
Friday, May 6. 5:30pm
Families with young children are invited to our fabulous Shabbat party in the sanctuary!

Service From the Heart
Friday, May 6. 6:00pm
A musical Kabbalat Shabbat embracing our special needs community. Interpreted in ASL.

Intersectional Torah Study
Sunday, May 8. 11:00am
View the Torah from a lens of intersectionality.

Evening with @theboobiedocs: The Girlfriends’ Guide to Breast Cancer
Monday, May 9. 5:30pm
Join Beth El’s own Dr. Robyn Roth and Dr. Adrienne Rosenthal, Breast Radiologists at Cooper University Hospital, for an unforgettable evening of learning about breast cancer screening while having some fun along the way.

Theater Trip to NYC
Tuesday, May 10. 3:30—11:00pm
Luxury bus trip to The 10 Commandments: The Musical featuring Beth El’s own Melissa Lubars, dinner at Ben’s Kosher Deli included.

Habonim Musical Program with TBS
Thursday, May 12. 1:00pm
We will be partnering with the Hazak group from TBS for a fun musical afternoon.

Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch Honoring Dr. Helene Herman Krupnick
Sunday, May 15. 11:00am
This annual event reflects Sisterhood’s commitment to support the five schools that educate upcoming clergy.

Challah Bake
Thursday, May 19. 7:00pm
Bake your Shabbat challah with Sisterhood.

Singles Shabbat
Friday, May 20: 7:30pm
Services, mingling, and nosh for all adults.

Beth El Religious School End of Year BBQ
Sunday, May 22. 11:00am
Religious school families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year together!
Intersectional Torah Study  
Sunday, May 22, 11:00am  
View the Torah from a lens of intersectionality.

Kadima Mini Golf (3-6 Graders)  
Sunday, May 22, 4:00pm  
Tee up with us at Pleasant Valley for mini golf and water ice!

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Wednesday, May 25, 2:00pm—7:00pm  
Give the gift of life at Voorhees Town Center.

Mentalist David Jaison  
Thursday, May 26, 7:00pm  
Details on page 10.

Sisterhood & Achim Sheli Book Club  
Thursday, June 2, 7:00pm  
Zoom in for an engaging discussion led by Tracy Ann Bancroft on Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson.

Shavuot  
Saturday, June 4—Monday, June 6,  
Tikkun Leil Shavuot on Zoom, June 4 at 10:00pm.  
Visit the website for more Shavuot details.

Hearing Impairment Awareness Webinar  
Wednesday, June 8, 7:00pm  
Dr. Shanin Gross gives an inside perspective on living with hearing impairment and how we can be more sensitive as a community.

Annual Golf Classic & Game Day  
Monday, June 13, 11:00am  
Details on back cover.

Habonim End of Year BBQ  
Thursday, June 16, 5:00pm  
Grill up a good time with your Habonim friends at our annual end of year BBQ!

Pride Shabbat  
Friday, June 17, 6:00pm  
Celebrate Pride month at this inclusive service followed by wine and schmooze open to the LGBTQ+ community and allies!

Singles Shabbat  
Friday, June 17, 7:30pm  
Services, mingling, and nosh for all adults.

Juneteenth Musical Celebration  
Tuesday, June 21, 7:00pm  
Achim Sheli invites you to celebrate freedom with great music, food, and discussion.
Dear College Students and Parents,

We hope that those who participated enjoyed being part of the David Back College Connection Program for the 2021-22 school year. Purim packages were mailed to 69 college students across the country and students studying abroad received emailed greetings. We want to express our appreciation to Rabbi Aaron Krupnick and Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro for their inspirational messages and to Leora Waiche for her invaluable assistance with scheduling, maintaining the database and designing, printing and folding the clergy letters. We are grateful to Marlon Boro for their assistance and the many volunteers who helped assemble the packages without which this program would not be possible.

We are pleased to announce that starting July 1, 2022, Jackie Bernard will be chairing the Beth El College Connection Program. Jackie first volunteered for the program in 2017 when her older son started college. Her enthusiasm for the program grew when her younger son entered college three years later. Jackie recognizes the importance of keeping our college age members connected with our synagogue and Judaism and “looks forward to continuing the College Connection’s longstanding tradition of providing wonderful packages to Beth El’s college students.”

Current undergraduate students and those applying for college admissions for next year, please continue to check the Beth El News for sign up information for the 2022-23 school year.

To assist with the program, please contact Jackie Bernard: 4bernards@comcast.net or 856-630-0585.

Sisterhood
President Erica Ritter
Sisterhood’s mission is to engage, enrich, and empower the women of Beth El. We offer that through challah bakes, book clubs, movie critic nights, weekly Wednesday morning minyan, our powerful Sisterhood Shabbat, and more! We want to give a shout-out to Amy Winn-Dworkin, Renee Kessler and our wonderful vendors for bringing back our first in-person Party Showcase in three years. To learn more about how to connect with Sisterhood, email us at sisterhood@bethelsnj.org.

Kavod
Chair Shanin Gross
Kavod, respect, our group for LGBTQ+ adults and allies understands the increasing importance of showing support for our LGBTQ+ members, their families, and others in the community. Our next step is opening our doors to celebrate together at our 1st ever Pride Shabbat on June 17. Pride Month takes place in June to commemorate the Stonewall uprising of June 1969 which tipped off the Gay Liberation Movement in the US. While the LGBTQ+ community and allies are still fighting for rights, we are grateful to be a part of a synagogue that is working toward providing a welcoming space for Jews who may not otherwise feel welcome in a place of worship.

Achim Sheli
Chair Tameika Minor
If we’ve ever met, then you know that I loudly and proudly pronounce that I am Black and Jewish woman from a small town in southern Virginia. Southern hospitality, Jewish values, and the rich history of our ancestors remain staples in our home. While we celebrate the Jewish holidays, Juneteenth has only been a recent celebration. Who knew that a social media post about our first family Juneteenth dinner would not only bring awareness but bring us together for a greater cause? We celebrated with our Southern staples, and just like that there was a challah and the sweetest note on our doorstep from my son’s teacher at KBA. It brought us to tears, and since that day I have told this story at almost every presentation I’ve done on Jews of Color. Our family, along with Chai & Tonia Respes, voiced our concerns and after a moving afternoon with Rabbi Krupnick, Achim Sheli was founded. Over the past two years, we have grown in strength and numbers. We thank all of our brothers and sisters for all of your continued love and support.

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Chair Judy Simkin
Habonim, an empty nesters group, is comprised of members who have strong connections and feelings towards Congregation Beth El. We look forward to getting together to participate in spiritual and social functions and to stay connected with one another. We are a warm, friendly and welcoming group and all empty nesters are welcome to join us.
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