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Beth El Newsletter
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Let's Celebrate

**Rabbi Aaron
Krupnick**

A Legacy of Spiritual Leadership



L'dor v'dor from generation to generation

Congregation Beth El Invites You to Honor

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

for 28 years of dedication and service to our congregation

Thursday, April 20

Congregation Beth El

5:30pm - Sponsor Cocktail Hour

7:00pm - Program

Dessert Reception to follow for all

The Celebration Continues

Friday, April 21

9:00am - ECC Bamba-bration Family Shabbat Party

6:00pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

7:00pm - Shabbat Dinner

Sunday, April 23

9:00am - Religious School Family

Rock & Roll Shacharit

11:00am - Celebration Bike Ride in Medford

RSVP, Become a Sponsor, or Place an Ad in the Tribute Book at bethelsnj.org/Krupnick



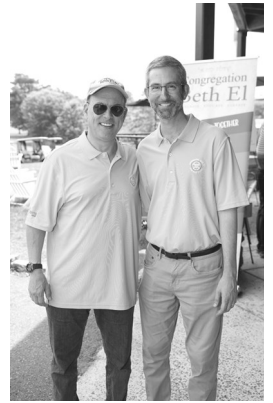
Rabbi David Englander

Dear Friends,

This edition of the BEN is dedicated to the upcoming retirement of our beloved Rabbi Aaron Krupnick. I want to add my great thanks to Rabbi and Helene for their exceptional friendship and support since the moment we met. In just over half a year I have been privileged to learn from Rabbi Krupnick, to be inspired by his knowledge of and love for Beth El, and to experience every day how he makes this major transition for our community as smooth and seamless as it could possibly be.

There will be ample opportunity to express our collective and individual thanks, not the least of which is by planning to attend and support the events, initiatives, and programs that we begin to publicize in these pages. I know you will join me in word, action, dedication, and generosity affirming Rabbi's immense influence and impact in making Beth El what it is today, setting us on a firm foundation for the goals and dreams we will continue to pursue.

To my rabbi and friend: We are, and always will, be grateful.



Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Moving On With Shalom Deep in My Soul

Someone once asked, "Why does it take a minute to say 'hello' and forever to say 'goodbye'?" (If you've ever been the last to leave our Shabbos Kiddush, you know what I mean!) It's so Jewish. We Jews have wonderful, deliberate guidance in our rituals and traditions as to how to say "goodbye" in a slightly prolonged and lingering way.

Shabbat teaches us how to say goodbye in stages of transition. We make havdalah so that we can ease out of Shabbos and into the new week, still feeling connected to the sublime and soulful day of rest. So do our High Holidays. Sukkot follows so quickly on the heels of Yom Kippur so that the spiritual energy of the holiest of days can be redirected to coming closer with others. And then Sukkot itself ends with Shmini Atzeret, a final day of celebration before the Jewish People moved on into the new year, and a new stage of life.

I'm proud to say that our rabbinic transition at Beth El has taken its cue from these time-honored traditions of saying goodbye. We have done it in stages, with affection and purpose and a good plan—and with shalom.

Our Talmudic Sages had a debate about what the appropriate words of farewell should be. Some said that when parting from friends, we should say, *Lech l'shalom*, Go towards peace. Others said that the proper words should be *Lech b'shalom*, Go in peace."

In my case, both are true. Both expressions are appropriate as I conclude my tenure as Senior Rabbi of our beloved Beth El. We part in peace because of what we have accomplished together these past twenty-eight years. What gives me the most peace and joy are the deep attachments and friendships that we have built together. And yet I also look forward to the new relationship I'll have with my shul as a congregant and volunteer.

We know that the word shalom means "hello" and "goodbye" as well as "peace." But what it really means is completeness, fulfillment, and contentment. And that is exactly the kind of Shalom I feel in my heart at this time. Thank you all for your friendship, your attentiveness, your appreciation and support throughout the years. Thank you, too, for sharing my concern for the welfare of the Jewish People, of our community, of the United States, of Israel, our Holy Land.



Dor Holech V'Dor Ba... One Generation Moves On, Another Comes Along... The core issues facing one generation are often the same as those of the next. But it takes great leadership to recognize how the differences, some subtle and many not, mean we cannot rely on past responses. It is for this reason that I am stepping aside, and it was with a keen appreciation for this fact that our shul chose Rabbi David Englander to lead us forward. May we always work together selflessly to assure his success, the success of our congregation and the wellbeing of Jewish people everywhere.

Thank You All!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Stuart A. Sauer
President

Rabbi Krupnick not only served as our spiritual leader, but he helped to shape the Jewish traditions, culture and values of our great Shul. We are a very different Synagogue today than when he became our Senior Rabbi 26 years ago. I would often hear him say,

"Our tent has gotten larger and more inviting." He is the showman and salesman for the Jewish faith, who can take the reins and move it personally with his own hands. He is wise from the heart. He possessed a keen awareness on how to allow our Shul to thrive and grow. In order to be a warm and welcoming Shul, he knew we had to remove the "barriers" so we can all practice our Judaism as we see ourselves as Jews.

To Rabbi's credit, he recognized our Shul's need to become Egalitarian, women and men, girls and boys are equal. He understood the reality and dynamics of interfaith couples and how critical it is to include a non-Jewish spouse, partner or ally in their family's life cycle moments. He opened our eyes to see that Jews come in all different nationalities, sexual orientation and color, and how we all shared a common bond in our religious freedom and faith regardless of our appearance. He created a community of spiritual warmth and a thirst for knowledge and learning in his sermons and classes. He kept on reminding us to use the gift that GD put into each and every one of us, the gift of love, to be compassionate and be caring and to give of yourself to help others.

Rabbi is a man that not only speaks about caring for others, but he also practiced what he preached. I would like to share one quick story. When Beth El was on Chapel Avenue, our Bimah was not accessible to people in wheelchairs. During the Torah service at a Bar Mitzvah, the young man's grandfather was seated in a wheelchair next to the family in the first row of the Sanctuary. There was no way for the grandfather to go up to the Bimah for an Aliyah. Rabbi Krupnick rolled up the Torah from the table, put a tallis over the Torah, and with the 2 Gabbais, walked it down the marble steps, walked up to where the grandfather was seated, uncovered and rolled open the Torah, and the grandfather recited the Torah Blessings from his wheelchair. That was a very special moment to the simcha family and to me personally. At that moment, I knew our Rabbi was a true mensch and how proud I was to call him my Rabbi.

Yasher Koach Rabbi Krupnick as you become Rabbi Emeritus. On behalf of the entire congregation, thank you for your guidance, love and inspiration. We are grateful for all you have done to help us navigate and grow our Jewish identity. We wish you and Helene a lifetime of happiness and joy, nachas and simchas for a bright future together.

As Rabbi transitions to become Emeritus, it is time for me to begin wrapping up my 2 years as President

of this great Shul. It is truly an honor and privilege to have led our Congregation into the next 100 years. The start was certainly uncharacteristic. Words such as social distancing, quarantine and Zoom are now part of our daily conversation. We continue to successfully navigate Covid and we are back to a full and normal schedule. I appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone during this challenging time. We stayed together because we belong together, that's what strong and caring families do.

We welcome Rabbi Englander as our Senior Rabbi. Change is not easy and he has proven to be an extraordinarily knowledgeable, kind and caring person. His outlook for the future for our congregation is progressive and bright.

The success of any leadership team is based on the dedication, skills and talents of so many people. 'Teamwork makes the Dream Work', and I have been blessed over the last two years with a team that possesses energy, vision and the ability to get the job done. Thank you to Josh Laster. You have been at my side every step of the way. Thank you to the entire Early Childhood Center and Beth El Religious School staff. Our children are our future and they are receiving a quality Beth El Jewish education. I should know, since 1964, I'm 100% Beth El educated, 1st grade to Midrasha, (Hebrew Junior College). Thank you to all our Beth El Arms and Committee Chairs and their members. We are a diversified congregation because of the strength of all our groups. Thank you to our accounting and administrative staff and facilities and catering team.

To the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, thank you very much. Everyone has contributed so much time and effort. I appreciate your dedication and support over the years. I'd like to congratulate our incoming President Faye Shapiro and our new Board. I know you will continue the work that makes our Shul a leader in the community.

The life and spirit of Congregation Beth El is our dynamic clergy and they are THE BEST! Thank you Rabbi Englander, Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and my teacher and mentor for almost 55 years, Rabbi Furman, z"l. You put the Neshuma, the Heart and Soul into making our spiritual home a wonderful and beautiful place for all!

Thank you to my wife Sherry and children Aaron, Molly and Dino, and grandson Ari. When we discussed taking on the responsibilities of being president, you were all very supportive and said, "go for it". You had to rearrange your schedules for me at times and I truly appreciate you giving up family time so I may pursue my passion as President of Congregation Beth El.

Finally, thank you to all our members who have supported and loved our Synagogue for over 100 years. May we all be blessed with good health and happiness and to share many more happy occasions together. And Happy Passover too!

Zei Guzunt, Be Well!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Josh Laster
Executive Director

I've been an executive director of synagogues for close to thirteen years, with over seven of those years at Beth El. At the top of my list of "How to Succeed as an Executive Director" is to maintain a positive, respectful relationship with the Senior Rabbi of the congregation. One of the many reasons I accepted the offer to work here was because of my interaction with Rabbi Krupnick during the interview process. He came across as sincere, knowledgeable, supportive and team oriented. And since the day I started working here, he has been all of that and more. He's been a mentor, a teacher, a guide and a friend. We have a mutual respect for each other

that has allowed us to almost seamlessly navigate conflict, make critical adaptations and strive to make Beth El the best it can possibly be. And here's the not-so-secret secret; he is like this with others as well. It takes stalwart leadership and guidance to run a large synagogue, and he provided every bit of that and more as our Senior Rabbi.

His guiding wisdom is and has always been, "Is this best for Beth El?". When he made the decision to step down as our Senior Rabbi and pave the way for Rabbi Englander to join us, he was guided by this same wisdom. True leaders understand when it is time for the next leaders to take the helm, and highly effective leaders help to make that change happen. Selfishly, I'm so pleased that his plan included being with us for an additional year as our active rabbi emeritus. It gave me the gift of an additional year of working closely with my colleague, my advisor, and my friend. I, like others, will miss him when he is no longer here with us every day. Change is hard, and change is necessary. Both are true statements. It's also true that everything Rabbi Krupnick has been to me in my professional and personal life will always be a part of me, and I'm thankful that we had over seven years together at Beth El.

L'hitraot, Rabbi Krupnick. I look forward to the many years we will still have together as friends.



Dear Parents & College Students,

It's always nice hearing from students who receive our packages that we send out three times/year. I'd like to share one note that we recently received:

Dear Beth El College Connection,

Thank you so much for the treats you sent for Hanukkah! It was so thoughtful of you to send me this special package. Happy Hanukkah!

Fondly,

Brett Schuster

On March 2, we sent out about 70 packages for Purim to those undergraduate students who are registered in our program. We hope you enjoyed the goodies inside and maybe had a winning lottery ticket!!

We now take a break through the summer and ask that parents send us updated address information for their students for the 2023-2024 school year later in August. More information will be forthcoming.

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

Wishing all of our students a great spring semester and a relaxing summer.

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To donate to the fund, call 856.675.1166

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Jennifer & James Weiss
Jennifer Jagust & Yoel Weiss
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Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director

TELLING OUR STORY

In just days we will be celebrating the festival of Purim in which we remember and celebrate how the Jewish people were saved from Haman. And in just a matter of weeks after Purim we will be celebrating the festival of Pesach where we remember the people of Israel's Exodus from Egyptian Slavery, and then just days after Pesach we will retell the story of the Jewish people receiving the Torah. It goes on and on until we retell the stories again and again. And on Simchat Torah when we finish reading the Torah, we don't just put it away, we immediately go back to the beginning and start our story over again.

Our very own Rabbi Krupnick has spent the past 28 years telling the story of the Jewish people to our children and providing them with the love of Judaism so that they will pass on our tradition to each generation to come.



Judaism is about the telling of our story, the story of the Jewish people. But Beth El also has a story to tell, our story of the past 28 years with Rabbi Krupnick. Rabbi Krupnick has touched the lives of thousands of students. As

we begin the celebration of Rabbi Krupnick's retirement, I ask you to join us on Sunday, April 23 at 9:00am for Havdalah and Rock and Roll Shacharit as we sing, dance share stories, and celebrate Rabbi Krupnick.

Rabbi Krupnick's leadership and kindness drew me to Beth El and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from and work with him for the past 7 years.

On behalf of the Beth El Religious School and Keshet Hebrew High School I would like to thank Rabbi Krupnick for his support, leadership, and dedication to our families for the past 28 years. Thank you for setting the tone of the Jewish future. We will miss you, but we know you will always be part of our story. Todah Rabbah and B'hatzlacha on your retirement.



Ayelet Mittelman
ECC Director

It is hard to begin this article, as it feels like I would need the length of this Beth El News to begin to express our love for Rabbi Krupnick. Rabbi Krupnick holds a special place in so many hearts, especially here in our ECC. Rabbi Krupnick and Bamba have connected our children to this community in a way that will last a lifetime. On a personal level, one of the first experiences that I had with Rabbi Krupnick, was one that made a lasting impression on myself and my daughter, Maya. That impression was made 7 years ago and has led to a relationship with "her" Rabbi, that I know will stick with her forever. We all have our favorite Rabbi Krupnick stories, whether it was at ECC Shabbat Party, baby namings, hospital visits, "ein chocolateinu", life events, or so many other experiences that he has been a part of. Here at the ECC we wish Rabbi Krupnick all our love as he embarks on this next adventure.

We also want to express our gratitude and appreciation for Stuart Sauer, who has championed our ECC during his time as our President. We thank him for all he has done to support Beth El and our ECC; and we wish him only the best as he transitions from his role as President.



Our ECC had a fabulous Tu B'Shevat Seder, complete with beautiful centerpieces created by each class. The children got to try different kinds of dried fruits, fresh fruits, and sweet treats. The ECC is so excited to be looking forward to loads of Purim festivities, followed by Passover experiences that will be brand new to our ECC!! Year after year we look forward to our Matzah Factory experience, and in addition to that our students have some new and exciting Passover fun heading their way.





SOPHIE PACKMAN

Daughter of Kimberly & Stephen Packman

March 4, 2023

Sister of: Jacob and Benjamin

Granddaughter of: Ann & David Packman, and Stephanie (z"l) & Thomas Reiser

Mitzvah Project: Donating to breast cancer awareness.



HAILEY BRITCHKOW

Daughter of Jackie & Bryan Britchkow

March 11, 2023

Sister of: Madison

Granddaughter of: Ina & Marc Lichtman, and Carole Britchkow-Nunberg & Harvey Britchkow (z"l)

Mitzvah Project: Organized a tee-ball tournament to raise money for Thyroid Hope, a foundation set up in honor of her late Aunt Lindsey, which donates to thyroid cancer research and a scholarship for pediatric occupational therapy for underprivileged children. Participated in a walk for the Voorhees Animal Orphanage, and will sell bracelets at the upcoming Mitzvah Mall to support the Jamie Lieberman Memorial Endowment Fund for inflammatory breast cancer research.



LANDON WILENSKY

Son of Genna & Howard Wilensky

March 18, 2023

Brother of: Drew

Grandson of: Merle & Fred Linden, Lois Ecker Wilensky (z"l), and Lynda & Steven Wilensky

Mitzvah Project: Collecting money for Athletes Fighting Cancer, which helps support athletes diagnosed with cancer.



MARLEY GREENFIELD

Daughter of Joanna Samson-Greenfield and Brett Greenfield

March 25, 2023

Sister of: Blake

Granddaughter of: Lois and Maurice Greenfield, and Marvin Samson and Elaine Waxman

Mitzvah Project: Donating to the NICU and special care unit at Virtua.



JOSH KLEAR

Son of Elizabeth & Scott Klear

April 22, 2023

Brother of: Ali

Grandson of: Libby & Philip Klear, and Dr. Irwan & Ina Beckman

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered with the Safe Haven residents of Lions Gate with various programs.



AARON LINDEN

Son of Valerie & Robert Linden

April 29, 2023

Brother of: Isaac

Grandson of: Merle & Fred Linden, Pattie & Larry Feinerman, Michael Shaw, and Nancy Carto Shaw (z"l)

Mitzvah Project: Worked with the Betsy and Peter Fischer Food Pantries by saving tzedakah, shopping and making donations by hosting a food drive in March and donating a portion of his Bar Mitzvah funds. Made an additional donation to Yad Vashem and is participating in the Yad Vashem Twinning Program in remembrance of the Holocaust.

B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Eric Clayman
50th Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

Alan & Rita (ז"ל) Kagan
Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Lauren Rinehart

Rabbi Nogah & Scott Marshall
Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Eyden Marshall

Marc Millstein
Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Jamie & Darin Morgan
Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Maya Morgan

Jodi & Jason Rinehart
Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Lauren Rinehart

Barbara Sharofsky
Bat Mitzvah Anniversary

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS



Ilene & Harry Grossman
32nd wedding anniversary

Deborah & Edward Hochberg
30th wedding anniversary

BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Karen & Jeff Danziger
baby naming of daughter, Talia Iris

Judy & Larry Gross
birth of grandchild, Edie Jo

Sheryl & Sandy Pearl
birth of grandson, Chase Austin

Lindsey & Ryan Pearlstine
birth of son, Chase Austin

Beth Plenn
birth of grandson, Gregory Harper

Meridith & Lee Plenn
birth of son, Gregory Harper

Sharon & Adam Sackstein
birth of grandson, Elijah Ross

Karen & Dave Schlessel
birth of granddaughter, Nora May

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Larry Abrams on his retirement from teaching after over twenty years.

Aaron Aumiller on being honored as Awesome Attorney of Workers Compensation in South Jersey Magazine

Benjamin Derman (son of Stephanie & Neil Derman), **Natalie Borowsky** (daughter of Jocelyn Borowsky), **Aviv Haroz** (son of Rachel Haroz) and the rest of the Cherry Hill East Acapella group, Stay Tuned" on winning first place in the ICHSA Quarterfinals.

Selma Felschneider on her 85th birthday.

Rick Forman and **Ben Levin** on being honored at the Boys and Girls Club of Camden's Be Great Extravaganza.

Lori Goldstein on winning the Kipnis Wilson Friedland Award at the International Lion of Judah Conference.

Kyle Goldstein, son of Katie & Sebastian Goldstein, and **Jonah Kutikov**, son of Jessica & Alexander Kutikov, and the rest of the Eastern High School Chess team on winning the South Jersey School Chess League.

Robyn Greenberg on being featured in the Women's Empowerment Series in South Jersey Magazine.

Rabbi Aaron Krupnick on being named Man of the Year by Men's Club and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region.

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

Sheryl Morales on being inducted in the Whitehall High School Sports Hall of Fame for softball.

Jamie Shuster Morgan and **Jerold E. Rothkoff** on being honored as Awesome Attorneys of Elder Law in South Jersey Magazine.

Harry Platt on being honored as one of the Men of the Year in South Jersey Magazine.

Andrew Rowan, son of Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan, on winning four Chicago/Midwest College Emmy Awards as part of his work with the Northwestern News Network.

Andrew Rowan, son of Ilene Rosen & Todd Rowan, on his new internship as a reporter for Live5 News in Charleston, South Carolina.

Jordan Segal, son of Elana & Gady Segal, and the Shawnee Wrestling team on becoming the Group IV South Sectional Champions.

We Mourn the Passing of Beloved Members

Frances Eisenberg

Wife of: Irving Eisenberg (z"l)

Mother of: Sara Botoff (Richard) and Eileen Eisenberg (Marc Kashinsky)

Grandmother of: Ron Botoff (Trish), Dan Botoff (Laura), Alisha Bellezza (Anthony), and Josh Kashinsky (Michelle)

Great Grandmother of: Dylan and Gavin Botoff, Jason, Matthew, and Samantha Bellezza, and Rosie and Fiona Kashinsky

Philip Goodman

Husband of: Eleanor Brodsky-Goodman

Adele Goodman (z"l)

Father of: David (Barbara) Goodman, Michele (Alan) Goldberg, and Andrea (Michael) Gildar

Grandfather of: Eliana and Nina Goodman

Dorisann "Cookie" (Grossman) Matez

Wife of: Dr. Murray Matez

Mother of: Mitchel (Tracie) Matez, Andi (Ron) Morris, and Bruce Matez

Grandmother of: Sam and Jordyn Matez, Ilana, Lacey and Chad Morris, and Max Matez

We Send Condolences

Sharon (Mitchell) Cohen

on the passing of her mother, Thelma Linder

Mother of: Rhonda (Michael) Yanoff

Grandmother of: Joshua Cohen, Jonathan (Nicole) Cohen, and Jeremy (Emily) Cohen

Great-Grandmother of: Julie, Devin, Dana, Drew, Emmett and Leo

Joan Cooper (David Plaut)

on the passing of her mother, Fannie Cooper

Wife of: Joseph Cooper (z"l)

Mother of: Janice (Gilbert) Zuckerman, Jeffrey Cooper (Nancy Klaus), and Jay (Joyce) Cooper (z"l)

Grandmother of: Jonathan Plaut and Rebecca Plaut

Mark (Debra) Gardner

on the passing of his brother, Frank Gardner

Father of: Kimberly Daniels and Brian Gardner

Grandfather of: Cameron, Emiley, Charlie Kate, and Fallon Blair

Great Grandfather of: Asher

Ann (Bernie) Miller

on the passing of her brother, Morris Levin

Husband of: Dina Levin

Brother of: Carolyn Shestack

Father of: Howard (Lisa) Levin, Robin Levin (Stephen Roseman), and David (Stephanie) Levin

Grandfather of: Nine Grandchildren

Ilene Rosen (Dr. Todd Rowan)

on the passing of her mother, Helen (Leff) Rosen

Wife of: Arnold Rosen (z"l)

Mother of: David (Deborah) Rosen

Grandmother of: Andrew and Sydney Rowan and Allison and Jessica Rosen

Steve (Renee (z"l)) Shapiro

on the passing of his sister, Sheila Weiss

Wife of: Richard Weiss (z"l)

Mother of: Tony and Genine

Yoel Weiss (Jennifer Jagust)

on the passing of his mother, Hanna Weiss

Wife of: Moshe Weiss

Mother of: Efrot Weiss (Gary Hyman)

Grandmother of: Yoni, Adina, and Shira Weiss, Rory, Emiliana, and Mckayla Hyman



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 jdmbarowsky@comcast.net

**Names in bold have formalized a commitment to Beth El*

Mira & Aaron Aumiller

Susan & David Backal

Cathy & Marc Backal

Donna & Richard Bell

Pam & Bob Benedon

Jodi Berman

Helene & Alan Blumenfeld

Jocelyn Borowsky

Ronit & Chris Boyd

Beth & Josh Brodskin

Amy & Eric Clayman

Herbert (z"l) & Thalia Cohen

Arlene & Harris Colton

Fran & Neal Cupersmith

Leila & Adam Cupersmith

Marsha Dollinger

Alan Dias & Heidi Handler

June & Steven Eisner & Family

Alan Finkelstein

Myra & David Gutin

Phyllis Hecsh

Deborah & Edward Hochberg

Beth & Harvey Jacob

Adam Kaminer

Sharla & Mort Kanovsky

Amy & Barnard Kaplan

Jerome Katz

Alison & Andrew Keim

Debra Kelberg

Deborah Shore & Jonathan Korn

Helene & Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Fran & Leon L. Levy

Suzanne & Victor Levy

Judy & Donald (z"l) Love

Diane & Benjamin Mashioff

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

Robin & Joshua Schwartz

Faye & Gary Shapiro

Jennifer Sholder

Michael Silver

Juli Mandel Sloves & Glenn Sloves

Lauren & Jonathan Soll

Tami Bogutz Steinberg

Judith & Stuart Wasserlauf

Jennifer & Jim Weiss

Jennifer Jagust & Yoel Weiss

Julie & Jason Whitney

Leah & Jason Wolf

Jeffrey Zeiger

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PASSOVER INFORMATION



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: When is the Fast of the First Born?

A: The *Siyum* of the Fast of the First Born will be held on **Wednesday, April 5 at 8:00am**. We will conclude a *seder* (order) of Mishna at the end of services so as to negate the need to fast.

Q: When do we search for Chametz?

A: Following a thorough cleaning of the house, the search for leaven is held on **Tuesday evening, April 4 after night fall**. Breadcrumbs are placed conspicuously in rooms where food is normally eaten. Using a candle, a search is made and the crumbs are whisked with a feather onto a wooden spoon and then into a paper bag. The prayer said at this time is found in the Haggadah.

Q: What do we do with the crumbs in the bag? Where is Chametz burned?

A: Chametz should be burned on **Wednesday, April 5**. After morning Minyan (7:00am), we will have a small bonfire in a steel drum in the parking lot to burn your Chametz. Parents and children can come from 8:30—9:00am that morning to share in this ritual.

Q: How and why do I sell my Chametz?

A: On Pesach it is forbidden to possess Chametz.

B: All Chametz that will not be eaten or burned needs to be sold to a non-Jew through a transaction facilitated by the Rabbis of Beth El. (**Sale of Chametz form below or online at bethelsnj.org/passover**) It should be mailed or returned online no later than **Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00pm**.

Foods During Pesach

The following foods are forbidden for use during Pesach: All uncertified products of the 5 specified grains traditionally identified as Chametz: oats, wheat, barley, rye and spelt. This includes such products as bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, etc. Ashkenazic custom has us refraining from eating rice, corn, peas and legumes because when ground they can be confused for those grains listed above. However, in a different form, some of the derivative products of these foods are permitted such as peanut oil. With so much *hechshered* food available in our area, it is best just to look for the certification on foods.

Kashering Utensils

Pots and Pans: Silverware and pots must be thoroughly scrubbed, cleaned and then completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

Earthenware: China and pottery etc. may not be kashered.

Ovens & Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed. Oven and range should be on as hot as possible for ½ hour.

Microwaves: After a thorough cleansing, a cup of hot water should be brought to a boil until most of the water disappears.

Dishwasher: The Rabbinical Assembly has ruled that after not using the machine for 24 hours, running a full cycle through empty with detergent will kasher a dishwasher for Pesach.

Tables, Food, Closets & Counters: Should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. Then they may be used.

Kitchen Sink: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

DELEGATION OF POWER: SALE OF CHAMETZ FORM

I hereby authorize Rabbi David Englander to be my agent to sell all kinds of Chametz including, but not limited to, any leavened food, dishes, pots, pans, and utensils used with leavened food, which may be in my possession at the address below. Rabbi Englander is also empowered to lease all places wherein Chametz owned by me may be his stead and said substitute shall have full right to sell and to lease as provided herein.

I understand that the sale will be effective at sundown on Tuesday, April 4.

NAME: _____

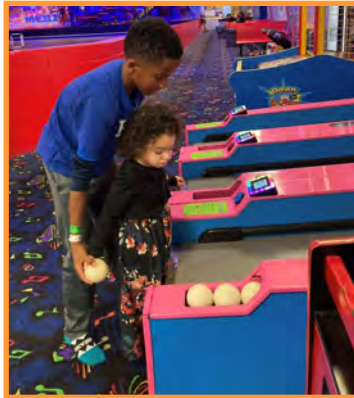
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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

*This form is to be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul by **Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00pm***

**LOOKING
BACK AT...**

RECENT BETH EL HAPPENINGS



Our awesome 6th-8th graders tested their problem-solving skills at Amazing Escape Room Cherry Hill at our Kadima youth group event!

From skating to arcade games to sufganiyot, our Chanukah Skate Party at HotWheelz was a great way to get Chanukah started!



Habonim's Chanukah Celebration was full of laughter, light and song!
A beautiful way to end Chanukah.

We had more than 150 people enjoy Beth El Unplugged with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Cantor Sher, and all our amazing performers!



Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh Shevat celebration was as beautiful as the garden art focaccia bread they made!



Our ECC kicked off our Tu B'Shevat celebrations with a special Shabbat Party with Hazzan and Rabbi Gavriella Kornsgold, followed by a fun-filled seder led by Rabbi Marshall!



PASSOVER SCHEDULE

2023 / 5783

Tuesday, April 4

Search for Chametz

DUE: Sale of Chametz Form (*page 8*)

Wednesday, April 5: 1st Night of Seder

Shacharit—7:30am

Siyum for First Born—8:15am

Burning of Chametz—8:45am

Last time to eat Chametz—11:00am

Candlelighting—7:09pm

Thursday, April 6: 2nd Night of Seder

Yom Tov Services—9:00am

Ma'ariv—6:00pm

Community 2nd Night Seder—6:30pm

Candlelighting—8:19pm

Friday, April 7: Yom Tov

Yom Tov Services—9:00am

Kabbalat Shabbat —6:00pm

Candlelighting—7:12pm

Saturday, April 8: Shabbat Pesach

Shabbat Services—9:00am

(*Men's Club Shabbat*)

Junior Congregation—10:30am

Mincha/Ma'ariv—7:30pm

Candlelighting—8:13pm

Sunday, April 9: Yom Tov

Shacharit —9:00am

Junior Congregation—10:30am

Ma'ariv—7:00pm

Monday, April 10: Chol HaMoed

Shacharit —7:30am

Passover Freedom Cafe —5:30pm

Ma'ariv —7:00pm

Tuesday, April 11: Chol HaMoed

Shacharit—7:30am

Ma'ariv —7:00pm

Wednesday, April 12: Yom Tov

Yom Tov Services—9:00am

Ma'ariv —7:00pm

Thursday, April 13: Yom Tov

Yom Tov Services—9:00am

Ma'ariv —7:00pm

Candlelighting—8:18pm

PESACH ENDS THURSDAY, APRIL 13: 8:18pm

Services are in person with Zoom option.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PURIM PRAYERS & PAJAMAS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3. 5:30PM

Enjoy a costume parade at our ECC Purim Shabbat party!

CELEBRATION SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 3. 6:00PM

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Kabbalat Shabbat.

MACHAR PURIM COSTUME BOWLING (GRADES 3-5)*

SATURDAY, MARCH 4. 7:00PM

Strike up some Purim fun at The Big Event in Cherry Hill. RSVP Required. Space is limited.

PURIM CARNIVAL AND MITZVAH MALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 5. 10:00AM

Bounce houses, Toddler Town, games, prizes, arts & crafts, and learn about our B'nai Mitzvah students' Mitzvah projects!

FAMILY PURIM CELEBRATION: DINNER AND MEGILLAH READING

MONDAY, MARCH 6. 5:30PM

Celebrate Purim together with the whole family at dinner followed by family Megillah reading and costume parade!

MASKS & MITZVOT DINNER FOR TEENS (GRADES 7-12)*

MONDAY, MARCH 6. 7:00PM

Wear your costume and fulfill the mitzvah of Ma'atanot Le'evyonim by making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen.

MONDAY NIGHT PURIM

MONDAY, MARCH 6. 7:30PM

Wear your favorite jersey to our Traditional Megillah Reading. Stay for tailgate!

TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING

TUESDAY, MARCH 7. 7:30AM

Join the clergy for a morning reading of the Megillah.

PARTY SHOWCASE

SUNDAY, MARCH 12. 10:30AM – 1:30PM

Meet florists, DJ's, photographers, and more party vendors for your upcoming Simcha! Open to the community, presented by Sisterhood.

BOOKTOK LIVE

MONDAY, MARCH 13, APRIL 17. 12:00PM

Join librarian Amy Kaplan for an engaging chat about the books we're currently reading and want to read next.

JEWISH HUMOR WITH RABBI MARSHALL AND RABBI SHERMAN*

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 15, 22, 29. 12:00PM

Join our father-daughter Rabbinic duo for a fun-filled hour of jokes and laughter! Presented by KaHaL.

TRIVIA ON TAP

THURSDAY, MARCH 16. 7:00PM

Test your trivia knowledge while enjoying locally brewed craft beers with other adults in and around their 50s at Lower Forge Brewery in Medford.

SINGLES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, MARCH 17. 7:30PM

All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.

KAHAL JEWISH PHILADELPHIA TOUR*

SUNDAY, MARCH 19. 2:00PM

Join Dr. Michael Schatz on a walking tour of Jewish Philadelphia.

MEN'S CLUB SCHMOOZE AND BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22. 8:00PM

Enjoy engaging conversation, friendship, and drinks with Rabbi Englander.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

KAHAL LUNCH & LEARN WITH DR. JOSH KULP

THURSDAY, MARCH 23. 12:00PM

Join Dr. Joshua Kulp for an engaging discussion on *Rabbits and Lettuce: The History of the Haggadah in Texts and Pictures*.

TOT SHABBAT STORIES AND SHEMA

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, APRIL 8 & 22. 9:45AM

A casual, meaningful Shabbat experience with our clergy for our youngest members on the Bima.

JAZZ WITHOUT BORDERS CONCERT & LOUNGE NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 25. 8:00PM

DETAILS ON PAGE 13.

KADIMA ARCADE NIGHT (GRADES 6-8) *

SUNDAY, MARCH 26. 5:00PM

Enjoy Kosher pizza and unlimited video games at Game On! Arcade in Medford!

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 30. 7:00PM

Join in the book club discussion!

PASSOVER SEDER 2: COMMUNITY 2ND NIGHT SEDER*

THURSDAY, APRIL 6. 5:00PM

Come together as a community for our annual 2nd night Seder!

CELEBRATION SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 7. 6:00PM

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary at Kabbalat Shabbat.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 8. 9:00AM

Celebrate together at this annual Shabbat led by the men of Men's Club.

PASSOVER FREEDOM CAFÉ*

MONDAY, APRIL 10. 5:30PM

Let us do the cooking! Join us for a delicious Kosher-for-Passover meal.

LET'S CELEBRATE RABBI KRUPNICK*

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 23.

Details on front cover.

SINGLES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 21. 7:30PM

All adults are welcome to this engaging service followed by Oneg.

SERVICE FROM THE HEART

SUNDAY, APRIL 23. 10:30AM

An interactive musical service embracing our special needs community. Interpreted in ASL.

CAFÉ 75: A YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION AND YOM HAZIKARON OBSERVANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 25. 6:00PM

Details on page 13.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, APRIL 27. 2:00-7:00PM

The blood drive returns to Beth El. Give the gift of life!

SISTERHOOD MOVIE CRITIC NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 27. 7:00PM

Zoom in for an interactive movie discussion.

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 30. 10:00AM

Celebrate our Beth El Community as we honor our outgoing president, Stuart Sauer, and welcome our incoming president.

*RSVP required

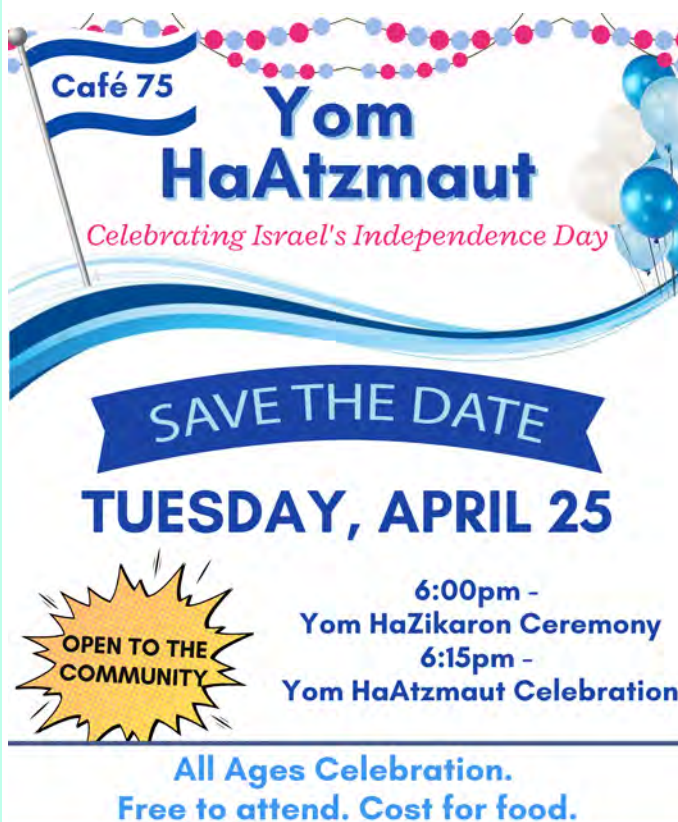


Jazz without Borders
Concert & Lounge Night
What's Jewish about the American Songbook

Saturday, March 25
8:00pm
Members: \$18
Non-Member: \$25

RSVP at bethelsnj.shulcloud.com/form/jazz

Jazz Without Borders is a product of the vibrant and multicultural New York jazz scene, where Israeli-born musicians have had a strong presence in recent decades. The group is set to explore the common grounds of jazz traditions, Jewish and Israeli music.



Café 75
Yom HaAtzmaut
Celebrating Israel's Independence Day

SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, APRIL 25

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

6:00pm -
Yom HaZikaron Ceremony
6:15pm -
Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

All Ages Celebration.
Free to attend. Cost for food.

"The time is always right to do right."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Our MLK Day of Service made a huge impact on our community.



Every year, hundreds of members of the Beth El and local community gather together to participate in a variety of hands-on mitzvah projects in honor of MLK Day. This year, we were thrilled to be back in person after holding this event remotely since Covid. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic people of all ages and generations working together to make a difference in the lives of others. Participants made decorative flower centerpieces and pictures for the residents of Lion's Gate with **Eyal's Flowers**. Eyal's Flowers, created in memory of Rabbi Marshall's brother Eyal Sherman, supports the physically disabled, in both medical and non-medical needs, otherwise not covered by medical benefits. In addition to this meaningful project, we assembled more than 50 toiletry bags for outreach programming for **The Center For Family Services in Voorhees**, made hundreds of PB&J sandwiches for **Cathedral Kitchen**, decorated more than 100 birthday cards for **JFCS** clients, hand-made several no-sew fleece blankets for **Project Linus**, and collected bins full of professional attire to empower women to thrive in work and life through the **Dress for Success** organization.



At our event, we welcomed a representative from the **Sunrise Association** to educate our community about the work Sunrise does for children battling cancer. Our volunteers made "With Love from Sunrise" cards to brighten the children's days, prepared arts & crafts projects, and assembled more than 200 activity packets to help pass the time during their stays in the hospitals. We were also grateful to have representatives from **Geoscape Solar** join us to share the impact that going solar has had on Beth El and how going solar can benefit you. Also during the morning, our Executive Director, Josh Laster, trained 8 participants in the life-saving skills of Adult CPR/AED. MLK Day of Service continued into the evening at our Chevra Adult Mitzvah Schmooze at the **BookSmiles Book Bank** in Pennsauken.



Beth El member and BookSmiles Founder, **Larry Abrams**, gave attendees a tour and then everyone had fun schmoozing while sorting books for school districts in need!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this meaningful day and to our lead volunteers **Steve Chervin**, **Rachel Miller**, **Tameika Minor**, and **Tonia Respes**.





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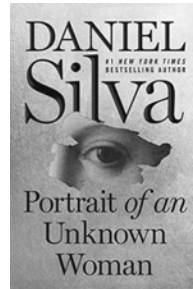
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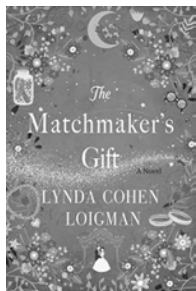
BELL LIBRARY NEWS

By Amy Kaplan, Congregation Librarian

While discovering a new author can be an exciting surprise, sometimes you just want to sit back and enjoy the familiarity of a tried-and-true favorite writer bringing a new story featuring characters you know. One much-lauded author who spins great stories with a unique protagonist is Daniel Silva. His series tells of the exploits of Gabriel Allon, the Israeli former intelligence operative who is not only a spy but also a gifted art restorer. With over twenty books in the series to date, Silva continues to create intricately plotted adventures for Allon. The latest is "Portrait of an Unknown Woman," in which Allon's old friend, an art dealer, sells a valuable painting that he later learns may be a forgery. Allon's efforts to help his friend take him to various cities in Europe as the action ramps up in a story that keeps the reader turning pages. And there's even a surprise twist at the end.



Another long-time favorite author is Faye Kellerman. Her Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus series has been going strong for over thirty years. In the latest installment, "The Hunt," Peter and his detective partner are working on a difficult case that takes them around the country. But there are complications for Peter, including an attack on the biological mother of Peter and Rina's foster son and the dangers that ensue when Peter and Rina try to help her.



In a very different vein, Linda Cohen Loigman, whose previous novel, "the Two-Family House" was very enthusiastically received, has a delightful new novel, "The Matchmaker's Gift." In this story we have Sara, a matchmaker from the early 1900s, living in New York on the Lower East Side. As a female matchmaker, she encounters hostility from the men who dominate her profession. A modern-day story is paired with Sara's story. The contemporary story tells of Sara's granddaughter Abby, an attorney specializing in divorce. After Sara dies, Abby finds a box containing Sara's journals. Questions arise, leading Abby to wonder whether to continue with her career. This is historical fiction with a light touch.

Be sure to join us on **Monday, March 13 and Monday, April 17 at Noon** for **BookTok Live!** It's like TikTok's popular **BookTok but better -- because it's LIVE!** Bring a brown bag dairy or vegetarian lunch and a book you've read that you want to talk about. It can be fiction or non-fiction, any topic, just as long as you can't wait to tell us all about it. I'll share some ideas, too, and you'll go home with lots of new suggestions for your to-be-read list.



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12TH ANNUAL

Party Showcase

Sunday, March 12
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**THE LARGEST MITZVAH SHOWCASE
IN SOUTH JERSEY IS BACK!**

For more information, please contact bepartyshowcase@gmail.com

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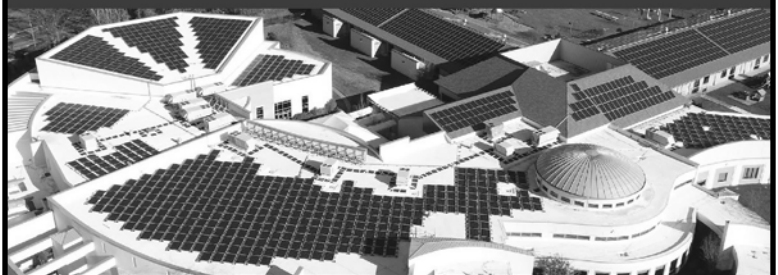


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