Beth El Newsletter
January (Tevet / Shevat) and February (Shevat / Adar) 2023—5783

There is a place for you at Beth El. We Belong Together.

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MLK DAY OF SERVICE
MONDAY, JANUARY 16

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO TAKE PART IN OUR IN-PERSON, HANDS-ON MITZVAH PROJECTS FOR A VARIETY OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS!

10:00AM-12:00PM

PROJECTS INCLUDE:
- Trolley Bag Packaging for Center for Family Services
- Creating decorations with Eyal’s Flowers for Lion’s Gate
- Arts & Crafts projects for children’s oncology units with Sunrise Association
- PB&J sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen
- Birthday card coloring for JFCS clients
- Blanket making for Project Linus

AND MORE!

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

COOK FOR A FRIEND

Let’s do a mitzvah together! Join us to prepare and package meals for Beth El congregants in need as well as others served by JFCS.

If you are interested, please reach out to Ric Bernard at rfb904@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD COLLECTED OVER $600 FOR PROJECT SARAH

At their October Dine & Study event, Sisterhood collected Target and Walmart gift cards for Project SARAH (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home), a multifaceted program that helps to end the cycle of abuse for individuals and families. Our South Jersey chapter was built by Beth El member, Hilary Platt.

Gift cards provide one opportunity for survivors of domestic violence to gain agency as they struggle to become independent.

You can learn more about their important work at jfcssnj.org/project-sarah

NOVEMBER WAS A MONTH OF GIVING!

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MACHAR

Our 3rd—5th grade youth group, Machar, had a meaningful afternoon of hands-on mitzvah projects at their Mitzvah Madness event in November. The kids prepared art projects for the Sunrise Association to provide to children battling cancer in our local hospitals. Jennifer Rebetti, Director of Development and Programs from Sunrise, showed a short film and talked to the kids about how these projects would be used.

Larry Abrams, Beth El member and founder of BookSmiles, joined us to educate our kids about the importance of sharing the joy of reading with others while our kids sorted the books to be donated to communities in need.
Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

The most powerful song of our ancestors is Shirat HaYam, the Song of the Sea. It was first sung as we crossed the sea from slavery to freedom and is now recited every morning. It is the central part of parshat B’shallach, which will be chanted on Shabbat Shira, the Shabbat of Song, on Saturday, February 4th. Cantor Sher, our dedicated Adult Choir and I encourage you to join us for a service filled with music, joy, learning and promise. As has become our tradition, our Kiddush lunch will also include cholent!

It is so fulfilling when we gather together in prayer! I am writing this article while still flying high from Rabbi Englander’s installation weekend. As you read this, that weekend, as well as our Thanksgiving Day celebrations, are lasting memories, but we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to be thankful every day. In fact, our sages teach us that we are obligated to recite 100 blessings every day! There are so many moments worthy of gratitude in our lives. Even during the most challenging moments, we can live our lives with gratitude and focus on blessings.

We find the Hebrew word for blessing (bracha) again and again in the holy words of our Torah and in our siddur. In prayer, we use the phrase Baruch Atah HaShem, Blessed are You, Gd, as our formula to praise Gd who is a source of blessing. It is a description or acknowledgement of the abundance that comes from Gd and it is also used to draw us close. These blessings are meant to connect us to Gd and to each other in a deeper way.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, noted scholar and author on spirituality and mysticism, suggests that Torah is not real because it happened, it is real because it happens. Our text relates how Gd blesses our ancestors and shows how people can bless each other. We can learn more about what they are trying to say to us when we pay attention and respond. Our relationships are based on reciprocal actions and expressions of emotions. Each one of us has the ability to transform gratitude into powerful moments of action.

Music, prayer, and active listening can all serve as amazing vehicles. As friend of Beth El songwriter Benj Pasek has written, There’s a place where we don’t have to feel alone...and every time that you call out, you’re a little less alone.

As you listen, as you pray, as you pay attention to the stories of our ancestors and of your family and friends, consider what you can do to help others find this place at home, at work, at school and at our beloved Beth El. We can all be here for one another.

We are supported by hands that uplift us, even in the midst of a fall. We are urged on by eyes that meet us, even when we are too weak for a meeting. Ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices; ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles. We are loved by an unending love.

- Rabbi Rami Shapiro

I hope these words inspire you as much as they inspire me.

Blessings for health, healing, love and peace,

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

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A Brief Note from Rabbi Englander

Dear Friends, as I mentioned during the High Holidays, Beth El will be a place that remembers those lost to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will establish a memorial in their names that will reside here in perpetuity.

Please take a moment to email me (denglander@bethelsnj.org) the names of those lost to you – family and friends alike and their relationship to you. More information and the chance to provide additional life-affirming stories of these precious souls gone too soon will be forthcoming. May their memories be for a blessing.

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Dear Parents & College Students,

The College Connection mourns the passing of Ira Back, husband of Gloria Back who founded the College Connection Program. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gloria and her family.

On December 6, we sent out over 70 packages for Chanukah to those undergraduate students registered in our program. We hope they enjoyed the chocolates and other goodies in the package and wished them well on their finals.

Our Purim package will be sent out the beginning of March 2023. If you would like to sign up your student or there is a change in your student’s address, please email Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or Jackie Bernard at 4bernards@comcast.net to let us know.

To volunteer or become involved in the committee, please contact Jackie Bernard at 856-630-0585 or at 4bernards@comcast.net.

Hoping all of our students are enjoying their winter break and wishing them a successful spring semester.

Sponsored by: The David Back College Connection Fund

To donate to the fund, call 856.675.1166

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www.bethelsnj.org Congregation Beth El January—February 2023
Stuart A. Sauer  
President

Rabbi Englander’s official installation as Senior Rabbi is now part of our great history. At the end of August, Rabbi’s Shabbat morning sermon talked about the “end of the beginning”. The ice cream socials, meet and greets and even a Phillies vs Mets baseball game were all accomplished and very successfully. There were many memorable moments over the last 5 months, but there is one event that really made me think about the future of our Shul.

On Sunday morning during the Installation Weekend, Beth El hosted a Brunch and Learn event. Not only was there delicious food but also food for thought. Rabbi invited a number of his colleagues from around the area along with our own dynamic clergy, to help engage in some scholarly learning for about 20 minutes. Each table had a facilitator and a study guide that had various topics. Our table selected the topic, “How the Jews Invented Hope”.

We discussed Western civilization and compared two cultures, ancient Greece and ancient Israel. The Greeks gave the world the concept of tragedy. Jews gave the world the idea of hope. We compared that the ancient Greek culture no longer exists, yet the ancient Israel culture continues to thrive and grow. Jews are lifelong learners and we prioritize and cherish family and education. Learning gives us hope from one generation to the next generation.

Congregation Beth El has learning opportunities that focus on all ages, young and old. Our Early Childhood Center and Religious School are the cornerstones on how we educate our children. Hebrew High School and Junior College, prepares our teens to be knowledgeable of their heritage and be proud Jews. KAHAL - The Krupnick Herman Academy of Learning, offers a deep dive and a variety of teaching forums to engage in adult education. We provide the educational framework that encourages personal and spiritual growth for all our members and community. Education preserves our heritage across generations.

Beth El continues to do what generations before us have done so successfully. To teach and inspire Jewish education, values, and instill Yiddish pride. Our clergy, educators, and guest speakers guide and nurture us to explore our own individual Jewish identity and experience. We are a people of learners. We discuss and challenge each other. We may not agree on all subjects, but at the end of our study, we respect each other.

That is the hope and future of our Shul. To secure a strong Jewish community that brings life, learning, happiness and joy, simchas and nachas to all.

Zie Guzunt, Be Well!

Josh Laster  
Executive Director

I follow Adam Grant on social media. He’s an Organizational Psychologist, New York Times bestselling author, TED Talk presenter and podcaster. This was a recent post from him I find to be meaningful as both a Jewish Communal Professional and parent:

“Too many people spend their lives being dutiful descendants instead of good ancestors. The responsibility of each generation is not to please their predecessors. It’s to improve things for their offspring. It’s more important to make your children proud than your parents proud.”

I’m drawn to this quote because reading it through a Jewish lens, we have the commandment to honor our parents and the connection to clearly respect and learn from our ancestors as well as to teach our children with both text and action. In my role as Executive Director of Beth El, I have frequent conversations about why people should belong to a synagogue. A common answer is that the people before us created and belonged to synagogues to strengthen the Jewish community, and it’s our obligation to do the same for the next generation. Some might argue it’s different now. I would argue it’s not. With the rise, or more appropriately, unveiling of antisemitism, having strong, supported, synagogues is more important than ever. If our candle flickers, someone is watching to see if it will go out. They may even be hoping it goes out. We must never let it go out. Strong synagogues help the light of Judaism to shine bright.

So what can you do to support a strong Jewish presence in our community? Continue to be a part of our synagogue, encourage and insist that others do the same, talk to family and friends about why you are doing it, give meaningfully. Help keep Beth El strong. This is what we me must do in order to improve things for future generations, to make our children proud, and in turn we will of course make our ancestors proud in the process.
Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director

KULANU

As a mother of two daughters in Elementary and Middle School, I hope and pray that my children will one day live in a world where we do not have to counter antisemitism and bias acts of hatred. However, in today’s world Jews and non-Jews of all ages often experience acts of hatred and at times do not know how to react. We are very fortunate to have an organization that is here to help us educate others and help stop these terrible acts of hate right in our backyard. The ADL, Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the leading anti-hate organization in the world. The mission of the ADL is “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all”. The ADL today continues to fight all forms of antisemitism through a variety of avenues while working to protect democracy and to create a just and inclusive society for all walks of life.

I am very proud to share that Congregation Beth El has been chosen to be part of a new initiative of the ADL called Kulanu. Kulanu, Hebrew for “all of us,” is an eight-month program, dedicated to empowering congregations to address antisemitism and hate in their communities through education, community engagement, and advocacy.

During these eight months we will join a network of congregations to build bridges of understanding across communities. As part of the Kulanu program we commit to the following:

- Establish a working group that oversees Kulanu programming in our community
- Promote reporting of anti-Semitic and bias incidents to the ADL
- Implement two programs, one of which engaging an external audience beyond our synagogue community

I am thrilled to announce that we have created a working group consisting of eleven Beth El members committed to educating and empowering our community to address antisemitism and hate in our communities. Over the next eight months we will create educational programs, provide information to our community of ways to promote reporting incidents of hate to the ADL, and provide other learning opportunities.

If you are interested in helping to plan our programs please reach out to me at nmarshall@bethelsnj.org.

If you are in need to report an antisemitic and bias incident to the ADL please go to adl.org/reportincident-kulanu.

Let’s work together to fill our world with kindness.

Ayelet Mittelman
ECC Director

It’s 2023!!!! We had a wonderful end of 2022 by celebrating Chanukah with our entire ECC for the first time in years! We gathered together in the sanctuary, the three and four year olds performed Chanukah songs for everyone and then all of our families were invited to work on a family craft and take home some treats! The older children also had the opportunity to learn about how olive oil is made, which could be used in lighting the Menorah, at our annual Olive Press class taught by Rabbi Kahan.

We had our very first Pre-K AND K-8 Scholastic Book Fair! It was so much fun watching our inspired young readers pick out their new favorite books! At the beginning of the year we launched our monthly “2 Lunch 2sday” program, creating an opportunity for our children to give back to the community by collecting food items that are then donated to the Betsy and Peter Fischer Food Pantry.

Our phenomenal PTG has worked on some amazing fundraising efforts, and we are looking forward to all of the good work that we will continue to do together to help the ECC grow and thrive.

We are so looking forward to some exciting Pesach programming and events and before we know it, spring will be here!

The ECC students enjoyed their visit with the Voorhees Township Fire Department.

They loved looking at the fire truck and meeting the firefighters!

The ECC expressed how thankful they are and showed their gratitude to their friends, family and teachers at the Fancy Feast.
Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Leaving a legacy is simple: Bequest in a Will, Gift of Life Insurance, Gift of IRA or Pension Funds, Gift of Cash or Assets, Charitable Remainder Trust.

Contact Jocelyn at jdmborowsky@comcast.net

Names in bold have formalized a commitment to Beth El

Mira & Aaron Aumiller
Susan & David Backal
Cathy & Marc Backal
Marcia Baruch
Donna & Richard Bell
Pam & Bob Benedon
Jodi Berman
Helene & Alan Blumenfeld
Jocelyn Borowsky
Marcia Baruch Bowen
Ronit & Chris Boyd
Beth & Josh Brodkin
Amy & Eric Clayman
Herbert (z”l) & Thalia Cohen
Arlene & Harris Colton
Fran & Neal Cupersmith
Leila & Adam Cupersmith
Marsha Dollinger
Arlene & Heili Handler
June & Steven Eisner & Family
Alan Finkelstein
Myra & David Gutin
Phyllis Hecsh
Deborah & Edward Hochberg
Beth & Harvey Jacob
Adam Kaminer
Sharla & Mort Kanovsky
Amy & Bernard Kaplan
Jerome Katz
Alison & Andrew Keim
Debra Kelberg
Deborah Shore & Jonathan Korn
Helene & Rabbi Aaron Krupnick
Michael Landsburg
Fran & Leon L. Levy
Suzanne & Victor Levy
Judy & Donald (z”l) Love
Diane & Benjamin Mashoff
Rachel & Stephen Miller
Burt & Diane Nussbaum
Sheri & Jason Pecarsky
Lynn Goldman Paul
Arlene & Ed Plasky
Hilary & Harry Platt
Ilene Rosen & P. Todd Rowan
Sharon & Adam Sackstein
Stuart & Sherry Sauer
Karen & David Schlessel & Family
Harriet Schulman
Rob & Joshua Schwartz
Faye & Gary Shapiro
Jennifer Sholder
Michael Silver
Juli Mandel Sloves & Glenn Sloves
Lauren & Jonathan Soll
Tami Bogutz Steinberg
Judith & Stuart Wasserman
Jennifer & Jim Weiss
Jennifer Jagust & Yoel Weiss
Julie & Jason Whitney
Leah & Jason Wolf
Jeffrey Zeiger
Anonymous (2)

ZICHRONAM LIV’RACHAH
as of December 7 2022

We Mourn the Passing of Beloved Members

Bonnie Richman
Wife of: Alan Richman z”l
Mother of: Heidi (Danny) Silverberg, Larry Richman, Brad (Stephanie) Richman, and Adam (Jody) Richman
Grandmother of: Zachary (Samantha), Max (Alana), Aaron, Amanda, Emily, Alex, Andrew, Abigail, Alexis, and Ava

We Send Condolences

Robert (Abby) Belafsky
on the passing of his sister, Sheila Chodosh

Keith Dunoff
on the passing of his mother, Joyce Dunoff
Mother of: Glenn (Alana) Dunoff, Beth Dunoff
Grandmother of Nicole Dunoff Parish (Adam), Samantha Dunoff, Danielle Dunoff, Rachel Goldenberg, Adam Goldenberg, Dalya Dunoff, and Sophia Dunoff

Susan (Steve) Freiberg
on the passing of her mother, Gail Jay Wexler
Mother of Holly (Maureen) Wexler
Sister of: Pat Dinney
Grandmother of: Brandi (Greg) Seltzer, Noah (Lindsay) Freiberg, Colby Wexler, and Arielle (Chris) Barnes
Great-Grandmother of: Hara, Jordyn, Rowan, Saul, Harlow, Owen, and Emmett

Larry (Valerie) Gross
on the passing of his mother, Bertha (Bonnie) Gross
Wife of: Victor Gross (z”l)
Mother of Craig (JoAnne) Gross
Grandmother of Seth, Alyssia, Hannah, Jeremy, Ethan, Joshua

Rob (Laurie) Kolmins
on the passing of his sister, Helene Friedman
Sister of Steve Kolmins

Jane (Dr. Marshall) Pressman
on the passing of her brother, Neal Lewis Rosenthal

Joel (Carol) Silbert
on the passing of his brother, Dr. Richard Silbert

Robert Silverstein (Perri Brenner-Silverstein)
on the passing of his father, Howard Silverstein
Husband of Judith Cohen Silverstein z”l
Grandfather of: Julianna and Maddox Silverstein

Glenn (Juli Mandel) Sloves
on the passing of mother, Shelia Sloves
Wife of Wallace Sloves z”l
Mother of: Risa Sloves (Mark Joachim), and Scott Sloves
Nanny of: Gabrielle and Alana Joachim, Sophia, Benjamin and Raquel Sloves, Samantha and Blake Sloves
JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF SHOMRIM MEMBERS

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

VISIONARY
Marvin Samson Foundation

SUSTAINER
Jerome M. Katz
Alison & Andrew Keim
Anonymous

BUILDER
Iris & Steven Auerbach
Susan & David Backal
Donna & Richard Bell
Marcia & Arnold Cohen
Betsy & Peter Fischer
Elaine (z’t) & Bart Greenspan
Deborah & Ed Hochberg
Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick
Judy & Donald (z’t) Love
Ellen & Michael Lowenberger
Carol & Donald Meltzer
Miriam & Stan Meltzer
Rachel & Stephen Miller
Sharon & Adam Sackstein

BENEFACtor
Elissa & Eric Boory
Beth & Josh Brodkin
Delores Gerstein
Jennifer & Michael Gerstein
Sharla & Morton Kanovsky
M. Zev Rose
Lauren & Jon Soll
Linda & David Wander
Elaine L. Waxman
Julie & Jason Whitney
Barb & Allen Wilen
Judith & Leonard Wizmur

GUARDIAN
Gerry & Howard Abramsohn
Sharon & Elliot Atkins
Barbara & Marvin (z’t) Backal
Cathy & Marc Backal
The Bell Baeuerle Family
Steven Beilowitz
Jennifer & Andrew Bender
Helene & Alan Blumenfeld
Jocelyn Borowsky
Leslie & David Breslau
Staci & Jeffrey Cedar
Amy & Eric Clayman
Leslie & Steven Cohen
Myrma & Larry Cohen
Arlene & Harris Colton
Fran & Neal Cupsersmith
Marsha Dollinger
Brenda & Chuck Driben
Karen & Ian Driben
Anita Farber
Christine & William Feinstein
Leonard Feldman
Peggy & Louis Gold
Jennifer & Alex Greenwald
Ilene & Harry Grossman
Myra & David Gutin
Barbara & Mark Jacobs
Sandra & Arnold Kaminer
Ziva & Haim Kantor
Gladys & Steve Krulik
Suzanne & Victor Levy
Renee & David Lieberman
Ellen Mangel
Andrea & Marc Millstein
Jamie & Darin Morgan
Linda & Richard Moskowitz
Lynn Goldman Paul & Stephen Paul
Hilary & Harry Platt
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Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan
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B’NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Steven Chervin
60th anniversary of Bar Mitzvah

Rachel & Charles Rosenbaum
Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Estee Rosenbaum

Melanie & Eric Stoopler
Bar Mitzvah of son, Ethan Stoopler

BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Selma Feldschneider
birth of great granddaughter, Hailey James

Selma Feldschneider
baby naming of great granddaughter, Juliana Rose Feldschneider

Robin Finkelstein
birth of grandson, Leo Asher

Barbara & Eric Frantz
baby naming of granddaughter, Ella Hope Hurwitz

Sylvia Lande
baby naming of great-granddaughter, Ella Hope Hurwitz

Debbi & Michael Silverman
baby naming of granddaughter, Rebecca Maeve Silverman

Jessica & Josh Silverman
baby naming of daughter, Rebecca Maeve Silverman

Nicole & Mike Weisman
birth of grandson, Elliot Alexander Harris

Risa & Peretz Wittman
birth of grandson, Mateo Lior

Shirley Yaffa
birth of great granddaughter, Rachel (Rae) Emunah Yaffa

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Mira Berman and Eyden Marshall on their work with “Names, Not Numbers” at Kellman Brown Academy, which was covered by CBS News

Harris Colton on his 90th birthday

Rabbi David Englander on his Installation as our Senior Rabbi

Donna & Rick Forman on their daughter, Karly, receiving the Trendsetter Award at the 30 Under 30 Gala from SNJ Millennials

Katie & Sebastian Goldstein on their son, Blake, winning second place in the New Jersey 7th Grade Chess Championship and Top Team 2022 with Shyla Rana

Barbara Kanalstein on her daughter, Stacy Nockowitz, for publishing her first novel, “The Prince of Steel Pier”

Kyle Lehrfeld on being named Youth of the Year by Men’s Club and the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs Middle Atlantic Region

Jacob Rosner on being elected to the Voorhees School Board

Dr. Robyn Roth on being featured on the cover of December’s Cherry Hill Neighbors magazine

Linda & Judd Serotta on their son, Jonah, receiving a solo with the Philly POPS
LAUREN RINEHART
Daughter of Jodi & Jason Rinehart
January 28, 2023
Sister of: Adam and Carly
Granddaughter of: Denise & Christopher Rinehart and Rita (z”l) & Alan Kagan
Mitzvah Project: Baked challahs and cookies from her Bubbie’s cookie recipes to raise money for the Glioblastoma Foundation (a disease her Bubbie passed away from).

MAYA MORGAN
Daughter of Jamie & Darin Morgan
January 28, 2023
Sister of: Nathan
Granddaughter of: Dianne Morgan (z”l) and Peggy & Steve Morgan (z”l) and Judy Shuster (z”l) and Grace Dennigan & Neil Shuster (z”l)
Mitzvah Project: Held a basketball shoot-a-thon to raise money for Camp Sunshine, a camp in Maine for families affected by life-threatening childhood illness. Maya’s project thus far has raised approximately $15,000, which is enough to send 6 families to the camp.

EYDEN MARSHALL
Daughter of Rabbi Nogah & Scott Marshall
February 25, 2023
Sister of: Karni, Austin, Jaclyn
Granddaughter of: Leah & Rabbi Charles Sherman and Lynn & Jerome Marshall
Mitzvah Project: Sold greeting cards with her Uncle Eyal’s flower painting to raise money for Eyal’s Flowers: The Eyal Sherman Foundation, in memory of her Uncle Eyal Sherman. Eyal’s Flowers supports the physically challenged, in both medical and non-medical needs, otherwise not covered by medical benefits.

We held a special Sha-Bark Shalom Kabbalat Shabbat to honor and bless our pets in honor of Parshat Noach.

Our ECC and Religious School moms enjoyed a relaxing Moms Night Out at Olive Nail Lounge!

ECC and Religious School dads came together to root for the Eagles at Dads Night Out. Let’s Go Birds!

The ECC got cozy in their pajamas in preparation for Prayers and Pajamas!

Tallis and T’fillin with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro returned in December, and the turnout was amazing!
Enjoy a festive dinner with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Marshall featuring a Tu B’Shevat seder for adults and teens. Children will enjoy games and activities with Youth Director, Alicia Drozen, during the seder portion of the dinner!

$36 per adult
$18 per child (ages 4-12)

Register: bethelsnj.org/tubshevat

Shabbat Speaker:
“On My Watch” with Virginia Buckingham

Saturday, February 18.
9:00am.

In honor of President’s Day, our special guest Shabbat speaker, Virginia Buckingham, will discuss her experience as head of Boston’s Logan International Airport during the 9/11 attacks. She will share her struggle to rebuild her life and come to terms with being blamed for the unimaginable tragedy that occurred on her watch.

*Sponsored in memory of Elaine Greenspan z”l

CELEBRATION SHABBAT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6. 6:00PM
Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Kabbalat Shabbat.

TOT SHABBAT STORIES & SHEMA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 & 21, FEBRUARY 4 & 18. 9:45AM
A casual, meaningful Shabbat experience with our clergy for our youngest members on the bima.

BETH EL UNPLUGGED
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7. 7:30PM
Join Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Cantor Sher, and friends for a fabulous lounge night concert!

TALLIS & T’FILLIN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 22 & 29, FEBRUARY 5.
Learn why and how to wear Tallit and T’fillin, and study various aspects of the service. Open to all.

MEN’S CLUB SCHMOOZE & BREWS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11. 8:00PM
Enjoy engaging conversation, friendship, and drinks with Rabbi Englander.

SISTERHOOD MOVIE CRITIC NIGHT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12. 7:30PM
Join Sisterhood on Zoom for a discussion on the Netflix movie, The Awakening of Motti Wolkenbruch!

ACHIM SHELI SHABBAT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14. 9:45AM
Celebrate our ethnic and cultural diversity with the leaders of Achim Sheli in honor of MLK weekend.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE
MONDAY, JANUARY 16. 10:00AM
Bring the whole family to take part in hands-on mitzvah projects for a variety of local organizations!

CHEVRA MLK DAY MITZVAH SCHMOOZE*
MONDAY, JANUARY 16. 7:30PM
Partake in mitzvot together with other adults in and around their 50s at the BookSmiles book bank in Pennsauken!

SINGLES SHABBAT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20. 7:30PM
All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21. 9:00AM
Celebrate together at this annual Shabbat led by the women of Sisterhood.

FAMILY HAVDALAH AND POTTERY NIGHT *
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21. 6:00PM
Celebrate the new week with dinner and pottery painting for all ages!

BOOKTOK LIVE
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 13. 12:00PM
Join librarian Amy Kaplan for a monthly hour-long discussion on the books we’re currently reading and want to read next.

SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH WITH HAZZAN POMERANTZ-BORO
MONDAY, JANUARY 23. 7:00PM
Celebrate trees and nature with a fun cooking demo of Garden Art Focaccia Bread and make your own to take home!

*RSVP required
CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**KAHAL & HABONIM MOVIE AFTERNOON**
*SUNDAY, JANUARY 29. 3:00PM*
Join us for an afternoon at the movies with good company and light snacks. Sponsored by KaHaL and Habonim. Open to the community.

**PRAYERS & PAJAMAS**
*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 5:30PM*
Special Shabbat party for families with children ages 5 and under!

**TU B’SHVAT SEDER AND KIDS PROGRAM**
*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 6:00PM*
Details on page 10.

**CELEBRATION SHABBAT**
*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 6:00PM*
Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Kabbalat Shabbat.

**SHABBAT SHIRAH**
*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4. 9:00AM*
Shabbat song featuring our adult choir.

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Join in the book club discussion about “Mediocre: the Dangerous Legacy of White Male Power” by Ijeoma Oluo

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Details on page 11.

**PHIL PODELL MEMORIAL WORLD WIDE WRAP**
*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12. 9:00AM*
Everyone is welcome to our annual “how to” service on tallis and t’fillin. Presented by Men’s Club and Sisterhood.

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**SINGLES SHABBAT**
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*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18. 9:00AM*
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**KAHAL TOUR OF JEWISH PHILADELPHIA**
*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19. 2:00PM*
Join Jewish Educator Dr. Michael Schatz on a Trolley tour of Jewish Philadelphia.

**SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH**
*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22. 7:00PM*
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Thursday, April 20, 2023

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