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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The following is an excerpt from my remarks at Kol Nidre. The theme of my remarks was to thank each of our members while at the same time highlighting some of their special accomplishments. I concluded my remarks by reminding everyone what a great honor and privilege it is to serve this awesome Congregation as its President.

One of the beauties of synagogue life is we measure time differently. We have our High Holiday services where we get together for another New Year. We also get to measure time by the life cycle events we all share with our Beth El family – our births, baby naming, b'nai mitzvot, confirmations, weddings and yes funerals. I was reminded of the beauty and significance of measuring time as we do this summer as Jon Soll overcame a serious health issue and ten hours of surgery.

As the summer progressed, Jon progressed. He decided to try to make Jake Brook's Bar Mitzvah on September 6th. It was the Shabbat after Labor Day, a hot sunny day and we had over 400 maybe 500 people in the Sanctuary. We had a baby naming and the Bar Mitzvah and the Rabbi gave a powerful sermon about fighting a righteous war.

Hazzan as well as Cantor Sher led our adult choir. As the services concluded and Jake received his gifts from the Miller family, the Sacksteins and Sisterhood we entered the Appel Social Hall for Kiddush. Adam Sackstein, Josh Brodkin and I chatted over Quiona salad and lox and bagels and we agreed, thanks to Tamar, our Kiddush's have really improved. Len Feldman came up to me so impressed with the next generation at Beth EI - noting that all three of the Brooks children read Torah, we had the Weisman baby naming and this young woman behind him, who I later learned was Amy Backal, davened with such ruach.

Well, Jon did make it to services and Kiddush that Shabbat. Although there are many places which may be significant to Jon there was one place where he was married, where his children became a B'nai Mitzvah and confirmed and one place where he had to get to prove he was getting better. One place where he knew he would be greeted warmly and never feel alone. His home - Our home - Our Beth El.

Eric



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IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

Helene Cooperman

Beloved mother of Ron Cooperman

RABBI'S MESSAGE



Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Quantifiable Jewish Life

The world we live in is so very different than the one in which our parents and grandparents were raised. And, one of the most significant differences is in the way our lives are quantified. We live in what I call the "Quantified Age." Our parents could-

n't tell exactly what they were eating, but now we have the nutritional information, all the calories, protein, fat etc. printed right on the carton. Our food is quantified, but so is our movement. Many people now wear bracelets that can tell them exactly how many steps they have taken in a day. Even sleep can be monitored by these technological tools. Our spending habits are quantified by computers that track the use of our credit cards. Our internet searches are tracked, quantified and marketed by Google and other internet companies. Our lives, our routines and our daily habits are more closely monitored than ever before.

This well examined life can be a good thing. As we attest to on the High Holidays, we strive to improve ourselves by doing what's called in Hebrew a "Cheshbon Ha-Nefesh" a "Soul Accounting." We can't hope to improve in the future until we have a deeper understanding of the lives we are living now. But, of course, the Quantified Life is not without its spiritual peril as well. Some of the most important things in life cannot be quantified; things like love, and commitment; integrity and sincerity. Not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can be counted.

This certainly holds true for synagogue life. The benefit and value that an individual accrues from living a synagogue based spiritual life cannot be fully measured. It is something deeply personal; something that defies simple quantification. How can you quantify the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment a bar or bat mitzvah child feels on his or her big day? How can you measure the depth of comfort that comes from being together with shul family after suffering a loss? How can I measure the impact a sermon has on the lives of individuals who hear it on Shabbat morning?

And, yet, at the same time, there are synagogue metrics that I use to measure my own level of accomplishment. Unfortunately, in one of the most important, I feel that I have come up short. One of my goals and therefore one of my own personal measures of success, is getting more people to come to synagogue on Shabbat morning. To me, this is one of the most important community building events in our congregational life. And yes, we do have hundreds of guests when we have a bar or bat mitzvah or two. And yes, parents are bringing their kids as they get closer to bar or bat mitzvah time. But, over my twenty years here at Beth El I have seen the number of people who just come to shul on Shabbos morning for the sake of joining in community dwindle.

I am writing to ask you to consider making Shabbat morning at Beth El part of your routine. If you come at 11:00AM, services last an hour. Come as casually dressed as you like. You'll hear familiar melodies that you'll recognize even if you don't read Hebrew. (We will be providing more transliteration soon.) You'll get (what I hope is) an inspiring message in the sermon. You'll share in "Good and Welfare" that makes us all feel a bit closer. And, you'll get and wonderful Shabbos lunch to linger over. But, most importantly, you'll be making a commitment to Jewish life at Beth El in one of the most traditional, and quantifiable ways we know how. I think our services are fun and fraylach and I'd love for you to join us more often. See You in Shul!



SPEEDY RECOVERY: Mel Ruthen, John Kravitz

B'NAI MITZOT:

Andrew & Beth Behrend on their daughter, Marisa becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Helene & Saul Bresalier on their grandson, Zachary Zaller becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Ari & Jennifer Brooks on their son, Jake becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Scott & Allison Schulman on their daughter, Jamie becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Harriet Schulman on her granddaughter, Jamie Schulman becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Harris & Melanie Gaffin on their daughter, Sydney becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Aaron & Robyn Greenberg on their son, Benjamin becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Beth Miller on her son, Jacob becoming a Bar Mitzvah Keith & Jill Levin on their daughter, Lexi becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Andrew & Sondra Cogan on their son, Ross becoming a Bar Mitzvah

ENGAGEMENTS / MARRIAGES:

Mazel Tov to Rita and Alan Kagan on the engagement of their daughter, Lori Jessica to Kevin Fredette

Andrea & Marc Millstein on the marriage of their son, Ross to Maria Drysdale

Carolyn Sonstein on the engagement of her son, Josh to Kate Walker

Shirley Yaffa on the marriage of her granddaughter, Sara Ahava to Eden Aharon Magen

MAZAL TOV to:

Nancy & John Kravitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Hope Debson

Rosalie & Alvin Rosen on the arrival of their great grandchild Elsbeth Lauren

BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:

Helene Cooperman, mother of Ronald Cooperman Morris Feinberg, father of Harilyn Schwartzberg Dr. Carol Green, sister of Diane Silberman Joyce Kalodner, mother of Steven Kalodner

Ella Katz, mother of Robert Katz

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HIGH HOLIDAYS





Margie Blum in loving memory of my husband, Jeff Blum and mother & father Gladys & Harold Heine

Sharon & Bill Bronstein / Toby Mazer & Family in loving memory of our parents & grandparents Fania & David Rotman

Dan, Stacy, Zach & Ethan Farber in loving memory of our father & grandfather Jacob Farber

Merle & Ken Glass in loving memory of our departed loved ones

Larry & Ruth Katz in loving memory of our parents, Herman & Freda Mintz and David & Ida Katz

Cookie & Murray Matez in loving memory of our parents, Irene Matez, Harry Matez, Reba Grossman, Harry Grossman

Marlene, Michael & Robert Mollen in loving memory of our husband & father, Alan S. Mollen

Dr. Edward & Carol Rosof in loving memory of our parents, Selma & Irving Niedelman and Dr. Samuel & Sarah Rosof

Harriet Schulman & family in loving memory of Herman Harnick (father), Lillian Harnick (mother) & Arlene Harnick Shupack (sister)

Hazel D. Starr in loving memory of husband, father & grand-father, Harold G. Starr

Elaine Waxman in loving memory of my father Louis E. Waxman

Steve & Lynn Goldman Paul in loving memory of all our loved ones

Marlene, Michael & Robert Mollen in loving memory of our husband & father, Alan S. Mollen

Shirley Yaffa in loving memory of my husband, Jerry Yaffa parents Rose & Samuel Wiesner and Rose & Harry Yaffa



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High Holy Day New Year's Greetings

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Sharon, Jay, Benjamin, Andrew, Shelby & Rachel Ruder

Sherry, Stuart, Molly & Aaron Sauer

Harriet Schulman & family

Hazel D. Starr & family

Shirley Yaffa & family

Stuart, Linda, Steven, Zachary, Jeffrey & Peri Yaffa





Dear Beth El Family,

In my role as Director of Community Life and Membership, I am always looking for ways to better service our Beth El community. To that end, I invite you to contact me if you become aware of a fellow Beth El member in need. Whether it be a meal, helping to organize a ride to a local Doctor or just a kind word of support from our clergy, we are here to help. Beth El is very fortunate to have some wonderful volunteers who have offered their time to assist where they can; I am here to help facilitate that help.

A heartfelt thank you for making Congregation Beth El your home.

Shari Techner Smith, Director Community Life and Membership <u>ssmith@bethelsnj.org</u> 856-675-1166 x 417

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. *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.

David & Susan Backal Cathy & Marc Backal Donna & Richard Bell Pam and Bob Benedon Jocelyn and Mark Borowsky Amy & Eric Clayman * Fran & Neal Cupersmith June & Steven Eisner & Family * Myra & David Gutin Deborah & Edward Hochberg * Beth & Harvey Jacob

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FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Beth El Men's Club

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Life happens. Let's talk about it.

BE CLUBS



It has been a tremendous start to the year. Our hot dog sales and honey sales allow us to raise money to help support the shul. We are able to provide honey throughout the year so if you missed the event or need more honey, just let me know and we can get you more.

Congratulations and thank you to every member of the Mid Atlantic Region of Men's Club that participated in the third annual Tour De Shuls Bike Ride to raise money for Camp Ramah. The fundraiser was a huge success and looks to grow even more next year.

Our Men's Club defended our title well in the region's Jewish Athletic Group (JAG) bowling tournament. We are now 4-time champions! We had 13 members participate (our largest showing) and blew away the competition. Just to put it into perspective, I bowled a 174 in one game, but our team is so good that my score wasn't high enough to be used (they take the top 3 and mine was 5).

Our Steak and Schnapps in the Sukkah continues to be a phenomenal event. For those of you who were able to attend, what a great night it was. We hope to grow the event even more next year.

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Our breakfast and speaker series is about to kickoff with two speakers in November and one in December. Author Tim Kelly will be discussing his book "The Legend of Red Klotz" which chronicles the life of professional basketball player Red Klotz. Among other noteworthy accomplishments, Red played for the Washington Generals (the team that played against the Harlem Globetrotters). Beth El's own Fred Behrend, a holocaust survivor, will be discussing Judaica Through the Ages. In December, we will have a speaker discussing Men's Health and providing massages! Thank you in advance to Bruce DuBoff, Craig Kessler, Gary Shapiro and the rest of the Men's Club kitchen crew for preparing the delicious breakfast that we will have on those mornings.

Also, in November will be our annual Men's Night Out. On Monday, November 24 we will go bowling. This event has been tremendous fun in past years and while there are no guarantees, this event has been visited by our very own Rabbi Aaron "strikes start when I get there" Krupnick.

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 is gearing up for a very busy couple of months. If you haven't joined yet, please get your membership forms in quickly as you won't want to miss out on all the fun and we do have some fun things planned for you!

First, I want to thank everyone who came out to our opening event, our Singdown and Sangria in the Sukkah with Hazzan. What a fun night of singing, schmoozing and getting to know each other a little bit better. Thank you to Renee Kessler for chairing the event and a special thank you to Hazzan for running the sing-down. It definitely brought back fond memories of our Retreat days and our Shabbat Singdowns with our families.

And, I'm very happy to report that our Wednesday morning minyan with breakfast and discussion has resumed. We are very grateful to have Hazzan back leading minyan for us every Wednesday morning, giving it a little feminine flair and spirit and also leading the discussion each week, along with Ray Katz, Hedda Morton and myself. It is a great way to start your day, plus you can feel good about helping to make the minyan. This is open to men and women and anyone who wants a little spiritual uplift mid-week is welcome to join us. Minyan is from 7:30-8:15am followed by breakfast and discussion which lasts until around 9:00 am.

On Sunday evening, November 9th, the Mid-Atlantic region of Women's League, which Beth El Sisterhood is part of, will be having its annual Torah Fund Founders Day event with guest speaker Rabbi Lilly Kaufman. This is being held right here, at Beth El from 4-7:30pm and the cost is \$38 which includes dinner and the program. All Sisterhoods in the region who've met their Torah Fund goals last year will be recognized. For more information or to RSVP, contact event co -chairs Shelley Szwalbenest (215-579-9981) or Michele Bernstein (215-741-9937).

On Thursday evening November 20th, join your Beth El Sisters for a Chocolate Tour and Tasting at the Michel Cluizel Chocolatrium Chocolate Experience. We will meet there around 7pm with program starting at 7:15pm sharp. We promise to be done in time for Hebrew High pick-up by 9pm. Cost - \$20 per person. Located in the Cooper Run Executive Park, 575 Rt. 73 N., Bldg. D, West Berlin, NJ. Watch for the e-vite to RSVP.

On Tuesday evening, December 2nd at 6:30pm will be our annual Paid-Up Membership dinner and program. This year we will have guest speaker Allen Salkin, author of the book *From Scratch, The Uncensored History of the Food Network*. Dinner and program is free to all paid Sisterhood members. Guests \$10 for program only. RSVP to Debra Kelberg at <u>dkelberg@aol.com</u> or (215) 681-0184.

On Sunday December 7th at 10am we will be joining our friends at TBS Sisterhood for our annual Torah Fund Brunch. This year's theme is Mishpachah and will feature



Sisterhood

(continued from page 7) family members of Sisterhood members who attend or have attended The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York. All money contributed to Torah Fund goes directly to support JTS and the other institutions that train Conservative rabbis, cantors, and Jewish educators. This brunch is free with a minimum \$18 contribution to Torah Fund. Come enjoy a beautiful brunch with friends while you learn more about all the great things our Torah Fund money helps to support. For more information or to RSVP contact our Torah Fund Co-Chairs, Renee Rudolph (<u>reneer@datasoft-assoc.com</u>) or Debbie Drachman (debdrachman@comcast.net).

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these great events. Please bring a friend and help us spread the word about Sisterhood, a group of women of all ages and stages, coming together for friendship, learning, growing and giving. There is truly something for everyone and we hope you will give us a try. You won't regret it.

From the entire Sisterhood Board and from my husband and children, we want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Hanukkah and a very happy secular New Year.

B'Shalom, Faye Shapiro, President



Social Action would like to thank you for your generous support of our September collection of food towards the High Holiday community-wide food collection and our October collection of supplies and goodies for Operation Yellow Ribbon. These items will be sent to our brave heroes deployed in harm's way in Afghanistan.

As thanksgiving approaches, we ask you to join us as we collect non-perishable food, scrip or gift cards for JFCS' Betsy and Peter Fischer Food Pantries. Our collection will enable JFCS to assist clients who are experiencing financial difficulties. What a wonderful Mitzvah to consider participating in as you plan for your Holiday meals.

For December, we will partner with an organization collecting toys to ensure that children in need have a gift to open during the winter holidays. Stay tuned for more details.

Please let us know if you would like to join the Social Action committee and/or if you have any ideas for collections or mitzvah projects.

Rachel Miller and Leah Wolf Social Action Co-Chairs





BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION COMMITTEE IS NOW ACCEPTING ADDRESSES FOR THE 2014-15 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 <u>free</u> 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 #

NAMES SUBMITTED AFTER SEPTEMBER WILL BE ADDED TO THE DECEMBER HANUKKAH LIST.

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

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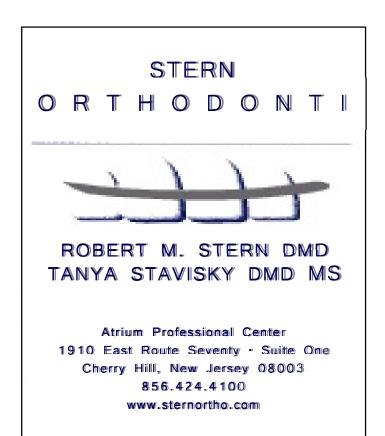
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Thank you to Jake Winigrad on his service as President of JRA

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MAZAL TOV Marisa Laine Behrend



Hebrew Name: Elisharon Leah Daughter of: Sister of: Granddaughter of:

Andrew & Beth Behrend Alexis Butler Fred Behrend Fred & Gail Kuletsky

Marisa read the Torah Portion: Nitzavim & Vayelech * September 20, 2014

Marisa's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:

American Cancer Society / American Red Cross

MAZAL TOV Jake Miller

Hebrew Name: Yacov Bar-El Son of: Brother of: Grandson of:

Beth & Cory Miller Keith, Kellie & Alexis Elaine Rosenberg

Jake read the Torah Portion: Bereshit * October 18, 2014

Jake's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:

Build Jake's place Miracle League. Jake is assisting both physically & mental challenged children reach their athletic goals through baseball.

MAZAL TOV

Samuel Stofman

Son of: Brother of: Grandson of:

Hebrew Name: Shmuel Pinchas Marc & Lisa Stofman Ilana Stofman **Eleanor Stofman** Sybil & Len Myers

> Samuel read the Torah Portion: Vayera * November 1, 2014

Samuel's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was:

The Virtua Wings of Steel Sled Hockey Fundraiser. Sled Hockey is an adaptive sport that allows people with physical disabilities to play hockey. Sam's hockey team donated money & used the sleds to play against the Winds of Steel team. As part of his mitzvah project he will be donating a portion of his gifts to purchase a sled.

BETH EL WELCOMES BACK CONGREGANTS WHO RECENTLY **RETURNED FROM ISRAEL**

Lia Rutberg **Shirley Yaffa**

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

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

MAZAL TOV

Robert Schweitzer

Hebrew Name: Son of: Brother of: Grandson of:

Chayim Benyamin Rich & Sheryl Schweitzer Danielle & John Susan & Marc Goldstein Sally & Dick Schweitzer

Robert read the Torah Portion: Toldot * November 22, 2014

Robert's Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project was: Challenger Baseball of Cherry Hill -Little League baseball for special needs children

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the Beth El community for your sincere prayers, kind words and best wishes for my recovery. Love you. Mel Ruthen and Family



To the volunteers that answer the call whenever we need help, please know how much you are appreciated! Shirley



November

Shir Hashirim; Song of Songs

7:00 - 9:00pm Wednesday, 11/5, 12, 19 Helene Herman Krupnick presenting

1st Friday Family Service and Dinner

5:45pm Service - 6:30pm Dinner (Fees and RSVP's required)

Friday, 11/7, 12/19, 1/9 (2015), 1/6, 3/6, 5/1, 6/5 Celebrate Shabbat with a multi-generational Family Service & Dinner. Enjoy an engaging discussion with our Clergy on a relevant topic.

The Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker

9:45am - Sunday, November 16 (after Minyan; Social Hall C) NO FEE, RSVP to Yoel Weiss

Tim Kelly presenting

Enjoy breakfast & listen to Tim Kelly, author of "The Legend of Red Klotz", a book about the famous player who lost 14000 games to the Halem Globetrotters, but won everything else.

Services 101B

7:30 - 9:00pm Session 1: Tuesday, November 18, Rabbi Aaron Krupnick presenting The origin of the Siddur and its message for the modern reader.

Library Short Story Discussion Group

1:30pm - 3:00pm Thursday, November 20 Amy Kaplan presenting

The Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker

9:45am; after Minyan; Social Hall C NO FEE, RSVP to Yoel Weiss

Fred Behrend presenting Beth El member & Holocaust survivor, Fred Behrend, relates his wartime experience as a child of the Holocaust

Divas On the Bima; Heart & Soul

7:00pm - Sunday, November 23 Featuring Cantors Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Elizabeth Shammash, Magda Fishman & Jen Cohen with special appearance by Cantors Leon Sher, Anita Hochman & Sandra Messinger

An evening of Popular, Broadway, Israeli & Jewish Music (A portion of the proceeds will go to Virtua Foundation, supporting programming that educates women on the dangers of heart disease, the number one killer of women in the United States.)

December

Sisterhood Paid Up Membertship Dinner: Inside the Food Network with Allen Salkin

6:00pm - Tuesday, December 2 (No fee to members) The extraordinary behind-the-scenes story of the Food Network

December (continued)

Live Stream from the 92nd Street Y

America and Israel: The Way Forward

8:15pm - Thursday, December 4

Dalia Rabin & Dennis Ross with Ethan Bronner Presenting

Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense & current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center & Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion of the future of Israel. Ethan Bronner is the deputy national editor of the New York Times and the paper's former Jerusalem bureau chief.

Torah Fund Brunch

10:00am - Sunday,, December 7 (at TBS) \$18 Minimun Contribution to Torah Fund Represent Beth El Sisterhood for a combined Torah Fund Brunch with a program centered around this year's theme of Michpachah, Family.

Men's Club Man of the Year

5:30pm - Sunday, December 7 - Lobby Beth El Men's Club is hosting the Regional Man of the Year dinner. Each chapter will honor its Man of the Year. Evening includes cocktail hour, honoring ceremony and dinner.

Salute to Local Lone Soldiers of Defending Israel

7:00pm - Tuesday, December 9 FEE: \$25.00

Featuring Comedian & Former Lone Soldier Joel Chasnoff Wine Tasting & Cheese Reception Hosted by Congregation Beth El

Festive Cooking I

7:00pm - Thursday, December 11 Beth El Kitchen - FEE: TBD Chef Robert Bennett of Classic Cake presenting Learn to decorate Chanukah cookies

The Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker

9:45am (after Minyan) -Social Hall C No FEE - RSVP to Yoel Weiss appreciated.

Services 101B

7:30 - 9:00pm Session 2: Wednesday, December 17; Rabbi Aaron Krupnick presenting The origin of the Siddur and its message for the modern reader.

1st Friday Family Service & Chanukah Dinner 5:45pm Service; 6:30pm Dinner Fees & RSVP required

Chanukah Family Concert with Noah Aronson 11:00am - Sunday, December 21 No FEE (Open to the Community) An energetic & engaging Chanukah concert for the entire family.

NEWS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Megan Nachod, Director

November and December mark a quieter time of year at the ECC after the busyness of the High Holidays. We obviously have a few holidays to look forward to in the next two months so there is still plenty to do and lots to learn.

Our *Willow Comes to School* program expanded this year to reach more students. Only our 3-year old classes took part in the nutrition education program last year, but this year we included our 3-year-old classes up through Kindergarten. *Willow Comes to School* features a bunny hand puppet named, not surprisingly, Willow. Willow lives in a magical garden and introduces our students to the seasonal fruits and vegetables that grow in her garden. The children use magnifying glasses to inspect the produce before they prepare a special recipe. We'll be cooking with apples, root vegetables, kale, strawberries or peas, depending on the season. It's a wonderful program and we are excited to be the first private early childhood program in the country to be invited to join this project!

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving in style as well with a wholeschool feast that caps off several weeks of learning about the Pilgrims and their journey to America. Just like the original feast, every class will contribute a dish to our meal. Our Parent Teacher Group makes sure that we have a great time every year. Thankfully, there is a nice long gap between Thanksgiving and Hanukkah this year, so we won't have the same confusion as last year when the holidays were so close. We'll have our classroom Hanukkah celebrations with our families.

Our new play spaces have been a hit with the children. Outdoors, they have been busy playing instruments, digging and harvesting the berries and figs in our garden. Indoors, the children have built and tested experimental structures and enjoyed another learning space in our already extensive school.

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year begins in January and Beth El members and current ECC families have priority enrollment. We'll start enrolling in early January, so be sure to contact

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Willow comes to school program.



The Kindergarten class perform the mitzvah of Tashlich right before Rosh HaShana



Our full year program includes many fun activities for the summer

BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director

Everyone Has a Name Gan (K) Program 2 Sundays, Nov. 16 & 23

Children and parents discover for whom the children were named and present the information to each other during Sunday School hours. This great program which ends with refreshments

takes place during two Sunday mornings.

Staff Development Webinar Tuesday, November 4 Spice Up My Lesson Plans with Technology I Can Use Let's put these iPads and Apple TV to good use! with Dr. Richard Solomon.



Dr. Solomon is the creator of www.jewish-education.org and the blog <u>richarddsolomonsblog.blogspot.com</u>, each of which empowers Judaic Studies teachers, administrators, trainers, professors and consultants to integrate web technology into their instruction and teacher training. In partnership with his wife, Elaine Solomon, they write "Tech Tuesday" for Behrman House's BabagaNewz. They co-authored Toolbox for Teachers and Mentors: Lesson Plans for Pre-Service and In-Service Judaic Educators (2010); Toolbox for Teachers and Mentors: Moving Madrichim to Mentor Teachers and Beyond (2009), as well as numerous other books and articles.

Hey (5th Grade) Family B'Yachad Program Sunday, November 16

5th Grade parents and students will be participating in an all new Family B'Yachad program, created and led by the Hey team of Larry Abrams and Binyamin Stone. The program will include a session for parents only, with Rabbi Krupnick. This new addition is being implemented in all our Family Education programs this year. Stay tuned for more details.

Kitta Gimmel - 3rd Grade Parent Meeting: Consecration & Gift of Israel Sunday, November 23 – 9:15 AM - Beit Midrash

One of the highlights of Kita Gimmel (3rd Grade) is a ceremony known as "*Chag Hasiddur*," celebrating the children receiving their first *Siddur* (prayer book) from Congregation Beth El. It will be held this year on Friday evening, March 13, 2015. The evening will commence with a delicious Shabbat meal, followed by a *Kabbalat Shabbat Cantata /* Service led by the children, Rabbi and Hazzan. Afterward, the children will be presented with their *Siddurim* (prayer books) and Tzedakah Boxes. All this takes planning!

During our meeting we will discuss all aspects of this special evening including our *3rd Grade Family B'Yachad Program: My Siddur Cover Workshop,* January 11, 2015, which will give the children an opportunity to work WITH their parents in creating their *siddur* cover.

We will also be discussing the very important *GIFT OF ISRAEL PROGRAM*. Important information will be given that morning, so do plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you

there.

Secret Shop – Sunday, December 7

Religious School Board has gone shopping! Wait till you see the little gifts your children will be able to buy for Chanukah this year. Thank you to Deborah Kelberg and Lisa Zaretsky for chairing this event.

Vav (6th Grade) Family B'Yachad Tracing Our Roots - Sunday, December 14

The 6th Grade pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah year, is an important milestone for our students. On Sunday, December 14, 6th Graders and their parents will participate in a workshop that will help them to trace their roots and produce an heirloom family tree. In addition, parents will have the opportunity to meet with Rabbi Krupnick for an engaging discussion on lessons learned from searching our past family histories. A packet for this project was given to the students earlier in the year so that they could begin to amass the information needed for their family tree. We are looking forward to learning more about our students as they journey through their own family history.

Chanukah Family Concert with Noah Aronson Sunday, December 21 • 11:00am Free and Open to the Community!



Noah Aronson is an energetic and soulful composer/performer whose unique musical style propels his music into communities across the country and in Israel. While studying Piano and Jazz Composition at Berklee College of Music, Noah simultaneously held the position of Composer-in-Residence at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Massachu-

setts; teaching and composing a wide-array of new liturgical works. Noah conducted the Manhattan HaZamir Choir from 2008 -2010 and his choral music received an honorable mention in the 2009 GTM Young Composer's Contest. Noah released his first solo Jewish album in May 2011 and the title song 'Am I Awake' was a winner in the New Voices song competition in July 2011.

Noah's latest project 'Left Side of the Page' sets to music some of the poetic selections from the Mishkan Tefilah Prayer Book. He had the distinct honor of presenting music from this project at the 2013 URJ Biennial as he lead a community of over 5000 people in Shabbat prayer.

Noah's music is now sung in progressive communities worldwide and has been included as part of the cantorial curriculum at the Hebrew Union College Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music.

Reminders:

No Religious School November 4, 9, 26-30 and December 23-31

BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (continued)

Mazel Tov to our B'naí Mítzvah of the Month

Lexi Levin – October 18 (correction from last edition) Samuel Stofman - November 1 Joshua Apell - November 8 Max Abrams - November 8 Matthew Weinberg -November 15 Madeline Broder - November 15 Emma Broder - November 15 Robert Schweitzer - November 22 Zachary Boroda - November 22 Nathan Landau - November 22 Benjamin Landau - November 22 Naomi Korn - December 6 Olivia Cohen - December 13 Phoebe Cohen - December 13 Jacob Packman - December 20 Isabella Deutsch - December 20

November Service Times

Junior Congregation **Teen Services Tot Shabbat** Minyan Katan 10:30AM - 12:00PM with Larry Abrams & with Lauren Williams Chaim Respes Once a month Grades K - 2 Up to age 4 & their parents 3rd - 6th grades In Beit Midrash 11:00AM - 11:45AM 11:00AM - 11:45AM 10:15AM - 12:00PM In Sanctuary Ext. B In Sanctuary Ext. D Every Shabbat morning November 1 November 1, 22 November 1, 22 in the Chapel **December Service Times Teen Services Tot Shabbat** Junior Congregation Minyan Katan 10:30AM - 12:00PM with Lauren Williams with Larry Abrams & Chaim Respes Once a month Grades K - 2

3rd - 6th grades 10:15AM - 12:00PM Every Shabbat morning in the Chapel

In Beit Midrash

December 6

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- Learn about Israel
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- Learn lots of Hebrew songs
- . Learn to love being Jewish
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11:00AM - 11:45AM In Sanctuary Ext. B December 13

Up to age 4 & their parents 11:00AM - 11:45AM In Sanctuary Ext. D December 13





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Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian



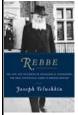
midst of the Holidays and there is so much to be done. But in a few weeks things will calm down, and you can plan to enjoy the biggest annual event in our Jewish community: The Festival of Arts, Books and Culture.

Though it may be hard to believe, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Festival (!). That means

25 years of the most intriguing Jewish authors, lecturers, artists and performers, presented conveniently right here in our community. To celebrate this Silver Anniversary, the Festival will have plenty of terrific events in its week-long program. Here are just a few 2015 Festival highlights:

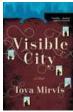


Sunday, Nov. 9, 1:30 PM – Steven Pressman will STEVEN PRESSMAN discuss 50 Children, the book he wrote expanding on his acclaimed HBO documentary with the same title. This is the amazing, true story of how a brave Jewish couple from Philadelphia risked their own safety to travel to Nazi-controlled Vienna and Berlin to save fifty Jewish children.



Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7:30 PM – Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will discuss his newest book, Rebbe, in which he presents the life of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the man who made Chabad Lubavitch into the widespread and dynamic organization it is today. If you have ever heard Rabbi Telushkin lecture, you already know how erudite and engaging he is; if you've never heard him, now's the time!

Thursday, Nov. 13, 10:30 AM - Tova Mirvis will present her newest novel, Visible City. Mirvis's previous novels were set in the Orthodox community; in this one, she has secular, Upper West Side Jewish characters dealing with such stresses of modern life as careers, families, city life, and modernization vs tradition.





Sunday, Nov. 16, 10:30 AM - Josh Fattal will visit. He is one of three authors of Sliver of Light, the true story of how he and two other young American hikers were captured by Iranian forces and held in captivity for two years.

Of course you are busy right now; we are in the The Festival also brings many other authors, as well as TV and film star Larry Miller, the comedian whom Jerry Seinfeld calls, "the funniest guy I know." (Miller will appear on Sunday, Nov. 9 in the evening.) In addition, on Saturday, Nov. 15, be sure to see "Stars of David," a song-cycle based on a book by Abigail Pogrebin. "Stars of David" features original songs/lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, Michael Feinstein and others as it presents the life stories of notable Jewish people including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Leonard Nimoy, Norman Lear, and many more.

> The Festival is the place to be November 9-16. Mark your calendar now and be sure to call the JCC (424-4444) for tickets to these and many, many other Festival events. See you at the Festival!

> The Library's Short Story Discussion Group is back and going strong. This discussion group has been around even longer than the Festival of Arts, Books, and Culture! The success of the group is due to the enthusiastic participation of our congregants. We meet on Thursday afternoon, once each month (usually, but not always, the 4th Thursday) 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Conference Room. The meetings are always announced online in the weekly "Beth El News and Information," as well as in The Voice newspaper. For more information, please call the Library (ext. 503) - we'd love to have you join us!

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Library's Short Story Discussion Group

Our dates for the coming year (all are Thursdays, 1:30pm – 3:00pm in the Conference Room)

2014 October 23 November 20 December 18

2015 January 22 February 26 March 26 April 23 May 28

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NOVEMBER MINCHA TIMES



Congregation Beth El

November, 2014 Cheshvan - Kislev 5775 SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES: ***Sunday 9:00 AM*** Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM Saturday 9:00 AM

<u>Note & Exception Below:</u> Sunday, November 23rd - Rosh Chodesh Kislev 8:30AM Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Day 9:00AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES

| | Saturday, November 1 | 5:45PM |
|--------|---|--------|
| | Sunday, November 2 - Thursday, November 6 | 4:50PM |
| 4:34PM | Friday, November 7 | 4:35PM |
| | Saturday, November 8 | 4:40PM |
| | Sunday, November 9 - Thursday, November 13 | 4:40PM |
| 4:27PM | Friday, November 14 | 4:30PM |
| | Saturday, November 15 | 4:35PM |
| | Sunday, November 16 - Thursday, November 20 | 4:35PM |
| 4:22PM | Friday, November 21 | 4:25PM |
| | Saturday, November 22 | 4:30PM |
| | Sunday, November 23 - Thursday, November 27 | 4:35PM |
| 4:19PM | Friday, November 28 | 4:20PM |
| | Saturday, November 29 | 4:25PM |
| | Sunday, November 30 - Thursday, December 4 | 4:30PM |
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DECEMBER MINCHA TIMES



Congregation Beth El

December, 2014 Kislev - Tevet 5775 SHACHARIT (morning) SERVICES: <u>***Sunday 9:00 AM***</u> Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM Saturday 9:00 AM

<u>Note & Exception Below:</u> Tuesday, December 23rd - Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7:15AM Thursday, December 25th - 9:00AM

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES:

MINCHA (AFTERNOON) MAARIV (EVENING) SERVICES

| | Sunday, November 30 - Thursday, December 4 | 4:30PM |
|--------|---|--------|
| 4:17PM | Friday, December 5 | 4:20PM |
| | Saturday, December 6 | 4:25PM |
| | Sunday, December 7 - Thursday, December 11 | 4:30PM |
| 4:17PM | Friday, December 12 | 4:20PM |
| | Saturday, December 13 | 4:30PM |
| | Sunday, December 14 - Thursday, December 18 | 4:35PM |
| 4:19PM | Friday, December 19 | 4:25PM |
| | Saturday, December 20 | 4:30PM |
| | Sunday, December 21 - Thursday, December 25 | 4:35PM |
| 4:23PM | Friday, December 26 | 4:25PM |
| | Saturday, December 27 | 4:35PM |
| | Sunday, December 28 - Thursday, January 1 | 4:40PM |



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