

NEWS

March / April 2015

Café 67: A Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Thursday, April 23 7:00 PM

Bret Stephens

Israel and the
Middle East in the Post-Pax
Americana World

- As the Middle East descends into chaos and America retreats from the world, how does Israel plot a course to security?
- Join us for a joyous evening, sponsored by Beth El's Israel Committee, celebrating the State of Israel with prayers, songs & food with:

Bret Stephens

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you I have been changed for good

From Wicked as performed by Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz Boro Diva on the Bimah Concert

This is my final article as Beth El President.

I begin by pointing out that I must be the only synagogue president in history with two Congregants as television reality stars during a mere two year term - Rick Forman as our favorite Undercover Boss and Mike Epstein as the extremely talented Extreme Makeover contestant. Who would have predicted

that? And that is what I learned. Synagogue business is very complicated, the most rewarding volunteer experience imaginable and utterly unpredictable.

When my term began I knew I was very fortunate to have a fully engaged and talented group of officers. Our Vice Presidents, Lauren Soll, David Backal, Karen Schlessel and Alison Bell Keim, along with our Treasurer Stuart Sauer and Financial Secretary Barb Collick have been volunteering their time for many years ensuring that Beth El is doing all that it can possibly do to help our Congregation thrive. This year they were joined by Josh Brodkin, Adam Sackstein, Ben Levin and Leslie Breslau and together so much was accomplished. This group of leaders implemented profound changes in the way Beth El conducts its business and these changes will positively impact our Congregation for years to come:

Our new billing which allows us to pay our synagogue dues more conveniently

Cover: Café 67: A Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration.

- Our revitalized Endowment Program
- Our new dues structure where each member is given the option of spending the HighHolidays in either the Main Sanctuary or the Social Hall
- Our wildly successful Securing Our Legacy campaign which has significantly reduced our long-term debt.
- Our continued community leadership as we share our best practices with other area Jewish not-for-profits so the entire South Jersey Jewish Community can take advantage of Beth El's 95 years of success.

The next several years promise to be very exciting. First, we will continue with our Israeli advocacy based programming. We have identified a community need and have filled it by having events in support of Israel which bring out hundreds of guests. Second, we will begin preparations for our 100th birthday celebration. There are very few suburban synagogues who have managed to flourish for 100 years. This is a cause for celebration and we envision a year long tribute to the Jews of Southern New Jersey who have followed Beth El both geographically and spiritually eastward from Camden to Cherry Hill and to Voorhees. Third, more and more of our members will tap into the spiritual powerhouse that is Beth El. More and more members will realize what a fantastic, uplifting spiritual experience it is to share Shabbat with our fellow congregants. More and more people will attend our educational and social events. We can see a trend developing and it will continue.

Of course we will continue to be guided by our senior executive staff led by Rabbi, Hazzan and Hanina and no matter how hard I try I cannot adequately explain how hard each of them work, how dedicated they are to their craft and how fortunate Beth EI is to have them.

It has been a true honor to greet and to be greeted by so many of you during Shabbat, at holidays and at parties and at the all too frequent funerals we have attended together. This has been a great opportunity and it is a tribute to our Congregation that I have enjoyed every minute. I have been blessed to serve as President and I will always remember this experience fondly.

Eric



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Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Making Quiet Memories

It's a quiet Thursday morning as I sit down to write this article, having just come from minyan down the hall. We had just ten today, but of course that's enough to read the Torah and say Kad-

dish. Luckily, among those ten were a father and son who will be back in 48 hours, as the boy is called to the Torah at his bar mitzvah this Shabbos. This morning the father had an aliyah and the son lifted the Torah – no big deal, really. But it was...

I led the davening today and at the end of the service I turned to make the announcements. I acknowledged the man who had come with his wife to honor the yahrzeit of his mother; she died on this date in the Hebrew calendar one year ago. Then, I turned to that father and son and said, "I did not come to shul with my Dad on the Thursday morning before my bar mitzvah. You know how I know? Because I would have remembered it for the rest of my life... And so will you."

A big part of leaving a legacy for the future entails making memories now. It may not seem like a big deal at the time, but it is. Every time we bring our kids, or our grandchildren, to dance with the Torah on Simchas Torah, every time we come together as a family to hear the Megillah, every Family Service or even Junior Congregation we share with our kids, every minyan we come to with them "just because", we are making memories – and we are shaping the way we will be remembered. Every small spiritual moment, trivial at the time, is a tile in the mosaic of memory - a small piece of a far greater whole.

I went to shul three times a year with my Dad: The first day of Rosh Ha-Shannah, Yom Kippur morning and for the Fast of the First Born on the day of the first seder. I remember every time. But I also went to shul every Shabbos with my Mom all the way through high school. I don't remember all of them of course, but it's because we did that together that I am a Rabbi today.

We are all rushing through life... It's all too fast... Slow down... Make memories... Do it here. The opportunities to do so may be gone before we know it...



SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Ira Adler

B'NAI MITZOT:

Ronit & Chris Boyd on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Adina

Scott Cohen on the B'not Mitzvah of his daughters, Olivia and Phoebe

Meredith & William Cohen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lily

Pat & Jules Cwanger on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Adina Ichilov

Cynthia Deutsch & Larry Deutsch on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Isabella

Rae & Peter Ehrlich on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Adina Boyd

Merle & Kenneth Glass on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Noah Reuben Felsen

Deborah Korn & Jonathan Shore on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Naomi

Carole & Norman Seigel on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lily Cohen

Kimberly & Stephen Packman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob

Gladys & Barry Robbins on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Trevor Probst

ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES:

Hermie & Morty Mann on the marriage of their grandson, Eli Saline to Megan Moore

BIRTHS:

Melody & Craig Taylor on the birth of their grand-daughter, Graysen Riley Taylor

Carol & Joel Silbert on the birth of their grandson, Jake Dylan Ablon

Phyllis & Malcolm Trobman on the birth of their grandson, Charlie Parker Trobman

Rochelle & Matt Wizmur on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Alyse

Judy & Len Wizmur on the birth of their grand-daughter, Natalie Alyse Wizmur

Terry Herskovits on the birth of her great grand-daughter, Natalie Alyse Wizmur

Shirley Yaffa on the birth of her great grandson, Malachi Yaffa

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BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Judith Bernard, mother of Richard Bernard

Zena Cohen, wife of the late Leon Cohen

Shirley Kugelman, mother of Carol Silbert, grandmother of Mira Aumiller

Jane Neff, mother of Marc Neff

Anne Etta Nussbaum, mother of Burt Nussbaum, grandmother of Craig Nussbaum

Lloyd Taub, father of Michele Kahan

Irwin Dubner husband of Toby Dubner

Rabbi Moshe Avraham Ben Asher, brother of Rabbi Isaac Furman

Florence Hirsch, mother of Sheryl Rand

Naomi Paul, mother of Steven Paul

Irene Morris, mother of Rande Dubrow, grandmother of Jen Weiss and Rachel Smith



IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Zena Cohen

Wife of the late Leon Cohen Mother of Phillip, Mark & Hilary



IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Irwin Dubner

Husband of Toby Dubner



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Back by popular demand....

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

"Camp Stuff 4 Less" is proud to be partnering with Beth El on a camp outfitting fundraiser. Beth El will get 10% of the net order (excluding taxes and shipping) for any purchase made between March 23 through April 3rd.

4Less "Camp Stuff 4 Less" was founded to help parents navigate the camp outfitting process without overspending or running all over town. We offer a full selection of camp essentials from bedding, flashlights, water bottles and outerwear, to all the fun stuff including stationery, autograph pillows, bunk gifts and more. We even offer many of the top apparel brands including MJ Soffe, Boxercraft, Made with Love and Kisses, Charles River Apparel, American Apparel and more. Contact Alison Bell Keim at Alison@campstuff4less.com with any questions or shop from the comfort of your home via our website:

http://www.campstuff4less.com/emailpromotion.asp?key=TBEL2015

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 organization. GACY 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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* New participant

Join Congregation Beth El for a *Bellissimo* Purim Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM



FREE Purim Spaghetti Festa for la Familia

Followed by

Kids' Megillah Reading and Purim Play

The partito goes on with Flying Fish Brewery Beer Tasting and

Adult Megillah Reading at 8:00 PM



Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 1



BE CLUBS



Sisterhood

Sisterhood had a great start to 2015 and I want to thank everyone who helped make all of our January/February events run so smoothly. First, I want to thank everyone who helped out with the Art Auction on January 10. Next, I want to thank Nancy Lubars for organizing our Tu B'Shvat Yoga night and Ryna Alexander for coordinating another beautiful Sisterhood Shabbat. Lastly, I want to thank all the women who honored us by taking a part in the service for Sisterhood Shabbat and to Helene Krupnick for leading the discussion after services. Your participation was an inspiration to us all.

As we begin March, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Purim and hope that you all got your orders in for Shalach Manot. A special Thank-You to Renee and Craig Kessler for chairing this huge Mitzvah project for Sisterhood and Men's Club.

We have a few events in March and April so please mark your calendars accordingly. First, on Sunday, March 8 at 9:45 am, we will be co-sponsoring a breakfast with Men's Club with a program entitled **Hereditary Cancer Risk in the Jewish Population: What You Need to Know** and will feature a panel of experts put together by The Basser Research Center for BRCA at The Abramson Cancer Center at Penn. This event is free, but we ask that you please RSVP by calling (215) 662-2748.

Then on Sunday, March 22 is our annual Party Showcase, so if you are planning a simcha in the next couple of years, or just want to see what's out there and sample some yummy food, make sure you stop by from 10:30 am — 1:30 pm. There is no charge and you will definitely have a good time.

Lastly, on Sunday April 26 we will be having another New York City trip with Hazzan. Watch for more information regarding the itinerary, cost and RSVP date which will be coming out soon.

There are lots of ways to keep up with what is going on in Sisterhood. Watch for email blasts, look for Sisterhood info on the Beth El Buzz, pick up a Sisterhood flyer on Shabbat morning and make sure you follow us on Facebook. We don't want anyone to miss out because they didn't know what was going on. A special shout-out to our Communications Chair, Juli Sloves, for doing such an awesome job with Sisterhood publicity this year.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a Happy Purim and a Zissen Pesach!

Faye Shapiro, President

MEN'S CLUB



It's hard to believe that we are already a couple months into the new year. Soon, spring will be upon us. The past couple of months featured some great programs including an art auction (thank you to Gary Shapiro for chairing this event and Bruce DuBoff for heading up the kitchen crew) and the Phil Podell Memorial World Wide Wrap. Thank you also to Craig and Renee Kessler for heading up the Shalach Manot program for Purim.

March has turned into a very busy month. On Sunday March 8, along with Sisterhood, we will be co-hosting a speaker discussing "Genes and Cancer in Jewish People". Breakfast is included.

Torah on Tap will meet at Dubh Linn Square Pub on Wednesday, March 11 @8:30pm.

On Wednesday March 18, we will have our annual Men's Club Paid Up Membership Event. This year, we will have dinner, followed by a talk given by Rabbi Krupnick. The topic is "50 Shades of Oy!" You don't want to miss this one. The evening is free of charge, but you must be a paid up member to attend (and yes, you can even join that night if you haven't already).

On Sunday March 22, we will once again be competing in the Jewish Athletic Group (JAG) bowling tournament. We are 4-time defending champions! The top 3 scores per game count, so come out and join us. You can't hurt us, but you could help us retain the title.

April won't have quite the volume of events like March, but it will have our annual Men's Club Shabbat on Saturday, April 11. We will be leading the service and have parts for anyone who would like one. A synagogue wide kosher for Passover lunch follows the service.

Torah on Tap will meet at Dubh Linn Square Pub on Wednesday, April 15 @8:30pm.

Please check the Beth El Buzz for more information on these events (or contact me at yoelweiss@aol.com).

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

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.

Please contact תרקרדדקל קקמקר

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BE CLUBS

Hereditary Cancer Risk in the Jewish Population: What You Need to Know

March 8, 2015, 9:45am Breakfast & Program

Terry Ruggles, former NBC10 news anchor, will moderate a panel of medical experts and patients in a discussion about BRCA mutations in the Jewish community. The program will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.

Panelists include **Beth El's own Dr. Ari Brooks** (Surgical Oncologist), Dr. Susan Domchek (Medical Oncologist), Jill Stopfer, MS, LCGC (Genetic Counselor) and Julie Ferdas, LCSW (Social Worker and BRCA mutation carrier).

Registration preferred by March 1 - RSVP http://www.penncancer.org/basser/news-and-events/030815/ or (215) 662-2748

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Social Action

Hi Everyone,

We had an amazing December with the JFCS Holiday Gift Donation. We matched congregants up with specific local individual and families. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to meet the needs of all our assigned families and give gift cards to additional families, as well. Please see the letter below from JFCS.

Looking forward to a great March with a book collection for Book Mates and then a spring hands-on activity for all ages.

If you have any social action ideas and/or want to help out, please contact us!

Leah & Rachel (Letter from JFCS below)

Dear Congregants of Beth El and Friends:

I would like to personally thank you for your extraordinary effort and hard work in organizing and helping coordinate the Holiday Gift Program to benefit the people JFCS serves. Each and every recipient, as well as JFCS staff was overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregants and friends who participated in the program.

I know these gifts came from the heart, and each and every donor brought the warmth and spirit of the holidays into the homes of people who were touched by adversity.

Again, on behalf of the staff and clients at Jewish Family & Children's Service, I want to thank all of you for your caring and thoughtfulness during this holiday season. Your generosity and kindness truly has brightened the lives of many. To quote one of the recipients, "I can't thank you enough...I absolutely can't believe that someone would actually help me for Christmas. You truly are our angel in disguise and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am at a loss for words and anything anybody can do for us is more than enough". Thank you so, so, so much."

Thank you again, Meri Seligman Intake/FAP Case Manager





Show Your Beth El Pride

We now have Congregation Beth El car magnets available.

If you would like to show your Beth El pride please see Shari in the

Beth El office for your car magnet.



BETH EL WELCOMES BACK CONGREGANTS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISRAEL



David Plaut Joan Cooper Eric Kessler

Gladys and Barry Robbins

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MAZAL TOV

Madeline Sophia Kagan

Hebrew Name: Malka Raizel bat Yitzvhak Yankov

Vi Tzivia Aviva

Daughter of: Jay & Heidi Kagan
Sister of: Joshua Kagan
Granddaughter of: Alan & Rita Kagan

Torah Portion

Tetzaveh - Shabbat Zachor * February 28, 2015

Madeline's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:

Anne Frank Sapling Foundation

MAZAL TOV

Emma Wolf

Hebrew Name: Chava

Daughter of: Jason & Leah Wolf

Sister of: Nathan Wolf

Granddaughter of: Esther & Stan Goodman,

Wendy Smith and Jerry Wolf

Torah Portion

Terumah * February 21, 2015

Emma's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project:

"Blizzard Packages"

Emma collected non-perishable, kosher food, assembled packages and delivered to 26 JFCS clients in Cherry Hill and Vineland.





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Super Sunday











NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Megan Nachod, Director

Everyone in the ECC will be especially thankful to reach Spring. After a season of cold weather, it will be a pleasure to be outdoors and say goodbye to snow and all of the heavy winter gear. Even if it isn't warm, March will bring Purim and we will be celebrating it with style and costumes, a parade and an ECC-style carnival. We'll practice shaking the groggers so we will be prepared for the Megillah reading on Wednesday, March 5. Little fingers are useful when it comes to shaping hamentaschen to fill our Mishloach Manot and we'll make sure ours are delicious.

Purim isn't the only holiday that will keep us busy, with Pesach coming on Friday, April 3, the children in the ECC will be learning how to bake matzah, how many plagues their were and how many cups of wine to drink. It is always a busy and productive time in our classrooms and we look forward to marching out of Egypt and crossing the Red Sea. In April, we will be celebrating again with Lag B'Omer and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Our celebrations this

season move from ancient times to the most modern and they promise to be educational and fun.

We will also be busy registering for both our summer camp and the 2013-2014 school year. Give us a call at 856-675-1166 for information about the program or email mnachod@bethelsnj.org to schedule a visit. We would love for you to see us in action and

to spend time in our classrooms.



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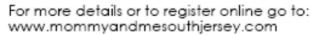
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Spring Session: Fridays, April 17th - June 19th, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Youth Lounge, Congregation Beth El

8000 Main St, Voorhees, NJ



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



Our semester fee is \$190 and a sibling fee is \$130. New families also pay a one-time \$15 registration fee. This includes the ten 45-minute classes, a beautifully illustrated songbook, a copy of a CD and digital download code with all of our songs from class, as well as access to Music Together's "Family Fun Zone," a site full of fun musical content! Class size is limited so please sign up soon!

BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director



It's Purim - So Be Happy!

The Purim Carnival is Back Sunday, March 1, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



Purim Family Celebration Purim Eve Wednesday, March 4

6:00 PM – FREE Spaghetti Dinner for the whole family.
Children will come in straight from Religious
School and enjoy a spaghetti dinner with salad,
garlic bread and Hamantashen for dessert.
(RSVP's appreciated)

6:45 PM - Everyone is invited into the Main Sanctuary for a

Kids' Megillah Reading and a Purim Play presented by our Clergy. (Megillah Readings were acquired on a first come first serve basis)

8:00 PM - Adult Megillah Reading & the 'Shusan' Brewery

Mazel Tov Kitta Gimmel (3rd Grade) Celebrating Chag Hasiddur Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, March 13

Our third Graders from Beth El Religious School will receive their first siddur from Congregation Beth El, thanks to Beth El's Men's Club and Sisterhood. The evening will commence with a beautifully catered **dinner**, at **6:00 PM**, organized by a wonderful committee, chaired by Debra Kellberg and Lisa Zaretsky and Stephanie Derman.

At approximately **7:00 PM**, the children will be helping Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro lead the *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*, via a special cantata written by Yaffa Fuchs and directed by our teachers, Debbi Silverman and Marsha Axler.

In January our families participated in the **Siddur Cover Family B'Yachad Program**. Our children and parents had an opportunity to study about the siddur and make a unique siddur cover to protect their new siddur. The results are beautiful and will be on display two weeks prior to Consecration in the school corridor. A *yasher koach* to all of our children and parents who have done such a wonderful job with the project.

Mazal Tov Kitta Gimmel of 5775 - 2015

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Beth El Religious School's Annual Zimriyah Celebrating Music Midor L'Dor (From Generation to Generation) Sunday, March 15 - 10:30 AM Main Sanctuary

You're invited to join us as we present the annual Zimriyah, featuring performances by all the children and the "Teachers' Chorale." Special duet by Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Cantor Sher. Musical Director: Cantor Leon Sher

Religious School Passover Program Sunday, March 29 - During School Hours

Grade Level Pesach Sedarim – Want to help? Call Debbie Feinstein at debezim@yahoo.com

Yom Yisrael - (Israel Day) Sunday, April 26

Religious School will have a special program for Yom Yisrael, Israel Day with Lieutenant **Amit Shukar**, a lieutenant in the Israeli Army Special Forces. Amit will bring his **Amazing Gadna Program**, an army simulation game, as well as his Giant Israel Map Activities Learning Center for our younger kids.

Our goals for the day are to help the children make a connection to the State of Israel by taking part in the Israeli culture, language and foods in a fun and exciting way. Children should not miss school on that day!

REMINDERS:

No School March 31 – April 11 for Passover

Mazel Tov to our B'naí Mítzvah of the Month

Luke & Emily Steele – March 7
Lily Turner – March 14
Marisa Weinberg – March 14
Stefanie Rose – March 21
Julia Orel – March 21
Macy & Laina Harding – March 21
Sydney Krupnick – March 28
Samantha Keim – March 28
Molly Phillips – April 18
Madeleine Roberts – April 18
Carly Kolmins – April 18



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March



AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington DC Sunday, March 1 - 3

Join Rabbi Krupnick and members of Beth El as we send a delegation of pro-Israel advocates to Washington to lob-

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1st Friday Family Service and Dinner

5:45pm Service - 6:30pm Dinner (Fees and RSVP's required) Friday, 3/6, 5/1, 6/5

Celebrate Shabbat with a multi-generational Family Service & Dinner.

The Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker

Sunday, March 8 9:45am; after Minyan; Social Hall C RSVP to Yoel Weiss **(NO Fee)**

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Men's Club Paid Up Dinner

Wednesday, March 18 - 6:00pm - Social Halls A & B Men's Club membership required. (NO Fee)

Festive Cooking II

Thursday, March 19 - 7:00pm - Kitchen (Fee TBD)

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Library Short Story Discussion Group

Thursday, March 26

1:30pm - 3:00pm Amy Kaplan presenting

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Men's Club Shabbat

Saturday, April 11 - 9:00am

Services led by our Men's Club followed by a wonderful Passover luncheon sponsored by Men's Club.

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Thursday, April 23 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Amy Kaplan presenting

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Thursday, April 23 - 7:00pm

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Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian



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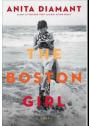


Kellerman, Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman: The Golem of Hollywood. This father/son writ-KELLERMAN ing duo shows that the Kellerman juggernaut continues. Jonathan Kellerman has written psychological suspense novels for many years, and his wife Fave is the author of the beloved Rina Decker/Peter Lazarus mysteries. Their son Jesse has HOLLYWOOD followed in mom and dad's footsteps and has

been establishing himself as a writer of suspense. In The Golem of Hollywood, police detective Jacob Lev, son of a rabbi, is on a gruesome murder case. The investigation takes him from Los Angeles to Prague and Oxford, and the story blends Jewish ritual, mythology and mysticism. Sections of the book alternate between modern times and 16thC Prague as the legendary Golem of Prague becomes a modern-day force. Ready to take a trip on the supernatural side? Listen to this chilling whodunit - but keep the lights on....

Anita Diamant: The Boston Girl. Poor Anita Diamant: her read-

ers hope every book she writes will be another Red Tent. No, this one isn't another Red Tent. but you can enjoy it for what it is - a saga about a Jewish woman born in 1900, growing up through the 20th C. Addie is the daughter of Russian immigrants, and in this story she tells her granddaughter what her life was like. She recalls her first trip to the Rockport Lodge, a vacation inn for young ladies north of Boston, where she



formed lifetime friendships with other working-class girls striving to improve themselves. Her life was affected by such events as the 1918 flu epidemic and WWI, while her ambition propelled her to achievements women were just beginning to enjoy. Most of the story takes place prior to 1931, but a quick summation of Addie's later years shows the fruits of her youthful efforts.

Of course, we also continue to receive books in the traditional

print format. One new one of note is Elizabeth Rosner's Electric City. Early in the book, the author draws on the life of Charles Steinmetz in this story of the fictional Electric City, modeled on General Electric in Schenectady, NY. As the story progresses we meet other characters, including Sophie Levine, whose parents escaped from Holland, but lost many relatives in the Holocaust. Sophie begins a romance that leads to a



surprising event. Another key character is the descendant of the area's original settlers, the Mohawks. Rosner is a skilled novelist who knows how to create and develop characters while offering historical fiction that entertains and enlightens.

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The Library's Short Story Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March 26 and Thursday, April 23, 1:30 - 3:00 PM in the Conference Room. We invite you to join us for lively conversation. Our group is always open to new participants – give it a try, and bring your friends! For more information, please call the Library (ext.503) or email Amy Kaplan at akaplan@bethelsnj.org





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March, 2015 Adar—Nisan 5775

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Note & Exception Below:

Purim Day! Thursday, March 5th - 7:00 AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES: MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES

	Sunday, March 1—Thursday March 5	5:50PM
	Wednesday, March 4 Purim Eve, Maariv and Megilah	8:00PM
5:39PM	Friday, March 6	5:40PM
	Saturday, March 7	5:45PM
	Sunday, March 8—Thursday March 12	6:55PM
6:47PM	Friday, March 13	6:00PM
	Saturday, March 14	6:50PM
	Sunday, March 15—Thursday March 19	7:05PM
6:54PM	Friday, March 20	6:00PM
	Saturday, March 21	7:00PM
	Sunday, March 22—Thursday March 26	7:10PM
7:01PM	Friday, March 27	6:00PM
	Saturday, March 28	7:05PM
	Sunday, March 29—Thursday, April 2	7:15PM

APRIL MINCHA TIMES



Congregation Beth El
April, 2015 Nissan - Iyyar 5775

SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES:

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Exceptions For Morning Service

Friday, April 3rd - Siyum for 1st Born - 7:00AM

Monday, April 4th—Thursday April 9th (Chol Ha'Moed) - 7:15AM

Sunday, April 5th - Second day of Pesach - 9:00AM

Friday, April 10th - Seventh day of Pesach - 9:00AM

Sunday, April 19th, Rosh Chodesh Iyyar - 9:00AM

Monday, April 20th, Rosh Chodesh Iyyar - 7:15AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:	<u> MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES</u>	
	Sunday, March 29 - Thursday, Apr. 2	7:15PM
7:08PM	Friday, Apr. 3 Pesach Eve, First Seder	6:00PM
8:08PM	Saturday, Apr. 4 First day of Pesach (Mincha following AM service)	7:25PM
	Sunday, Apr. 5 - Wednesday,, Apr. 8	7:25PM
7:14PM	Thursday, Apr. 9 (Erev Chag)	7:25PM
7:15PM	Friday, Apr. 10 Seventh day of Pesach	6:00PM
	Saturday, Apr. 11 Yizkor/Pesach ends	7:20PM
	Sunday, Apr.12 - Thursday April 16	7:30PM
7:22PM	Friday, Apr. 17	6:00PM
	Saturday, Apr. 18th	7:25PM
	Sunday, Apr.19 - Thursday April 23	7:40PM
7:29PM	Friday, Apr. 24	6:00PM
	Saturday, Apr.25	7:35PM
	Sunday, Apr. 26—Thursday, April 30	7:45PM

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- Set up the shiva home
- Deliver prayer books and chairs to the shiva home
- Organize minyans in the shiva home

Please contact Marsha Goodman at 215.206.5182 or margood1941@gmail.com if you need more information

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. Thank you

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

TO HELP.....

NEIGHBORHOOD DELIVERY - CAPTAINS FOR SCRIP

Help deliver scrip orders to families in your neighborhood Volunteer a small amount of your time and make a big difference at Beth El

For more information on Neighborhood Captains, contact Debbie Hochberg at dsh26@comcast.net

WORK THE GIFT SHOP

We need volunteers to work in **Judaically Yours Gift Shop**.

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

HELP IN THE OFFICE

Volunteers Needed for a variety of office projects, i.e. stuffing, labeling, mailings, etc..

Please call Shirley at 675-1166 or email

Syaffa@bethelsnj.org

if you can donate a few hours.

Thanks in advance for your help.

CARING FOR MOURNERS COMMITTEE NICHUM AVEILIM

Volunteers needed to assist Beth El members with their shiva needs. (setting up for shiva, cleaning up, bringing meals, etc).

Please contact Marsha Goodman margood1941@gmail.com

MITZVAH MOBILE VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE A CONGREGANT



I can dr	ive One Shabbat a month Special Events		Every Shabbat Evening Services
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VOLUNTEER FOR THE BELL LIBRARY

Amy Kaplan is looking for volunteers support. Please contact Amy at: akaplan@bethelsnj.org with the hours you are available.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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GREETERS / SUBSTITUTE GREETERS WANTED

SHORT HOURS • NO PAY • LOTS OF SATISFACTION TRAINING PROVIDED

Greeters welcome people & direct them to the sanctuary, coat room, etc., or offer assistance as needed. Greeters are at the entrance from 9:15am to 10:35am. At that time, they may join the congregation (if they wish).

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.



Spring clean your drawers of your unused, "collectable" Kippot.
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.
Thank you.



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