BETHELNE

December 2018 — January 2019



Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

A Psalm for Shabbat on Ten-Stringed Instrument and on Lute

Thus begins Psalm 92 by King David. This past August, based on the halachic research and opinion of Rabbi Elliot Dorff, one of my main rabbinic mentors, I

decided to permit the use of guitar, and perhaps other instruments, at our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service. This is the service that welcomes in Shabbat and features among other songs, the famous Lecha-Dodi. We do not use instruments for Ma'ariv (the evening service that follows Kabbalat Shabbat) nor will we be using instruments on categories of Rabbinic (not Torah) prohibition have always Shabbat morning.

Regarding musical instruments being played on Shabbat there are two distinct concerns: aesthetics and halacha. Although I find the halachic arguments Rabbi Dorff and others make for strings is not permitted on Shabbat, and that the instruments using musical instruments on Shabbat as a whole convincing (more on that in a moment), aesthetically, our Shabbat onset of Shabbat, then the use of instruments can be morning service is distinctive and beautiful as it is, and I feel no need to augment it with instruments. Our Friday night that is not an issue.) service however (which is now held at 6:00 PM all year roundand therefore starts after sundown part of the year) benefits greatly from the addition of musical accompaniment. Both those who are familiar with the traditional service, as well as those who are not, find that the instrumental accompaniment deepens the sense of spiritual connection that Kabbalat interested. Shabbat was designed to engender. Rather than increase passivity, it has proven more engaging for those in I realize and understand, of course, that for many, musical attendance.

In biblical times, the psalmist recommended musical accompaniment, even and especially on Shabbat, to convey mentioned Psalm 92. Musical instruments on Shabbat were played to accompany the Shabbat (and daily) sacrifices in both Temples in Jerusalem. After the destruction of the Second Temple however, Jewish community as a whole went into deep mourning and the spiritual leaders of Babylonian as unsuitable for a nation in distress. It actually took hundreds too. of years before music was even permitted at weddings! (We still break a glass at weddings to remind us of the destruction of the Temple.) But the uplifting and engaging nature of

instrumental accompaniment to religious services could not be held at bay indefinitely, and by the late Middle Ages, instrumental music was played at weddings and other Jewish celebrations and services. Now, in our day and age, with the founding of the Jewish State of Israel, we are no longer a People in mourning. In my opinion, the sackcloth of Temple destruction can be removed.

But what about Shabbat? Neither the Torah, nor Rabbinic sources prohibit the use of musical instruments on Shabbat as an act of work. Rather, it was the fear that the use of an instrument might lead to activities that are indeed forbidden on Shabbat, especially fixing and carrying the instruments, that led the rabbis to legislate against their use. Still, these been subject to reinterpretation (within limits) in light of changing times. As Rabbi Dorff convincingly argues, if there is an understanding among the musicians (in this case Cantor Sher and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro) that replacing broken themselves must already be in the synagogue prior to the sanctioned. (We already use amplification on Shabbat, so

If there is sufficient interest, I would like to devote a learning session to a detailed study of Rabbi Dorff's T'shuva (Rabbinic position paper) and I will forward it on line prior to anyone who would like to review it. Simply let me know you if you are

instruments on Shabbat is not the "Beth El" tradition. I respect that. That's why music on Shabbat morning will remain a But in order to deepen the level of spiritual connection, as well as levels of attendance and participation in the full spectrum of emotion, as evidenced by the above- our heretofore sparsely attended Friday night service, I am sanctioning (and enjoying) the use of instruments at Kabbalat Shabbat. We are now calling this service "Friday Night Live." It still lasts an hour, it's still casual in terms of attire, and it is beautiful. I urge you to come and check it out. Many of our most "traditional" members have found the service very Jewry opposed popular music altogether (not just on Shabbat) meaningful, spiritual and engaging, and I hope that you will

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - JOSH LASTER



Hard to believe that is already time for the December/January edition of our Beth El News! There has been a lot going on at Beth El since High Holy Day season has passed, and I'd like to update you about two of our new staff members, Robin Berger and Katie Doyle, and the role of Tamar Barkan, our Community Engagement Director.

Katie Doyle, our Marketing & Communications Assistant, joined us towards the end of October. We are very excited to have her on our team. She will be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Her responsibilities are as follows:

- Create flyers and other marketing materials for Beth El events/programs
- Weekly emails from Beth El
- Collaborate with synagogue arms to develop marketing materials
- · Manage social media content (Facebook, Instagram)
- · Editor of the Beth El News
- Website updates and improvements
- Maintain Beth El calendar

Robin Berger, our Events & Development Director, joined us just before Yom Kippur. Robin served most recently as the Development Director of the JDRF South Jersey Chapter for 13 years. In addition to that position, she also served as the Special Events Coordinator at the Katz JCC for 5 years. Robin grew up at Beth El and is very well connected in our Jewish community. Her primary responsibilities are as follows:

- Partner with Mira Aumiller and Barbra Wilen, our Fundraising Committee Chairs, to oversee event fundraisers
- Partner with the Development Task Force and provide Administrative oversight of:
 - Our newly launched benefactor program, Shomrim
 - Community Partnership Program to grow corporate/business sponsorships and relationships
 - Administration of our annual High Holy Day Appeal
 - Continued growth of our Life & Legacy Endowment Program
 - Community Agency Facility Rentals

With the hiring of Robin Berger, we made some changes to Tamar Barkan's responsibilities as our Community Engagement Director. She will focus on the following areas:

- Partner with Debra Kelberg, our Membership Chair, to oversee Membership engagement and outreach to potential members
- Holiday and Friend-raising/Fun-raising Community programming
- Coordination of Arms' programming for our auxiliary groups
- · Coordinate our monthly Shabbat dinners
- Supervision and coordination of weekly Kiddush and Pronegs
- Partner with Nancy Cutler, our Marketing & Communications Chair, to oversee advertising/publicity, inhouse flyers and any membership related materials designed to promote membership and/or engage the community

Robin and Katie are both very excited to be with us! Robin's email is rberger@bethelsnj.org and Katie's email is kdoyle@bethelsnj.org. Tamar is enthusiastic and ready to help you make meaningful connections with your spiritual home. Her email is tbarkan@bethelsnj.org. You may also call the office and ask to be connected with any of their extensions. Thank you for your consideration and support!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - DAVID BACKAL



I am Proud and I am Comforted.

On November 3, we stood with the Tree of Life Synagogue and with shuls all around the country. We gathered together in prayer, compassion and unity. We celebrated Solidarity Shabbat and welcomed over 500 people to Beth El that day.

I am Proud.

Proud to be a Jew, of our history, values and traditions.

Proud of Beth EI and all that we do for Judaism, our families and community.

Proud of the Jewish community, globally.

I am thankful for our interfaith friends and their support.

I am thankful for our clergy and their guidance.

I am Proud that we are turning the tragic event that took place on October 27th, a Shabbat morning in Pittsburgh, into a dialogue and not just a story. And now it is up to us, all of us, to continue this conversation and fight against Anti-Semitism, Hatred and Bigotry.

I find comfort in shul, in Beth El.

You should always find comfort in shul, Beth El belongs to you!

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

David Backal

president@bethelsnj.org

Like our President, David Backal, says, "You do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you!"

We want to make sure we stay a part of your life, but to do so, we need the current contact information for all members of your household!

There are three easy ways to update your information:

- Email Katie Doyle at kdoyle@bethelsnj.org
 - 2. Go to http://tinyurl.com/bememupdate
 - 3. Mail the following information to: 8000 Main Street, Voorhees. NJ 08043:

Name, Address, Birthdate, Email Address, Cell Phone Number, Employer, Employer Address, and Work Email

Thank you!

SHARING OUR LIVES (AS OF NOVEMBER)

BIRTHS:

Sharon & Herb Deutsch on the birth of their great grandson, Wyatt Alexander Law Rita & Alan Kagan on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Ruth Heather & Andrew Levin on the birth of their daughter, Alana Michele, and to grandparents Marcia & Bruce Tomar

Amy & Barney Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Bennett Morris Diane & Burt Nussbaum on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley Anne Nussbaum Michelle & Steven Rosenzweig on the birth of a grandson, Luca Lennon Rosenzweig Beth & Ed Vernick on the birth of their granddaughter, Marielle Hannah Vernick

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Mira & Aaron Aumiller on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli, and to grandparents, Carol & Joel Silbert Flossie & Bill Baranoff on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,

Samuel Jonathan Baranoff, and to Rachel Baranoff

Jocelyn Borowsky and Mark Borowsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Natalie Sharon & Bill Bronstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jessie Ravitz Heidi & Brian Chhabria on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary, and

to grandparents, Shelly & Allan Brenner

Carvn & Jason Cutler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob

Nicole & Mitchell Cwanger on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Max and to grandparents, Pat & Jules Cwanger Debra & Mark Gardner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sofia

Cheryl & Daniel Goldman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Abigail

Lisa Trachtenberg & Jeff Heisler on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters, Elsa and Lydia Heisler

Rebecca & Jake Jacobs on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madeline

Cheryl Osnayo on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Alexander Grife

Kimberly & Stephen Packman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin Packman Jessica & Michael Petkov on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marlee

Marcy Sanders on the B'nai Mitzvah of her twin grandsons, Drew and Noah Fermaglich

Sheryl & Richard Scheitzer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, John

Alicia & Daniel Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ruby

Melody & Craig Taylor on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Aitan Tzvi Gura, and to great grandmother, Suzanne Taylor

Diane & Stuart Traster on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Madeline Judy & Stuart Wasserlauf on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Gavin Lynne Weinstein on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Michael Edward Whitmore

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES:

Dale & Ira Brooks on the marriage of Stuart Brooks and Dr. Nicole Jarrett Jill & Carl Caplan on the engagement of their son, Fred, to Alexis Wilson Judy Charny on the marriage of her son, Jacob, and Bassel Rabah Yaffa & Jack Fuchs on the engagement of their son, Ari, and Hilary Mackler

Bonnie & Michael Gewurtz on the marriage of their daughter, Amy, and Matt Myers Myra & David Gutin on the marriage of their son, Andrew, to Violet Vos Judy & Arie Weiss on the marriage of Ben Hord and Melissa Kaufman

Lois & Jeffrey Romm on the engagement of their daughter, Hannah to

Adam Hinson, and to grandmother Alice Damens

Marlene & Ed Silberman on the marriage of their daughter, Stacy, and Jeremy Garson Debbi & Michael Silverman on the marriage of their son, Benjamin, and Priscilla Modrov Beth & Craig Wynne on the marriage of their son, Andrew, and Rebecca Rosen and to grandmother, Edith Green

SHARING OUR LIVES (CONT.)

Leah Howard and Matthew Zahal on their marriage

BETH EL MOURNS THE PASSING OF:

Alan Frieman, father of Eric Frieman Millie Cohen, mother of Stacy Abrams

Beverly Besser, mother of Ira Besser, grandmother of Raina, Alexa and Jordan Besser Cantor Saul Rubinstein, brother of Selma Feldschneider

Jerry Gerstein, husband of Delores, father of Richard and Michael, grandfather of Benjamin, Jessica, Sloane, Ethan and Dylan

Allan Greenberg, brother of Toby Dubner

Calvin Greenberg, father of Sharon Shanker, grandfather of Justin, Garrett and Nevin Irv Hanover – father of Larry Hanover

Fran Kaplan, wife of Richard Kaplan, mother of Dr. Gary and Jeffrey Beverly Kellman

Howard Margulies, father of Jody Dembo

IN MEMORIAM OF OUR MEMBERS

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Jerry Gerstein

Husband of Delores, father of Richard and Michael, grandfather of Benjamin, Jessica, Sloane, Ethan

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Fran Kaplan

Wife of Richard, mother of Dr. Gary and Jeffrey

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.

If you are able to join us in the Beth El Kitchen to prepare meals for our Chesed freezer please call for details

Renee Kessler 429-2258 - Rbkess@comcast.net The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Beverly Kellman

This space is not big enough to write everything the Beth El Early Childhood Center has to offer. Call 856-675-1166 to schedule a visit!

- Flexible A la carte child care options
- ◆ Free Membership to Synagogue
- After school activities to include Suzuki Violin, Sports, Dance
- State of the Art room for variety of art exploration
- Sensory Room to assist with additional child
- development activities and guidance
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Extracurricular activities taught by experts
- Experienced and tenured teachers
- Fun and interactive Friday morning Shabbat program
- Children bake Challah every Friday

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SHARING OUR LIVES (CONT.)

Mazal Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of November, December, January

Benjamin Packman	November 3	David Wertheimer	December 6
John Russell Schweitzer	November 3	Jake Unterlack	December 8
Natalie Borowsky	November 10	Elliana Ostroff	December 8
Madeline Jacobs	November 17	Avi Philip Berman	December 9
Marlee Petkov	November 17	Aidan Woods	December 15
Bennett Kutikov	December 1	James Walker Harris III	January 12
Skyler Sholder	December 1		-



Avi Philip Berman

Son of Jodi Lee Berman

Grandson of Barbara & Jay Berman

Mitzvah Project: Jr. Shark Tank Judge, AWA Shelter Volunteer, and "Avi's Doggie Depot" – 9th year – watering hole for dogs and owners on LBI. Donated over \$1,500 to shelters



Natalie Borowsky

Daughter of Jocelyn Borowsky and Mark Borowsky

Sister of Jacob and Sophia

Granddaughter of Steven & Hedy Margolin and Bill & June Borowsky

Mitzvah Project: Bookshelves



James Walker Harris III

Son of Michael & Nicole Weisman

Brother of Samantha and Rebecca

Grandson of Eve Rose and

Miriam & Jim Gardner

Mitzvah Project: Cook for a Friend; volunteered to cook with Renee Kessler, Thanksgiving prep with JFCS, and donated a portion of Bar Mitzvah Funds



Madeline Frieda Jacobs

Daughter of William & Rebecca Jacobs

Sister of Olivia and Dylan

Granddaughter of Diane & Stuart Traster and Barbara Jacobs

Mitzvah Project: Donated to "Living Beyond Breast Cancer" in honor of her grandmother, a breast cancer survivor, and her aunt, who is battling breast cancer



Bennett Kutikov

Son of Jessica & Alexander Kutikov

Brother of Jonah and Lilah

Crandon of Sharen & Bahart Katz

Grandson of Sharon & Robert Katz and Bella & Michael Kutikov

Mitzvah Project: Raising money for The Breathing Room Foundation, which provides care and support to local families affected by cancer



Elliana Ostroff

Daughter of Jennifer & Brett Ostroff

Sister of Camryn

Granddaughter of Len Ostroff and Chris & Lenny Rankin

Mitzvah Project: Made healthy dog treats to sell and raise money for Voorhees Animal Orphanage. A portion of Bat Mitzvah funds will be donated to the Orphanage

SHARING OUR LIVES (CONT.)



Marlee Petkov

Daughter of Jessica & Michael Petkov

Sister of Mason

Granddaughter of Judy & Jonathan Beck and Georgia & Jay Petkov

Mitzvah Project: Collected books for Book Smiles and volunteered as a "Buddy" for special needs children through the Sports Unity Program



John Russell Schweitzer

Son of Sheryl and Rich Schweitzer

Brother of Danielle and Robert

Grandson of Susan & Marc Goldstein and Sally & Dick Schweitzer

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered for CHOP and Computer Smiles, a new charity started by John's grandfather. John collected computers to upgrade & donate them.



Skyler Sholder

Son of Jennifer & Brett Sholder
Brother of Blake Sholder

Grandson of Barbara & Carl Sholder
Marten & Carol Dragum and
Henda & Tom Keer

Mitzvah Project: Tools for School, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Carson Wentz A01 Foundation, and the Malcolm Jenkins Foundations



Jake Unterlack

Son of Stacey Underlack
Brother of Caleb

Grandson of Sherry & Barry Garfinkle and Karen Unterlack

Mitzvah Project: Jake designed and made phone cases for sale with his 3D printer. The proceeds went to the Jewish War Veterans.



Aidan Woods

Son of Jen & Ed Woods

Brother of Eva

Grandson of Marsha &
Richard Dollinger

Mitzvah Project: Animal Aid USA/ Woof Love Rescue

ARE YOU A BETH EL MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY?

We will be celebrating our centennial anniversary in 2020 and we want to hear your story!

Please contact Robin at rberger@bethelsnj.org

or call 856-675-1166 ext. 409

Do you have a special occasion you wish to commemorate or honor? Consider sponsoring the Beth El News.

For \$180, your name will appear on the front page with your special dedication.

Sponsorships are limited; contact Katie Doyle at kdoyle@bethelsnj.org today!

BETH EL SECURITY UPDATE

Beth El receives \$100,000 matching security grant

Following the tragic events that occurred at Tree of Life in Pittsburgh, we have been very busy evaluating every element of our operations related to security. Just five days into this planning process, Beth El received a \$100,000 matching grant from the Forman Family Foundation to help further secure their spiritual home. This gift is being made to create the Beth El Security Reserve Fund to cover security-related expenses for improvements to our synagogue and security coverage needs. We are so thankful for this gift, and it will have an immediate impact. If you feel compelled to contribute to this security reserve, please donate online or contact me at jlaster@bethelsnj.org to discuss your donation.

As I mentioned in my email on Saturday, October 27, we take the safety and security of our community very seriously. We are constantly reviewing, evaluating, and adjusting our procedures as necessary. We do not share the details of our specific measures, but please be assured that safety is our highest priority. As you might imagine, we try to balance our desire to be open and welcoming with our need to be vigilant and take precautions to keep everyone safe.

Earlier this year, we received a \$50,000 grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security. As a result of this grant, we were able to make several security upgrades to our building, including additional cameras on the outside and inside of the building, bollards that will be installed at entrances at the front of our building, and a few other strategic improvements.

You may have noticed additional guards at some entrances to the building and increased police presence. For security reasons, we don't share specific details about the schedules or the mix of security guards and police officers we have on site.

We have received security assessments and trainings from the police department that are tailored for our building. We are in communication with organizations including the Department of Homeland Security, Anti-Defamation League, Secure Community Network, and others. These trainings were specifically designed for houses of worship and faith organizations. Safety and security is all of our concern. Here's how you can make a difference:

- If you see something, say something as quickly as possible. If you notice someone or something
 that seems suspicious, tell a security guard or a staff member immediately. The situation may be
 innocent it's up to law enforcement to determine whether the behavior warrants investigation.
- Familiarize yourself with emergency exits.
- During non-Shabbat operational hours: Use the buzzer and please be responsive and patient when staff screen people at the entrance. Do not allow unscreened visitors to follow behind you.
- Do not prop open doors. If you see a door propped open, please close it.
- Are you trained in CPR and how to use an AED? Our two AEDs are located in our Shabbat entrance vestibule and by the school wings of the Education section of our building.

We need everyone's participation to ensure that Beth El continues to be a secure and safe environment.

L'Shalom

Josh Laster, Executive Director



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RABBI NOGAH MARSHALL, EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR



The festival of Chanukah is a celebration of rededication and celebration of our freedom as a Jewish people. We are so fortunate that we have the freedom to light our Chanukiot in our windows, pray freely, and publicly live our lives as Jews. I especially feel extremely fortunate to be part

of this incredible community that allows me the ability to spread the light of Judaism to close to 400 students. One of the ways we spread the light of Judaism to our students is through music. My favorite time of the school days are when our students are either in music with Cantor Sher or at Rock and Roll Shacharit. There is something special and unique about our school because music truly brings us all together. If you ask any of our students what song they love to sing the most, their answer will be "The Hope" by Rick Recht.

I am excited to share with you that on December 9 at 4:30PM Rick Recht, otherwise known to our students as "The Hope Guy", will perform at a Chanukah Concert sponsored by the BERS PTG right here at Beth El for our entire community. And as part of the concert all of our students will be invited to join Rick on stage to sing some of his songs with him, including "The Hope!" You won't want to miss it! And in celebration of Chanukah following the concert we will join together for a delicious family Chanukah dinner.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate together in song the festival of Chanukah together as a community. Chaq Chanukat Sameach.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 2 BERS Annual Secret Shop Support the PTG by having your children shop for Chanukah gifts for their family and friends during Religious School.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Wednesday, Dec. 5
Family Chanukah Candle Lighting - 6PM - 6:15PM
Join us with your family as we celebrate Chanukah
by lighting the Chanukah together as a community
followed by a delicious treat

Sunday, December 9 Rick Recht Concert The Beth El Religious School PTG is hosting this concert with Rick Recht. A delicious Chanukah dinner will follow. We hope you will join us and support the BERS PTG. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

This event will be followed by a dessert reception.

Free and Open to the Community

Sunday, January 13 BERS Annual Grandparents Day and Zimriyah - 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Sunday, January 27 Gimmel B'yachad Program - 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Saturday, February 9 Inclusion Shabbat

COLEL EVENTS

Tuesdays, January 15 - June 8 Live & Learn: Jewish Exploration Class

Thursday, January 17 CoLel Movie Night 7:00PM | Film: The Wedding Plan Join us for a cup of soup and a night out at the movies with your Beth El friends.

Thursday, February 28 Keep Hope Alive Michael Segal: His Personal Story of Hope and Inspiration - 7:00 PM - RSVP

Tuesday, January 22 Community Tu-Bishvat Seder

We want you!

Are you in grades 8-12, have children in grades 8-12, or know someone in grades 8-12?

Don't go any farther because Congregation Beth El's youth program wants and needs you!

Join us for a year of exciting programs and activities led by Youth Director, Alicia Drozen.

For more information, look in your mail or email adrozen@bethelsnj.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - DEBBIE BEIDEMAN, DIRECTOR

Dear Beth El Families:

Since our last edition we have had our class and individual pictures taken, Silly Hat Day, and a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast! The children enjoyed the feast and a special thanks to Hazzan PB for singing her beautiful songs with us

and the PTG volunteers for cooking, serving, and making sure all went well! We also had an ECC Art Exhibit at Barnes and Noble. Look at our creative and talented student artwork!



All of the students are enjoying our new STEAM Room and classes. STEAM is an educational approach to teaching and learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics for guiding student inquiry and discovery. As students engage in hands-on activities they are empowered to develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, innovation, and perseverance. The overarching goal is to blend project-based platforms that help our students understand, interpret, and utilize fundamental concepts to solve real-world problems. We are excited to offer this program to all of our students Infants through Kindergarten.

We are planning for our Chanukah Celebration on December 6th, Winter Camp, Quizzo Night, and Purim Carnival at this time. Our afternoon and afterschool enrichment classes are full of amazing learning opportunities and the students are having fun!

Please check the calendar feature on Brightwheel for upcoming events!

Shabbat birthdays, Bagel Wednesdays, and Pizza Fridays are fun days and if you need any forms please check on my table or ask me.

Important Dates:

December 6 Chanukah Celebration

December 24 Early Dismissal 12:30PM

December 25 ECC Closed

December 26 - 28 Winter Camp for 2's and Up

December 31 Early Dismissal 3:15PM

January 1 ECC Closed

January 14 Registration open

January 21 Tu B'Shevat'

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LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

We're celebrating JEWISH BOOKS at Congregation Beth El!!! Jewish Book Month is November 2 - December 2, 2018

Our members have always supported the Bell Library because they understand the intrinsic value and importance of a viable library in a major synagogue. The Jewish people have been called "The People of the Book" for centuries; we treasure learning and study. Please help keep these values at Congregation Beth El!

Your support will enable us to do the following:

- Provide books to those in need
- Educate and entertain children
- Serve the mission of the congregation



As is our Jewish Book Month tradition, each contribution, at the special rate of \$20.00 (or 2 for \$36.00), entitles you to a book dedication, indicated by an inscribed bookplate. A personalized letter will be sent to anyone you wish to honor. (The regular rate, available anytime throughout the year, is \$25.00 per book.)

Book dedications are the perfect way to offer greetings for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, other simchas, or "just because," and are appropriate for yahrzeits and other solemn occasions as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please encourage your fellow congregants to join you in making donations that support education for all ages in our Library.

This special offer usually ends December 2 - but it has been extended until December 31.

B'shalom,

Amy Kaplan, Congregation Librarian

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There are many ways to participate: make an immediate contribution of cash, appreciated securities, real estate, art work or other collectibles; include a bequest to Beth El in your will; designate Beth El as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy; establish a donor advised fund dedicated to the support of Beth El; establish a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust.

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- Click on "Scrip" under the Support tab on bethelsnj.org
- 2. Place your order online
- 3. Pay by phone or by check and pick up your order at Beth El

The Scrip program helps support educational programming for children and adults at Beth El

THE TREE OF LIFE

LEAF: Purchasing a leaf on Beth El's Tree of Life, located inside the Shabbat and Holiday entrance to our building, is the perfect way to commemorate a significant life-cycle event.

Remember your wedding, birthday, anniversary, children's B'nai Mitzvah or other accomplishment by having a leaf custom engraved for \$275.

STONE: For a more significant addition to the Tree of Life, please consider purchasing a stone to adorn the bottom of the artwork. Each stone is custom engraved onto an all natural surface and promises to be a source of great family pride for years to come.

The cost for each stone is \$600.

To order a leaf or stone, please call the Beth El office at 856-675-1166

PATHWAY TO INSPIRATION

Do you wish to honor a loved one, that special simcha, a child's favorite teacher, or the memory of someone special? Personalized bricks make a lasting and unique gift.

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SHOMRIM

שומרים SHOMRIM

GUARDIANS OF CONGREGATION BETH EL

Shomrim is an inclusive giving program designed to allow benefactors to commit one time during the year to support the annual activities and operational needs of Beth El.

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SHACHARIT (MORNING)

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE (KABBALAT SHABBAT)

HOLIDAY

CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday Monday		Monday Tuesday Wednesday		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
NOVEMBER 25 9:00AM 4:35PM	NOVEMBER 26 7:15AM 4:35PM	NOVEMBER 27 7:30AM 4:35PM	NOVEMBER 28 7:30AM 4:35PM	NOVEMBER 29 7:15AM 4:35PM	NOVEMBER 30 7:30AM 4:15PM MINCHA 6:00PM 4:18PM	1 VAYESHEV 9:00AM 4:25PM	
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9 CHANUKAH DAY 7 ROSH CHODESH 9:00AM RICK 4:35PM RECHT CONCERT	1 CHANUKAH DAY 8 7:15AM 4:35PM		12 7:30 AM 4:35 PM	13 7:15AM 4:35PM	14 7:30am 4:15pm Mincha 6:00pm 4:18pm	15 VAYIGASH 9:00AM 4:25PM	
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23 9:00am 4:40pm	24 7:15 AM 4:40 PM	25 8:30am 4:40pm	26 7:30AM 4:40PM	27 7:15AM 4:40PM	28 7:30am 4:25pm Mincha 6:00pm 4:25pm	29 SHEMOT 9:00AM 4:30PM	
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

Dec. 1-31 Bell Library Annual Fundraiser: Jewish Book Fair Dec. 4 Men's Club Scotch and Latkes

Dec. 4 Women's Community Study 'In Her Own Words' | Dec. 4-5 Family Chanukah Lighting | Dec 6 Habonim 2.0 Chanukah Party

Dec. 7 Let's Do Shabbat – Hannukah is Here & Library Discussion Group Dec. 9 Rick Recht Concert Dec 14 Prayers and Pajamas

Dec. 16 FJMC-MAR Man of the Year Dec. 18 Penn Health Talk Series: Movement Disorder

Dec. 20 Sisterhood Challah Bake Dec. 21 Singles Shabbat

JANUARY 2019

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SHACHARIT CANDLE LIGHTING (MORNING)

MINCHA/MA'ARIV (AFTERNOON/EVENING)

FIDAY NIGHT LIVE (KABBALAT SHABBAT)

HOLIDAY

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ BETH EL:

Jan. 4 Library Discussion Group | Jan. 7 Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh, It's a Woman Thing Jan 8 Cake Decorating with Habonim 2.0 | Jan. 11 Prayers and Pajamas

Jan. 15, 22, 29: Pirkei Avot Class | Jan. 17 Sisterhood Challah Bake & CoLel Movie Night: "The Wedding Plan"

Jan. 18 Singles Shabbat Jan 19 - Sisterhood Shabbat/Shabbat Shira Jan. 21 MLK Day of Community Service | Jan. 22 – Tu B'ishvat Sedar

Jan. 23 Torah on Tao at Tir Na Nog

Jan. 26 Mental Mishigas

Men's Club



Adam Weissman, President Adam.w.weissman@gmail.com

Men's Club had an exciting Fall! We shared stories, questions, and steak with Rabbi Green in the (waterproof, indoor) Sukkah. Learned what made beer kosher and how to make it ourselves. We worked with BookSmiles to share the gift of reading

by building a Free Little Library. As we settle in for Winter, let our Men's Club events help you get out of the house and connect with the community. Whether you've been coming to Torah on Tap for years or you have never been to a Men's club event before, you'll feel welcome to learn more about Men's topics, help build the community a little tighter, or even meet someone new. Here's some of the great upcoming events with the Men's Club:

- December 4 7:00 PM Scotch and Latkes: Special Torah on Tap with Rabbi Krupnick
- December 16 4:30 PM FJMC-MAR Man of the Year dinner honoring Rabbi Andy Green.
 Contact Adam Weissman for details at: adam.w.weissman@gmail.com
- January 23 7:30 PM Torah on Tap at Tir Na Nog, Cherry Hill
- February 3 -10:00 AM- Phil Podell Memorial World Wide Wrap: Join Men's Clubs around the world for a "How-To" service with Tallis and and T'fillin for men, women and students grade 6 and up. Breakfast is included.
- February 21 7:30 PM Torah on Tap, location TBA

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Oneg following services.

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Contact Norma Kamis: (856) 662-7916 or normatrack@verizon.net

Sisterhood



Beth El Sisterhood, Barbara Sharofsky, President

We are well into our programming year, and there is so much to do and become involved with! There's something for everyone!
We had an amazing Paid Up Membership event, "Walk the Runway: Friendship and Fashion", which featured

fashions and gift ideas from our own Gift Shop, Judaically Yours. The event, held on November 1, was attended by over 130 Beth El Sisters. We had a delicious dinner, lots of fun, and a chance to see what our Gift Shop has in store for you!! Yasher Koach to our Membership Vice Presidents, Laurie Grossman and Meredith Becker, who saw to every detail of the evening! A huge THANK YOU to Linda Lazarow and Judy Simkin who coordinated the Fashion Show, the items, the models and the moderators of the evening. Everyone had a great time and had some time to shop at the gift shop. Not yet a member of Sisterhood? It's never too late! Send a check for \$45 to the Beth El office, labeled Sisterhood dues, and join us!

Mitzvah Mall on November 18 was amazing and inspiring. So many wonderful organizations came to show us what we can do to become involved in our community. One of the organizations was our own Sisterhood Tzedakah program, Torah Fund. You can support Torah Fund in so many ways. If you have questions, contact Faye Shapiro (fayeshap0407@gmail.com) or Renee Kessler (rbkess@comcast.net) to learn more. You can become a benefactor and wear a beautiful Torah Fund Pin, which shows your support. Any donation, \$18 and up, works to provide us with our spiritual leadership. We will be having a very special Torah Fund event in March!

Coming up with Sisterhood:

- Dec. 12: Region Team Bingo Event at Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, PA
- Dec. 20: Challah Bake
- Jan. 7: Rosh Chodesh: It's a Woman Thing
- Jan. 19: Sisterhood Shabbat and Stay/Treat
- Jan. 21: Challah Bake
- Jan. 21 MLK Day of Service
- Feb. 5: Rosh Chodesh: It's A Woman Thing
- Feb. 21 Challah Bake

Habonim 2.0



Judy Simkin, President lensim@comcast.net

Habonim got off to a great start this year with several very successful and interesting programs.

On Thursday, December 6th, from 6p-9p, Habonim 2.0 will be having its 4th annual Chanukah celebration. At that

time, we will all be lighting together the candles for the fifth night of Chanukah. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing all of the menorahs lined up in a row with the candles burning brightly. There will be a festive holiday meal as well as a Chanukah sing a long led by Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Cantor Sher. The cost for the evening will be \$25 and all checks should be made out to Habonim and mailed to Mort Kanovsky, 9 Anvil Court, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

Since Chanukah is a time of giving we are asking our members to make a donation, in any amount desired, to help plant trees in Israel in light of all the fires and destruction that has been taking place there in recent months. "They Burn-We Plant."

For those members who will no be able to join us that evening and would like to contribute you many also send your checks to Mort Kanovsky. With all the monies collected, we will be forwarding a check to the JNF indicating our donation of trees. "They Burn-We Plant."

On January 8, 2019 we will be having a cake decorating session. It will be led by Debbie from the Magical Sweet Shoppe in Voorhees. Each participant will be decorating their very own cake during the course of the evening and will be able to take it home to share with family and friends.

This should prove to be a fantastic evening and it is open to everyone. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

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Young Families' Group



Nikki Cohen, President nicolecohen24@gmail.com

In case you missed it, YFG had a great start to the school year with our Smores by the Sukkah event in the Beth El courtyard and the family Nature Hike at Blueberry Hill. We also teamed up with Diane Nussbaum from Diane's Patisserie

for a very successful synagogue-wide Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased a pie to support the YFG!

We are gearing up for our annual Hanukkah Mitzvah Project on Tuesday, December 4th in Social Hall B. This is a family friendly event that is great for all ages. We hope to see you there! In the Spring, the YFG will help the Early Childhood PTG and bring back Quizzo!!! This parents night out is scheduled for March 23 and you will not want to miss it.

Have a wonderful Hanukkah and Happy New Year.



Alicia Drozen, Youth Director adrozen@bethelsnj.org

The Youth Department has had an exciting fall! Our Kadima kick off event, Slime and Sundaes, was a fun and sticky afternoon. More than 30 4th-7th graders participated in the first event of our newest Beth El youth group! Hebrew High students

participated in a Sukkot themed Amazing Race inspired event starting with shaking the lulav and etrog with Rabbi Green in the sukkah and ending with making edible sukkot with graham crackers and twizzlers!

SAVE THE DATES:

- January 17 USY & Hebrew High Tu Bi-Shvat Seder. 8:00pm-9:00pm
- February 9 KADIMA Havdalah and Outing TBD
- March 31 Teen trip to NYC
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 Youth Director at adrozen@bethelsnj.org

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