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Bayit Va'Lev **בית וּלֵב**
OUR HEART, HOME & FUTURE

CONGREGATION BETH EL

**Happy
Chanukah!**

November/December 2023 - Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5784

CONGREGATION BETH EL PRESENTS:

**A LIVE GAME SHOW that is half Jewish Geography and half
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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CLERGY CORNER



I am sitting at my computer trying to find the words for this bulletin article. Typically, my November article would focus on gratitude as we approach my favorite holiday of Thanksgiving, but today, I am struggling. By the time you read this, I pray we will be sharing better news, but today, our hearts are heavy and overwhelmed with devastating sadness and pain.

My devotion and passion for Israel is a part of my DNA. My grandparents, Hazzan Gedaliya and Tovah Pomerantz, *zichronam livrach*, were *chalutzim*, pioneers who made Aliyah in 1932 with fervent dreams of building our Holy Land. In 1934, my father was born and spent his formative years in Ranaana. My siblings and I had the amazing fortune to spend nearly every spring with my grandparents while my parents, Rabbi Moshe and Kay Pomerantz, lead a congregational tour. My *Saba* and *Savta* sent us to school with the Israeli children, *halva* and butter sandwiches and

bags of chocolate milk in tow, as our Hebrew became fluent! Ahhhh, those were the days!

After graduating High School, I participated on Nativ, USY's One Year Leadership Training Program in Israel where I met my husband, Stephen. To this day, I will travel to Israel any chance I get and will always love, support and defend her.

These are not easy times. We need to have the strength and courage for all of the extraordinary events which come our way. Sometimes, it feels that nothing can fully prepare us for everything we are going to face.

I have so many things I want to write - how liturgy can give us words when we have none; how music is a vessel into which we can pour our feelings. Song and prayer are one way we cope. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said, "***There are three ways to mourn. The first is to remain silent, the second is to cry out our tears, and the third is to transform our sorrow to song.***"

Many have expressed meaningful words and others have shared powerful music. I hope that whatever coping mechanisms we choose, we continue to fill our days with empathy and caring and that we hold space for each other as we find a way to focus on gratitude.

Modah Ani Lefanecha, Melech Chai V'Kayam, Shehechezarta Bi Nishmati B'chemla Raba Emunatecha! I recite these words every morning before I get out of bed. It helps me begin my day with a feeling of gratitude even when darkness fills our world.

Let us look for the gems all around us and find strength in others. Let our lives be full of building relationships and connecting with others. Let us continue to count our blessings and support each other. Let love, healing and peace fill our world. Amen.

Am Yisrael Chai!

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Who Knows One? Game Show

*Fall Fundraiser which includes honoring
Morah Sheryl Morales for 25 years at our ECC*
Thursday, November 2 at 6pm

Prayers & Pajamas

Fridays, November 3 & December 1 at 5:30pm

KaHaL Yom Iyun Brunch & Learn

Sunday, November 5 at 9:30am
**'The Values We Hold Dear: A Roadmap
for Inspired Jewish Living' with Rabbi Englander**

Havdalah, Bonfire and Corn Maze at Indian Acres Tree Farm

Sunday, November 5 at 1pm

Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons

Mondays - November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:30pm

Veterans Shabbat

Saturday, November 11 at 9am

Chevre Volunteer Night at Ronald McDonald House

Tuesday, November 14 at 4pm
Help prepare and serve dinner and lead an activity

Holiday Gift Market

Sunday, November 19 from 9am to 1pm

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 29 from 2 to 7pm

Men's Club Scotch & Latkes

Thursday, December 7 at 7:30pm

Community Chanukah Celebration

See back cover for more information
Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm

Sisterhood Latke, Vodka & Pollyanna

Thursday, December 14 at 7pm

KaHaL Book Club with Jaime Herndon

Sunday, December 17 at 10am

Chopsticks Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 22 at 6pm

Volunteer Night at Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, December 24 at 4pm
Help prepare and serve Christmas Eve dinner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It may be getting colder and darker outside, but inside Beth El we are filled with light and warmth every day. As I think about the upcoming holiday of Chanukah, I am reminded about the miracle of light and ways to spread the light this holiday season. We cannot see light, but when it is present we are able to see the beauty

around us, that G-d has created. When we do mitzvot, and help others, we shine more brightly ourselves. I am so proud of our shul and the active role we take to provide for our community. This November and December we will again be collecting turkeys to provide Thanksgiving meals for the Boys and Girls Club of Camden, collecting holiday gifts and gift cards for the JFCS Holiday Gift Drive, and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on Christmas Eve.

In addition to providing for our greater community, we must also take care of our Beth El community. As I mentioned in my speech on Yom Kippur, we will be introducing to the congregation this Chanukah our new capital campaign, **Bayit Va'Lev - Our Heart, Home and Future**. *Bayit Va'Lev* articulates 10 commitments that we feel are important to preserving the future of Beth El into the next 100 years. We want Beth El to be here for our children and grandchildren, just as the members before made sure it was here for us. These commitments include: fostering spiritual growth, advancing a culture of loving-kindness, ensuring meaningful pathways to Jewish education, supporting Israel, cultivating visionary leadership,

supporting those in need, reinvigorating our celebrations of Jewish holidays throughout the year, and more. And, we are committed to securing our fiscal well-being. Funds raised from *Bayit Va'Lev* will help us pay off the last of the mortgage on our beautiful building before the interest rates go up in 2025, raising our monthly payments significantly.

I want to personally invite all of you to our Beth El Chanukah Celebration on Wednesday evening December 13th at 6pm, where we will light the chanukiah together, officially launch *Bayit Va'Lev* and share our 10 core commitments with all of you. Much of the work we are already doing, including the above mentioned mitzvot, align with these core commitments, and we cannot wait to share these with you.

I am asking you, as you light your Chanukah candles with your loved ones this year, to be the light for Beth El and support *Bayit Va'Lev* to the best of your ability. We want to "Raise the Bar while Lowering the Barrier" (thank you Rabbi Englander for coining this phrase), making the path to membership more attainable and desirable for all, at all stages of life.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Chanukah. May the light of the Chanukah candles fill your homes with light and fill your hearts with love.

Faye L. Shapiro



FROM THE DESK OF...



As I have had the privilege to meet with our shul's leadership and congregants of all ages and stages I have asked each person two questions: 1) When you think of our shul, what are you most proud of, and 2) What do you think our biggest challenge is?

The most consistent response to "what are you most proud of" question is a resounding two-part response: 1) our clergy, and

2) what a warm and welcoming community we are. As a newcomer to the Beth El family I can't begin to tell you how proud it has made me to be part of an organization where those feelings are felt so profoundly by so many people.

Responses to the "biggest challenge" question has also had a two-part response in the form of questions (shocking, I know!): 1) how do we do a better job of engaging members of all age ranges, and 2) how do we inspire the younger generations to support the shul so we can ensure Beth El will continue to be able to offer the depth and breadth of resources and services to the community for generations to come?

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Successful nonprofit organizations require members and leaders to provide at least one of the “three Ws:”

Work – being willing to roll up one’s sleeves and oversee the membership table, check people in at an event, set-up or clean up at major programs, make phone calls to members on a variety of topic, etc.

Wisdom – bring one’s experience, expertise, vision, strategy skills to the table to help plan and execute shul policies and programs.

Wealth – financially support operational expenses and special fundraising opportunities to help ensure the shul can attract and retain excellent staff who have the funds to work with you to develop and deliver important resources and programs.

I have learned that while there are certainly some people who are able to and choose to engage in all “three Ws;” most of us can engage in at least one. Each person who chooses to say heneini – I am here and want to be part of this community – adds immensely to what makes our shul so special.

Our shul is blessed with many individuals who strive to fill the needs of the “three Ws” throughout the year. *B’yahad*, together, we will continue to ensure Beth El’s vitality – by maintaining many long-time traditions in addition to working together to create new traditions.

Thank you to the many people who have already made time to welcome me and to share your thoughts with me. If I’ve not had the honor to meet with you one-to-one yet, please do reach out to me to confirm a time to meet (in-person, via Zoom or over a phone call). My direct line is 856-520-8742 and my email address is rclark@bethelsnj.org.

See you in *shul*!

Roberta S. Clark

**Development & Membership
Director**

Social Action at CONGREGATION BETH EL *Values in Action*



Beth El Social Action Committee is proud to lead many initiatives to put our values in action! Here is a snapshot of the impact we made already this fall:

- We collected hundreds of bags of food at our High Holiday Food Drive for the JFCS Betsy & Peter Fischer Food Pantries.
- Our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive for the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County collected more than 125 ShopRite gift cards, as of print date, in memory and honor of beloved Beth El member Susan Asbell ^{z”l}.
- Vav (6th grade) Religious School students packed food for families in need with Jewish Relief Agency, packaged cookies for Unforgotten Haven’s Homeless Outreach Initiative, and made centerpieces for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.
- Participants at our National Coming Out Day Celebration, sponsored by Kavod (Respect) LGBTQ+ Friends, Families, and Allies at Beth El, packaged more than 60 snack packs and collected more than 100 backpacks for LGBTQI+ youth served by the Attic Youth Center.
- Religious School students made floral centerpieces for Eyal’s Flowers that were donated to Lion’s Gate to spruce up the dining room.

Upcoming Opportunities To Make a Difference:

- Adults Only Volunteer Night at Ronald McDonald House on November 14 (2 shifts available). Limited to 6 volunteers per shift.
- All Ages Chanukah Celebration Mitzvah Project: PB&J for Cathedral Kitchen on December 13.
- Volunteer Night (ages 13+) at Ronald McDonald House on December 24. Limited to 6 volunteers.

Learn more about how to get involved and sign up to volunteer at these and other programs at bethelsnj.org/social-action or scan the QR code to access our volunteer sign up form.



We thank everyone who has made a difference with their time and generosity! For more information, contact Alicia Drozen at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or Social Action Chair, Marla Rosenthal, at socialaction@bethelsnj.org

BETH EL EDUCATION



“BETTER TOGETHER”

Beth El Religious School is proud to announce that we have been selected to participate in the national **Better Together Program**. Better Together is a four-year program designed to encourage meaningful interactions between young and old. Our Vav students (6th grade) together with thirteen members of Beth El's Habonim group will be working together this year.

Jewish tradition places an emphasis on our responsibility to care for and honor the elderly through the value of *Hiddur P'nai Zaken*. And what better way to honor the elderly than by creating opportunities to learn and participate in mitzvot together.

Throughout the year, our students will be participating in education sessions rooted in Jewish values and text, and both our students and seniors will join together for eight Jewish themed sessions that include study and intergenerational interactive programs.

Our first joint program took place on Sunday, October 15. After corresponding through letters, students and Habonim members finally met in person! The morning included a delicious breakfast, icebreakers, and two mitzvah projects: making cookie bags for Unforgotten Haven and flower centerpieces for Cathedral Kitchen.



Our next intergenerational program will take place in November and will focus on the meaning of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Our seniors will be sharing their B'nai Mitzvah experiences, followed by another mitzvah project of making sandwiches for a homeless shelter.

Future programs include a visit to BookSmiles with Larry Abrams, a Tu-Bishvat Seder, creating Mishloach Maanot packages for Holocaust survivors, participating in the Vav B'Yachad Family Program about special needs, a visit to the Jewish Museum in Philadelphia, and a Model Passover Seder. Our first year will conclude with a Better Together Celebration in May. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and creating community together.

Rabbi Nogah Marshall
Educational Director



Our ECC families, teachers and community have come together in this most difficult time to support each other so beautifully. The outpouring of aid, the offers of donations and help and the kind words and gestures we have received from our families has been awe-inspiring to behold.

Prior to October 7th, our ECC children celebrated Sukkot by making beautiful decorations and spending time with their classmates, clergy and families in the Sukkah. They then had a Simchat Torah parade on Friday, October 6th celebrating the magic of the Torah and of Shabbat, together as school.

Looking ahead, we will come together as a community and celebrate Thanksgiving. Our ECC children will also have the opportunity to go “pumpkin picking” on our playground. I believe that this year's Thanksgiving will have a different tone than in previous years, as we will all have so much to be thankful for.

I wish all of you peace and love and light.

Ayelet Mittelman
ECC Director



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Mazal Tov
to

Rabbi Nogah Marshall

The Jewish Educators Assembly is honoring Rabbi Marshall with the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, *Honoris Causa*, in recognition of her years of devoted service to the field of Jewish Education.

We thank her for her dedication to Congregation Beth El and her students!



Mazal Tov **TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH**



JOSH GRAY - NOVEMBER 4

Parents: Nicole Gray & Michael Gray
Siblings: Eli
Mitzvah Project: Josh raised over \$1600 for K9 for Warriors, which provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military trauma.



SAMUEL CUPERSMITH - NOVEMBER 18

Parents: Leila & Adam Cupersmith
Siblings: Ariel
Grandparents: Fran & Neal Cupersmith; LuzSelenia Salas
Mitzvah Project: Sam is volunteering with Voorhees Animal Orphanage to reduce capacity and improve conditions for the dogs.



AITAN ROTHKOFF - DECEMBER 2

Parents: Erica & Jerry Rothkoff
Siblings: Liza, Julia, Evan and Greg
Grandparents: Janice & Alan^{z"l} Feinberg; Sandra & Leonard^{z"l} Rothkoff
Mitzvah Project: Aitan is participating in Treats on the Streets through For the Love of Pete's Pantry.



BENJAMIN MILLER - DECEMBER 9

Parents: Dr. Rachel & Stephen Miller
Siblings: Jared, Talia, and Ari
Grandparents: Suzanne & Joseph^{z"l} Miller; Sandra & Alan^{z"l} Kellerman
Mitzvah Project: Ben volunteers with the Jewish Relief Agency, regularly packing and delivering boxes of food to needy South Jersey residents. For his Mitzvah Project, he hosted a box-packing event and recruited his school friends to help.

Todah Rabah to Donna & Rick Forman and Family for their generous support to match \$118,000 of the contributions made this year.

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Congregation Librarian

When was the last time you read a great novel? And what IS a “great” novel, anyway? I suggest that to be truly great, a novel should have fully developed characters – people so real you feel like you know them, and the plot should be interesting, though it needn’t be intricate. The setting(s) should be described

in terms that engage your senses – you see, hear, even feel the environment of the story. The writer’s style and voice should be unique. And if there are themes to take away from reading the book, you understand and, perhaps, are touched by them. So why am I saying all of this?

There’s a new book that deserves to be called “great.” It has the intriguing title “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” and the author is James McBride, a past winner of the National Book Award. The novel is set in Pottstown, PA’s Chicken Hill in the 1920s-30s. This is the story of immigrant Moshe, his wife Chona, and the community in which they live. There are a lot of memorable characters here, both white and black, and while they get along well, the outside gentile community is not so friendly. Assimilation beckons, and the Jews are moving away, yet Chona, generous and loved by all, insists on staying and running her little grocery store. As an orphaned young black boy becomes the object of the childless Chona’s maternal love, only to be taken away by the state to the notorious hellhole, Pennhurst State School and Hospital, the community comes together seeking justice. The story is framed by a murder, though it is far more than just a murder mystery. This is a “great” story of community, kindness, and love told by a master storyteller. Awards are sure to follow. Don’t miss it.

Also new on our shelves is Elizabeth Graver’s “Kantika.” The story has three settings, following the fate of Rebecca Cohen. Starting out in early 20th C. Istanbul, we see the life of a very privileged Jewish girl. The demise of the Ottoman Empire plunges Rebecca’s family into financial ruin, and they move to Barcelona. There Rebecca enters into a doomed marriage and works as a seamstress while raising two sons. The rise of fascism propels her to move on, and she lives in Havana for a while, before ending up in the US. Each location is described vividly; we get a real “feel” for exotic Istanbul and sensual Havana. Historical fiction fans will enjoy learning about the Jewish communities of those times and places while following Rebecca’s travails and triumphs.



What are YOU reading? Come share your thoughts about books you’ve read – fiction or nonfiction, on any subject (not exclusively Jewish books). Join us for **#BookTok LIVE**, our monthly discussion group. We meet on the second Monday of the month, 12:00 noon to 1:00. You can bring a bagged lunch (dairy or vegetarian, please). There’s no fee and all are welcome. Let’s talk about books together and come away with ideas for books we’ll want to explore. Our upcoming meeting dates are November 13 and December 11. Questions? Call the Library (856-675-1166, ext. 503).



Dear Parents & College Students,

On September 26, we sent out over 60 packages to undergraduate students registered in our program. We hope the contents of the packages as well as the letters from the Clergy brought them a wonderful feeling from home and Beth El.

Our Chanukah package will be sent out December 1st. If you missed signing up your student, this is your opportunity. You may email Audrey Snyderman at audreysnyderman@gmail.com or Jackie Bernard at 4bernards@comcast.net for the form.

To become involved on this committee, please contact Jackie Bernard at 856.630.0585 or 4bernards@comcast.net.

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Movie | 1:45 - 3:45pm When her older sister dies suddenly during childbirth, Shira, an 18-year-old Hasidic Israeli, must decide if she should marry her widowed brother-in-law, and deal with the tensions within her extended family.

Written and directed by Rama Burshstein, Fill the Void is an award-winning Israeli drama on life among the Haredi Jewish community in Tel Aviv. This graceful, complex and beautifully layered film offers a portrait of an insulated culture.

Hadas Yaron, who plays Shira won a Best Acting Award at the Venice Film Festival.

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Looking
back at...

Recent Beth El Happenings



Machar Youth Group had an amazing time making edible Sukkot!



Our ECC students loved learning about Sukkot and shaking the Lulav and Etrog with Rabbi Englander, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Marshall.



Sisterhood's Kick Off Event with AR Workshop was so much fun. Look at their beautiful creations!



Rabbi Englander, Dr. Robert Watson, and Dr. Stuart Wasserlauf. We had close to 180 people in attendance listen to Dr. Watson teach on the history of Harry Truman's role in the founding of the State of Israel.

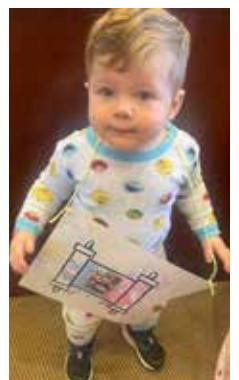


Religious School students participated in "Cookies for Charity" sponsored by Beth El Social Action: Values in Action. We packed 250 cookies for the Unforgotten Haven's Homeless Outreach Initiative. Thank you to Marcy & Michael Postelnek, Katie Goldstein, Doryn Chervin and the Bellezza family for baking the cookies, and to Sharon Bronstein and Marcy & Michael Postelnek for volunteering to assist the kids.

Recent Beth El Happenings



Kavod National Coming Out Day Celebration - We collected 115 backpacks and packaged 60 snack packs for LGBTQI+ youth served by the The Attic Youth Center in Philadelphia!



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BIRTHS & NAMINGS:

Randee & Alan Moldoff on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Morris Moldoff
Selma Ellis on the birth of her great grandson, Arlo Ezra Horowitz
Hermie Mann on the birth of her great granddaughter, Madeleine Jean Saline
Jeremy & Ashley Young on the birth of their son, Eli Reyes Young, and to proud grandparents Seth & Shari Young and great grandmothers Naomi Young Meyer and Ilean Stein.
Andrea Katz & Marshall Spevak on the birth of their daughter, Hayley, and to big sister Leighton
Samantha & Michael Winer on the birth of their son, Levi Elliot, and to big brother Jack

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Melody & Craig Taylor, whose grandson Amir Gura, played for the Israeli team in the Little League World Series qualifying tournament in Poland
Jennifer Dubrow Weiss on her appointment as chair of JFNA Intermediate Federation CEO cohort
Andrew Rowan who joined the team at WCPO 9 in Cincinnati as a reporter

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



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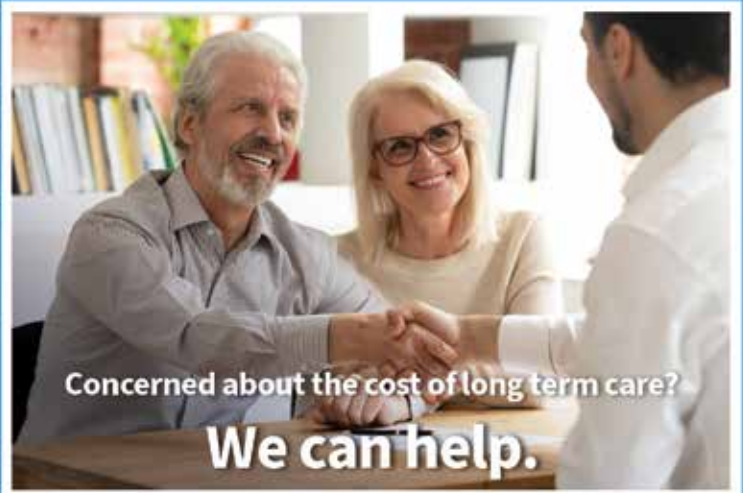


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 - *Bayit Va'Lev Campaign Launch*
 - *Family Dinner: Latkes, Pasta & Salad*
 - *Screening of the short film 'Blewish'*
- **Social Action Project: Making PB&J sandwiches for Unforgotten Haven**
- **Habonim 'Love, Light & Latkes' Dinner**
- **Chanukah Arts & Crafts**

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