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## Beth El Newsletter

January (Tevet / Shevat) and February (Shevat / Adar I) 5782

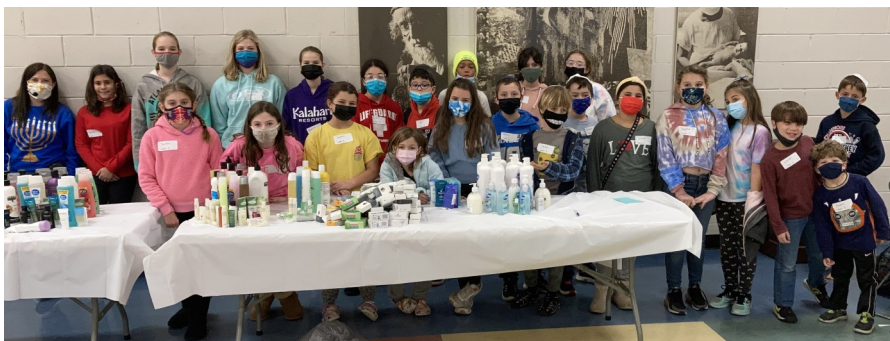
### SOCIAL ACTION INITIATIVES MADE A HUGE IMPACT!

Our second annual Turkey Mitzvah project was a huge success! We sponsored over 200 Thanksgiving turkeys for families at the Boys and Girls Club in Camden in memory and honor of beloved member Susan Asbell z"l. Thank you to all of the congregants who contributed to this wonderful effort and to **Lynn Goldman Paul** (pictured to the left with Bernadette Shanahan, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club) for delivering the gift cards.



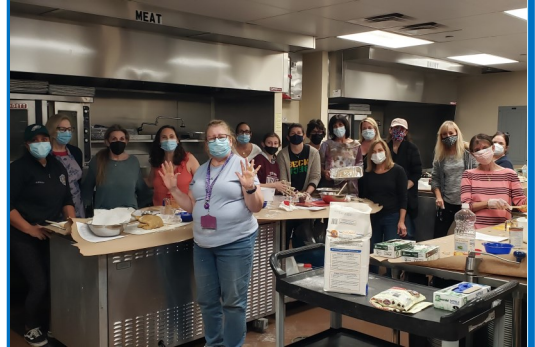
With your help, we were able to provide holiday gifts for 25 Holocaust Survivors and 110 families/individuals – totaling over \$7,500 for our JFCS Holiday Gift Card Drive. Thank you to the congregants who donated gift cards. Thank you to **Rachel Miller**, Social Action Chairperson, and **Laura Bruzzese**, Beth El Accounts Manager, for all of their help with this incredible mitzvah project.

We collected more than 75 coats, which will be distributed to those in need through Jersey Cares! Thank you to the families who so generously donated coats for our annual coat drive.



Thank you to everyone who donated shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other self care items to our Basic Needs Drive. At the Kadima Chanukah Mitzvah Madness event, our younger youth group for 4-7 graders donated more toiletries and made care packages for the families served by the Center for Family Services in Voorhees.

### LOOKING BACK AT BETH EL'S FALL 2021



SISTERHOOD PUMPKIN CHALLAH BAKE



MEN'S CLUB TORAH ON TAP



HABONIM ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

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Rabbinic Candidate Weekend, MLK Day of Service, Mazel Tovs, Condolences, Calendar Highlights, Contributions, B'nai Mitzvah, and more!



## Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

Have you ever gotten an ear worm stuck in your head?!? It can be a catchy tune or an annoying ditty that stays with you. It can penetrate so deeply that it is nearly impossible to focus on anything else!

One of the amazing things about music is that it has the ability to drastically change our mood. It can make us feel happy or move us to tears.

When I want to be inspired, I have been known to listen to Mozart's Requiem, a choral piece which moves me deeply. What makes it so powerful and utterly magnificent for me are the voices. Mozart brilliantly weaves and overlaps those voices in and out of each other. Each successive voice builds upon and responds to the previous one. Sometimes one voice shines above the others and sometimes they come together in unison or in harmony. The effect is uplifting and spiritual. Each of those voices playing with and against each other, each distinctive, each melodic, and so necessary for those beautiful moments when they all come together.

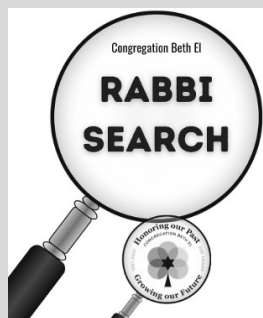
One of the most moving passages in the Torah is found in *Parashat B'shallach*. It describes how the Israelites triumphantly sing to G-d after passing through the Sea

of Reeds. They have just escaped from their enemies and crossed the sea in safety. The first thing they did upon reaching the shore was sing!

It is a poignant moment, a high point in our history, a moment we relive each morning when we recite this passage during *Shacharit* (morning services) and which we will chant on **Shabbat Shira, Saturday, January 15th**. Our shul is filled with wonderful voices. Each voice is distinctive, but can weave in and out of the other voices. On Shabbat Shira, we will hear voices from our children's choir and our Adult Choir under the direction of Cantor Leon Sher. I hope you will join us for this musical, inspirational service which begins at 9:00am (or whenever you arrive)!



My prayer is that we continue to learn to view our community like a beautiful choral fugue with each voice able to contribute the necessary and wonderful sound in order to make a marvelous and integral whole.



## Senior Rabbi Search Update: Your Chance to Meet a Candidate and Provide Feedback

We are excited to welcome Rabbi David Englander to our congregation from **Thursday, January 20 until Sunday, January 23**.

Rabbi Englander serves as Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Torah in Boca Raton, FL. He will visit Beth El along with his wife, Stephanie, and we are planning an action packed schedule for

them to meet as many members of the Beth El family as possible. While the temperatures may be a lot colder than Boca Raton, we do want to show them the warmth of our congregation.

**The most important part of the weekend will be the Shabbat morning service.** We hope you will join us in person to hear, see, and meet Rabbi Englander. Of course, if you can't be there in person, we hope you can join via Zoom.

At the end of the weekend, a survey will be sent out asking for your feedback.

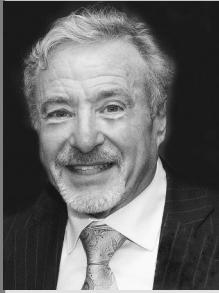
**Don't miss out on having your voice heard on this important decision.**

We look forward to seeing you in shul!

With questions regarding the Rabbi Search process, contact [rabbisearch@bethelsnj.org](mailto:rabbisearch@bethelsnj.org)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Stuart A. Sauer**  
President

At the time of writing this article, I am happy to inform our congregation that we will be hosting our first Senior Rabbi candidate. Rabbi David Englander will be our guest from January 20—23, 2022. Please welcome

Rabbi Englander to our Beth El community. **Come hear his sermon on Shabbos morning, January 22nd, either in Shul or Zoom.** After services, please join us for a delicious kiddish luncheon. During his stay, there will be many events and opportunities for you to meet our candidate. As our search committee confirms more candidate visits, we will certainly keep you informed. I also want to say, "thank you" to our search committee members for all their efforts and hard work as the process to find a successor to Rabbi Krupnick continues. For the most up-to-date information on our search progress, please visit [bethelsnj.org/rabbisearch](http://bethelsnj.org/rabbisearch) Todah Rabah. תודה רבה

As the calendar comes to the end of the year, I would like to remind our members to keep Congregation Beth El in mind for your year-end financial tax planning. Our synagogue cannot sustain itself solely on dues. We depend on the kind-hearted philanthropy from our congregation. Your generosity will help maintain our many programs, ranging from nurturing our award-winning religious school to enhancing our in reach and outreach community building programs. Please consider a "gift from the heart". There is no donation that is too small. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

While we are on the subject of philanthropy and financial tax planning, I'd would like to remind everyone about our Life and Legacy endowment program. As members of Congregation Beth El, we all know that a strong endowment will help to assure that we will have the financial security not only for today but for generations to come. A fund can be established by utilizing a Will or Living Trust, a life insurance policy, a retirement account, an IRA, State of Israel Bonds, appreciated securities, or real estate just to name a few examples. Our endowment fund committee is highly experienced to answer all your questions and assist in this process. If you have any question or are ready to establish a fund, please contact me directly at [president@bethelsnj.org](mailto:president@bethelsnj.org) or call the office at 856.675.1166 and leave a message. Before making any financial commitments, please consult a tax professional.

*Build for Me a sanctuary, but I will dwell in your midst.*  
Exodus 25:8  
Zei Guzunt, Be Well!



### LIFE & LEGACY

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Leaving a legacy is simple: Bequest in a Will, Gift of Life Insurance, Gift of IRA or Pension Funds, Gift of Cash or Assets, Charitable Remainder Trust

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

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

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**Cathy & Marc Backal**

Marcia Baruch

**Donna & Richard Bell**

**Pam & Bob Benedon**

Jodi Berman

**Helene & Alan Blumenfeld**

Jocelyn Borowsky

**Marcia Baruch Bowen**

**Ronit & Chris Boyd**

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**Marsha Dollinger**

Alan Dias & Heidi Handler

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Phyllis Hecsh

Deborah & Edward Hochberg

**Beth & Harvey Jacob**

Adam Kaminer

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**Lauren & Jonathan Soll**

**Tami Bogutz Steinberg**

**Judith & Stuart Wasserlauf**

**Jennifer & Jim Weiss**

**Leah & Jason Wolf**

Jeffrey Zeiger

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## Rabbi Nogah Marshall Educational Director

### HINNENI

Happy New Year! What an incredible four months it has been for all of our Educational Programs here at Beth El. Slowly things are getting back to the "new normal". It is so wonderful to walk into the building every day and see our youngest learners of the ECC engaging with one another and learning together in their classrooms. After a long year of virtual learning it is also incredible to see our Religious School and Hebrew High School classrooms full of activity as our students are back in the building learning together. It is amazing to see our KaHaL adult education programs back in full swing in person.



One of our weekly traditions that we missed last year in Religious School was our Hinneni Awards. Every Wednesday afternoon during our weekly Tefilot service at the conclusion of the day we acknowledge a student from each grade with a special Hinneni Award. What is a

Hinneni Award you may ask? The word Hinneni means "I am here". In the Torah, Gd asks Moshe "where are you?" Some interpretations suggest that Gd is not asking "where are you physically", rather Gd is asking Moshe where he is in his intentions and actions. Moshe responds with the word, "Hinneni", here I am. We are taught that Moshe's words signify that he was ready to do the work of Gd, to make a difference, and to be a mensch.

This is what we teach here at Congregation Beth El Religious School-the value of fulfilling mitzvot, making a difference, and being a good person (a mensch). To honor our students who fulfill the answer of Hinneni, we acknowledge them with a special award called the "Hinneni Award". Students who receive this award are chosen each week by their teacher based on their actions in class, be it trying their best, helping another student, or performing a mitzvah.

It is our goal to provide each and every one of our students with a Hinneni Award as we hope that each of our students will strive to be the best person that they can be. We work to instill integrity, kindness, compassion, and empathy into the lives of our students. At Beth El, our aim is to use timeless traditions to teach these values and to help the students live them each and every day. As Rabbi Krupnick said in his welcome message in the Beth El Religious School Handbook, "at Beth El we make mensches and help our kids become the people Gd intended them to be."



## Ayelet Mittelman ECC Principal

We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished thus far, and of how our school has grown and continues to grow! We had the most wonderful

Thanksgiving Feast, with the children wearing different festive headpieces and necklaces that they made, as well as eating a delicious FEAST prepared by our amazing ECC Teachers and ECC Education Programs Assistant, Sarah Donsky.



We also had an amazing Chanukah celebration, where parents were allowed into the school and into the classrooms for the first time in TWO YEARS!! Some of our parents had never even seen the inside of our building, beyond

the virtual tour that they were sent. This was such an exciting and special evening for our 3's, 4's, and Kindergarten students and parents. Parents were allowed to join their students in their classrooms for a Chanukah performance where each class performed a number of songs to celebrate the holiday. The children also enjoyed fun Chanukah celebrations the following day,

complete with a pizza party generously sponsored by our phenomenal PTG, and delicious cookies generously sponsored by Classic Cake! All in all we have thoroughly enjoyed all of our festivities!



We are also so excited that we were able to have our first Prayers and Pajamas! We had so many families join us in celebrating Shabbat, ECC STYLE, with Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, and BAMBA!! It was so wonderful bringing in Shabbat with our ECC families!

We are looking forward to what 2022 brings to our ECC!! Our ECC is growing by leaps and bounds! Help spread your love of our ECC by sharing our stories with everyone you know!



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WE MOURN THE PASSING OF  
OUR BELOVED MEMBERS

**Morton Kraemer**

*Husband of: Linda Kraemer*

*Father of: Lauren (Lindsay) Kraemer*

*Grandfather of: Sophie*

**Norbert Shapiro**

*Mr. Shapiro lovingly educated generations  
of Jewish children at both the Beth El Religious School  
and the Kellman Brown Academy.*

WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO

**Cheryl (Dan) Goldman**

*loss of her brother, Michael Schwartz*

*Son of: Beatrice & Elliot Schwartz. Brother of: Robert (Susan)  
Schwartz. Uncle of: Abigail and Tara Goldman, Zachary and  
Sander Schwartz*

**Eric (Kelly) Shore**

*loss of his mother, Bernice "Neechie" Shore*

*Wife of: Michael Shore*

*Mother of: Stacy Shore (Nuku Ofori), Jessica Shore (Trevor  
Graham). Grandmother of: Benjamin, Daniel and Jeremy Shore,  
Anjali and Saiya Ofori*

**Debra (Paul) Simon**

*loss of her mother, Annette Wagner*

*Mother of: Harold Wagner and Sara (Larry) Potter*

*Grandmother of: Jessica (Richard), Jamie, Joshua, Jaclyn (Greg)  
and Mark. Great Grandmother of: Evan*

**Jeremy Weitz**

*loss of his grandfather, Norbert Shapiro*

*Husband of: Ruth Shapiro*

*Father of: Rena (Eliot) Weitz, Judi (Murray) Silk, and Sharon  
Lipson. Grandfather of: Jeremy Weitz, Ilana (Lionel) Nicolau,  
Alyson Silk, Robyn (Jonathan) Pecarsky. Jonathan Lipson, Adam  
(Victoria) Lipson. Great-Grandfather of: London and Sydney  
Weitz; Marin, Bennett and Josh Pecarsky; and Noah Lipson.*



**AARON REICHENBERG**

*Son of Hae-Youn & Steven Reichenberg*

*January 22, 2022*

**Brother of:** Evan

**Grandson of:** Harry Reichenberg and Lillian Carleen

**Mitzvah Project:** Raised more than \$1600 as a team captain for Lungevity's Breath Deep 5K event. Lungevity is dedicated to changing outcomes for people with lung cancer.



**MIRA BERMAN**

*Daughter of Tara & Michael Berman*

*February 5, 2022*

**Sister of:** Noah

**Granddaughter of:** Abby & Robert Belafsky

**Mitzvah Project:** Joined the Jewish Youth Climate Movement and started a Kvutzah chapter at Kellman Brown Academy. The group will take action to support the JYCM mission of creating a more sustainable world for all.



**DYLAN KRATCHMAN**

*Daughter of Jodi & Michael Kratchman*

*February 19, 2022*

**Sister of:** Grayden and Lincoln

**Granddaughter of:** Rochelle & Allan Brenner and Judy & Arthur Kratchman

**Mitzvah Project:** Volunteered with Beth El's Project Lev program and coordinated various ongoing collections for families in need in Camden.



**HARA SELTZER**

*Daughter of Brandi & Greg Seltzer*

*February 26, 2022*

**Sister of:** Jordyn

**Granddaughter of:** Cindy Wexler and Miriam & Robert Seltzer

**Mitzvah Project:** Virtua Health Child's Life Specialist Team. Raised more than \$2600 to purchase 226 new blankets for children in the hospital and make a monetary donation through "Hara's Blanket Squad." She also made cards for the children.

# MAZEL TOV!

## B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

Jenifer & Orin Atlas  
*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Jessie*

Jessica & Michael Petkov  
*Bar Mitzvah of son, Mason*

Ruth & Alan Respler  
*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Jacob Respler*

Shari & Jeff Shapiro  
*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Abby*

## BIRTHS & NAMINGS

Yvonne & Sam Brand  
*birth of twin granddaughters,  
Leah Rae and Hannah Rose Brand*

Cheri & Alan Finkelstein  
*birth of grandson, Jacob Ari Brownstein*

Shirley Yaffa  
*birth of great-granddaughter, Rivka Tzipporah  
(21st great-grand child!)*

## ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Sandy & Sid Brown  
*engagement of daughter, Courtney, to Matthew Haan*

Robin & Steve Cohn  
*marriage of son, Brian, to Danielle Gershkov*

Selma Ellis  
*marriage of grandson, Brian Horowitz, to Emily Stern*

Ellen Fine  
*engagement of son, Eric, to Tara Vu*

Alison Platt Tarnopol & Neil Tarnopol  
*marriage of Amanda Klein and Chase Magaziner*

## SPECIAL HONORS

Neal Cupersmith  
*recipient of the 2021 ADL Philadelphia  
Lifetime Achievement Award*

Phyllis Pearl  
*recipient of JAFCO Woman of the Year Award*

Ivy Brown Rovner  
*recipient of the 2021 ADL Philadelphia  
Rising Star Award*

Dr. Robin Schwartz  
*honored as the Anne Frank Chapter of Hadassah's 2021  
"Hadassah Women Who Make Miracles Happen"*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



**Selma Feldschneider** (*pictured*) has been helping prepare our weekly Shabbat Kiddush in the kitchen. We are grateful for her dedication behind the scenes.

**Sharon Katz** lends her time Wednesday mornings to set up the lovely breakfasts for our Shirley Mangel Minyan and Study.

**Melody Taylor** (*pictured*) and **Cheryl Riley** have been assisting at the reception desk. We love seeing their smiling faces and appreciate their help!



**Eileen & Bernie Yaffa** graciously set up the delicious breakfasts for our Thursday Morning Minyan and Study.

## COLLEGE connection

Dear College Students and Parents,

Sixty-nine Chanukah packages were mailed to Beth El college students across the country, and preparation has already begun for the Purim package. Rabbi Krupnick continues to have monthly contact with our students via mail, email and zoom meetings. If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to submit your undergraduate college student's contact information for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. **Student information must be received by Friday, February 25, 2022 to be eligible to receive the Purim package.**

Please contact Ann Miller at [ALM4SP@aol.com](mailto:ALM4SP@aol.com). Ann will send you the online form to complete and return to her.

Parents or congregants who would like to assist in the packing or mailing of the Purim boxes are encouraged to contact Gloria Back at [gback5454@aol.com](mailto:gback5454@aol.com) OR 856.428.6368

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 Eva & Marvin Schlanger

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Marvin Samson Foundation

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 Alison & Andrew Keim  
 Anonymous

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 Rabbi Aaron & Helene Krupnick  
 Judy & Donald (z"l) Love  
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 Carol & Donald Meltzer  
 Miriam & Stan Meltzer  
 Sharon & Adam Sackstein

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Julie & Jason Whitney  
 Barb & Allen Wilen  
 Judith & Leonard Wizmur

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 Ilene & Michael Weinberg  
 Karin Elks & Steven Weinstein  
 Jennifer & James Weiss  
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# RECENT BETH EL HAPPENINGS



## KADIMA CHANUKAH MITZVAH MADNESS

Our 4-7 grade youth group packaged toiletries, made Shamash candles for Chanukah, played get-to-know-you dreidel, and got their competitive spirit going with scooter races!



## ECC MOMS & TEACHERS NIGHT OUT

ECC moms and teachers enjoyed a social evening at Woodcrest Country Club organized by PTG co-chairs Amy Weiss, Erin Rolo, and Stephanie Goldstein. The event raised \$200 for the school through raffles.



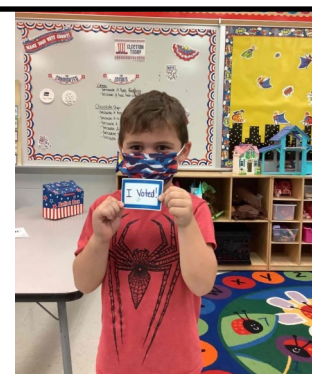
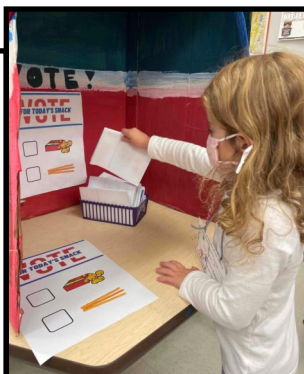
## MENORAH LIGHTING

Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, and Cantor Sher led us in a Chanukah celebration with songs, dancing, and lighting the large Chanukiyah in the courtyard!



## TEEN EVENTS

8-12 graders did their best to escape The Manor at Amazing Escape Room Challenge Cherry Hill. They also enjoyed the annual USY Turkey Trot - lounge night style! Participants donated socks for the homeless.



## ELECTION DAY IN THE ECC

Our older students learned the importance of making their voices heard by voting for snack. Election day was complete with voting booths, voter registration cards, and I voted stickers!



# MLK DAY OF SERVICE

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022**

- Take-home projects for all ages\*
- Pickup supplies at Beth El at 10:00am
- Complete projects at home
- Return finished projects by 4:00pm

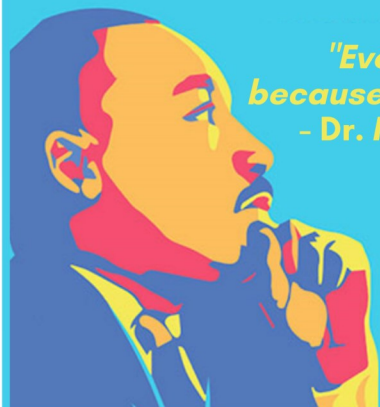
\*Limited in-person projects

**REGISTER:**

**BETHELSNJ.ORG/MLK**

**SMILE, AN ACT OF SERVICE TO ALL**  
**Dr. Tameika Minor**

Every year thousands of people across the country participate in the MLK Day of Service. The MLK Day of Service inspires many to become involved in community service, anti-violence conversations, and interracial discussions. Although this day remembers the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, and in my opinion is a great time to kick off the year with getting involved in service, acts of service can take place any day. Acts of service AND kindness, such as complimenting a stranger, paying it forward, picking up litter, or reading a book to a class of bright eyed children make such an impact. But there's one that doesn't cost you time or money. And one that's been covered for almost two years. Your smile. One of the most affordable acts of humanity that can make a lasting impact to anyone! I look forward to smiles. No matter how bad a day may go, seeing a smile on someone's face is the best remedy for a day that is down in the dumps. The smiles we have all shared as we participated in our shul's Day of Service makes the MLK Day of Service that much better. The smiles that grow into laughs are something that I look forward to each and every year as we come together to help those in need. So smile today, an act of service that means so much to so many.



*"Everybody can be great,  
because everyone can serve."*  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Questions?  
Contact Melissa  
856.675.1166 or  
[mleibowitzbethelsnj.org](mailto:mleibowitzbethelsnj.org)

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### KAHAL MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, January 6. 7:00pm  
Details on page 11.

### PRAYERS AND PAJAMAS FOR ECC FAMILIES

Friday, January 7. 5:30pm  
Experience the fun and joy of our ECC Shabbat parties in Beth El's beautiful sanctuary.

### MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 17. 10:00am—1:00pm  
Our annual community service day filled with a variety of mitzvah projects for all ages!

### TU B'SHEVAT SHABBAT

Friday, January 14. 6:00pm  
See back cover for details.

### SERVICE FROM THE HEART

Friday, January 14. 6:00pm  
A lively and engaging service embracing our special needs community. Interpreted in ASL.

### SHABBAT SHIRA

Saturday, January 15. 9:00am  
Celebrate safety and freedom in song. Come for the Music. Stay for the Cholent!

### SINGLES SHABBAT

Friday, January 21. 7:30pm  
A warm and welcoming service for all.

### COFFEE & KABBALAH WITH RABBI MARSHALL

Wednesday, January 19. 7:00pm  
Dig deep into your soul for part 2 of 3 discussing the variety of topics related to Judaism's many interpretations of spirituality. This class is geared towards our ECC parents. Register: [bethelsnj.org/kabbalah](http://bethelsnj.org/kabbalah)

### SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

Thursday, January 20. 7:00pm  
Mask up and bake your Shabbat challah together in the Beth El kitchen!

### TEEN NIGHT AT TOP GOLF (8-12 GRADERS)

Sunday, January 23. 5:00pm  
Practice your skills at Top Golf Mount Laurel. Registration required. \$18 per person.

### PIRKEI AVOT WITH RABBI KRUPNICK

Wednesdays, beginning January 26. 12:00pm  
Timeless wisdom for the Modern Age. The cornerstone of Jewish ethics from the Talmudic age gives you advice you can use all the time. Register: [bethelsnj.org/pirkei](http://bethelsnj.org/pirkei)

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### HEALING SERVICE

Tuesday, January 25. 7:15pm  
Hurting? Grieving? Lost? Find inner peace through prayer, meditation, and song with your Beth El Clergy.

### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 26. 7:00pm  
Enjoy a discussion on *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

### PRAYERS AND PAJAMAS FOR ECC FAMILIES

Friday, February 4. 5:30pm  
Experience the fun and joy of our ECC Shabbat parties in Beth El's beautiful sanctuary.

### PHIL PODELL MEMORIAL WORLD WIDE WRAP

Sunday, February 6. 9:00am  
Everyone is welcome to this "how to" service on tallis and t'fillin.

### KADIMA NINJA WARRIOR (4-7 GRADERS)

Sunday, February 13. 4:00pm  
Our ever popular event returns – with Covid safety in place! Enjoy Ninja Warrior obstacles and parkour challenges at Pinnacle Parkour Washington Township. Registration required.

### SISTERHOOD MOVIE CRITIC NIGHT

Wednesday, February 9. 7:00pm  
Zoom in for an engaging discussion on a film.

### COFFEE & KABBALAH WITH RABBI MARSHALL

Wednesday, February 16. 7:00pm  
Dig deep into your soul for the final part of the series discussing the variety of topics related to Judaism's many interpretations of spirituality. This class is geared towards our ECC parents.

### SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

Thursday, February 17. 7:00pm  
Mask up and bake your Shabbat challah together in the Beth El kitchen!

### SINGLES SHABBAT

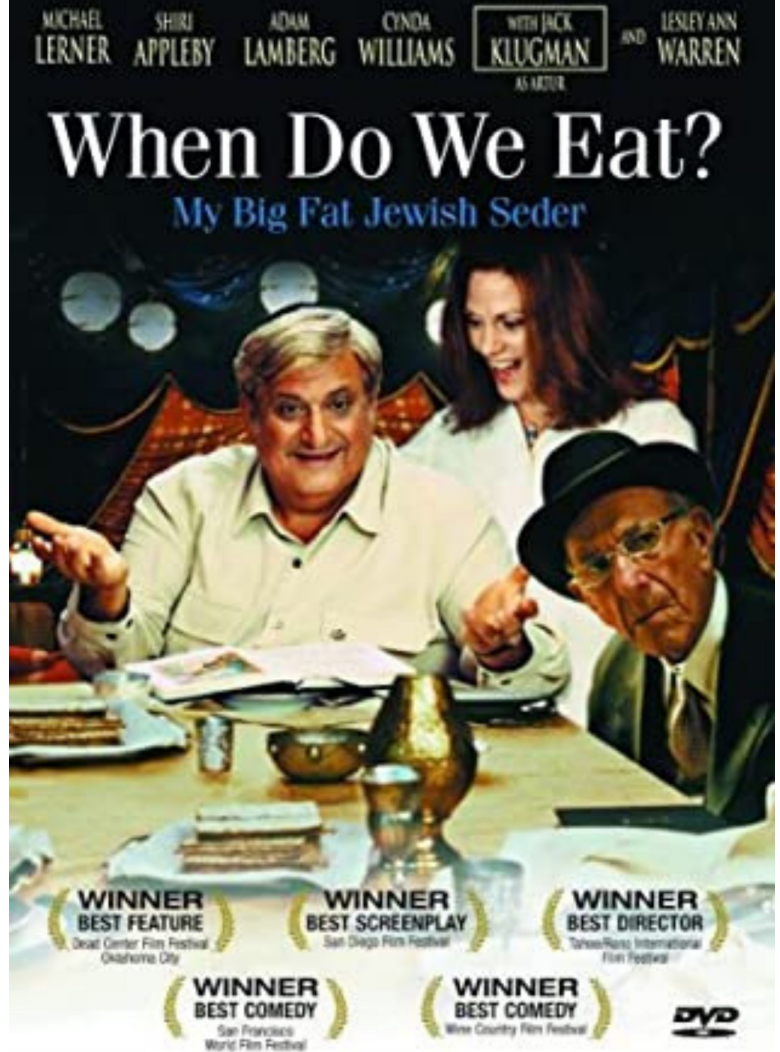
Friday, February 18. 7:30pm  
A warm and welcoming service for all.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 24. 2:00pm - 7:00pm  
Every blood donation can help save the lives of up to 3 people. Give the gift of life at Voorhees Town Center.

*\*Due to the ever-changing Covid landscape, schedules are subject to change.*

## Annual KaHaL Movie Night!



**Thursday, January 6  
7:00pm**

Cozy up with a cup of soup as we screen the film *When Do We Eat?* – the story of the "world's fastest Passover Seder" gone horribly awry.

The film's Director, Salvador Litvak, will join us for Zoom Q&A following the film.

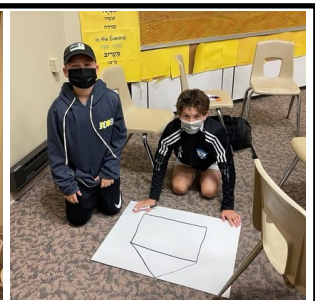
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# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & KESHER HEBREW HIGH FALL IN PHOTOS



**HELPING THE HOMELESS**  
For the Chanukah Hesed project, our Keshet Hebrew High students made sandwiches for the homeless.



## THE MEANING OF HOME

Our Media and Midrash class with Rabbi Marshall learned about the meaning of a home. The students studied about the mission to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel through the film Red Sea Diving Resort. The Media and Midrash class is one of the many electives in the Keshet Hebrew High School program for 7-10 graders.

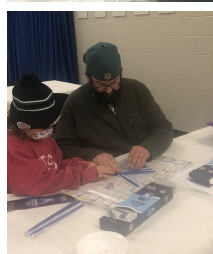


## FALL 2021 TALLIS & T'FILLIN CLASS

Our families enjoyed making yads, baking challah, and learning about tallis & t'fillin with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro.



**BET FAMILY B'YACHAD**  
Our 2nd grade families gathered for a special Havdalah program with Rabbi Marshall. Each family made their own Havdalah sets.



**VAV VOLUNTEERS**  
The Vav (6th grade) classes packed boxes of food for local people in need with the Jewish Relief Agency.



**SECRET SHOP**  
Thank you to our BERS PTG for organizing a fun Secret Shop for our students to purchase inexpensive Chanukah gifts for family and friends.



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Dr. Carly Rosemore joined the Pediatric Hematology /Oncology Fellowship program in July 2020 and is currently in her second year of a three year program at Memorial Sloan Kettering. Dr. Rosemore has received recognition for her dedication and outstanding research in every program she was a participant. Presently, Dr. Rosemore is researching a cancer called Fibrolamellar Hepatocellular Carcinoma (FLC)-a rare liver tumor diagnosed in adolescents and young adults. Presently, patients hope for an improved survival rate. Carly has dedicated her research through exploring new drugs that can be brought into clinical trials. We are so pleased that Carly was chosen this year as her goals are a perfect match to ours.

Carly comes to MSK from Plano, Texas, and attended the Solomon Schechter Academy in Dallas.

We know that Dr. Rosemore will continue to make us all proud.

Malcolm, Les, and I wish to thank our Beth El Family by continuing to honor Chuck's memory through support of the Charles E. Trobman Medical Research Fund.

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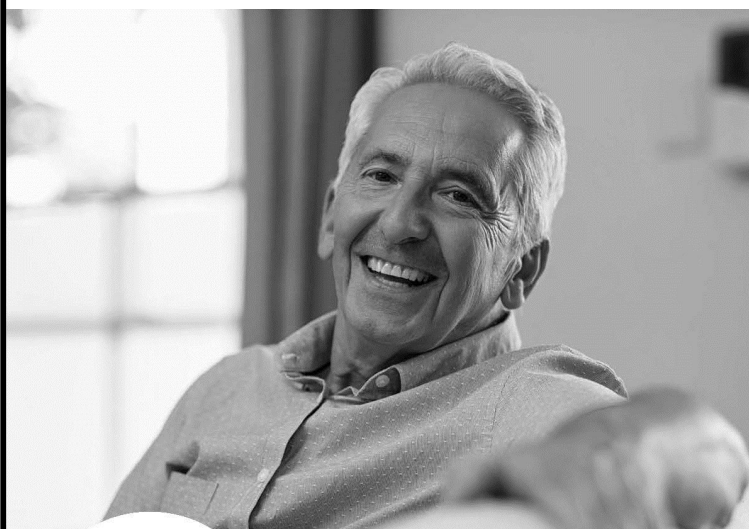
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