

A vibrant multi-generational synagogue that offers access to Jewish life and community for people of all backgrounds.

Beth El Newsletter—April and May 2019

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On February 3, Men’s Club and Sisterhood joined with nationwide Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs and the Women’s League of Conservative Judaism to wrap tefillin for the Phil Podell Memorial World Wide Wrap.



More than 250 volunteers helped sort books for BookSmiles, package goods, craft scarves and make cards at our annual MLK Day of Service. View NBC10’s coverage on Facebook!

**ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET FOR
BENJ PASEK**



Academy Award, Golden Globe, Tony and Grammy Award winning songwriter, Benj Pasek will share his success story and entertain us with some of his well-known songs at Beth El on Tuesday, April 30. Benj, along with his co-writing partner, Justin Paul, most recently composed the music and lyrics for the hit movie musical, **The Greatest Showman**, starring Hugh Jackman, as well as the lyrics for **La La Land**. They won a Grammy and their second

Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song “**This Is Me**” (**Greatest Showman.**) Their song “**City of Stars**” (**La La Land**), won the Academy Award and the Golden Globe for Best Original Song in a Motion Picture.

On Broadway, they composed the music and lyrics for **Dear Evan Hansen** which won six Tony Awards in 2017, including Best Original Score and Best Musical. Pasek and Paul are currently working on the completely original score for the live action remake of **Snow White** at Disney, and **Aladdin** with Alan Menken.

Benj grew up in Ardmore, Pennsylvania and graduated from Friends Central, where he developed his affection for theater.

Sharon & Adam Sackstein will be honored for their outstanding community service to Congregation Beth El and the Greater Jewish Community of South Jersey. “Serving on our Board of Trustees, chairing and supporting numerous events over the years, Adam and Sharon are relocating and we take this opportunity to thank them for their tireless dedication to Beth El,” says Rabbi Krupnick.



There will be a pre-event cocktail party for sponsors with Benj beginning at 5:45pm. The program begins at 7pm. Purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or place an ad or personal message in the tribute book to Sharon & Adam: bethelsnj.org/benj

Enter our Grand Prize Raffle to win a spectacular 4.25 ct diamond bracelet from Jay Roberts Jewelers, ChopHouse Chef’s Table and Dear Evan Hansen tickets!

DAVID BACKAL—PRESIDENT



This is a very emotional time for me as I write my last President's Message. For the past two years I have had the privilege to be President of the shul I love and respect, where four generations of my family have practiced our faith and strengthened our bond to Judaism since Beth El's days in Camden. Beth El is truly my spiritual home and this position has given me a deeper

appreciation for Judaism and our community.

The role of Synagogue President is a position that can only be as successful as the team that surrounds them. I can proudly say our leadership is talented and fully engaged with one goal in their hearts and minds, to carry out the mission of Beth El which states, "Congregation Beth El is our spiritual home. We create a warm and welcoming community, where people of all generations are enriched by learning and inspired to discover their personal experience of Jewish life."

I was very nervous about taking on this awesome responsibility, but have been fortunate to work with such a wonderful and dedicated Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, as well as all the Past Presidents that allowed me to lean on them throughout the past two years. I thank them all for their commitment and hours of volunteering their time to ensure that Beth El will continue to thrive.

Also, I would like to thank our professional staff, who on a day-to-day basis make sure that Beth El runs smoothly for all of our congregants and everyone who walks through our doors. Our children and the future of Beth El lie in the capable hands of our exceptional teachers and educators who lead our Early Childhood Center and Religious School. We should all be grateful for their devotion.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal thank you to my Beth El spouse and Jack of all trades, Josh Laster. He ensures that Beth El is always on the right track and manages all of our matters with great thought and integrity. I am glad to be able to call Josh a friend.

One of the gifts of this position is the relationships I have continued to build with our clergy. I cannot find a way to thank them enough for all that they do for our community and how much they mean to each and every one of us. Thank you Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro,

Rabbi Green, Rabbi Furman and Rabbi Krupnick for your guidance and friendship.

I could never have imagined the deep friendships I have made on my journey with so many of our congregants. From sharing a Shabbat morning to celebrating a lifecycle event to just spending time together and enjoying a good conversation. Beth El is home, and I thank you, our congregation, for the support and opportunity to serve as Beth El's President.

Mazel Tov to Karen Schlessel, Beth El's next President! Karen and I have worked together for many years on the Board and various committees. I have a great deal of respect for Karen and a tremendous amount of confidence in her ability to lead our synagogue in the years to come. I wish Karen all the best and look forward to helping her plan our next 100 years!

In closing, I thank my family, my wife Susan and our children Daniel and Amy, for their patience, understanding and everlasting encouragement.

Please remember and understand, ***You do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you!***



**Annual Meeting &
Breakfast
Sunday, April 28
9:30am**

Join us for the Annual Meeting to celebrate **David Backal** as outgoing president, thank our leaders, volunteers and staff, and to vote in and welcome our incoming president, **Karen Schlessel**, along with our incoming slate of officers and Board of Trustees.

Everyone is welcome!

RSVP requested to tbarkan@bethelsnj.org



Every other Thursday morning, I make my way through the halls of our bustling Early Childhood Center to share my love of all things Jewish as I visit each classroom. Because of their young age, the Jewish educational enrichment I bring tends toward active ‘show and tell’ experiences: we wear tallis or tefillin; blow the shofar; compare Chanukah candles to Shabbat

candles to Havdalah candles; shake the lulav; do aleph-bet yoga; and we talk about it all too.

I bring this Jewish enrichment into the ECC classrooms because I firmly believe that each member in our community, at every age, can use Jewish ritual and wisdom to live a richer and more meaningful life. For a long time, we’ve been doing this well for our youth. Beyond our ECC, I’m blown away by the Jewish commitment and curiosity demonstrated by our Religious School youth and Hebrew High and Beth El Junior College teens. They pray, sing, and study with excitement and ask deep and thoughtful questions to further their learning. From Chag HaSiddur to B’nai Mitzvah to Confirmation, our Beth El students prove amazing.

We’ve also had phenomenal success with regular Jewish learning for adults with availability in the morning or middle of the day, like our weekly Shirley Mangel z”l Minyan and Study, Rabbi Krupnick’s Pirkei Avot class, and my Torah Talk on Saturday mornings.

This January, Beth El launched our “Live and Learn” adult weekly Jewish learning series, meeting each Tuesday night 7-9pm. Seeing so many of you stream into our building to learn and grow excites me and my fellow clergy. Rabbi Krupnick was teaching the first night, and I ran over from Beth El Junior College just to welcome everyone, and seeing over seventy of you touched me. One of our class participants e-mailed the clergy the next day, “Your excitement at seeing our packed room of attendees made me giggle to myself... I even thought Rabbi Green might have done a cartwheel or something.”

Had I known how to do a cartwheel, I likely would have. But the reason for our excitement wasn’t that the room was crowded. The reason for my excitement is that we are teaching deep, powerful, meaningful Torah, and I know that this class gives every participant a chance to more deeply connect with the

tradition that I’ve dedicated my life to, with our tradition.

In other words, Jewish learning at Beth El may be for your children, your grandchildren, and your parents, but it is also for you.





My article is dedicated to two people that are very special to Beth El and to me, David Backal and Tamar Barkan.

In David Backal's very first speech as president at the 2017 Annual Meeting, he said "You don't belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you." I can honestly say after working side by side with him for the past two years,

that he lives every moment as a leader with that ownership. He grew up at Beth El, he raised his children at Beth El, and he has dedicated his life as an adult to leading Beth El. Beth El belongs to him, just as much as it belongs to each of you reading this article. He leads by example, he strives to make Beth El the best it can be and he is tireless in his efforts to engage others to take ownership of their spiritual home. Thank you, David, for everything you've done in your two years as Beth El's president!



I look forward to continuing our work together as you become one of our esteemed past presidents.

It is with truly bittersweet feelings that I share with you that Tamar Barkan has made the decision to leave her position as Community Engagement Director.



Tamar shared that it is with sadness and excitement that the time has come for her to explore new opportunities, and she has made the decision to say goodbye as a member of our professional staff.

She intends to remain part of the Beth El family, and considers Beth El her spiritual home (in the United States.) We are very appreciative of the dedication Tamar has shown to Beth El as a full-time staff member for the past eight years. She has truly helped to create a vibrant, warm home for our members and all who visit Beth El. I believe I speak for all of you when I say we wish Tamar much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

There will be many opportunities to wish her well from the time you are reading this article until her last day on April 30, 2019. We would love for you to join us for services on **Saturday, April 6** as we honor Tamar with an Aliyah followed by an extra special Kiddush!

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

2019- 5779

EREV PESACH

Search for Chametz, Thursday Eve, April 18
Siyum for 1st Born, Friday, April 19 - 7:00 AM
Last time to eat Chametz,
Friday, April 19 before 10:57 AM

SEDERS

First Seder, Friday Evening, April 19
Second Seder, Saturday Evening, April 20

FIRST DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

First Night, Friday, April 19, 7:00pm
First Day, Saturday, April 20, 9:00am

SECOND DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Second Night, Saturday, April 20, 7:00pm
Second Day, Sunday, April 21, 9:00pm

CHOL HAMOED MINYAN TIMES

Monday, April 22 - Thursday, April 25
7:15am and 7:45pm

LAST DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Seventh Day Pesach

Friday, April 26, 9:00am
Friday, April 26, 6:00om

Eighth Day Pesach & YIZKOR

Saturday, April 27, 9:00pm
Saturday, April 27, 7:35pm

PESACH CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, April 19, 7:19pm
Saturday, April 20, 8:20pm
Thursday, April 25, 7:25pm
Friday, April 26, 7:26pm

SAVE THE DATE!

*2nd Annual Golf Classic and Game Day
at Woodcrest Country Club*





Questions and Answers by Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Q: When is the Fast of the First Born?

A: The *Siyum* of the Fast of the First Born will be held on **Friday morning, April 19 at**

7:00am. 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 **Thursday, April 18, 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 **Friday, April 19.** 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 **8:15—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.**) It should be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul no later than **Wednesday, April 17** by noon.

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 Aaron Krupnick 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 Krupnick is also empowered to lease all places wherein Chametz owned by me may be found, particularly at the address listed below. Rabbi Krupnick has full right to appoint any agent or substitute in 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 **Thursday, April 18.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

*This form is to be returned or faxed (856) 489-3280 to the Shul by **Wednesday, April 17** no later than noon.*



Tradition teaches us that when the people of Israel were asked if they would accept the Torah, they responded with the words “*naaseh v’nishma* - we will do and we will listen.” The Rabbis teach us that the word *nishma* is to actually understand. We are taught if we do before we listen, we may not follow the instructions clearly. Judaism is a religion of learning and understanding. In our faith

tradition we as Jews never stop learning. Congregation Beth El provides learning opportunities for our youngest members through our Early Childhood Center and Young Families Group to our oldest members through CoLeL, our adult education program. And sometimes our programs are intergenerational, allowing children and adults to learn together. We have some incredible learning opportunities which I hope you will take part in over the next couple of months. One program in particular that I would like to highlight is our Spring Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Daniel

Greyber, April 11-14. Rabbi Greyber was ordained in 2002 at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of American Jewish University. Rabbi Greyber is the Rabbi at Beth El Synagogue in Durham, NC. Prior to taking over the pulpit at Beth El Synagogue, Rabbi Greyber served as the Executive Director of Camp Ramah in California. He recently served as Team USA Rabbi at the 19th World Maccabiah Games in Israel. Rabbi Greyber was the captain of the USA Swim Team at the 14th Maccabiah Games in Israel, where he won gold and bronze medals in the 100m and 200m backstroke. Rabbi Greyber is also the author of “Faith Unravels: A Rabbi’s Struggle with Grief and God.” We hope you will join us for one or all of the weekend events where Rabbi Greyber will talk with us about what it means to be a Jewish athlete as well as share with us his recently published book. Thank you to Anne Koons for sponsoring this exciting weekend. I hope you join me as we continue to learn together as we are taught, *Naaseh V’nishma*. I look forward to seeing you then.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 14:** Model Seder for Kibbitz and Kids, Gan, and Aleph Classes
Jewish Drum Tales for Gimmel, Daled, Hey and Vav Classes
- April 16 & 17:** Model Seder for Bet, Gimmel, Daled, Hey, and Vav Classes
- April 18-28:** Religious School and Hebrew High School Closed
- May 9:** Café 71 Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
- May 10:** Confirmation
- May 12:** School Closed
- May 15:** Bet Concert
- May 17:** Vav Graduation
- May 19:** Gan Graduation, PTG Family BBQ





The ECC has been busy since our last edition. Our Tu BiShvat seder was a delicious event. We tried so many wonderful dried and fresh fruits and were introduced to some exciting new flavors! Martin Luther King Jr. Day was full of mitzvah-making! Our ECC Fours and Kindergarteners made flowers for 'Eyal's Flowers', and decorated lunch bags for

'Attitude of Gratitude.'

Wacky Wednesday was full of fun wacky outfits and activities, and Dr. Seuss Day made our Shabbat service EXTRA special, when The Cat in the Hat made a surprise appearance and read to our school.

Our Purim festivities were spectacular! We had a wonderful Megillah reading, complete with our amazing ECC students joining the Clergy up on the Bima to sing festive Purim songs. The following Sunday we had the best Purim



BETH EL ECC REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- Celebration of Shabbat and Holidays all year
- Serving Infants through Kindergarten
- Full-day, flexible programming 6:45am-6:00pm
- Teachers and Assistants that go above and beyond state standards
- Small class sizes
- Special Needs Coordinator on staff
- Family friendly, safe school environment
- 3 Outdoor Playgrounds, Splashpad & 2 Indoor Play Spaces
- State-of-the-Art, large, bright, classrooms

To schedule a visit: (856) 675-1166 or amittelman@bethelsnj.org



Carnival we've ever had! We had so many fun activities, games, amazing vendors, and wonderful food. What an incredibly joyous way to celebrate the holiday together!

April 13 is our exciting Quizzo fundraising event! It's going to be a rousing night, full of laughter, good food and entertainment. There are fantastic items up for auction, all to benefit our ECC! If you're interested in registering, please let me know!

This Year's ECC Passover Seder will be on Thursday, April 18, at 11:00am. There will be a wonderful presentation of the story of Passover, featuring a special guest! Any parents who are interested in volunteering for the Passover Seder, please email me.

Shabbat Birthdays, Bagel Wednesdays and Pizza Fridays are fun days; so if you need any forms, please let me know! Please encourage your friends to come learn and grow with our Beth EL Family and schedule a tour today!

Beth El ECC where everyone is welcome and all are family!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 13:** Quizzo Night · **April 18:** ECC Passover Seder · **May 9:** Café 71 Yom HaAatzmaut Celebration ·
- **May 13-17:** Scholastic Book Fair · **May 23:** Lag BaOmer · **May 27:** ECC Closed for Memorial Day ·
- **June 10:** ECC Closed for Shavuot · **June 13:** Kindergarten Graduation ·



Robin Berger

on the birth of her granddaughter, Ruby

Sara Walder and Drew Golin

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Cassidy

Norma Kamis

on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Jacob

Jodi & Ross Laufgraben

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Hayden
and to grandparents, **Eileen & Allan Laufgraben**

Arlene & Ed Plasky and Irv & Geri Ratner

on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jesse Ratner

Marcia & Ron Newfield

on the marriage of their son, Andrew to Erin Klein

Richelle & Kameron Rabenou

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma

Cheryl & Dennis Riley

on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor

Pam & Scott Rosenberg

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sam

Sherry & Stuart Sauer

on the marriage of their daughter, Molly to Dino Neral
and to grandmother, **Evelyne Freiman**

Meri & Scott Seligman

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Justin

Lisa & Eric Szejman

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alixandra

To share your simchas, please contact Shirley
at (856) 675-1166



**BETH EL MOURNS
THE PASSING OF:**

Fred Applebaum

Father of Bonnie Gewurtz

Norton Borochaner

Father of Debbi Silverman

Arlene Fradkin

Mother of Valerie Gross

Beatrice Friedman

Mother of Beth Vernick

Molly Goldfarb

Mother of Marcy Postelnek

Maria Wizmur Kaslow

Mother of Leonard Wizmur

Robert G. Hoepfner

Father of Sandy Brown

Frances Millstein

Mother of Marc Millstein

Betty Rosenzweig

Mother of Steven Rosenzweig

Paul Smith

Father of Jonah Smith

May their memories be for a blessing.

**List as of February 28, 2019*



JACOB YEHUDA

Son of Laura & Avi Yehuda

April 6, 2019

Grandson of:

Libby & Hillel Lieberman
Shoshana & Nisim Yehuda

Mitzvah Project: Collected & donated food to JFCS and prepared food for Cathedral Kitchen. Donating portion of Bar Mitzvah gifts to Magen David Adom first responders.

KYLE LEHRFELD

Son of Cori & Ryan Lehrfeld

April 13, 2019

Grandson of:

Carolyn Horowitz
Larry & Elise Lehrfeld

Mitzvah Project: Teens with Tools—assisted residents of Lions Gate with tasks and activities.

ADEN FALK

Son of Marni & Scott Falk

May 4, 2019

Brother of: Saige

Grandson of:

Miriam & Keith Falk
Leonard & Amy Kupferman

Mitzvah Project: Volunteered in Sunday school, packaged food for the hungry, and donated to charities each night of Chanukah in lieu of receiving presents.

CARLY SPECTOR

Daughter of Wendi & Dave Spector

May 4, 2019

Sister of: Dylan

Granddaughter of:

Hanna & Fred Holzer, Beverly Grabosky,
Karen & Mitchell Spector

Mitzvah Project: 11th Annual Walk/
Run for Family and Friends with Cancer.

Our B'nai Mitzvah of April and May:

Jacob Yehuda—April 6

Aviv Haroz—April 6

Kyle Lehrfeld—April 13

Aden Falk—May 4

Carly Spector—May 4

Ari Greenberg—May 5

Sydney Steiner—May 11

Melissa & Samantha Cohen—May 11

Talya & Sean Shapiro—May 18

Jacob Markoff—May 25

ARI GREENBERG

*Son of Robyn Greenberg
and Aaron Greenberg*

May 5, 2019

Brother of: Ben, Emma and Josh

Grandson of:

Debbie Schwartz
Suzi & Mike Greenberg

SYDNEY STEINER

Daughter of Dana & Howie Steiner

May 11, 2019

Sister of: Andrew

Granddaughter of:

Tina & Lenny Steiner

Mitzvah Project: Ran a book drive for gently used PJ library books to donate to families currently on the waitlist and made a monetary donation.

JACOB MARKOFF

Son of Phyllis & Michael Markoff

May 25, 2019

Brother of: Samantha

Grandson of:

Linda Markoff
Stephen & Tracey Bascove

Mitzvah Project: Will be donating a portion of Bar Mitzvah money to the Cancer and Pregnancy Registry at Cooper Hospital.

COLLEGE connection



SPOTLIGHT: Max DuBoff

Max is a 21-year-old senior attending Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. A philosophy and classics major, Max intends to earn a doctorate in ancient philosophy and teach at the university level. Max studied ancient history and Latin in high school where he learned the importance of asking questions, which set him on a path that “encouraged his exploration of what is meaningful in life.” His studies were enhanced by his religious education at Beth El and he credits the clergy and Rabbi Arnow

in particular for his spiritual growth. Max was inspired to attend religious services regularly and religious practice became more meaningful to him. The solid religious foundation he received at Beth El encouraged his very active involvement in Jewish life on campus. Max held several positions at Hillel including organizing and conducting the Conservative minyan and is completing his second year as president of the Jewish a cappella group. Max enjoys receiving the College Connection packages. While the snacks are a welcome treat, he notes that Rabbi Green’s letters speak to the college experience as no one else can. Max is proud to be part of a community that cares and even if he eventually leaves the area, Beth El will always be home.

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Gloria Back at (856) 428-6368 or gback5454@aol.com



Survivor Sisters

Our recently created group (comprised of women with a diagnosis of cancer focusing on empowering and redefining life during and after treatment) held its well-received inaugural meeting in November and we are waiting for spring weather for our next gathering.

If you would like to connect, or share your experience with this group, please email ilene33@comcast.net, illenerubin@aol.com, or Silverberg.heidi@gmail.com. If you would like to speak with the Beth El clergy, please contact hazzanapb@bethelsnj.org.

ARE YOU A BETH EL MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY?



We need your help!

Beth El will be celebrating our 100th Year Centennial Anniversary in 2020/2021 and we want to hear your story!

We are looking to collect old photographs and historical artifacts, so go in your attic or basement and dust off those items from Beth El that you have been saving all these years! Reach out to your family members who were past Beth El members, but have moved away. We want to hear from them!

Contact Robin: rberger@bethelsnj.org or (856) 675-1166 x 409

CORRECTIONS from previous issue. We apologize for the misprints.



Mazel tov to Sharon & Bill Bronstein

on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jessie Ravitz, on top of Masada in Israel August 22, 2018



Hayden Laufgraben

Son of Jodi & Ross Laufgraben
Brother of Morgan
Grandson of Eileen & Allan Laufgraben and Ronnie & Ira Levine



Sam Rosenberg

Son of Pam & Scott Rosenberg
Brother of Rachel
Grandson of Karen & Ed Lieberman and Linda & Ted Schwartz and Marsha Sall and Bernie Rosenberg

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



We are thrilled to announce the election of our USY leaders: **Rebecca Harris**, Chapter President

Julia Orel, Executive Vice President

USY is looking forward to a fun spring filled with Escape Room, Car Wash fundraiser, Social Action volunteering and Bubble Ball soccer.

USY wishes Mazel Tov to **Sophia Sloves** and **Becca Raush** for their elections to the 2019 USY International General Board! This is the first time in many years that Beth El has had anyone on the international board and we are so thrilled for their leadership!

For up-to-date information and photos from USY, please follow us on Instagram @bev_usy or contact Alicia at adrozen@bethelsnj.org



WE HAVE SO MUCH FUN IN
KADIMA!
 OUR 4-7TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP
 Kadima Ninja Warrior was a huge success with over 20 kids at Pinnacle Parkour beginning with Havdalah.
 Join us May 5 for our Yom HaAitzmaut Party at Beth El from 12:00-1:30pm!
 adrozen@bethelsnj.org



BELL FAMILY LIBRARY



Amy Kaplan, Congregational Librarian
 akaplan@bethelsnj.org

For your reading enjoyment this month: a trio of novels with male protagonists...

Celebrated author Gary Shteyngart brings us Barry Cohen, a self-made billionaire whose life has fallen apart – the Feds are after him, his wife is furious with him, and his young son has been diagnosed with severe autism. Barry hits the road in **Lake Success**, boarding a Greyhound bus in search of his old girlfriend. Set in 2016 on the verge of the Trump presidency, this ride brings Barry face to face with a cross-section of the US. Does he find the “promise” of America? Readers will find the answer in this satirical novel.

China is a challenging business frontier, and in **The Emperor of Shoes**, Spencer Wise crafts a coming-of-age story set in that distant land. Loosely based on his own experience, this debut novel follows Alex, a young American living in China, helping his father run the shoe factory Alex

will one day inherit. Alex, not a good businessman, is dominated by his father and struggles with his Jewish identity as he adapts to life in the “new” China. The novel offers lots of background about life in the countryside and cities of China.

Travel back one hundred years in Andrew Gross’s **Button Man**. The Rabishevsky brothers live on the Lower East Side. Life is brutal, and each brother must find his way: one as an accountant, one a factory owner, and one a gangster. Circumstances pit brother against brother, and real-life gangsters add to the drama.

Short Story Discussion Group:
Thursday, April 18
 1:30-3:00pm
 Conference Room

Our ECC 3s, 4s, and kindergarten classes enjoy weekly visits to the library for story time.



THANK YOU TO OUR INAUGURAL MEMBERS OF SHOMRIM

PILLAR

The Brown Families – Sidney & Sandy and Jeff & Tracy

VISIONARY

Marvin Samson Foundation
Eva & Marvin Schlanger

SUSTAINER

Alison & Andrew Keim

BUILDER

Susan & David Backal
Cathy & Marc Backal
Donna & Richard Bell

Beth & Josh Brodtkin
Marcia & Arnold Cohen
Betsy & Peter Fischer
Elaine & Bart Greenspan

Judy & Donald Love
Miriam & Stan Meltzer
Sharon & Adam Sackstein

BENEFACTOR

Iris & Steven Auerbach
Gloria & Ira Back
Deborah & Ed Hochberg

Sharla & Morton Kanovsky
Valerie & Robert Linden
M. Zev Rose

Lauren & Jon Soll
Elaine L. Waxman
Julie & Jason Whitney

GUARDIAN

Abby & Robert Belafsky
Jennifer & Andrew Bender
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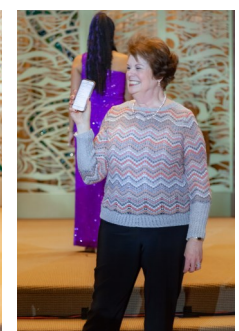
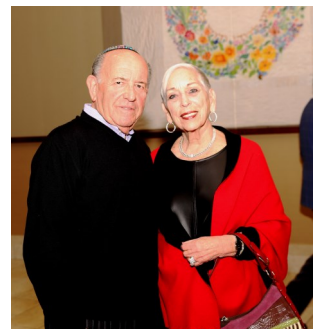
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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

6 - SPECIAL FAREWELL KIDDUSH FOR TAMAR

Join us for Shabbat services as we honor Tamar Barkan with an Aliyah followed by an extra special Kiddush!

7 - HABONIM 2.0 CAKE DECORATING

10:00AM

Cake decorating with Debbie from the Magical Sweet Shop. At the end of the session everyone will go home with a beautiful decorated cake that they made. \$25 per person

11 - 14 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

RABBI DANIEL GREYBER

Weekend kicks off with a community program "Connecting Judaism, Body and Soul" on **Thursday** at 7:00pm. Sponsor cocktail hour and meet & greet precedes at 6:00 pm. Become a sponsor for \$36. Rabbi Greyber will be giving the sermon **Shabbat morning** and leading a program on **Sunday** on his book "Faith Unravels: A Rabbi's Struggle with Grief and God" with breakfast sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. bethelsnj.org/maccabi

13 - QUIZZO NIGHT SPONSORED BY ECC PTG

8:00PM

All adults are invited to a trivia night with hor d'oeuvres, open bar with wine and beer, auction to benefit the ECC and lots of fun! \$45 per person. www.bit.ly/EccQuizzo

19 - 1ST NIGHT COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

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20 - MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

Men's Club participates in this special service followed by a delicious Passover Kiddush.

23 - PASSOVER FREEDOM CAFÉ

5:30PM

Free yourself from the stove and let us do the Kosher for Passover cooking. \$18 per person. bethelsnj.org/freedom

28 - ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

9:30AM

Celebrate the election and installation of our new Beth El president and honor our volunteers and board members. Get your car washed by USY while you are here! The car wash raises money for their Social Action Tikkun Olam efforts.

30 - BENJ PASEK FEATURED EVENT HONORING SHARON & ADAM SACKSTEIN

7:00PM

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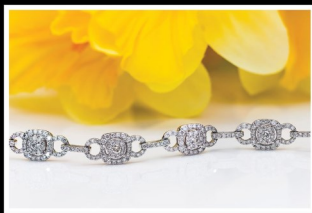
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MAY HIGHLIGHTS

3 - CELEBRATION SHABBAT

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary month with us!

3 - PRAYERS IN PAJAMAS

5:30PM

A fun start to Shabbat for families with young children.

5 - KADIMA YOM HAATZMAUT PARTY

12:00PM

4-7th graders are invited to celebrate Israel's birthday with food, games, and fun with some of Beth El's teen leaders!

6 - SISTERHOOD ROSH CHODESH

Celebrate the new month with Beth El sisters and Hazzan!

8 - MEN'S CLUB COOKIN' FOR THE LADIES 2.0

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9 - CAFÉ 71: A YOM HAATZMAUT CELEBRATION

See back cover for details.

15 - RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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16 - SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

7:00PM

Wear your aprons and bake your Shabbat challah!
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17 - SINGLES SHABBAT

8:00PM

Shabbat services open to all ages with an Oneg to follow.

19 - HABONIM 2.0 BUS TOUR TO JEWISH HARLEM

Highlights include: Tour of the Apollo Theater, brunch at the Row House, Original Temple Israel, Anshe Chesed and so much more! \$125 per person. Register with Judy Simkin.

22 - SISTERHOOD DINE & STUDY WITH RABBI

6:30PM

Join us for dinner and a wonderful evening of learning.

23 - MEN'S CLUB TORAH ON TAP

7:00PM

Enjoy quality beverages and a special religious study series with Men's Club and Rabbi Green at Tir Na Nog.

30 - FILM SCREENING: THE LAST LAUGH

7:00PM

CoLeL presents a screening of this documentary about humor and the Holocaust. Screening followed by Q&A with Director/Producer Ferne Pearlstein.

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BACK AT...

RECENT BETH EL
EVENTS



On February 7, **Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh** event with master chefs Deborah Feinstein, Nicole Weisman and Jerzy Gonzales was fantastic and delicious. Hazzan provided her inspirational insight!



On February 22-24, our USYers and Youth Director, Alicia Drozen, attended the **USY Regional Winter Kinnus** in Blue Bell, PA with programs led by Sophia Sloves, Harris Jayson and Rebecca Raush.



On February 24, our clergy led a beautiful inclusive **Service From the Heart** as part of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.



On February 27, we had a truly inspirational **"Keep Hope Alive"** event with Michael Segal presented by CoLeL Adult Education and the Beth El Inclusion Task Force and sponsored by Jerome Katz.



On March 3, **Habonim 2.0** hosted a movie afternoon with a full house enjoying the history of the **Hava Nagila** as well as popcorn, candy and snacks!

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DAILY MINYAN TIMES

APRIL (ADAR II / NISAN) AND MAY (NISAN / IYAR)

AM = Shacharit (Morning)
* = Mincha Only

PM = Mincha/Ma'ariv (Afternoon/Evening)
^ = Friday Night Live (Kabbalat Shabbat)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 31 9:00AM 7:20PM	APRIL 1 7:15AM 7:20PM	2 7:30AM 7:20PM	3 7:30AM 7:20PM	4 7:15AM 7:20PM	5 7:30AM 5:30PM* 6:00PM^ <i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i>  7:05PM	6 TAZRIA SHABBAT HACHODESH ROSH CHODESH 9:00AM 7:10PM
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14 9:00AM 7:35PM	15 7:15AM 7:35PM	16 7:30AM 7:35PM	17 7:30AM 7:35PM	18 SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ 7:15AM 7:35PM	19 SIYUM FOR FIRST BORN FIRST SEDER 7:00AM* 7:00PM^  7:19PM	20 PESACH—DAY 1 SECOND SEDER 9:00AM 7:25PM  8:20PM
21 PESACH—DAY 2 9:00AM 7:45PM	22 CHOL HAMOED PESACH—DAY 3 7:15AM 7:45PM	23 CHOL HAMOED PESACH—DAY 4 7:15AM 7:45PM	24 CHOL HAMOED PESACH—DAY 5 7:15AM 7:45PM	25 CHOL HAMOED PESACH—DAY 6 7:15AM 7:45PM  7:25PM	26 PESACH—DAY 7 9:00AM* 6:00PM^  7:26PM	27 PESACH—DAY 8 9:00AM YIZKOR 7:35PM
28 9:00AM 7:50PM	29 7:15AM 7:50PM	30 7:30AM 6:00PM MINCHA 9:00PM MA'ARIV	MAY 1 7:30AM 7:50PM	2 YOM HASHOAH 7:15AM 7:50PM	3 7:30AM 5:30PM* 6:00PM^ <i>CELEBRATION SHABBAT</i>  7:32PM	4 ACHAREI MOT 9:00AM 7:40PM
5 ROSH CHODESH 9:00AM 7:55PM	6 ROSH CHODESH 7:15AM 7:55PM	7 7:30AM 7:55PM	8 YOM HAZIKARON 7:30AM 7:55PM	9 YOM HA'ATZMA'UT 7:15AM 7:55PM	10 7:30AM 5:30PM* 6:00PM^  7:39PM	11 KEDOSHIM 9:00AM 7:50PM
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00AM 8:05PM	13 7:15AM 8:05PM	14 7:30AM 8:05PM	15 7:30AM 8:05PM	16 7:15AM 8:05PM	17 7:30AM 5:30PM* 6:00PM^  7:46PM	18 EMOR 9:00AM 7:35PM <i>SANCTUARY ONLY</i>
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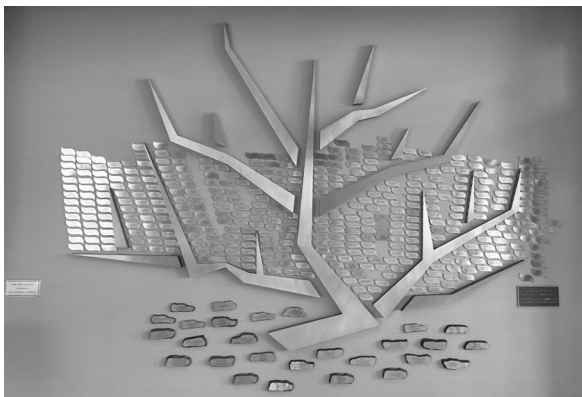
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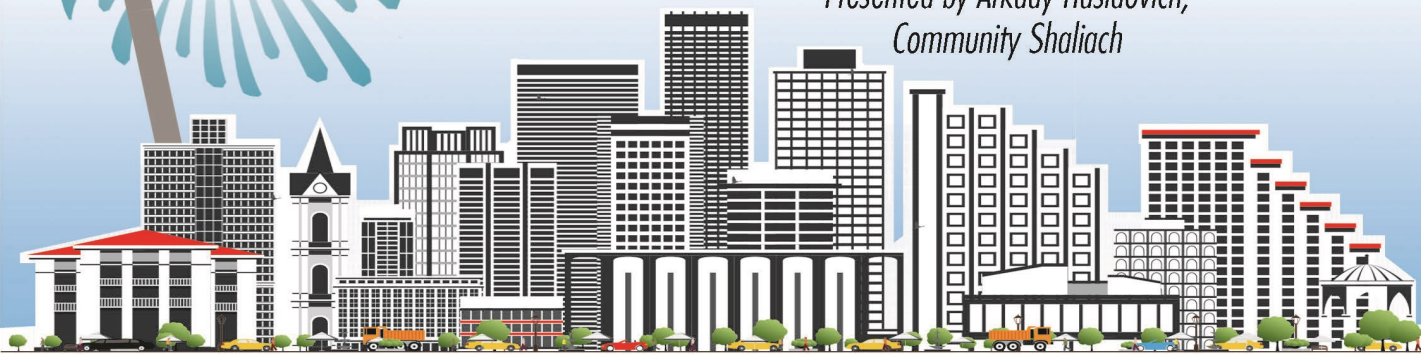
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