

Our New Assistant Rabbi



Congregation Beth El Welcomes

Welcomes Andy Green and Family







Mazal Tov to our 2015 Kindergarten Graduates



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lauren Soll



EXCITING!!! This was springtime at Beth El. Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with Bret Stephens, Clergy Dinner, Mitzvah Day and Family Fun Night were some of the major events that took place at Beth El. As a congregation, we also participated in a very special and inspirational Shabbat service. On May 16th, our Hazzan and her family celebrated their son Joshua becoming a Bar Mitzvah in our beautiful Sanctuary. Every Shabbat, our Hazzan gives us 110% by leading services and making sure that every Bar/Bat Mitzvah child is prepared for their special day. With her love, warmth and compassion, Hazzan is constantly reassuring each and every child that they will do great and that everyone will be proud of them. Her mantra of "loud and proud" starts at the initial meeting she has with every child and continues for over ten months with constant reminders throughout the service on the Bar/Bat Mitzvah day. On this special Shabbat morning, it was about Hazzan, Josh and their family and it was our turn as congregants to give back the love and support that she has always given us. There were over 700 family and friends in attendance - What a tribute!! The service was beautiful and beyond meaningful with the participation of

so many Rabbis and Hazzanim. When you add in Hazzan singing with her siblings and the participation of our own Beth El choir for the Mi Sheberach, there were very few dry eyes when I looked out from the bimah. That Shabbat morning was not just about prayer, reflection and Torah; it was also about love. **THIS** is what makes our Beth El family so special. We care and we are there for each other. Beth El is about love and warmth and it is infectious. **THIS** is one of the many reasons why families want to join our synagogue.

In April, I sent out a letter to the congregation indicating personnel changes that have already taken place and others that will be taking place over the next few months. The new faces you will be seeing at Beth El are people who have tremendous leadership skills, creativity and enthusiasm and we look forward to their joining our Beth El family. In the spirit of our synagogue, and of love and warmth, let's begin by welcoming our new personnel and making them feel part of the Beth El family. Take the time to introduce yourself when you are in the office or at services and get to know the new faces of Beth El.

Even though it is summertime, the Beth El staff and our volunteers continue to work on creative projects and programs to offer and inspire our congregants. Think about your role at Beth El and what you want to see or how to make your spiritual experience more meaningful. If you have an idea for a program or event, share it with us. We encourage input and value your opinion. Also, think about joining a committee at Beth El and getting more involved. I encourage you to take ownership of your beautiful synagogue and all we have to offer.

I hope everyone has a happy, heathy, safe and restful summer.



Casual Shabbat at Beth El

We invite you to Join us Shabbat Mornings thru August 29 for *Casual Shabbat*

Shed your suits, jackets and ties for a more casual attire. After services stay and enjoy a light Kiddush with friends.

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



RABBI'S MESSAGE



Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Two Innovative Leaders

It's the middle of the summer, but I'm already looking forward with great anticipation to the fall and working with our new Beth El staff members, Rabbi Andy Green, our new Assistant Rabbi and Dina Eliezer, our new Early Childhood Director. On the following page you'll find messages from both of them, but let

me take a moment to explain to you the reasons why I am so excited to welcome both.

With Rabbi Green, Beth El won the equivalent of the rabbinic draft lottery. The pool of graduates being ordained by the Conservative Movement is relatively small and the competition for the most talented candidates was intense. But, their weekend here with all of us at Beth El left Andy and Charlene Green with a warm feeling in their hearts for our shul and when decision time came, the Greens passed on all other offers and accepted ours. For a recent graduate, Rabbi Green brings a wealth of experience to Beth El. He interned for two years with a close friend of mine, Rabbi Felipe Goodman out in Las Vegas, who runs one of the most vibrant and dynamic congregations in the Movement. Rabbi Green did a lot of innovative family programming for them as well as working with their teens. In fact, when Rabbi Green came and taught in our Hebrew High during his tryout, he was our student's top pick as well. By the way, Charlene Green also has a great deal of experience working in shuls as a youth and community life director and is a wonderful resource for her husband and our congregation. The Greens are moving here from Los Angeles with their two-year old son, Archer and Rabbi Green's first day on the job is August 4, 2015.

When I learned that Dina Eliezer was planning on moving back to our area from Texas, I encouraged her to apply for the position of ECC Director. Dina is a "teacher's teacher" who already has a fine reputation in our community. She is a creative, "outside the box" thinker who just sees the world as one big classroom for learning. Moreover, I admire Dina for her nurturing kindness and care. I know she'll be great with our ECC parents and their little ones and of course with our teachers as well. The teachers who remember Dina from when she last worked in our community are especially excited to have her as their guide.

These are indeed exciting times for all of us here at Beth EI and it was this sense of excitement and energy, the spirit of creativity and innovation that brought us these two fine Jewish leaders. I know it's going to be a great new year!

IN MEMORIAM

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The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Susan Freedman

Wife of Carl Mother of Jacob, Ben and Isabel Daughter of Allyn Holtzin



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The Beth El Family mourns the passing of **Melvin Feldman**

Husband of Della



IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Martin Zoblin

Husband of Esther Father of Helene (Anthony) Engel, Jack (Dorrie) Zoblin, Andrew Zoblin





A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT RABBI ANDY GREEN



Rabbi Andy Green Yesterday & Today

In second grade, at Kiddush after services Shabbat morning, I told my father that I wanted to be a lawyer. My father, an attorney himself, asked me why I wanted to be a lawyer. He did not anticipate my answer. I looked around the room and pointed, "Mr. Grossman is

a lawyer; Mr. Broidy is a lawyer; Mr. Braun is a lawyer; Mr. Berman is a lawyer; Dad, you are a lawyer... I want to be part of a shul like this one when I grow up. Don't I have to be a lawyer?!"

Born and raised in Jewish Los Angeles, I was privileged with a Solomon Schechter day school education, with USY and Jewish summer camp, and with a loving and vibrant synagogue community. Nearly every week, my family hosted guests for a Shabbat meal and often, community members hosted us as guests. When we celebrated, our friends and community were there to add to our joy and when we mourned, our friends and community were there to offer comfort and support. As a child, I found that Judaism and synagogue community added meaning to my life.

My desire to share that experience and love of Judaism led me to volunteer with UCLA Hillel as an undergraduate and later, led me to pursue a career in the rabbinate. I applied to the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies to align my career with my passion – to build sacred community and share my love of Torah.

When my wife Charlene and I visited Beth EI for our interview weekend in March, we immediately felt at home. Beth EI is a shul like the one my parents still attend: a community that shares in times of joy and comforts in times of sorrow; a place to seek and find wisdom, inspiration, and friendship; a sacred space that empowers us and our families to give of ourselves and to thrive.

I am thrilled to be the incoming Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth EI and grateful to the phenomenal staff, board members, rabbinic search committee and clergy team of Rabbi Krupnick and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, who give of themselves to make Beth EI the kind of place where our young people will say: 'I want to be part of a shul like this one when I grow up.'

Our two-year-old son, Archer, along with Charlene and I are excited to begin our New Jersey adventures and learn all about snow.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ECC DIRECTOR, DINA ELIEZER

Shalom,
Our sages teach us that....

"Effort is its own reward.
We are here to do,
And through doing to learn;
And through learning to
And through knowing to
experience wonder;
And through wonder to
attain wisdom;

And through wisdom to find simplicity;
And through simplicity to give attention;
And through attention to see what needs to be done"

I chose this opening for my first article for the Beth El News because it contains important aspects that are part of my philosophy on education and also on life.

And through doing to learn; is about experiential learning. At our ECC the word learning will be often swapped by the word experiencing. I hope, together with our fine team of educators to enable our children to grow as learners, discover, explore, be challenged, and problem solve through hands on experiences. I believe that exposing them to many choices helps them to achieve independence, self-confidence and a sense of responsibility.

Our sages also said: "All Beginnings are difficult"

Knowing Rabbi Krupnick and many of the staff at Beth El. Meeting members of the board, some parents, the fine teachers, Yearit and Belle, I am confident that THIS beginning will not be difficult. Actually, it is one that I am very much looking forward to.

One thing that is important to know about me is that my door is ALWAYS open and you are welcome to visit, ask questions and make suggestions. I believe that when it comes to the education of children, it has to be done in partnership with the parents.

I am looking forward to meeting y'all (as we say it here in the south) and together to **experience wonder**.

The ECC's teachers and staff join me in wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dina

SHARING OUR LIVES

as of July 6, 2015

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Margie Blum, Rita Kagan

B'NAI MITZOT:

Jacqueline & Robert Altman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madelyn

Muriel & Joel Asnen on the B'not Mitzvah of their granddaughters, Nicole & Jordyn Wolf

Caroline & Scott Austin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nicole

Jackie & Richard Bernard on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Perry

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro & Stephen Boro on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua

Ilene Cassel & Tom Cassel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Mitchell

Linda & Paul Chase on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Heilicer

Susan Dashoff-Ellman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Molly Roberts

Pauline & Gene Germaine on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rebecca

Margie & Sam Goldstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jacob Yankowitz

Cheryl & Lawrence Hanover on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Gabrielle

Melissa & Jeffrey Herskowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jake

Laurie & Robert Kolmin on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Carly

Diana & Allan Meltzer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jordyn

Miriam & Stan Meltzer on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jordyn

Ann Miller Wolf & Barry Wolf on the B'not Mitzvah of their daughters, Jordyn and Nicole

Jane & Ralph Noah on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Juliet

Lori & Michael Phillips on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Molly

Julia & Adam Roberts on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Madeleine

Cecile & Jack Weber on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Hannah

Sofia & Todd Weber on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah

Esther & Andrew Yankowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son. Jacob

BIRTHS

Myra & David Gutin on the birth of their grandson, Henry Elias Peterson

Valerie & Ray Katz on the birth of their grandson, Ze'ev Matan

Illene & Warren Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter, Lia Sophie Rubin

Heather Tomar and Andrew Levin on the birth of their son, Zachary Ray

Marcia & Bruce Tomar on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Ray

Shirley Yaffa on the birth of her great grandson, Elijah Jerry Yaffa

ENGAGEMENT/MARRIAGES

Ellen & Jay Levy on the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Eric Feinberg

Rita & Alan Kagan on the marriage of their daughter, Lori Jessica to Kevin Fredette

Ida & Harvey Richards on the engagement of their granddaughter, Adina Berger to Natinel Kesselbaum in Israel Harriet Schulman on the engagement of her son, Todd to Beth Lorell

Shirley Yaffa on the marriage of her grandson, Shmuel Yaffa to Sarah Howard

BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Richard Charny, husband of Judy, father of David, Jacob & Adam

Madeline Feinberg, mother of Marcia Swerdloff

Melvin Feldman, husband of Della Feldman

Sue Freedman, wife of Carl, mother of Jacob, Ben and Isabel, daughter of Allyn Holtzin

Toby Fuchs, mother of Jack Fuchs

Norman Kominsky, father of Cheryl Riley

Edward Kramer, father of Stephanie Specter

Bertha Ostroff, mother of Michele Winigrad and Brett Ostroff

Libby Rosenthal, mother of Marty Rosenthal

Laura Schommer, sister of Brian Crimm

Vicki Sbrocco, mother of Jaimie Finberg

Joseph Wexler, father of Susan Freiberg

Ruth Zimmerman, sister of Gladys Krulik

Martin Zoblin, husband of Esther, father of Helene Engel, Jack Zoblin & Andrew Zoblin

Notice: If for any reason you do not get a Yahrzeit notice for a loved one, please call Shirley in the Beth El Office to let her know 856-675-1166, x401. Thank you

LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM



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

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

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Our Committee will be happy to discuss various options with you. All of us thank those who have helped to ensure Beth El's future.

Our Life and Legacy Donors

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Lynn Goldman Paul Arlene & Ed Plasky Hilary & Harry Platt Ilene Rosen & P. Todd Rowan Sharon & Adam Sackstein Karen & David Schlessel & Family Harriet Schulman Gary & Faye Shapiro Jennifer Sholder Juli Mandel Sloves & Glenn Sloves Lauren & Jonathan Soll Judith & Stuart Wasserlauf Jennifer & Jim Weiss

* New participant

ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND **STUDENTS & PARENTS!**



BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION COMMITTEE IS NOW ACCEPTING ADDRESSES FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

Help us keep our Beth El college students connected to their shul and Jewish community. We provide holiday packages and Beth El news updates throughout the school year. If you would like your student to participate in this **free** program, please submit the following information to Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or (856) 428-5145

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

DEADLINE FOR INFO IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

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

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

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

Sponsored by the David Back College Connection Fund

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the College Connection Fund may do so by calling the office at 856-675-1166 x 401

BETH EL BUSINESS CONNECTION



This fundraising program features local businesses that wish to offer a predetermined donation to Beth El based on congregants buying their products or services for a specified period of time.

This is a great fundraiser for Beth El and by supporting the Business Connection, you are helping your shul by purchasing products and services that you already use.

When you make your purchase, please mention that you are a Beth El member.

If you are a business owner or know of a business that would like to participate, please contact Belle S. Hirn, Beth El News Editor at bhirn@bethelsnj.org



Dear Women of Beth El,

I am honored and excited to be serving as the President of Beth El Sisterhood for the next 2 years. I, along with the Sisterhood Board, are busy planning our 2015-16 calendar of events. It is our mission to educate, empower, inspire and excite the women of Beth El through our programming and outreach. We invite you to join us this coming year at one or several of the activities we are planning. Please look for the Sisterhood mailing later in the summer which will outline our exciting events and programming. It is our goal to engage all Beth El women, no matter your age or stage of life. We welcome your input and comments on how we can best serve Beth El women and help each to feel the power of "Sisterhood".

Please join me in congratulating the 2015-17 Sisterhood Board:

President: Renee Kessler

Executive Vice President: Jocelyn Borowsky

Treasurer: Debbie Drachman Secretary: Marla Glauser

Programming VP: Debra Kelberg Membership VP: Val Linden Fundraising VP: Sharon Mindel

Torah Fund Chairs: Renee Rudolph and

Ryna Alexander

Social Action Chairs: Rachel Miller and Leah Wolf

Communications Chair: Juli Sloves Education Chair: Risa Wittman Gift Shop Chair: Linda Lazarow Financial Secretary: Linda Harowitz Religious School Liasion: Wende Bralow Past Presidents/Advisors: Faye Shapiro, Leslie Breslau, Margie Blum

Please join me in thanking Faye Shapiro who served as our Sisterhood president for the past 3 years and retiring board members, Cathy Backal, Nancy Lubars, Michele Miron, Robin Schwartz, Lori Kolmins and Amy Breslow for their dedication to our Sisterhood.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Sisterhood event! Please feel free to contact me at rbkess@comcast.net or 429-2258 to share your thoughts and ideas on how to we can make our Sisterhood a great experience for every Beth El woman.

B'shalom,

Renee Bodoff Kessler

Join Sisterhood and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro for a Spiritual Retreat Weekend



September 25-27, 2015 Mount Eden Retreat Center, Washington NJ

Plans are underway for the weekend which will include a cooking class, yoga, guided meditation and prayer/focused discussion.

Estimated cost: \$250-300 per person. (Includes lodging and food.)

Make time for yourself and join our group for this amazing weekend.

All Beth El women are invited.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Renee Kessler at rbkess@comcast.net.

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

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Renee Kessler 429-2258 - Rbkess@comcast.net

Chesed

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For more info, contact Renee Kessler at 429-2258

MEN'S CLUB



The summer months are here. I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and making the most of the season. Men's Club is busy putting the calendar together for this upcoming year, but there are some events going on this summer. If you get the opportunity, please join us.

Torah on Tap will be having our end of year Bar-B-Q on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00pm. It is a nice opportunity to get to know some of your fellow congregants, while enjoying the weather and dinner. Newcomers are always welcome. Please RSVP to Jason Whitney jasonwhitney@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank some of our Men's Club members for all that they have done this past year:

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

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

If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in Men's Club or has a good idea for programming, please send me an email or walk up to me in Beth El to tell me. We can always use more volunteers and more ideas. We can grow our Club and support our synagogue, but we need your help. Please join us.

I hope to see you soon.

Yoel Weiss, President

Habonim Hat Show and Sale



Begin the High Holidays from the top down

Top it off with a new hat from

Helen Baker's Hats Incredible Everyday hats too!

Wednesday, September 9
7pm to 9pm
In the Board Room







Sponsored by Habonim



Come One, Come All

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



Friday August 21 8 PM

in the Chapel - Followed by An Oneg

Meet *singles* from NJ, PA and Delaware. No Synagogue Affiliation needed.

This service is open to **ALL** single persons of **ALL** ages.

No reservations are required.

For info. contact: Norma Kamis (856) 662-7916





Beth El Kvells for our Community Leaders



Congratulations to Victor S. Levy, who has been recognized as a **Top Retirement Plan Advisor** in a recent announcement by the **Financial Times**. Victor is a partner at Leon L. Levy & Associates in Philadelphia.

MAZAL TOV

Jordyn and Nicole Wolf

Hebrew Name: Maya Tzivah (Jordyn)

Rifka Leah (Nicole)

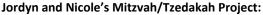
Daughter of: Ann Miller Wolf

Barry Wolf

Granddaughter of: Muriel & Joel Asnen

Torah Portion

Beha'alotcha * June 6, 2015



The girls held a fundraiser at a local ice cream shop and completed a 5K walk for the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation and raised over \$1200. In addition, they are donating a portion of their Mitzvah gifts to the Foundation.

MAZAL TOV

Gabrielle Brooke Hanover

Hebrew Name: Gavriela Sima bat Leib V'Kayla

Daughter of: Cheryl & Larry Hanover

Sister of: Tyler Hanover

Granddaughter of: Jackie & Irv Hanover,

Sandy Rosen

Torah Portion

Chukat * June 27, 2015

Gabrielle's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia - Neurology Department Gabrielle is providing donations & gifts. For the entire hospital she is donating toys, dvd's, games, etc.



Hanna and Fred Holzer

our newest members:

BETH EL WELCOMES BACK CONGREGANTS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISRAEL



Anita Farber Scott and Eric Kessler Simmy & Joe Krassan Carol & Joel Silbert Yael Shaaltiel

If you have recently returned from a trip to Israel, please let our office know. Email Bhirn@bethelsnj.org



ECC You & Me Music Together

Summer Session: Thursdays

July 9 thru August 13 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Youth Lounge Congregation Beth El

For more details or to register online go to: www.mommyandmesouthjersey.com

Or contact Maggie by phone (856) 354-1432 or email: office@musiclessonsinsouthjersey.com



BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YAFFA FUCHS, EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR



Hi Everyone,

Hope you're having a great summer!

Bruchim Ha'baim

Welcome Rabbi Andy, Charlene and Archer Green! We are so happy to have you join the Beth El Family and look forward to a great year.

Welcome also to Dina Eliezer, our new

Early Childhood Director.

Those of you who are around this summer, please join us for a festive Welcome Shabbat Picnic Kiddush with recipes from our staff August 8 following services.

Shalom and Happy Sabbatical Larry Abrams

Larry will still be HS teacher and Junior Congregation Coordinator, but is taking a siesta from Religious School.

Shalom also to Marsha Axler, 3rd Grade Teacher

Marsha will be taking a break from RS, but will continue teaching in Hebrew HS.

Welcome Jerry Bralow and Shari Smith

Jerry will be teaching 6th Grade on Sunday as Binyamin's partner and Shari will be teaching 3rd Grade on Sunday,Áwith Debbi Silverman. We wish them all hatzlacha raba! (Good luck!)

Toda Raba!

Melissa Leibowitz and Audrey Snyderman have served as School Board Chairs these past two years. We are so grateful to them for all their hard work and dedication and are looking forward to their continued involvement with our School Board.

We welcome **Debra Kelberg and Lisa Zaretsky** as our new School Board Chairs. Debra and Lisa will be asking many of you to volunteer over the course of the year. Please say yes!

When Does School Start?

School starts Sunday, September 20, before Rosh Hashanah. Be sure to register for **Shalem** Institute this year, which is free, but registration is required.

Want to read Torah this High Holiday Season? Here are the opportunities:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 – Monday, September 14 10 readings available (at our 2 youth services)

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 – Tuesday, September 15 5 readings available in the FAMILY SERVICE (SOCIAL HALL C) run by Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz Boro and Rabbi Andy Green)

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, September 23 10 readings available (at our 2 youth services) Interested? e-mail yfuchs@bethelsnj.org.

Beth El Religious School is Still Going Green!

August back to school packets, (to families who are registered) - mid-year and final progress reports and all communication will be done through email. To know what's going on, you'll have to check your email. It is up to you to update your email information.

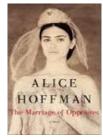
Don't forget to send in your registration if you haven't done so already. Go to https://bethelsnj.wufoo.com/code/religious-school-registration-20152016/)

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

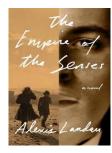


BELL LIBRARY NEWS AMY KAPLAN, CONGREGATION LIBRARIAN

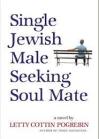
Come see what's new! Our shelves are stocked with new books, media (DVDs and books on CD). September 1 is our reopening after our summer hiatus...be sure to stop by soon and borrow these and other great titles:



Hoffman, Alice: *The Marriage of Opposites*. Historical fiction fans and art lovers won't want to miss this one. Hoffman, author of the widely acclaimed *The Dovekeepers*, brings us a brand new novel sure to please. This is the story of Rachel, who grows up on the island of St. Thomas in the early 1800s. A willful girl, she is married off to a widower with three children in an effort to bolster the family's financial situation. When her husband dies suddenly, his handsome, much younger nephew arrives from France, and a passionate affair begins. The scandal that ensues has repercussions on her family, including her favorite son – Camille Pisarro, the famed father of Impressionist art.



Landau, Adam. *The Empire of the Senses*. Landau's first novel follows one family through two wars. Lev Pearlmutter is an assimilated Jew living in Berlin with his German gentile wife. Initially wanting to shed himself of his Jewish identity, he enlists when World War I breaks out, and falls in love with Leah, a poor Jewish Russian peasant. After the War, Leah's nephew arrives in Berlin and falls in love with Lev's daughter, Vicki. Lev also has a son, Franz, who is finding it increasingly difficult to conceal his homosexuality. And, Lev's wife Josephine Is engaged in more than just counseling with her therapist. This novel blends history and romance for an engrossing story with strong characters.



Pogregin, Letty Cottin. *Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate*. Assimilation is a theme in this timely novel by one of the founders of Ms. Magazine. Zach Levy is the son of Holocaust survivors. A successful New York attorney, Zach promised his dying mother that he would marry a Jewish woman. Zach's first wife is Jewish, and they have a daughter. When his wife leaves him, he begins the search for his next Jewish wife. An affair with a comically bizarre Jewish woman ensues, but when that fails, Zach again renews his search in earnest. Attending a community meeting, Zach meets Chloe, the beautiful – and black – host of a successful radio program. Zach and Chloe are drawn to each other, and Zach must confront his dilemma: marry Chloe, who is the woman he loves, or continue to honor his mother's dying wish. Pogrebin captures the zeitgeist of young, hip NY, and the novel is an easy read, but serious issues are presented.

Sam Asbell has very generously created and dedicated a collection of rare and antique Jewish books in our Library in memory of his beloved wife, Susan. The Susan Asbell Collection includes Biblical, philosophical, historical and other categories of content. Seeing and holding these books, some of which are hundreds of years old, is a tangible reminder of our precious Jewish legacy. Todah rabah to Sam for this very special memorial collection.

Library Hours:

Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 Tuesday 9:30 - 12:00 and 2:30 - 5:00 Wednesday 9:00 11:30

The Library's **Short Story Discussion Group** will reconvene on **Thursday**, **October 22**, **1:30 – 3:00 PM** in the Conference Room. Still going strong after nearly three decades (!), this lively group discusses short stories of Jewish interest by authors both classic and contemporary. Please plan to join us for a stimulating conversation. For more information, please call the library (675-1166, ext. 503).

THE TREE OF LIFE

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Saturday 9:00 AM

Note & Exception Below:

Sunday, July 5, Fast of 17th Tammuz 8:30AM

Friday, July 17th —Rosh Chodesh Av— 7:15AM

Sunday, July 26—Tisha B'Av fast Observed 8:30AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:	MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING)	<u>SERVICES</u>
	Sunday, June 28 - Thursday, July 2	8:30PM
8:15PM	Friday, July 3	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 4	8:30PM
	Sunday, July 5 - Thursday, July 9	8:25PM
8:12PM	Friday, July 10	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 11	8:25PM
	Sunday, July 12 - Thursday July16	8:25PM
8:08PM	Friday, July 17	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 18	8:20PM
	Sunday, July 19 - Thursday, July 23	8:20PM
8:03PM	Friday, July 24	6:00PM
	Saturday, July 25, Erev Tisha B' Av	8:15PM
	Sunday, July 26 - Tisha B'Av Fast Observed	8:15PM
	Monday, July 27 - Thursday, July 30	8:15PM
7:56PM	Friday, July 31	6:00PM



Congregation Beth El

August , 2015 Av - Elul 5775

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

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Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

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Saturday, August 15th—Rosh Chodesh Elul— 9:00AM Sunday, August 16th—Rosh Chodesh Elul –8:30AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:	MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES	
7:56PM	Friday, July 31	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 1	8:05PM
	Sunday, August 2 - Thursday Aug.6	8:05PM
7:49PM	Friday, August 7	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 8	7:55PM
	Sunday, August 9 - Thursday Aug.13	8:00 PM
7:40PM	Friday, August 14	6:00PM
	Saturday, August 15	7:50PM
	Sunday, August 16 - Thursday, Aug. 20	7:50PM
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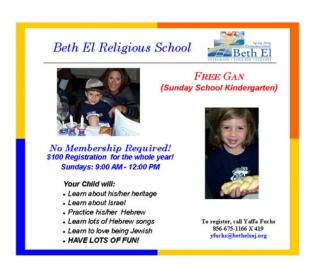
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Thanks in advance for your help.

CARING FOR MOURNERS COMMITTEE NICHUM AVEILIM

Beth El strives to reach out to our congregants when they experience loss of loved ones. The Caring for Mourners Committee provide support to our families during their time of need. The committee is available to offer the following:

- Provide the <u>Guide to Mourning Practices</u> booklet
- •Set up the shiva home
- •Deliver prayer books and chairs to the shiva home
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A BE Board member is usually assigned for specific Shabbats, but we do need substitutes. For information email or phone Mort Kanovsky at Kanovsky@juno.com or 856.424.9372.

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Please contact Linda Lazarow at: (856) 424-3893 or llazarow@msn.com

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All Kippas are welcome regardless of a memorable name or date.
Help Beth El fill the Kippot Box and find more drawer space at the same time.
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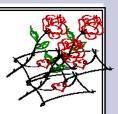
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Our first dinner will be a big celebration of:

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