



# CONGREGATION Beth El

*There is a place for you at Beth El. We Belong Together.*

## Beth El Newsletter

January (Tevet/Shevat) and February (Shevat/Adar) 5781



### BETH EL 100 NOVEMBER MITZVAH PROJECT

Our Turkey Mitzvah project was a huge success! We sponsored 156 turkeys for 156 families at the Boys and Girls Club in Camden in memory and honor of Susan Asbell z"l.

Thank you to our Beth El 100 chairs, Abby Belafsky, Joan Feinberg, and Lynn Goldman Paul for spearheading this effort and delivering the gift cards! Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards, you have made such a difference this Thanksgiving!



### BETH EL 100

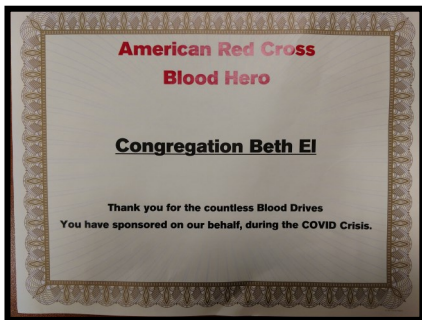
Did you know? Beth El celebrated its Golden Jubilee Shabbat on January 16, 1970. This event honored presidents of all the arms, then called "affiliates": Bea Zitomer, Sisterhood; Irving Kessler, Men's Club; Lewis Weinstein, Young Associates; Jerry Rosen, USY; and Gerri Weiser, Academy PTG. Martin Odlen received a special award as the congregation president.



### TU B'SHEVAT SEDER AT HOME

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Marshall, and your family from your very own home! Join us on **Thursday, January 28 at 6:30pm** for this fun celebration! The program is free, but there is an option to enhance your experience by purchasing the seder fruit for \$20. Fruit pick up will be coordinated prior to the seder.

**REGISTER:** [bethelsnj.org/sederathome](http://bethelsnj.org/sederathome)



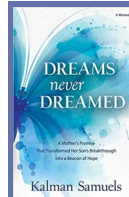
### RED CROSS HONOR

We are proud to be recognized as a Blood Hero for our continued efforts to support the Red Cross Blood Bank even during the Covid crisis. Thank you to all of the members who have donated.



### ECC THANKSGIVING

The Early Childhood Center had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Each classroom created special crafts and baked delicious foods. We even had a ZOOM party with Rabbi Marshall and Cantor Sher!



### DREAMS NEVER DREAMED: SPECIAL NEEDS IN ISRAEL

Join us Sunday, February 21 at **10:00am** for a heart-wrenching and heartwarming conversation with Kalman Samuels of Shalva, The Israel Association for Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Kalman's infant son, Yossi, was injured and rendered blind, deaf, and acutely hyperactive leading him and his wife to create Shalva. His story demonstrates that ordinary people can create extraordinary change and transform life's challenges into opportunities. **RSVP:** [bethelsnj.org/shalva](http://bethelsnj.org/shalva)

## CLERGY CORNER

### Rabbi Aaron Krupnick Lighting Your Own Path

Why is it hard to be good; good to yourself and good to others? That is a question Jews have been asking for more than 3,000 years. While the commandments in the Torah and other Jewish texts are laid out pretty clearly, we often have a hard time relating them to our own inner lives.

Musar, a Jewish spiritual practice that gives concrete instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life, arose as a response to this concern. Musar is virtue-based ethics; it's founded on the idea that by cultivating inner virtues, we improve ourselves. As we approach the secular New Year, we need to look forward and not back. We need to grow and not feel diminished by the trials of 2020. Musar can help.

The father of the Musar movement was a rabbi named Yisrael Lipkin who is also known as "Israel Salanter" (1809-1883). The epithet Salanter was added to his name since most of his schooling took place in Salant, now the Lithuanian town of Salantai. One of the more popular teachings of Lipkin is based on a real life encounter he had with a shoemaker one very late night. It was Motza'ei Shabbat and Lipkin was on the way to the synagogue when he felt a tear in his shoe. He looked around town to see if there was a shoemaker still open for business at this late hour. Finally, he located a shoemaker sitting in his shop working next to his candle. Lipkin walked in and asked him, "Is it too late now to get my shoes repaired?" The shoemaker replied, "As long as the candle is burning, it is still possible to repair." Upon hearing this, Lipkin ran to the shul and preached to the public what he had learned from the shoemaker. In his words, as long as the candle is burning, as long as one is still alive, it is still possible to repair one's soul. Rav Salanter further taught that every individual has his or her own unique challenges to keeping that inner flame alive. It's not enough to simply be alive in body; we need to grow in soul as well.

In order to grow, said Rav Salanter, an individual must step back from the daily noise of routine and find the quiet inside. It is in those quiet moments that we find spiritual clarity. We can use that time to inventory our accomplishments and take pride in them, and also recognize the areas of our lives that require renewed focus. Then, according to the Musar way, we must return to those thoughts and objectives on a daily basis, moving forward with small, but deliberate steps.

Some of us have a house full of noise with children cooped up during the pandemic. Others have endless hours alone which we fill with less than meaningful distraction. But all of us share the quest for meaning in our lives. Musar reminds us that while the candle is still burning there is a fire within, a fire that can give light and warmth when we afford ourselves time for focus. It is in the stillness of spirit that our path forward will be found. Let this be a season of renewal for all of us with that inner candle lighting our way.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Karen H. Schlessel President

On Tuesday evenings at 6:30, we pop open our laptop on the kitchen table and Zoom into Live & Learn. The menu varies, but it's always full of flavor!

Each week Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Green or Rabbi Marshall enlightens us. It is part of KaHaL, the Krupnick Herman Academy of Learning. This year's theme is How to Read the Bible (and Have it Speak to You). These 45-minute classes, from now through May, delve into Biblical personalities. We explore their challenges and actions or consider them from new perspectives. By the way, there is no need for any prior experience. Classes are independent, and you're invited to as many or as few as you like.

It's so interesting and intriguing! Rabbi Krupnick's recent teaching was about Joseph The Diaspora Jew, exploring the careful balance of assimilation. It sparked a lively discussion about Chanukah lights and what they mean to us and our children. It's amazing how our clergy relate situations our Biblical ancestors faced 3,000 years ago to today's conundrums. Plus, the group interaction is another way we demonstrate We Belong Together – we are indeed together.

February topics are: Aaron, The Bold Leader; The Wisdom of Proverbs; Esther vs. Vashti; and Job, Lessons on Faith and Misfortune. Please drop in! We finish in time for 7:30pm minyan. Whether you join during dinner or curl up on your couch, it's super convenient. The link is in your Beth El emails, including the Buzz. At no charge, it's a valuable bonus of membership. It's friendly! It's fun! It's fascinating!

**KaHaL**  
KRUPNICK HERMAN  
ACADEMY OF LEARNING

CONGREGATION BETH EL

# Live & Learn:

*How to Read the Bible  
(and have it speak to you)*

The world's most widely read book shaped Jewish Tradition, not simply for what it said, but the ways in which our People have interpreted it. We'll learn some of the most intriguing stories about the most fascinating biblical characters, and then assess their place in our own spiritual and cultural lives.

**TUESDAYS**  
on ZOOM  
**6:30pm**  
NOVEMBER 3-MAY 18  
(no class Dec. 22 & 29, Mar. 23 & 30)

with  
Rabbi Aaron Krupnick  
Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro  
Rabbi Andy Green  
Rabbi Nogah Marshall

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Josh Laster**  
**Executive Director**

The majority of 2020 has been spent focused on strategizing to maintain our connection with our community. This was not, and is not, an easy endeavor, as when we are in a "normal" year, our community chooses

to connect in a multitude of ways. Now, the majority of our community needs to connect to us remotely. Even though we are not in the same room with each other for so much of what we are doing, there is nothing virtual about these connections. There are real people on both ends whether it be Zoom, phone calls, or streaming. It's not virtual reality; it's reality. And this reality comes with many challenges.

I've always felt that my resilience helps with any challenge I face. But one thing I've learned in this pandemic is, this is a long race, and more important than resilience are the life tools of agility, adaptability, and transparency. The time for resilience will come, but it's just not the right tool for the right job at the moment. These tools have been key for me, our staff, our leaders, and our members. We've all had to pivot without much notice, and then just as we set down our feet, we had to pivot again. We've had to make changes in the way we live, the way we work, and the way we interact with family and friends. And we all should be transparent with each other. It helps to know what others are experiencing, because even though we are all in this together, we are not all experiencing this equally.

I mentioned before that for much of what we are doing, we are not in the same room with each other. There are few exceptions to this, and the one that stands out the most is the operation of our Early Childhood Center. Much of our operation can function remotely, but that is not true for the ECC. Beth El made the decision to continue this operation of our ECC so that parents could continue to work and so that our families have some sense of normalcy.

Make no mistake that I consider our ECC staff to be front line workers as they show up to our building every day and take care of children from other people's homes. They provide care, love, and support for these children and their families, and they do it all with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), increased sanitization procedures, and following strict operational guidelines. Thank you to Ayelet Mittelman for overseeing the operations of our ECC; Rabbi Marshall for maintaining a strong curriculum and teacher supervision; Sarah Donsky for administrative support; and all our ECC staff for being here, onsite, taking care of the children in our school.

Right about now, I wish life was as simple as saying goodbye to 2020 and moving on to a brand new start in 2021. It's the secular New Year, and that would be a great way to move forward. It's not that simple. I guess it is good that there is another New Year that we as a Jewish community celebrate as September 2021 seems a lot more likely to feel better than January 2021. It is my sincere hope that the New Year brings us all much health and happiness.



## **Strategic Planning Update** **David Backal, Chairman**

We hope this Sulam for Strategic Planning (SSP) update finds you and your families well and healthy. This has been a challenging 8 months for all of us, yet Beth El and you have found ways to move forward, stay active, and remain connected. Our SSP Team is no different. We have been hard at work, continuing the process that began in May 2019, learning more about our shul and our congregants, where we have come from and what we need to do so we can continue to be as vibrant in our next 100 years as we have been during our first 100.

The SSP program, in collaboration with United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and its consultant, Bob Leventhal, began its work with the creation of a Strategic Planning Steering Committee, listened to our congregants through Community Conversations and a Congregational Survey, identified our greatest issues, and most recently beginning in January 2020, engaged many volunteers to address our needs through the creation and development of individual Task Force reports.

**Next steps:** Over the next two months we will create an Executive Summary based upon the recommendations presented in the final reports from each Task Force: Finance, Learning, Membership – in-reach and outreach, Social Action, and Volunteer Engagement. This Executive Summary, along with the individual Task Force reports, will then be presented to our Executive Committee and then to the Board of Trustees, for approval and ownership of its contents. Thereafter, the Board will hear report updates at its regular meetings to ensure we are adapting to our environment and meeting the needs of our congregants.

In addition, there will be a "Town-Hall" meeting to share the Executive Summary with you, our Beth El Family, and to encourage your involvement as we create committees to carry out the implementation of the specific recommendations. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to help shape Beth El's future for generations to come.

*Rav todot* (many thanks) to the Task Force co-chairs, the numerous volunteers, and staff who devoted so much time to the preparation and presentation of these final reports.



## Rabbi Nogah Marshall Educational Director

One of the aspects here at Beth El that stood out when I was looking for a community to join, was the importance of inclusion and the special needs community. As many of you are aware, my brother Eyal, Zichrono Livrachah, lived as a quadriplegic for 32 of his 36 years. Growing

up with a severely disabled brother opened our family's eyes and hearts to a special community. And when I saw how invested Beth El was in making sure all people are welcome despite any limitation, I knew this was the place for my family to be.

February is National Jewish Disability Awareness Month and for the past few years we have welcomed to our community inspirational speakers who focus focus on the importance of inclusivity. This year is no different. I am so excited to welcome to our community on Sunday, February 21 at 10:00am through Zoom, Kalman Samuels from the incredible organization Shalva, The Israel Association for Care and Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities will join us in conversation. Kalman is the author of Dreams never Dreamed: A Mother's Promise That Transformed Her Son's Breakthrough into a Beacon of Hope. I hope you will join me for this inspirational program as we share the importance of inclusion and how everyone deserves to have their dreams realized. As tradition teaches us, "If there be among you a person with needs, you shall not harden your heart, but you shall surely open your hand". Let's open our hands to those in need. *(See front cover for more information.)*



## Ayelet Mittelman ECC Principal

Joy in the face of COVID!

Many schools in our area have unfortunately had to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We here at the ECC have been SO fortunate to have been able to not only stay open, but

to find daily cause for celebration!! Our students are SUPERHEROES for wearing their masks, LET'S CELEBRATE! Our teachers come in with a smile excited the face the day, every day, LET'S CELEBRATE! We get to celebrate Shabbat birthdays together on ZOOM with our amazing clergy, every Friday, LET'S CELEBRATE! Our Chanukah celebration was a massive success, LET'S CELEBRATE!! Our school has managed to keep its doors open, day after day, LET'S CELEBRATE!! During this pandemic, our ECC has been a shining light for our families and staff. We feel safe, we feel cared for, and we feel JOY!! LET'S CELEBRATE!!

We can't wait to see what wonderful things we will get to celebrate together in 2021!



*The Kindergarten made beautiful Chanukah cards for American and Israeli soldiers.*

## BERS & HEBREW HIGH

### Upcoming Programs

BERS/HH New Year Ramah Havdalah  
Saturday, January 9, 5:45pm

Hey Family Tree B'yachad Program  
Sunday, January 24, 10:00am

Gimmel Chag HaSiddur B'yachad Program  
Sunday, January 31, 10:00am

Daled Mezuzah Family Program  
Sunday, February 7, 10:00am

New Jersey Teen Summit  
Thursday, February 18, 7:00pm



*The 4's made special thank you cards for our troops for Thanksgiving!*



## WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Joseph Diamond  
*husband of Elva Diamond*

Henry (Hank) Holtzman  
*loving partner of Mimi Brodtkin*

Donald Love  
*husband of Judy Love*

Rose Schwartz  
*wife of Sol Schwartz*  
*mother of Steve Schwartz and Melissa Sinrich*

## WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO:

Leanne Back  
*loss of her sister, Greta Brun-Kessler*

Marni Falk  
*loss of her father, Leonard Charles Kupferman*

Barrie Hovis  
*loss of her husband, Jack*

Arnold Kaminer  
*loss of his sister, Florence Bronstein*

Ayelet Mittelman  
*loss of her grandmother, Helen Peretz*

Bennett Shanker  
*loss of his mother, Marlyn Shanker*

Michael Silver  
*loss of his mother, Rita Silver*

Linda Wander  
*loss of her father, Nathaniel Weinstein*

 *May Their Memories Be A Blessing*  
*\*List as of December 10, 2020*



### Dr. Alexander Kutikov



Being named an endowed chair is an incredible honor. Not only does it recognize the value of a physician's research endeavors, but it also safeguards funding needed to continue the quest for groundbreaking and lifesaving cancer discoveries.

Fox Chase's Dr. Alexander Kutikov was just named the inaugural holder of the Roberta R. Scheller Chair in Urologic Oncology.

A surgical specialist whose practice covers all aspects of urologic oncology, Dr. Kutikov treats patients with tumors of the adrenal glands, kidneys, prostate, bladder, testes, and other genitourinary organs. His appreciation for the overwhelming nature of cancer shows in his compassionate approach to care. He embraces the Fox Chase multidisciplinary model, working closely with colleagues in other specialties to provide the latest and most appropriate treatment recommendations for his patients. He also involves his patients as partners in their care.

Dr. Kutikov's research contributions add not only to our understanding of urologic cancers, but also provide greater options for patients through clinical trials (many of which are only available at Fox Chase).

He is a researcher, clinician, mentor, and educator, and the number of lives he has changed and continues to change with his work is astounding.

Congratulations to Dr. Kutikov and THANK YOU for your dedication to the field of urologic oncology!



Melody Dias  
*Recipient of the David Back Memorial Maccabi Award at the JCC Sports Awards Dinner*

Tami Bogutz Steinberg  
*Named 2021 Department Chair of the Flaster Greenberg Business & Corporate Department*



# BETH EL 100

## An Interview with Shirley Yaffa



Q. When did you join Beth El?

A. 1955

Q. Why did you join Beth El?

A. I loved Rabbi Harry B. Kellman and wanted him to perform our marriage ceremony (and he did) and our friends belonged. It was "the place to be" then.

Q. What are some of your favorite memories of the Camden building?

A. Nursery School for our oldest son, Saturday night canteen dances as singles, and the tent (Shulchan) for High Holiday services as Young Associates.

Q. What are some of your favorite memories of the Cherry Hill building?

A. Life events including our family's b'nai mitzvah, celebrations of anniversaries, and the marriages of 2 of our children. Sisterhood involvement – "Make Yom Tov Yomtovdik" which was an attempt to keep our kids out of school for the holidays and keep them busy. Beth El played a huge role in my every day life. My son was president of USY.

Q. What is your favorite holiday to celebrate with Beth El?

A. High Holidays because I liked the reunion aspect and the feeling of holiness and closeness to GD.

Q. What is your wish for Beth El's next 100 years?

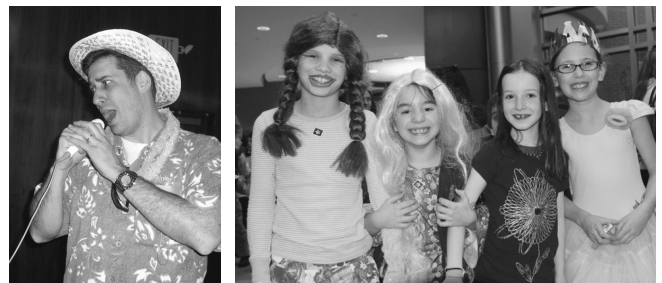
A. For it to maintain it's level of welcoming warmth and familiarity so congregants are comfortable as well maintaining the level of learning and diversity. It's home to me. I get a feeling of peace when I walk in. I hope we can keep that forever.

# PURIM IS COMING!

## Thursday, February 25

### Look out for details!

In honor of the Beth El 100, please enjoy some fun photos from past Purim celebrations!



PIC-COLLAGE

*In honor of the Beth El 100, students from our ECC made 100 Chanukah decorations for the residents of Lions Gate. Thank you to our Beth El 100 Chairs, Abby, Joan, and Lynn for delivering them and sharing smiles and joy for Chanukah!*



Jonah Kutikov—January 9  
 Benjamin and Zachary Green—January 23  
 Rachel Rosenberg—February 6  
 Samantha Bellezza—February 20  
 Blake Greenfield—February 20  
 Kyle Shubach—February 27  
 Blake Sholder—February 27

**JONAH KUTIKOV**

*Son of Jessica & Andrew Kutikov*  
*January 9, 2021*

**Brother of:** Bennett and Lilah  
**Grandson of:** Sharon & Robert Katz  
 Bella & Michael Kutikov  
**Mitzvah Project:** Hosted an online chess tournament to raise money for Covid-19 reponse fund for Fox Chase Cancer Center.



**BENJAMIN & ZACHARY GREEN**

*Sons of Rachael & David Green*  
*January 23, 2021*

**Grandsons of:** Harriet Tepper & Marvin Tepper z"L  
**Mitzvah Project:** Adopted a rescued puppy (shown in photo) from the Burlington County Animal Alliance.



**RACHEL ROSENBERG**

*Daughter of Pam & Scott Rosenberg*  
*February 6, 2021*

**Sister of:** Sam  
**Granddaughter of:** Marsha Sall, Linda & Ted Schwartz, Karen & Ed Lieberman, Bernie Rosenberg  
**Mitzvah Project:** Held a food drive and sold bracelets to raise money for JFCS Food Pantry and collected knitted blankets for Holocaust survivors.



**BLAKE GREENFIELD**

*Son of Joanna and Brett Greenfield*  
*February 20, 2021*

**Brother of:** Marley  
**Grandson of:** Marvin Samson, Elaine Waxman, and Lois & Maurice Greenfield  
**Mitzvah Project:** Raised money for Gamer's Outreach, an organization that eases the burdens of hospitalization by providing equipment, technology, and software to help kids cope with treatment.



**BLAKE SHOLDER**

*Son of Jenny & Brett Sholder*  
*February 27, 2021*

**Brother of:** Skyler  
**Grandson of:** Carol & Marten Dragum, Bunny & Tom Kerr, Carl & Barbara Sholder  
**Mitzvah Project:** Collected sports equipment for Level the Playing Field which serves kids who cannot afford to purchase what is needed to play sports.



# MAZEL TOV!

## B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Gerry & Howard Abramsohn  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Seth Ranan Abramsohn*

Muriel & Joel Asnen  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Zachary Miller*

Shelly & Allan Brenner  
*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Darby Chhabria*

Heidi & Brian Chhabria  
*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Darby*

Nicole & Mitch Cwanger  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Noah*

Susan & Ed Doneson  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Adam Leibowitz*

Missy & Bill Fox  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Justin*

Marla & Jeff Glauser  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Alex*

Bonnie & David Gold  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Owen Miles Hammer*

Susan & Andrew Gordon  
*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Eliza*

Deborah & Matthew Gruber  
*B'not Mitzvah of daughters, Lauren and Stacey*

Melissa & Lee Leibowitz  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Adam*

Marcy & Michael Postelnek  
*B'not Mitzvah of granddaughters, Lauren and Stacey*

Audrey & Marc Snyderman  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Benjamin*

Michelle & Evan Sorokin  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Steven*

Myrna & Jeffrey Sorokin  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Steven*

Barbara & Howard Strosberg  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Jackson Berry*

Jennifer & Ross Tifton  
*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Reese*

## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES



Pam & Bob Benedon  
*engagement of son, Evan, to Julia Finkel  
engagement of son, Mitchell, to Alexandra Lebovits*

Nancy & Hank Cutler  
*marriage of daughter, Casey, to Daniel Hochbaum*

Lori & Rick Goldstein  
*marriage of son, Ross, to Chana Crawford*

Judy & Larry Gross  
*marriage of son, Max, to Rachel Hildrich*

Janet Kaufman  
*marriage of son, Howard, to Yafa Minizad*

Paula & Marty Levine  
*marriage of son, Samuel, to Emily Malina*

Audrey Oppenheim  
*marriage of son, Marc & Ilana Oppenheim*

Gail & Howard Rotblat  
*marriage of son, Cameron, to Jenny Lu*

Betsy & Robert Schwartz  
*engagement of daughter, Emily, to Andrew Nahum*

Jane Schwartz  
*engagement of her granddaughter, Emily Schwartz*

Heidi & Danny Silverberg  
*marriage of son, Zachary, to Samantha Schiff*

Ilean & Alan Stein  
*marriage of grandson, Jeremy Young, to Ashley Grabill*

Shirley Yaffa  
*engagement of grandson, Baruch Dov Yaffa,  
to Nahora Azoulai, in Israel*

Shari & Seth Young  
*marriage of son, Jeremy, to Ashley Grabill*

## BIRTHS & NAMINGS



Dale & Ira Brooks  
*birth of granddaughter, Taylor Brooks*

Nicole & Stuart Brooks  
*birth of daughter, Taylor*

Nikki & Len Feldman  
*birth of first great-grandson*

Renee Rudolph & David Lieberman  
*baby naming of granddaughter, Libby Ryan*

Barbara & David Oppenheim  
*birth of granddaughter, Rebecca Hayley Silver*



## SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Thank you to the congregants who participated in the annual JFCS Holiday Gift Drive. **With your help, we were able to provide holiday gifts for 275 individuals, 30 families and 26 Holocaust Survivors, totaling \$7,545!** Thank you to Rachel Miller and Laura Bruzzese for coordinating this incredible mitzvah project.

"Amen. I've been just praying and hoping- you just made my day! Now I'm sitting here crying with tears in my eyes. Thank you, God. Thank you, guys, and thank everybody who helped. I definitely feel looked out for."  
- JFCS Holiday Gift Card Recipient



### MLK Day of Service Monday, January 18

*A joint program by Social Action and Achim Sheli*

Participate in our annual community service day filled with variety of mitzvah projects for all ages. Projects will be picked up at Beth El, done at home, and brought back to Beth El to be donated to various organizations.

Contact Rachel Miller at [rvkm78@gmail.com](mailto:rvkm78@gmail.com) with questions or to join the Social Action Committee.

## LIFE & LEGACY: HELP BETH EL THRIVE FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS!

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

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

Contact Jocelyn Borowsky at [jdmborowsky@comcast.net](mailto:jdmborowsky@comcast.net) or Melissa Leibowitz at [mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org](mailto:mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org) for details.

Mira & Aaron Aumiller  
Susan & David Backal  
Cathy & Marc Backal  
Marcia Baruch  
Donna & Richard Bell  
Pam & Bob Benedon  
Jodi Berman  
Helene & Alan Blumenfeld  
Jocelyn Borowsky  
Marcia Baruch Bowen  
Ronit & Chris Boyd  
Beth & Josh Brodtkin  
Amy & Eric Clayman  
Herbert & Thalia Cohen  
Arlene & Harris Colton  
Fran & Neal Cupersmith  
Leila & Adam Cupersmith  
Marsha Dollinger  
Alan Dias & Heidi Handler  
June & Steven Eisner & Family  
Myra & David Gutin  
Phyllis Hecsh  
Deborah & Edward Hochberg  
Beth & Harvey Jacob  
Adam Kaminer  
Sharla & Mort Kanovsky  
Amy & Barnard Kaplan  
Jerome Katz  
Alison & Andrew Keim  
Debra Kelberg

Deborah Shore & Jonathan Korn  
Helene & Rabbi Aaron Krupnick  
Michael Landsburg  
Fran & Leon L. Levy  
Suzanne & Victor Levy  
Judy & Donald (z"L) Love  
Diane & Benjamin Mashioff  
Rachel & Stephen Miller  
Burt & Diane Nussbaum  
Sheri & Jason Pecarsky  
Lynn Goldman Paul  
Arlene & Ed Plasky  
Hilary & Harry Platt  
Ilene Rosen & P. Todd Rowan  
Sharon & Adam Sackstein  
Stuart & Sherry Sauer  
Karen & David Schlessel & Family  
Harriet Schulman  
Faye & Gary Shapiro  
Jennifer Sholder  
Michael Silver  
Juli Mandel Sloves & Glenn Sloves  
Lauren & Jonathan Soll  
Tami Bogutz Steinberg  
Judith & Stuart Wasserlauf  
Jennifer & Jim Weiss  
Leah & Jason Wolf  
Jeffrey Zeiger  
Anonymous (2)



### Why did you choose to make this legacy gift commitment?

We are fortunate to be part of a thriving Jewish community and we benefit almost every day from the wide-ranging support that this community provides — whether spiritually, socially, physically or in countless other ways. Southern New Jersey is a wonderful place to raise our Jewish family. By making a commitment to support our synagogue and Federation through the Life & Legacy campaign, we are helping to ensure that the many services and amenities that enrich our lives will continue to be available to future generations. — Glenn & Juli Mandel Sloves

## JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF SHOMRIM MEMBERS

### PILLAR

The Brown Families – Sidney & Sandy and Jeff & Tracy  
Donna & Richard Forman – Forman Foundation  
Eva & Marvin Schlanger

### VISIONARY

Marvin Samson Foundation

### SUSTAINER

Jerome M. Katz  
Alison & Andrew Keim

### BUILDER

Iris & Steven Auerbach  
Gloria & Ira Back  
Susan & David Backal  
Cathy & Marc Backal  
Donna & Richard Bell  
Jocelyn Borowsky  
Marcia & Arnold Cohen  
Betsy & Peter Fischer

Elaine (z"l) & Bart Greenspan  
Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick  
Judy & Donald (z"l) Love  
Ellen & Michael Lowenberger  
Miriam & Stan Meltzer  
Carol & Donald Meltzer  
Sharon & Adam Sackstein  
Anonymous (1)

### BENEFACTOR

Delores Gerstein  
Jennifer & Michael Gerstein  
Deborah & Ed Hochberg  
Sharla & Morton Kanovsky  
Rachel & Stephen Miller

M. Zev Rose  
Karen & David Schlessel  
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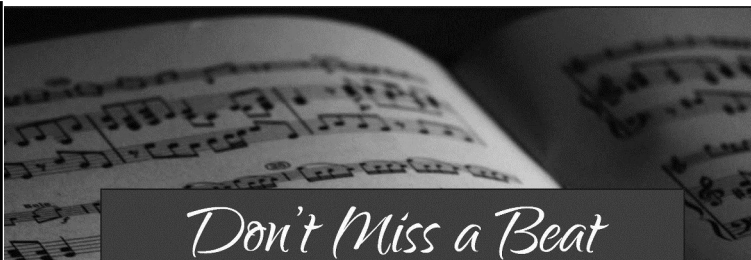


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