There is a place for you at Beth El. We belong together.

UPCOMING EVENTS!
May 7: Lag B’Omer Bonfire & BBQ
May 26: Shavuot Blintz Bash
June 9: Pride Shabbat
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Shalom Friends,

As you read this, we will be in the period of the Jewish calendar that falls between Passover and Shavuot. Following the directions of the Torah we count each day of that full seven week mini-season, and embedded in the practice of counting each day is a lesson not just for what is correctly referred to as the “Omer”, but for the rest of our year and Jewish lives as well.

Making something positive out of each day can be a challenge. Pressures mount, deadlines loom, stresses are real and present. Our tradition, whether we follow it to the letter or in its spirit, helps us to see past all of this without neglecting our obligations and responsibilities, some of which are burdensome. How does it work this magic? Through the power of blessings, at least 100 a day. Imagine if we found what to say thank you for in triple digits on a daily basis. Even without Shabbat that is 600! Add in the blessings of Shabbat, both those we say and those we experience, hopefully in connection to our Beth El community, and we find many more.

The Omer is also interesting because it contains two parts. The first is before its 33rd day (Lag Ba’omer), and the second is after that. In our community we don’t perform weddings during the first 32 days (which I’ve come to suspect is also connected to kosher caterers knowing when they can take a vacation). This hearkens back to a tradition, whether historical or spiritual, that students of Rabbi Akiva suffered at the hands of the Romans, with the plague ceasing 33 days after the start of Passover.

We are always mindful of our losses, both personal and historical. There is an effort at Beth El now, thanks to some dedicated volunteers, to reinvigorate the practice of saying kaddish on a yahrzeit. Don’t be surprised if you get a personal call to remind you of an upcoming observance. When you do perhaps you will accept the invitation to memory within community and come in person or online to join a minyan for this meaningful day.

Yet on the 33rd day of the Omer in all communities, and from day 33 onward in ours and many others, we turn back to embracing festive occasions and celebrations. Because shiva ends with a walk up or around the block into a new day. Because mourning – while in some way always with us – is meant to reach its conclusion. Because in our tradition life is always prioritized over loss, symbolized by the story in the Talmud about what happens if a wedding procession and a funeral procession are going in opposite directions on a one way road. The funeral procession yields, and the wedding proceeds.

Beth El will always be a place that seeks to comfort those who have experienced loss, and also a community that raises the joy of our simchas beyond what we could possibly celebrate while isolated. This is true for milestone occasions and for every Shabbat and holiday. We link and raise our voices with those of past generations and affirm the vibrancy of Jewish life in our homes, hearts, and this wonderful community now into our second century.

Count every day, make every day count, and connect to your Beth El home. This is a decent recipe for a wonderful spring, may it be enjoyed in good health by all of us and our families.

B’shalom,

Rabbi David Englander
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I am honored and excited to serve as your next President. Beth El has been my spiritual home for close to 50 years and I am so grateful that my parents chose this shul for my family growing up. I received a strong Jewish education there, on Chapel Avenue but, back then, girls were limited in what they could do ritually, and leadership opportunities were limited mostly to Sisterhood. So how did I get here, becoming your next President?

It started when I moved back to Cherry Hill, newly married. Gary and I joined Beth El as we began our own family. We became involved in what was then “Young Associates”, co-leading Tot Shabbat and making new friends that soon became like family. Beth El was quickly becoming our second home.

While not much had changed yet for women, Beth El was heading in the right direction. Just a few years later, Beth El made the big decision to become an egalitarian congregation, thanks in part to the forward thinking of Rabbi Krupnick and the progressive support of the lay leadership. I was excited, but had no idea just how transformative that change would be for me, personally. We hired our first female clergy, Hazzan Pomerantz Boro, and, seeing a dynamic woman on the bimah, leading our davening and lifting our spirits, made me realize that I could, and should, do more.

I took Hazzan’s "Chantor with the Cantor" class, and I read Torah for the first time at age 38! Surprisingly, I was pretty good at and I was happy to read again and again. Suddenly I was given opportunities I never had before: to become a regular Torah reader and expand my skills to chanting Haftarah, leading davening and serving as gabai; to become a b’nai mitzvah tutor and teach close to 300 students (and counting) over the last 17 years and get to know their families; and most rewarding, to experience a spiritual growth in myself as I became more confident as both a Jewish woman and as a leader. I truly believe this is what propelled me to become more involved in Beth El. I ultimately took on leadership roles in the Early Childhood Center, Religious School and Sisterhood, and was appointed to the Beth El Board of Trustees, serving on the Executive Committee for the last 7 years.

Throughout my journey, I have seen Beth El celebrate great achievements, and I have seen us overcome many challenges, like all shuls face over time. We are extremely fortunate to have an amazing clergy team who guide, teach and inspire us every day, as well as a dedicated team of professional staff and lay leaders, who are always willing to come together to work hard towards any goal. I am proud to be part of this team. Together, we have done some impactful work towards inclusivity, making our building and our services accessible to individuals of all abilities; on welcoming all people, regardless of race, color, sexual orientation and gender identity; and, we’ve become more welcoming to interfaith couples and families.

And my journey is still going. As president I will continue to work hard to ensure that Beth El remains “a warm and welcoming community where people of all generations are enriched by learning and inspired to discover their personal experience of Jewish life”.

And, with our new senior rabbi, Rabbi Englander, we will continue to guide our shul into the next 100 years and beyond.

I want to thank outgoing President, Stuart Sauer, for his hard work over the past 2 years, all of the past presidents for paving the way before me, and the entire Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for your ongoing dedication to the shul. Lastly I want to thank my husband Gary and my children Andrew, Allison and Melissa, for sharing me with Beth El, both in the past as well as for these next 2 years.

B'Shalom,

Faye L. Shapiro
**OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Leaders make a difference to the world, and that legacy makes them immortal.*  
- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

I remember a very specific interaction from my family’s first Saturday morning service at Beth El. They were greeted by the usher with such a nice, authentic welcome, and they truly felt he cared about them being here for services. We left Kiddush that day, and my family asked me the name of that very sweet man with the purple tie. That usher, of course, was Stuart Sauer. His genuine warmth, caring and welcoming has been present throughout Stuart’s leadership as our 48th president.

Stuart was the Treasurer when I came to work for Beth El in 2015, and he and I spent a lot of time together! We got to know each other well as we worked hand-in-hand to navigate the financial well being of the shul, and we spent even more time with each other when he became Vice President and then President. Each President I work with has brought their own special connection to the role. Stuart is Beth El. He takes every bit of his lifetime of Beth El membership to heart, and he represents our community with sincerity, integrity, and compassion. Throughout his presidency, Stuart made time for anyone connected to Beth El – staff, lay leader, congregant, ECC family or otherwise. He welcomed conversations and feedback with the ultimate goal of being the best we can be.

Stuart absolutely made a difference to our world, and his legacy is the continued success of Beth El. Although I’m certain that Stuart and I will continue to find time to meet, I will miss our weekly meetings, our impromptu phone calls, and frequent check-ins. It’s been my absolute pleasure partnering with you as you lead Beth El these past two years. Zei Gezunt, Stuart. Zei Gezunt!

*Josh Laster*

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**STAFF UPDATE**

**Roberta S. Clark**  
*Development & Membership Director*  
Roberta joined our team at the beginning of March. Prior to joining Beth El, she was the Executive Director of Jewish Federation of Atlantic & Cape May Counties, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City and she spent fourteen years working for the Anti-Defamation League. She is excited to enhance and increase membership and support for Congregation Beth El by creating and highlighting meaningful personal connections and opportunities throughout the year.

**Claudia Sternberg**  
*Marketing & Communications Manager*  
Claudia joined our team at the beginning of April. Claudia’s professional career began in advertising in Miami, FL. She had her own freelance business, and then held the position of Art and Communications Director for 9 years at B’nai Torah Congregation. She is experienced in all aspects of marketing and communications for synagogue events, holiday celebrations, fundraisers and more, and we are excited to have her on our team.

**Alicia Drozen**  
*Events & Programs Manager*  
Alicia has been at Beth El since 2018 when she started in the role of Youth Director. She then added Marketing & Communications Assistant later in the year in 2018 and became the Marketing & Communications Manager in 2019. In July 2022, Alicia transitioned to Events & Programs Coordinator and promoted to Events & Programs Manager in January 2023. It’s been great having Alicia grow with our team and bringing such value to our Beth El families.

**Alyssa Gross**  
*Clergy Executive Assistant & Lifecycle Coordinator*  
Alyssa was born and raised at Beth El, and she is the third generation to be part of our synagogue. She began working with us in the summer of 2022 as an administrative assistant working primarily with our Clergy and Engagement team. She then transitioned to supporting our clergy full time as the Clergy Executive Assistant & Lifecycle Coordinator.
There is nothing quite like walking our entire class through the “parting of the Red Sea”, only to be regaled by the Passover Story being acted out by Rabbi Marshall, our Clergy and ECC teachers! The children had the most wonderful experience, entering the Social Hall through the Red Sea and then leading prayers, singing songs, hearing the Passover story and enjoying a an engaging Passover seder and meal! A great big thank you to Rabbi Marshall, our Clergy and teachers for making this celebration so special, and to our incredible PTG volunteers for helping us put together a beautiful seder!

After returning from our Holiday break, we had SO many wonderful events to look forward to! First, a special “Bamba-bration” Shabbat celebration honoring Rabbi Krupnick and all that he has meant to our ECC. Parents kicked off the celebration by coming out to celebrate Rabbi Krupnick before our weekly Shabbat Party, enjoying nosh and festive conversation! Following this, parents joined the children in the Main Sanctuary to celebrate Shabbat and Rabbi Krupnick (and of course, Bamba!), it was a beautiful way to celebrate someone who has meant so much to our ECC!

The students were treated to another fun event on Friday, May 5th! Award-winning author of the “Lovable Lucy” series, Norma E. Roth, came out to read her books to our ECC students and answer their questions about being an author.

I look forward to another fulfilling year of learning together!
MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES:

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Ava Chhabria
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If you think a novel about video gaming wouldn’t be interesting, you might want to think again. “Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow” by Gabrielle Zevin takes that subject and spins it into a page-turner. This is the story of Sam and Sadie. He is half-Jewish, half Korean; she is Jewish. They meet as youngsters in a hospital where he is having surgery and she is visiting her sister. A bond forms immediately when they discover a shared passion for video games. Years later, when she is at MIT and he is at Harvard, they reconnect and begin to build a video game business that will become hugely successful. Though they share work and dreams, they remain platonic friends; romantic love will develop when Sam’s roommate Marx enters the story. Details about the collaborative process and the creation and marketing of video games are woven in, but never weigh the novel down. This is a unique story of friendship and love.

Step back in time and take a trip to Venice in the 1600s with Nina Wachsman’s “A Gallery of Beauties.” Diana, daughter of the chief rabbi of the Venetian ghetto, has a thirst for knowledge. She studies texts with her father, but has a desire to know more about the wider world. A chance encounter with a portrait artist leads to opportunities outside the ghetto, including friendship with a famous courtesan and invitations to elegant parties. But danger is everywhere, as poisonings are widespread among the jealous and competitive elite. Diana’s father has possession of a book that gives a formula for a complex, universal antidote to poison; this book becomes the subject of intrigue and murder. (In the author’s note, we learn that poisonings were commonplace and that there was indeed a formula for a universal antidote, though it was not universally effective). Wachsman fills her story with details of daily life in, and outside of, the ghetto; her thorough research adds to the depth of this story.

**Book Tok Live!** is the library’s monthly get-together to talk about books we’ve read and enjoyed. When you read a book — any book — and just can’t wait to let others know about it, Book Tok Live! is the place to be. Haven’t read a great book lately? Come hear others talk about their favorites! Bring a bag (dairy or vegetarian) lunch and join this growing, lively group for our informal discussion, and you’ll come away with some terrific ideas for your to-be-read list. We will meet on **Monday, May 8** and **Monday, June 12**, **Noon – 1:00pm in the library**. Call ext. 503 for details.
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Brother of: Guy; Grandson of: Stephen & Adele (z”l) Schwartz, Shimon & Nurit (z”l) Sorasky  
Mitzvah Project: Liam made 150 handmade dog toys and donated them to Voorhees Animal Orphanage and Woof Love Rescue.

ALLIE MELTZER - MAY 13, 2023  Daughter of Ronda & Jeffrey Meltzer  
Sister of: Jeremy; Granddaughter of: Thelma Cohen, Saul Cohen z”l, Linda & Kenneth Meltzer  
Mitzvah Project: Allie raised money to buy requested items for shelter animals at the Burlington County Animal Shelter.

ROSS LIEBERMAN - MAY 13, 2023  Son of Jennifer Lieberman & Ron Lieberman  
Brother of: Susannah; Grandson of: Arlene & Robert Lieberman, Bill & Sandy Hurwitz z”l, Cheryl Hurwitz  
Mitzvah Project: Ross collected gently used soccer cleats for Cleats for Camden for the Camden Youth Soccer club and the Treviso FC, located in the Southwest region of Cameroon.

BLAKE GOLDSTEIN - MAY 20, 2023  Son of Katie & Sebastian Goldstein  
Brother of: Kyle; Grandson of: Nancy & Stephen Smith, Peppe z”l & Melvin Goldstein z”l  
Mitzvah Project: Blake baked Kosher challahs from scratch at Beth El and donated proceeds from sales to Spread the Magic Foundation to help raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

JONAH & MAYA SEROTTA - MAY 27, 2023  Children of Linda & Judd Serotta  
Siblings of: Paul and Jenna; Grandchildren of: Carol & Howard Serotta, Carmela & Thomas Albers  
Mitzvah Project: Jonah collected books for BookSmiles. Maya completed many service projects for the Girl Scouts.

ZACHARY GROSSMAN - JUNE 3, 2023  Son of Laurie & Eric Grossman  
Brother of: Sam, Jordan and Molly; Grandson of: Shelly & Robert Lev, Sheila & Jay Grossman  
Mitzvah Project: Zac partnered with his cousin Lily for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow.

LILY SHUBACH - JUNE 3, 2023  Daughter of Stacy & Jeremy Shubach  
Sister of: Kyle; Granddaughter of: Shelly & Robert Lev, Nancy & Jeffrey (z”) Shubach  
Mitzvah Project: Along with her cousin, Zac, Lily worked with Gift of Life and held a donor drive during Beth El’s Mitzvah Mall.

ELANA BECKER - JUNE 10, 2023  Daughter of Meredith & Andrew Becker  
Sister of: Max and Sam; Granddaughter of: Susan & Dr. C. Ivan Gordon z”l, Barbara & Kenneth Becker z”l  
Mitzvah Project: Elana collected and made donations to the Animal Welfare Association.

DANIEL PEARSON - JUNE 17, 2023  Son of Randi & Stephen Pearson  
Grandson of: Jackie & Bill Pearson  
Mitzvah Project: Daniel raised money for #TeamSeas, global campaign to raise $30M to remove 30M pounds of plastic and trash from our ocean, rivers and beaches.
Looking back at...

Recent Beth El Happenings

Back to the 80’s Party

Boys & Girls Club ‘Be Great Extravaganza’ honoring Rick Forman and Ben Levin

Purim Celebrations

Phil Podell Memorial
World Wide Wrap

KaHal's Jewish Philadelphia walking tour with Dr. Michael Schatz
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<td><strong>ECC PTG &amp; Sisterhood Challah Bake</strong>&lt;br&gt;Monday, May 1 - 6:45pm&lt;br&gt;Knead, shape, and braid your own challah to share with family.</td>
<td><strong>Prayers &amp; Pajamas</strong>&lt;br&gt;5:30pm - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service for young families (5 &amp; under)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Celebration Shabbat</strong>&lt;br&gt;6:00pm - Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Kabbalat Shabbat.</td>
<td><strong>How To Talk To Our Children About Antisemitism</strong>&lt;br&gt;9:00am - Robin Burstein, Deputy Regional Director of the ADL, leads a conversation for parents, grandparents &amp; guardians. Breakfast included.&lt;br&gt;<strong>Lag B’Omer Bonfire &amp; BBQ</strong>&lt;br&gt;11:30am - Delicious BBQ lunch prepared by Men’s Club, bonfire, gaga, and games. Bring unopened diapers for our Diaper Drive.</td>
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<td><strong>Singles Shabbat</strong>&lt;br&gt;7:30pm - All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.</td>
<td><strong>Tot Shabbat Stories &amp; Shema</strong>&lt;br&gt;9:45am - Our youngest friends are invited to join the Clergy on the bima in the sanctuary for songs, stories, and fun followed by playtime in the Beit Midrash!</td>
<td><strong>Torah Fund Brunch</strong>&lt;br&gt;11:00am - Join Beth El Sisterhood for “Chai Tea” Celebrating 80 years of Torah Fund.</td>
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<td><strong>Erev Shavuot and Tikkun Leil Shavuot</strong>&lt;br&gt;Details to follow.</td>
<td><strong>Let’s Do Shabbat Shavuot Blintz Bash</strong>&lt;br&gt;7:00pm - Delight in a dairy/vegetarian feast of quiches, blintzes, kugels and salads to celebrate Shavuot.</td>
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<td><strong>Chevra Volunteer Night at Ronald McDonald House</strong>&lt;br&gt;4:00pm - Prepare and serve dinner for the families at Ronald McDonald House in Camden. Limited to 6 adults.</td>
<td><strong>Sisterhood Celebration and Board Installation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Celebrate with your sisters, thank our outgoing Sisterhood Board, and welcome in a new group of leaders!</td>
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For more information about these events and more, visit [bethelsnj.org](http://bethelsnj.org)
June 8
JCRC Holocaust Survivor Series: Erna Sauer Bratt
7:00pm - Join Stuart Sauer’s mother as she recounts her survivor story in this impactful JCRC program here at Beth El.

June 9
Pride Shabbat
6:00pm - Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month at a special Kabbalat Shabbat followed by Snacks & Schmooze.

June 11
Kesher trip to Six Flags Great Adventure*
10:30am - Fun rides, exciting animal experiences and lots more entertainment!

June 12
6th Annual Golf Classic & Game Day*
11:00am - Details on back cover.
Habonim End of Year BBQ*
3:00pm - Grill, chill, and celebrate the beginning of summer with your Habonim friends.

June 14
Men’s Club Schmooze & Brews
8:00pm - Join Rabbi Englander for lively discussion while enjoying a beer at a local brewery. Details to follow.

June 19
Summer Soulstice
6:00pm - Featuring live music, food, and vendors.

June 19
Summer Soulstice
Juneteenth Celebration
6:00pm - Featuring live music, food, and vendors.

*RSVP required.

Looking back at...
Recent Beth El Happenings
(Continued from pg. 11)

Purim Carnival
ECC & Religious School students learning at the Matzah Factory
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B’NAI MITZVAH

Kimberly & Stephen Packman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sophie
Jackie & Bryan Britchkow on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hailey Britchkow, and to her grandparents, Ina & Marc Lichtman
Abby & Robert Belafsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sasha Swartz
Genna & Howard Wilensky on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Landon Wilensky, and to his grandparents, Merle & Fred Linden
Joanna Samson-Greenfield and Brett Greenfield on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marley Greenfield and to her grandparents, Marvin Samson and Elaine Waxman
Gerry & Howard Abramsohn on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Aryn Snitzer
Henry David on his 2nd Bar Mitzvah
Iris & Steven Auerbach on the Bar Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Eden Auerbach Klein
Liz & Scott Klear on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Josh Klear
Valerie & Robert Linden on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron Linden, and to his grandparents, Merle & Fred Linden
Sheila & Samuel Mandel on the Bat-Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sami Cashman

BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Sharon & Jay Ruder on the birth of their grandson, Tyler Brodie Schlossberg
Betsy & Robert Schwartz on the birth of their grandson, Asher Jordan Nahum
Heidi & Danny Silverberg on the birth of their grandson, Blake Asher, great-grandson of Bonnie Richman (z’l)
Selma Ellis on the birth of her great-grandson, Alexander Matthew Thomas
Sam Edwards, ECC Teacher, on the birth of her daughter, Evie
Jane Schwartz on the birth of her great-grandson, Asher Jordan Nahum
Karen & Dave Schlessel on the naming of their granddaughter, Nora May
Katherine & Scott Hammer on the naming of their daughter, Isabella Dylan
Alison Platt-Tarnopol and Neil Tarnopol on the birth of their granddaughter, Jordyn Esme Magaziner

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Natalie Clayman on the engagement of her granddaughter, Amanda Clayman, to Chase Sandler
Robin & Steven Cohn on the Auf Ruf of their son, Jason, and Jillian Falkoff
Cathy & Marc Backal on the marriage of their son Jacob to Alexa Hosino, and to his grandparents, Barbara & Marvin (z’l) Backal

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Chai Respes on being featured in the Voorhees Sun for Black History Month
Dana & Howard Steiner on their daughter, Sydney’s 3rd place win in her NJ state team theater competition

We want to celebrate everyone’s simchas, accomplishments, and achievements. Please email Josh Laster at jlaster@bethelsnj.org to share your special news!
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Father of: Emma, Michael and Gavin Poulshock  
Brother of: Marc Poulshock, Sheryl Cutler

Sheila Lenoff
Wife of: Louis Lenoff  
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Mother of: Brad Weiss

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Iris (Steven) Auerbach on the loss of her brother, Ronald Waldman

Donna (Rick) Forman on the loss of her father, Irwin “Irv” Rudolph  
Husband of: Janet Rudolph  
Father of: Debbi (John z”l) Gentile and Dorene (David) Weisberg  
Grandfather of: Lindsay (Daniel) Capecci, Karly Forman (Elijah Cohen), Sydney Forman,  
Johnny Gentile (Lauren Eccleston), Stephanie Gentile, Samantha (Jack) Day, Jaclyn (Adam) Levine  
Great-Grandfather of: Addison, Parker, Bailey and Bennett

Jeffrey (Shari) Shapiro on the loss of his father, Marc Shapiro  
Husband of: Sheryl Shapiro  
Father of: Ashley (Bob) DePalmo  
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Alan (Sherri) Breslow on the loss of his father, George Breslow  
Husband of: Zelda Breslow  
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Scott (Brenda) Tanker on the loss of his mother, Leona Adele Tanker (Kornblau)  
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Craig (Renee) Kessler on the loss of his father, Louis Kessler  
Husband of: Ruth Kessler z”l  
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