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September/October 2023 - Elul/Tishri/Cheshvan 5783-84

High Holy Days

at Congregation Beth El

2023/5784

Schedule of Services:



ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 15

Evening Service: 6:00pm

Candle Lighting: 6:50pm

Day One: Saturday, September 16

Katz Sanctuary Morning Service: 9:00am

Torah Service: 10:00am

K-6th grade/Teen Program: 10:00am-1:00pm

Appel Social Hall Service: 10:15am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:30pm

Candle Lighting: 7:49pm

Day Two: Sunday, September 17

Morning Service: 9:00am

Torah Service: 10:00am

Family Service: 10:15am

Teen Program: 10:15am

Tashlikh: 5:45pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:30pm

Havdalah: 7:46pm

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 24

Mincha: 2:00pm

Candle Lighting: 6:36pm

Kol Nidre: 6:30pm

Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25

Katz Sanctuary Morning Service: 9:00am

Torah Service: 10:15am

Appel Social Hall Service: 10:15am

K-6th grade/Teen Program: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sermon & Yizkor Service: 11:30am

Mincha: 5:00pm

Neilah: 6:15pm

End of Fast: 7:32pm

SUKKOT

Erev Sukkot: Friday, September 29

Yom Tov Services: 6:00pm

Candle Lighting: 6:27pm

Day One: Saturday, September 30

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am

Junior Congregation: 10:30am-12:00pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6:00pm

Candle Lighting: 7:24 pm

Day Two: Sunday, October 1

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am

Sukkot Religious School: 9:00am-12:00pm

Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah: 7:00pm

Havdalah: 7:23pm

Chol Ha'Moed: Mon, Oct. 2 – Thurs, Oct. 5

Morning Minyan: 7:30am

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:00pm

Hoshanah Rabbah: Friday, October 6

Morning Minyan: 7:30am

Evening Service: 6:00pm

Candle Lighting: 6:16pm

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor: Saturday, Oct. 7

Shabbat/Yom Tov Services: 9:00am

Yizkor: 10:45am

Junior Congregation: 10:30am-12:00pm

Simchat Torah Celebration: 6:30pm

Candle Lighting: 7:13pm

Simchat Torah: Sunday, October 8

Yom Tov Services: 9:00am

Simchat Torah Religious School: 9:00am-12:00pm

Evening Minyan: 7:00pm

Havdalah: 7:11pm

CLERGY CORNER



Shalom Friends,

As a parent I'm fond of the expression that sometimes it feels like "the days go by slowly but the years go by quickly." As a year begins that will likely contain our first college graduation, plus other milestones, these words ring as true as ever. And they also seem relevant as we "raise the curtain" on our second High Holy Day season together. May it be an uplifting, blessed, and inspiring one for all of us, our families, and our Beth El community. Our heartfelt prayers should register on high, our best intentions fulfilled through acts of compassion and words of kindness, and ultimately may these holy moments we spend together help us to come closer to achieving our goals of living lives of meaning in a world closer to peace.

I am optimistic and hopeful about this coming year and I hope you are as well. We know that aspects of what Beth El has been to so many for so long will continue.

Engaging services led by our incomparable Hazzan, consistent *minyans* run mostly by dedicated laypeople, substantive educational opportunities for all ages, and an increasing commitment to volunteerism both within Beth El and beyond our walls will all play a role in making this a year of growth and accomplishment. Our board of directors, schools, arms, committees, affinity and parent groups, and family programming will offer ways to connect to Beth El for all who seek to do so. And, as I will reiterate on the upcoming holidays, we are as good, active, and ultimately successful as the collective love for Beth El that our members feel, and as accomplished as the sum total of ways that all of us connect in shared purpose to maintaining and strengthening our great congregation.

No one can do everything and everyone can do something. Over this year of learning, meeting hundreds of people, and becoming more established both at Beth El and in the community, I have found consistent dedication, unparalleled effort, and willingness to both listen and share concerns and opportunities from every corner. As I have added (briefly!) to our weekly Shabbat service a prayer for our wonderful southern New Jersey Jewish community and all who serve it in all capacities, volunteer and professional alike, I know now first hand that this is a special place with incredible things ahead. From better understanding of and communication with our Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors, to making sure those in need have basic necessities, to remaining as big and welcoming a "tent" as we can be consistent with our values, and ultimately making Beth El a place worthy of its name – a House of and for God – these will be significant parts of our collective mission in the New Year of 5784.

I'm thankful to our entire excellent professional staff and lay leadership including our board headed by Faye Shapiro, and all those who spend time on behalf of our Beth El membership. I'm also grateful that they have seen fit to launch in the coming year a vital campaign called *Bayit Va'Lev*, Our Heart, Home, and Future to secure the financial stability and healthy operations of our congregation. You'll be hearing more about that in the coming months and we will need widespread and generous support for this initiative in order to fulfill our mission in meaningful and increasingly impactful ways. I thank you in advance for your willingness to learn more about the campaign, and to contribute in ways that are significant to you and representative of your love for Beth El. In doing so we will be continuing a story over a hundred years young. We will increase our confidence that we will leave a lasting legacy for future generations who will be grateful that we safeguarded our Beth El. And we will for sure all continue to benefit from being part of this special place, please God in good health and for many celebrations in this New Year and beyond.

Stephanie and I wish you and your family a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*, a good, sweet, meaningful and fulfilling year.

Rabbi David Englander

SHOMRIM

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Shomrim is an inclusive giving program designed to allow benefactors to commit one time during the year to support the annual activities and operational needs of Beth El.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone had a great summer and was able to enjoy the longer days and warmer nights. It was nice to see so many in shul each week over the summer, enjoying casual Shabbatot and delicious kiddush lunches together. Now it is time to change gears and think about the next couple of months. Before we

know it, the High Holidays will be here!

I remember as a child getting so excited for the High Holidays. I loved dressing up, coming to shul and seeing so many people throughout the building. The High Holidays also meant that my favorite holiday was almost here, Sukkot! Every year we celebrated Sukkot by going to a close friend's sukkah party. His mother, who was a really good cook, baked all the treats herself and we always had a great time with friends. Even as young adults, we came back every year for the sukkah party.

Fast forward a few years to when Gary and I moved into our first house. I was so excited because we actually had a back

yard and a space to put up a sukkah of our own. Lucky for us, Beth El's Young Associates group was having a sukkah sale and we bought one. I couldn't wait to host our own family and friends for a big sukkah party. Every year since we have put up our sukkah, and every year our family and friends come over to celebrate with us. We even had our youngest child's baby naming during Sukkot. 13 years later, we celebrated her Bat Mitzvah during Sukkot!

There will be many opportunities to celebrate Sukkot with your Beth El family as well. Our beautiful Beth El sukkah, dedicated by Sisterhood, will have something for everyone this holiday. There will be Kiddush lunches in the sukkah following services, Sisterhood, Men's Club and Habonim events in the sukkah, Religious School and ECC programs in the sukkah, and more! Please check out our full calendar of events so you don't miss out on the fun!

On behalf of my husband Gary, and my children Andrew, Allison and Melissa, I want to wish you all a very happy, healthy and sweet new year.

B'Shalom,

Faye L. Shapiro



SUKKOT HAPPENINGS

LET'S DO SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH

Friday, September 29 - 6pm

SHOMRIM/LIFE & LEGACY RECEPTION

Monday, October 2 - 5:30pm

SISTERHOOD IN THE SUKKAH

Tuesday, October 3 - 7pm

MEN'S CLUB STEAK & SCHNAPPS

Wednesday, October 4 - 7pm

HABONIM LU-LOVE SUKKOT SUPPER

Thursday, October 5 - 6pm

PRAYERS & PAJAMAS

Friday, October 6 - 5:30pm

More information to follow.

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I approach my 8 year anniversary at Beth El, I am reflecting on the many conversations that led up to the decision to accept an offer from Beth El to be your Executive Director. Erica and I spent many hours hashing out the pros and cons of relocating to Cherry Hill.

Great home selection, reputable school districts, closer to the shore, close to Philly, and above all else – the Jewishness of the area seemed to be in the fabric of daily living. We decided to go for it. We wanted that kind of life for our family. So many houses we looked at had a mezuzah on the doorposts of the homes (and some upon the gates). We passed at least one synagogue, if not four, on each of our visits to the area as we were considering homes. This was the right decision. The prevalence of synagogues played a huge role in our decision to move here, and I would dare say that it has likely influenced every person that has moved to this area looking for a strong Jewish community.

This Jewish community would not be what it is without the roots of what caused it to flourish – communities that started in synagogues. Synagogues created friendships, forged long lasting relationships and engaged Jewish communities in religious, social and cultural ways that

would not just happen by living in a neighborhood with a lot of Jewish people. I understand that there is real struggle these days as some Jews struggle with justifying belonging to a synagogue, sometimes asking themselves what they “get from their membership” or believing they don’t need to belong somewhere to be Jewish. That’s true. Being Jewish isn’t tied to belonging anywhere. But living Jewishly is. To me, it’s simple. If you live in this area because it’s a Jewish area, you should belong to a synagogue. For some, it might not seem as relevant to life today, but this area would not be what it is without these houses of worship, these gathering spaces, these educators of the next generations of Jewish families, these connectors. And connection is what it’s all about, right?

So if you know someone that doesn’t belong to a synagogue, someone that “used to belong to a synagogue”, challenge them a little bit (just a little bit). Invite them to services with the best Kiddush lunch in New Jersey, bring them to a program, have them over for Shabbat dinner with some of your Beth El friends and help them feel connected. Jewish people live in this area to be connected to other Jewish people. And when the time is right, talk to them about belonging to your synagogue. Ask them if they would ever consider being a part of the synagogue. Be their ambassador, and introduce them to *your* Beth El.

Josh Laster

WHAT’S COOKING AT BETH EL?

We have two BIG announcements to share! First, a new Catering Director is joining our team.

Chef Shavit Moshe comes to us with a tremendous amount of experience working with organizations with small and large scale catering needs. Shavit will be overseeing our Kiddush luncheons, Friday night Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations as well as our wide variety of other food related needs. He can be reached at smoshe@bethelsnj.org or call the Beth El office at 856.675.1166.

Second, Beth El has recently expanded our caterer options with the creation of our semi-exclusive catering panel featuring three wonderful Kosher caterers:

Classical Caterers – evan@classicalcaterers.com / 732.297.6444

Deluxe Catering – info@deluxecateringphiladelphia.com / 215.214.9859

Prestige Caterers – info@prestigecaterers.com / 877.255.4049

Please contact them to assist you with planning your special celebration and other Kosher catering needs.



Chef Shavit Moshe



Congregation Beth El Presents:

Fiesta SHABBAT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 6:00PM

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat
services with Rabbi Englander and
Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and a 'delicioso'
TACO BAR DINNER to follow!

PRONEG - 5:30pm
SERVICES - 6:00pm
DINNER - 7:00pm

PRICE: Adults: \$25, Kids ages 4-12: \$15
(Kids 3 & under FREE)

To RSVP for dinner, visit:
bethelsnj.shulcloud.com/form/tacos
RSVP deadline is Friday, September 1

Questions? Contact **Alicia Drozen**, Events & Programs Manager
at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or 856.281.9983



Some years ago I was sitting on a plane approaching my destination when the flight attendant made an announcement. He said "For those who reached their final destination we ask you to please remain seated to allow those who need to make a connecting flight can exit first. As we know, one good deed leads to another."

These words are actually from our tradition, from *Pirkei Avot*. We learn the phrase "**Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah**" One Mitzvah leads to another.

This is a teaching that is embedded in our curriculum from our youngest to our oldest students. Our students are taught about fulfilling mitzvot from a young age and when they approach the Bar/Bat Mitzvah year, students choose a Mitzvah project that is meaningful to them.

I am excited to share that this year we are introducing "Mitzvah of the Month" to our Vav (sixth grade) Program. Before partaking in a monthly Mitzvah project, our students will designate class time to the study of the meaning and source of the Mitzvah. After a deep dive into the text and history of the Mitzvah, the students will put into practice what they have learned. The Mitzvot and projects that the students will spend class time studying and partaking in will include:

Ha'achlat Re'evim: Feeding the Hungry - Packing for the JRA (Jewish Relief Agency), baking Cookies for Caring

Kibud Z'keanim: Caring for the Elderly - Leading a Passover Model Seder at Lion's Gate

Mishloach Maanot: Making Mishloach Maanot packages for Holocaust survivors

Baal Tashchit: Taking care of the Environment - Participating in a Jewish cemetery clean up

Talmud Torah: The study of Torah - Volunteering at Book Smiles

Tz'ar Ba'alei Chayim: Protecting of the Animals

In addition, students in every grade collect weekly *tzedakah* and at the end of the year choose an organization to donate and support. *Mitzvot* are at the very core of Judaism and by teaching and partaking in *Mitzvot*, we are transmitting Jewish values and practices to our students - the future of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director



Our ECC camp had a wonderful summer, complete with a Bubble Party, Puppets Pizzazz, a Luau, theme days and lots of splash pad fun! Although we were so busy having a blast all summer, we still found time to give back. Our Camper Art Show raised over \$600 for the Voorhees Animal Orphanage, and they

were thrilled with the wonderful non-monetary donations as well! We end the summer with excitement bubbling for our upcoming school year! The 2023-24 ECC school year starts on September 5th and we are SO excited to jump into learning with our spectacular ECC teachers!

As I write this, we are planning our annual in-service where the teachers will be treated to professional development as well as CPR/AED and first aid training by our Executive Director, Josh Laster. We will end our in-service week with a Meet-n-Greet, where parents and children will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and see their classmates and find out more about the coming year. We are also planning on a surprise tasty treat for our kiddos that day!

Looking ahead to the fall, we have the High Holidays to celebrate as well as Beth El's fall fundraiser, a fantastic and fun game show called '**Who Knows One?**' The evening includes honoring our very own **Morah Sheryl Morales**, for 25 years of dedication, love and education. Morah Sheryl came to Beth El in 1998 before the ECC was even finished! She worked in the office until the ECC opened, and then started working in our infant room. After caring for our infants, Morah Sheryl moved to teaching our toddlers, then the threes and finally ended up in our Pre-K class and has been there ever since! Morah Sheryl took it upon herself to learn all about the Jewish Holidays, culture and the Hebrew language. It is incredibly dedicated teachers like Morah Sheryl who make our ECC the special place that it is for our students and families.

There is so much to look forward to this year, and we can't wait to get started!

Ayelet Mittelman
ECC Director





A strong Jewish Tomorrow is in YOUR hands

By leaving a gift to Congregation Beth El in your will or estate plans, your legacy commitment can ensure that our synagogue will remain part of South Jersey's vibrant and colorful Jewish community for generations to come.



To create your Jewish Legacy, contact Roberta S. Clark, Development & Membership Director | rclark@bethelsnj.org | 856.675.1166 x418



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

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DR. ROBERT WATSON, Distinguished Professor of American History at Lynn University in Boca Raton, is one of the most popular and engaging presenters on the south Florida and national lecture circuit. Dr. Watson will enlighten, inform, surprise, and entertain in his unique style - you don't want to miss his rare appearance in our area!

Monday, October 9 • 7pm

"Harry Truman and the Founding of the State of Israel"

With lively Q&A to follow on the presidency, current events, the history of the United States-Israel relationship, and more.



PRICE PER PERSON: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

For tickets, visit: bethelsnj.shulcloud.com/form/watson

For more information, please email Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org



Mazal Tov TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH



DANIELLE SCHWARZ - SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Parents: Amy & Daniel Schwarz

Siblings: Alex and Campbell

Grandparents: Debbie & Ronald Reiver, Connie & Michael LaRussa, Kathy & Stanley Schwarz, and Leah & Morton (z"l) Weiss

Mitzvah Project: Danni is supporting an amazing organization in Israel called Yad LaKashish ("Lifeline for the Old") which provides meaningful work opportunities and support to elderly artists in Jerusalem. Visit www.lifeline.org.il to learn more.



MAX AND ZEV AUMILLER - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Parents: Mira & Aaron Aumiller

Siblings: Eli and Charli

Grandparents: Carol & Joel Silbert, Sandy & Mark Levy, Ellen Volusher Aumiller (z"l)

Mitzvah Projects: Zev volunteered at TOPPS soccer program, serving as a soccer training buddy to children with disabilities. Max initiated a new permanent Book Smiles bin at the Voorhees Soccer Fields and has been involved with the transportation and sorting of the books at the warehouse. Together, Zev & Max are raising money for the March of Dimes, which was instrumental in helping one of their cousins.



NOMI CWANGER - OCTOBER 14, 2023

Parents: Nicole & Mitchell Cwanger

Siblings: Max and Noah

Grandparents: Barbara & Gary Kelley, Patricia & Julius Cwanger

Mitzvah Project: Nomi has been donating her time and money to the Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO). She organized a mitzvah walk and sold bracelets at the Beth El Mitzvah Mall earlier this year, both of which raised money that was donated to the VAO. When she is old enough to do so, Nomi intends to volunteer her time at the shelter.



JONAH AND RAMI DERMAN - OCTOBER 21, 2023

Parents: Stephanie & Neil Derman

Siblings: Benji

Grandparents: Brian & Helen Derman, Hal & Norma Augustine

Mitzvah Project: Rami and Jonah will be organizing an event to raise money and awareness for Autism.



ADDISON LIVSTONE - OCTOBER 28, 2023

Parents: Sheri & Barry Livstone

Siblings: Noah

Grandparents: Jane & Mark Livstone and Renee & Robert Lowenthal

Mitzvah Project: Addison is partnering with the international DAFFODIL PROJECT. The organization's goal is to establish Living Holocaust Memorials around the world. 1.5 million daffodils will be planted in memory of children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today. Addison is assembling a team of volunteers to help with selling bulbs, prepping the garden, and event day planting.



BELL LIBRARY NEWS



Amy Kaplan
Congregation Librarian

L'Shana tova... A New Year, a new season, and at your synagogue library—new books! We add new titles for all ages throughout the year: picture books for children, nonfiction for all ages, and current novels for adults. There's always something new to enjoy, like these:

Seven years ago, author Martha Hall Kelly wrote "Lilac Girls," a novel based on fact that followed three women through WWII and its aftermath, with the concentration camp Ravensbruck the setting for much of the drama. Now Kelly has a new book, "The Golden Doves," once again highlighting the atrocities committed in Ravensbruck. In this story, American Josie and French woman Arlette join forces during WWII to intercept coded Nazi messaging and are so successful they earn the sobriquet "Golden Doves." They are arrested for a lesser crime and interred in Ravensbruck. After the War, Josie and Arlette again work together, this time to hunt down a notorious doctor from the camp believed to be living in French Guiana. How he and other Nazis used the "Rat Line" to escape to safety is just one of many historical details woven into the story. Kelly does her research; her historical fiction has been praised for its accuracy. She also knows how to tell a story; she keeps the reader turning the (over 500) pages.

On a lighter note, Renee Rosen's "Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl" is a welcome diversion. The glamour girl is Estee Lauder, and the author cleverly creates a fictional friend of Lauder to tell her story. The fictional friend, Gloria Downing, is a rich girl who has, due to her father's crime, lost it all. Reduced to poverty, Gloria meets Estee, who is struggling to get a foothold in the American beauty business, despite the dismal economic conditions as the Depression drags on. Estee is peddling her creams and lotions wherever she can in New York and Miami. Gloria is guarded and cautious; Estee is dramatic and impetuous, but always focused on her goal of material success. Despite, or perhaps because of, their differences, a deep friendship forms. Remarkable for her time, Estee is ambitious and powerful, ready to use her wiles, connections, talent, and whatever else she needs to achieve her goals. Nearly one hundred years later, Estee's influence remains.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am – 12:00pm. Can't come in during our regular hours? Give us a call at 856.675.1166x503 and let us know what you'd like to read (or ask for suggestions!) – we'll leave it for you at the front desk of the synagogue office.



And remember: **BOOK TOK LIVE!** is the library's monthly get-together to chat about books. We meet once a month (usually the second Monday of the month) from Noon – 1:00pm in the library (bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch if you wish) to talk about what we've been reading. I'll tell you about some books from the library; you can tell us about any book (not necessarily a "Jewish" book) you've read. That's it! We have a casual conversation and everyone goes home with good ideas about what to read next. Questions? Call the Library! Our upcoming BOOK TOK LIVE! dates are: **September 11th** and **October 2nd**.



Dear Parents of College Students -

We hope you had a great summer and are ready for the 2023-24 school year.

It is that time of year when we reach out to you so that we can prepare for this year's College Connection program. By sending out three packages each year - Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim, we keep our undergraduate students connected to their Judaism and to Congregation Beth El.

Our first package will be sent out September 26 and we ask for all updated addresses for upperclassmen and incoming freshmen no later than **SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**.

If you haven't received the form, email Audrey Snyderman at audreysnyderman@gmail.com or Jackie Bernard at 4bernards@comcast.net. ALL FORMS must be emailed to us in order to be enrolled in the program.

To get involved either as a recipient or a volunteer on the committee, please contact Jackie Bernard at 856.630.0585 or 4bernards@comcast.net.

We thank you and wish your children a successful year at college.

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Recent Beth El
Happenings



Havdalah Happy Hour with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro. Thank you to Cathy & Dr. Marc Backal for hosting at their beautiful home in Ventnor.



Rabbi Marshall and Rabbi Englander visiting our Beth El campers at the JCC Camps at Medford.



Everyone had so much fun at our Mini Golf & Water Ice outing!



Our adorable ECC students love the Splash Pad!



Looking
back at...

Recent Beth El
Happenings



Thank you to everyone who came to our Splash Party. It was wonderful to see so many of our youngest members participate in packing food for people served by the Jewish Relief Agency.



Beth El teens at the Maccabi Games in South Florida.

MEET THE HEROES OF UNIT 669

ISRAEL'S ELITE SEARCH & RESCUE UNIT

THE ELITE UNIT 669: 75 YEARS TO ISRAEL, 50 YEARS TO YOM KIPPUR WAR

Join us to listen and support those who risk their lives to save others

SPEAKERS:



NOGA ROSENBERG

Major (Res.) in Unit 669.
Special operations commander.
669 Veterans Organization's
scholarship recipient.



BAR REUVEN

Reserve combat officer in Unit 669.
Co-founder of the Cat 669
Alumni Association.
Executive VP of Development at AFU 669.



SAM FRAIFELD

First Sergeant (Res.) in Unit 669.
Served as a combat rescue soldier.
Originally from Danville, Virginia.
Served as a lone soldier in the unit.



KaHaL programming is sponsored
in memory of Elaine Greenspan^{z"l}

Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm*
Congregation Beth El

**Light refreshments will be served*

***RSVP Required** - Visit bethelsnj.org for link | www.afu669.org  **AFU669**





Mira Aumiller & Katie Goldstein
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS!

Sisterhood Kick-off event with AR Workshop
Monday, September 11 - 7pm

Sisterhood in the Sukkah
Tuesday, October 3 - 7pm

Yoga and Mimosas Sunday, October 15 - 9am

Paid-Up Membership Dinner BINGO Night
Wednesday, October 25 - 6:30pm

Mah-Jongg Lessons
Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 - 7:30pm



COOKIES for Charity

Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00pm

Help us pack some cookies on your way to minyan
or on your way home from Religious School!
Cookies will be donated to the **Unforgotten Haven**
for use in their Homeless Outreach Initiative.

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To get more involved in Social Action at Beth El, contact
Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS!



Special Guest Speaker:
Virginia Buckingham
Saturday, September 9

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.

*Ms. Buckingham will speak during
Shabbat morning services and kiddush.*

Presented by KaHaL (Krupnick Herman Academy of Learning)

Men's Club Eagles Watch Party
Thursday, September 14 at 8:15pm

**Turkey Drive for
Boys & Girls Club of Camden**

Please visit:

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Coming Out Day Celebration

Wednesday, October 11 at 6:00pm

Presented by Kavod (*Respect*)

LGBTQI+ Friends, Families and Allies

Adults Only Retro Arcade Night

Thursday, October 19 at 7:00pm

Join us at Game On! Arcade in Medford
for some vintage video games!

**LGBTQI+: Learning the Language
and What it all Means**

with Leslie Breslau

Thursday, October 26 at 7:30pm

SWEETEN UP YOUR HOLIDAYS!

Beth El Habonim invites you
to sweeten up your Holiday meals
with Magical Sweet Shop!
Items are pareve unless otherwise noted.



High Holiday Bake Sale

ROSH HASHANNAH SELECTIONS: Order by Monday, September 11

Pick up at Beth El: Thursday, September 14, 10am - 12pm (Shabbat entrance)

Jewish Apple Cake	_____ x \$24 = _____
Jewish Blueberry Cake	_____ x \$24 = _____
Jewish Honey Cake	_____ x \$26 = _____
Chocolate Ganache Truffle Cake	_____ x \$25 = _____
Chocolate Chip Brownie Brick (6 Brownies)	_____ x \$22 = _____
Dessert Bar Sampler	_____ x \$15 = _____
(4 bars cut in mini slices - Raspberry, Pecan, Lemon, Apricot, Chocolate Brownie)	

Total Rosh Hashanah Order _____



YOM KIPPUR SELECTIONS: Order by Monday, September 18

Pick up at Beth El: Sunday, September 24, 10am - 12pm (Shabbat entrance)

Jewish Apple Cake	_____ x \$24 = _____
Golden Honey Cake	_____ x \$26 = _____
Chocolate Ganache Truffle Cake	_____ x \$25 = _____
Chocolate Babka (Dairy)	_____ x \$19 = _____
Jewish Apple Cake Muffins (4 Muffins)	_____ x \$15 = _____
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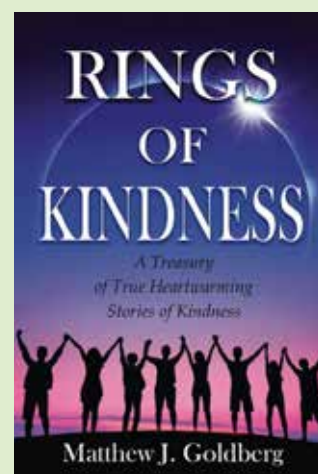


HABONIM PRESENTS:

Lu-Love Sukkot Supper

**Thursday, October 5th
from 6-8pm**

Dinner in the Sukkah
followed by a presentation
by Matthew J. Goldberg, author
of "Rings of Kindness."



Matthew Goldberg is an
inspirational humorist writer and
speaker from Cherry Hill, NJ.
He has written and published six
books, including *Hot Ice Cream:
Inspiring Life Lessons from Our
Children*. Rings of Kindness
includes the contributions
of more than 80 writers. For
additional information about the
book, visit ringsofkindness.com

Watch your email
for more information
on this event!



MAZAL TOV TO

B'NAI MITZVAH:

Daniel Pearson and to his parents **Randi & Stephen Pearson** and grandparents **Jackie & Bill Pearson**

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS:

Ilene & Harry Grossman and Debbie Grossman on the engagement of their son/grandson, Jacob to Rachel Gilson

Carol & Fred Adelson on the marriage of their son, Aaron to Nofar Abutbul

Risa & Peretz Wittman on the marriage of their daughter Maya to Ty Morgan

Nancy & John Kravitz on the marriage of their son Adam to Richa Khanna

Shirley Yaffa on the marriage of her grandson Eli to Hadar, in Israel

Robin Sue & Bill Landsburg on the marriage of their son, Joshua to Daniella Mizrahi

Lauren & Jonathan Soll and Linda & Joel Appel on the Auf Ruf of their son/grandson, Kenny Soll to Sami Soma

Ilene & Harry Grossman and Debbie Grossman on the engagement of their daughter/granddaughter, Molly to Alex Neumann

Andi & Ron Morris and Murray Matez on the engagement of their daughter/granddaughter, Ilana to Adam Goldberg

Shirley Yaffa on the engagement of her grandson, Brandon Leff to Jennifer Bambrick

Lynne & Diego Warszawski on the marriage of their son, Nate Warszawski to Jacob Winkelman, and to Nate's grandfather, Charles Middleberg

BIRTHS & NAMINGS:

Selma Ellis on the birth of her great granddaughter, Lilly Ava Horowitz

Judy & Larry Gross on the naming of their granddaughter, Edie Gross, daughter of Rachel Hildrich Gross & Max Gross

Shirley Yaffa on the birth of her great granddaughter in Maalot, Israel

Chana & Ross Goldstein on the birth of their baby girl, Abigail Shira, and to proud grandparents, Lori & Rick Goldstein

Mandy & Matt Orwitz on the naming of their daughter, Ruby Claire, and to grandparents Barbara & Eric Frantz, and great-grandmother Sylvia Lande

Nicole Jarrett & Stuart Brooks on the birth of their son, Spencer Noah, and to big sister Taylor, and grandparents Dale & Ira Brooks

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Max Silverman, son of Benjamin and Dina (Goldstein) Silverman, and **Leah Furman**, daughter of Michael and Sara (Horowitz) Furman, both received the Junior Upstander Award, given by the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center

Bruce Tomar on his installation as International 1st Vice President of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC)

Renee Kessler on her installation as President of Temple Beth David in Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Craig Kessler on his installation as Treasurer of Temple Beth David in Palm Beach Gardens, FL

*We want to celebrate everyone's simchas, accomplishments, and achievements.
Email Claudia Sternberg at cssternberg@bethelsnj.org to share your special news!*

ZICHRONAM LIV'RACHAH

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF BELOVED MEMBERS:

Sylvia Moldoff

Marshall Harris

Marjorie Goldstein

Larry Grika

WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO:

Brenda & Chuck Driben and Ian (Karen) Driben on the passing of their daughter and sister, Amy Driben Salcedo

Angela (Evan) Lazarus on the passing of her mother, Barbara Cohen

Bart Greenspan on the passing of his brother, Jerome "Jerry" Greenspan

Larry (Jodie) Pleat on the passing of his mother, Leah Pleat

Julie (Jason) Whitney on the passing of her mother, Irene Mainzer Sherman

Ronda (Steve) Manders on the passing of her father, Edward Jaffee

Rick (Donna) Forman on the passing of his mother, Mildred Forman

Peretz (Risa) Wittman on the passing of his sister, Brendel Wittman Lang

As of August 8, 2023

CARING ACTS OF TZEDAKAH

AS OF JULY 29, 2023

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Faye & Gary Shapiro	Marshall Harris
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Jodi & Larry Pleat	Rabbi David Englander
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Sheila Rosenfield	Engagement of Molly Grossman to Alex Neumann
Marcy Sanders	Joan Feinberg, birthday
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Judy Pokrass	Yahrzeit of Rubin Berman
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Evelyn Harris	Yahrzeit of Margot & Marcel Meyer
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LUKOFF FAMILY FUND

DONOR	IN APPRECIATION OF
Len Feldman	Sponsoring Monday morning Minyan
DONOR	IN HONOR OF
Len Feldman	Becker Family reading Torah at Elana's Bat Mitzvah

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Phyllis & Paul Chudrow	Herb Deutsch - 90th birthday
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Ellen Podell	Birth of great granddaughter to Len Feldman
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