

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

Beth El Newsletter
June (Iyar/Sivan) and July (Sivan/Tammuz) 2019/5779

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Our Benj Pasek event honoring Sharon & Adam Sackstein was a huge success with more than 600 people in attendance!



On May 9 we celebrated Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, at Café 71: Saluting Innovation Israel!

CONGREGATION BETH EL INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO

SHAVUOT

WITH
RABBI KRUPNICK
HAZZAN POMERANTZ-BORO
AND RABBI GREEN

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
8:00 - 9:00PM

MINCHA
LIVE & LEARN SIYYUM CLOSING CEREMONY

9:15PM
MA'ARIV AND DESSERT

9:30PM
TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: CRACKED BUT NOT BROKEN
HOPE AND HEALING IN A FRACTURED WORLD
Panel discussion and teaching with Clergy

"There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in." - Leonard Cohen

SERVICES

Sunday, June 9 - 9:00am
Sunday, June 9 - 7:00pm and Yizkor
Monday, June 10 - 9:00am and Yizkor

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

WITH RABBI MARSHALL
Sunday, June 9 and Monday, June 10
10:15-11:30am
Parents must accompany children

JUNE 9: SHAVUOT "SLEEP UNDER"
Wear PJs, read stories, make flowers and fruits for Bikurim

JUNE 10: ICE CREAM PARTY
Explore the 10 Commandments while enjoying ice cream!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. WE BELONG TOGETHER.

KAREN H. SCHLESSEL—PRESIDENT



What a tremendous honor and joy it is to serve as the President of our great Congregation. Thank you all for this opportunity!

My Jewish journey started in Merrick, Long Island, where my parents were founding members of a conservative synagogue. My parents proudly sent me to Hebrew School and instilled in me love for my Jewish identity, as well as pride in the State of Israel.

My mother, of blessed memory, never made it to Israel; my father went in 2006 with our family, Rabbi & Helene Krupnick, and other congregants with whom we will always share a special bond.

My husband, Dave, our two children, and I joined Beth El in 2001. Our daughter had attended the then-new Early Childhood Center, and we are proud that she was the first Beth El Bat Mitzvah to wear t'fillin. Our children's confirmation graduations were meaningful milestones.

My service on the Board of Trustees began in 2006. From 2007-2011, I served as Treasurer, and since then I have been a Vice President. Recently, I led the Interfaith Initiative Committee that involved the entire congregation and culminated in making Beth El more inclusive of interfaith families.

Beth El is truly wonderful because of "The Who," and I don't mean the 1960's rock band. It's all of us who make Beth El this unique place where we gather to learn, pray, sing, celebrate, meditate, do mitzvah work, socialize, and support one another. Beth El has got life covered because of the sacred community we all participate in. Thank you for your volunteer work, your involvement, and your generosity!

Just as the quality of a class is completely dependent upon the professor teaching it, our Dream Team clergy need to routinely add seats to their services, events, classrooms, and concert halls. At a recent Shabbat morning service, my son admired Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Green, and Rabbi Furman as they blessed a Bar Mitzvah family. He said, "Now that's an all-star lineup!" We're also lucky to have Rabbi Marshall as our Educational Director. From daily services to synagogue trips abroad, from the Early Childhood Center to adult learning, they all teach us, connect with us, and inspire us.

Josh Laster, who on Purim and other holidays dresses in costumes worthy of comic con, is our very own Executive Director super hero. I appreciate you, Josh, and our fantastic Beth El Professional Staff.

In preparation for my role, I developed an app. It is called, "Find My Past Presidents." They are pillars of Beth El whose experience, intelligence, advice, and continued dedication guide me.

We are so fortunate to have brilliant and talented members make up our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. They are experts in diverse professional fields who partner with our clergy, staff, congregants, and community to make Beth El the best it can be. Their integrity and energy to put Beth El first makes them a team I'm honored to wear a jersey for, much less captain.

David Backal was an outstanding President and mentor. He is a positive, successful leader, and a true mensch. David sets an excellent example of how to include others and listen to make decisions that move Beth El forward. I am grateful that David will continue his leadership of key Beth El initiatives!

David's vision has been to increase the entry points and invite people into Beth El. This enables more people to enrich our community and participate in all aspects of what we do so well. David has done a fabulous job, and I want to take the next step. **My vision is to make Beth El even warmer and more welcoming.**

Our mission statement says:

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.

How can every one of us be warmer and more welcoming, and what does that look like?

Warm and welcoming was when Gary handed my husband, Dave, the Torah for Simchat Torah Hakafot, even before we were Beth El members.

Warm and welcoming is Kabbalat Shabbat at the Early Childhood Center, filled with joy, song, and lots of hugs. Props to ECC Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Debbie Beideman, and ECC Principal, Ayelet Mittelman.

Warm and welcoming is the work of the Ruderman Inclusion Task Force, such as Inclusion Weekend in February and a sensory-friendly room for High Holy Days and other large events.

Warm and welcoming was when I wandered around at a brunch, and Nancy came over to me. She pointed to her table and said, "We're sitting over there, and there's a seat for you at our table."

It's up to each of us to be bold! Own it. **Be Beth El.** Each of us is empowered to make our shul warm and welcoming every day. I ask that you help someone else, who may or may not know people here. Help connect and integrate them into our amazing community. I want to hear about it - please share your warm and welcoming stories with me, at president@bethelsnj.org.

David's words of wisdom are, "Remember, you do not belong to Beth El, Beth El belongs to you." I'll add, "You are better because of Beth El, and Beth El is better because of you."

Let's keep making ourselves, and Beth El, better!



The No Phone Zone

Did you ever notice that in order to enter our sanctuary at Beth El, you have to pass through two sets of doors? Go through the first and you're at the spot where the kippot and tallesim, the bags for kids to play with and the small Shabbat lending library are found. Then you go through a second set of doors to enter the

prayer space itself. Well, it turns out that this design is following a teaching of the Talmud (found in Masechet Berachot – the tractate on prayer) that tells us, "Upon entering a synagogue, a person should pass through two sets of doors." (I'd love to say that this was a deliberate choice, but I only recently came upon this teaching, and the design of course has practical implications as well.)

The Sages themselves question this directive, noting that the Talmud does not otherwise address synagogue architecture very much. Spanish commentators from the late 12th and 13th centuries understand this passage as relating to time rather than space. They explain that we should enter slowly so as to give our minds the time to focus. The two doors remind us that we are entering a place unlike any other, a place where we can slow down and focus on our inner worlds. Free from the demands of the "outside world" we can take the time to reflect on what matters most in our lives. That big room is a shelter from stress; a place to spiritually regroup, reprioritize, and, at the same time, to simply relax. Now you can understand why it's called a "sanctuary"!

Now you can also better understand why we are so insistent that cell phones not be used in shul on Shabbat. When we are constantly checking our cell phones, taking calls, looking at e-mail and returning texts, we are, of course, just trying to catch up, to keep abreast of what is going on in the world. But, at the same time, we are saying to ourselves (not to mention the people around us) that what's going on elsewhere is equally, if not more important than what's going on right here and now. And I know why we do that because I do it, too. People need me, they want to talk to me, I'm curious what is going on in their lives, I'm planning what I'll be doing next after this....

But imagine an hour entirely devoted to yourself, free from the encroachment that electronics bring our lives every waking hour. Wouldn't it be nice to have an hour or so just to "be"? Would it be worth your while to force yourself, even for an hour or so, not to look at a screen? It's not selfish or self-indulgent to cut your electronic tether for just a little while... That's the peace that sanctuary can bring.

Our Shabbat morning service is a thing of beauty, an oasis of peace in a sanctuary that is itself a thing of beauty. You need, we need you, to spend more Shabbos time there. And so I am urging you to start planning for the fall. Find someone who you'd like to go to shul with on Shabbos morning and make it a regular part of your shared routine. You are far more likely to go if you plan to go with others. Some come to sing, some come to study, others come to schmooze, others simply to carve out an hour of "head space." Whatever your motivation – Come to Shul on Shabbos. We need you, and you need it too!

Have a Great Summer and See You in Shul!

Rabbi

MAZEL TOV TO OUR SENIORS AND CONFIRMANDS!



Senior Sendoff 2019

Many of our graduating seniors attended this special ceremony with our clergy!



Confirmation 2019

We are so proud of all of our confirmation students and missed those who could not attend.

JOSH LASTER—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time. What we really want is for things to remain the same but get better." - Sydney J. Harris

I'm starting with this quote, because I wanted to update you about significant staffing changes that have occurred at Beth El. At the end of April, we said good-bye to Tamar Barkan. Although she had one title as our Community

Engagement Director, she served many roles in our day-to-day operations. We've taken various aspects of her role and distributed them to designated staff members. These changes are critical to the ability of our staff to successfully meet the diverse needs of our congregation. Allow me to introduce them to you so that you know who they are, what they do and how to reach to them!

Leora Waiche is a familiar staff member at Beth El, having joined our team as the Clergy Executive Assistant in October 2016. In May, she was promoted and will now have the additional title of Program Manager in addition to her role working with our clergy and families. She will oversee the "Beth El Calendar" and programmatic needs of our congregation. Although other departments and groups will have ownership of their various needs, Leora is serving as the point-person to make it run smoothly. You can reach her at lwaiche@bethelsnj.org or extension 415.

Alicia Drozen has been our Youth Director since March 2018, and began as our Marketing & Communications

Assistant in January 2019. In April, she was promoted to Marketing & Communications Manager, working hand-in-hand with our Marketing & Communications Chair, Nancy Cutler. Alicia is the point person for all written and electronic communication for Beth El. You can reach her at adrozen@bethelsnj.org or extension 411.

Chad Satanoff started in March 2019 in a shared staffing position as Beth El's Catering Manager and as the General Manager for our exclusive caterer, Classical Caterers at Beth El. Chad serves as the point of contact for planning a sponsored Kiddush, organizing a private Shabbat Dinner, planning your celebration/event at Beth El or any other Kosher catering needs you might have. He can be reached at catering@bethelsnj.org or extension 408.

Melissa Leibowitz is starting as our Engagement Director as of June 2019. Her role will be to build connections to members of all ages at Beth El, to work with prospective and existing members, and to serve as part of the team with clergy, senior staff and lay leaders to plan and implement dynamic, transformative and meaningful Jewish experiences. You can read more about Melissa at the bottom of this page. As of June 3, she can be reached at mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org or extension 418.

Finally, I'm excited to announce that we will have a new controller joining us in July! More details on that staff member will be shared in our next newsletter.

Please feel free to reach out to any and all of these staff members and share your feedback, comments and questions. I hope you have a wonderful summer and hope to see you at the various opportunities we have to connect between June and August.

WELCOME ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR—MELISSA LEIBOWITZ



Melissa is part of a four generation Beth El family, going back to her grandparents, Lillian and Herb Barag. She attended Kellman Academy as a young child and then continued her Jewish education at Beth El Religious School. Over the years, Melissa has celebrated many life cycle events at Beth El including her Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation and wedding to husband, Lee, who she met at JCC

Camps when she was just 15! Melissa and Lee are proud parents of Hannah (14) and Adam (11).

Melissa graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Journalism. She started her career at Merrill Lynch working in Human Resources, where she focused on performance management and organizational development. After taking time off to raise her small children, she joined the staff at the

JCC Camps as Director of the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program. Melissa has spent the past five years working at Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) in the development department focusing on donor relations, stewardship and event planning. It was these positions that truly solidified Melissa's passion for Jewish communal work.

Melissa has been an active volunteer at Beth El for many years, serving on the Board of Trustees, co-chairing the Religious School Board, and helping to plan synagogue-wide events. She is excited to transition from board member to staff, and combine her professional life with her spiritual home.

As Engagement Director she looks forward to working with members of all ages, helping them to find meaningful ways to connect with each other and Jewish life.













Stop by the office and visit Melissa...she would love to say hello! Contact Melissa at mleibowitz@bethelsnj.org or (856) 675-1166 x 418.

DAILY MINYAN TIMES

JUNE (IYAR/SIVAN) AND JULY (SIVAN/TAMMUZ)

AM = Shacharit (Morning)
* = Mincha Only

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 26 9:00AM 8:15PM	MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY 8:30AM 8:15PM	MAY 28 7:30AM 8:15PM	MAY 29 7:30AM 8:15PM	MAY 30 7:15AM 8:15PM	MAY 31 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  7:57PM	JUNE 1 BECHUKOTAI 9:00AM 8:00PM
2 YOM YERUSHALIYM 8:30AM 8:20PM	3 7:15AM 8:20PM	4 ROSH CHODESH 7:15AM 8:20PM	5 7:30AM 8:20PM	6 7:15AM 8:20PM	7 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  8:09PM	8 BAMIDBAR EREV SHAVUOT 9:00AM 8:00PM  9:09PM
9 SHAVUOT 9:00AM 7:00PM YIZKOR  9:10PM	10 SHAVUOT 9:00AM YIZKOR 8:25PM	11 7:30AM 8:25PM	12 7:30AM 8:25PM	13 7:15AM 8:25PM	14 7:30AM 5:15PM* 6:00PM^  8:12PM	15 NASO 9:00AM 8:10PM
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30 8:30AM 8:30PM	JULY 1 7:15AM 8:30PM	JULY 2 7:30AM 8:30PM	JULY 3 ROSH CHODESH 7:15AM 8:30PM	JULY 4 ROSH CHODESH INDEPENDENCE DAY 8:30AM 8:30PM	JULY 5 7:30AM 5:45PM* 6:00PM^  8:14PM	JULY 6 KORACH 9:00AM 8:20PM
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21 FAST OF TAMMUZ 8:30AM 8:20PM	22 7:15AM 8:20PM	23 7:30AM 8:20PM	24 7:30AM 8:20PM	25 7:15AM 8:20PM	26 7:30AM 5:45PM* 6:00PM^  8:02PM	27 PINCHAS 9:00AM 8:05PM
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RABBI NOGAH MARSHALL—EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR



In Judaism, we often retell our stories of victory and survival. However, if you dig deeper into our history you will also find stories of revival. We had an incredible year of learning from our youngest students in the ECC to our oldest learners in our Adult Education Program. Even with all of our successes, we at Beth El are always looking to revive our programs and to look into the future of our temple

community. We seek to create programs that are captivating and inspiring and this upcoming year is no different.

I am thrilled to share with you just a couple of revivals, the revival of our Hebrew High School and our Shabbat Children and Youth Programming. Beginning in September, we will be rolling out a new Hebrew High School Initiative: S.A.I.L (Students Achieving through Integrated Learning.)

S.A.I.L is a program designed for today's Jewish teenager in 7-10 grade who is seeking to enhance their young adult Jewish learning experience. It will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm and will include a delicious dinner and social component, core classes with our Clergy and experienced and engaging teachers, electives, and mixed grade level excursions including a retreat at JCC Camps at Medford.

In addition to S.A.I.L, students who enjoy volunteering, helping out in the classrooms or with the Project Lev program will also have the opportunity to partake in these opportunities. For more information, please feel free to contact me at nmarshall@bethelsnj.org. I hope your children will come S.A.I.L with us at Beth El!

Also, beginning in September, we're restructuring our Shabbat service opportunities for children and young families to offer more consistent, creative, Shabbat programming for all ages. Our new "Bim Bam Shabbat" will be a monthly preschool family opportunity which will include a service, activities and much more!

I encourage and invite all of you to take part in our revival. Join the PTG, chair an event, attend a class, enroll your children in our school, and share your ideas. I look forward to an exciting year of learning together and enriching our minds and souls. Have a wonderful summer!



NEW THIS SEPTEMBER!
SHABBAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING
Prayers And Pajamas
with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro and Rabbi Green
1st Friday of the month at 5:30pm
Junior Congregation with Chai Respes
2nd and 4th Saturday mornings
Bim Bam Shabbat for young families
with Rabbi Marshall and Rabbi Green
3rd Saturday morning

Babysitting will be available during morning services.





The 2018-19 year has been the most incredible year; and as sad as we are to have it come to an end, we are SO excited for our summer to begin! The ECC Summer Camp promises to be loads of fun, having days filled with Splash Pad, outdoor play, activities, projects and some exciting surprises!

Our Quizzo Night was a HUGE success!! It was our most successful fundraiser of the year, and we all had such a wonderful time! We also honored a number of our phenomenal employees and volunteers at our Annual Meeting. Mazel tov to Paula Levine, Susan Giglio, Julie Zimmerman, Shannon McFadden and David Hulnick!

Our Yom HaAtzmaut and Lag B'Omer celebrations were amazing! We had a parade, and sang songs to celebrate Israel's Independence Day; and for Lag B'Omer, we had a school-wide picnic, with "bonfires" made of paper towel rolls and streamers and tissue paper!

We are so proud of our ECC Kindergarten students! The graduation was amazing, and a great big MAZEL TOV to our graduates!! We wish them only the best, as they head off to first grade!

Shabbat Birthdays, Bagel Wednesdays and Pizza Fridays will continue through the summer, so keep your eye out for new flyers! 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!!

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

CAMP KAITANA for ages 2-5

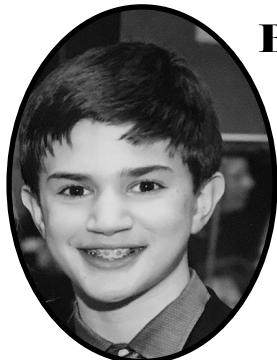
- Splash Pad
- Cooking
- Sports and movement
- Arts and crafts
- Games
- Music
- Jewish enrichment
- Weekly themes
- Carnival
- School Garden and more!

www.bethelsnj.org/camp-kaitana





Benjamin Wakshul—June 1	Miranda Dworkin—June 15
Joseph Jasner—June 1	Evan Orel—June 15
Ross Koenig—June 8	Kyle Goldstein—June 22
Jonah Weber—June 8	Eliza Lemma—June 22
Sivi Rosenbaum—June 9	



BENJAMIN WAKSHUL

Son of Debra Kelberg

June 1, 2019

Mitzvah Project: Donated to Experience Camps for children who have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver.



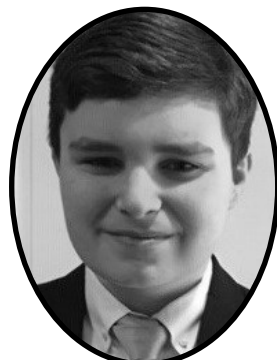
MIRANDA DWORKIN

Daughter of Amy Winn-Dworkin & Ben Dworkin

June 15, 2019

Sister of: Emily and Samantha
Granddaughter of: Susan Dworkin and Dottie & Harry Winn

Mitzvah Project: Donated to JAFCO so all kids can have a family.



JOSEPH JASNER

Son of Cari & Ron Jasner

June 1, 2019

Brother of: Ben and Jillian
Grandson of: Linda & Gary Birne

Mitzvah Project: Collected toiletries and games for children living on Bancroft's Mount Laurel campus.



EVAN OREL

Son of Jamie & Harold Orel

June 15, 2019

Brother of: Julia
Grandson of: Sylvia & Sydney Orel and Sharon Stein

Mitzvah Project: Eagles Charitable Foundation, raised money for children's vision care and for Autism research.



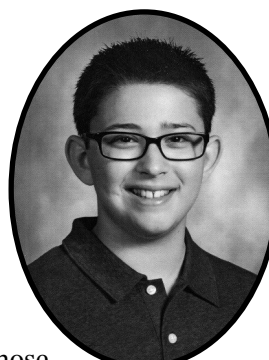
ROSS KOENIG

Son of Wendy & Brad Koenig

June 8, 2019

Brother of: Sammy and Max
Grandson of: Elaine & David Lyons and Linda & Robert Koenig

Mitzvah Project: Ran a book drive for gently used PJ library books and collected 743 books to be donated to those less fortunate.



KYLE GOLDSTEIN

Son of Katie & Sebastian Goldstein

June 22, 2019

Brother of: Blake
Grandson of: Nancy & Stephen Smith and Peppe & Melvin Goldstein z"l

Mitzvah Project: Sold handmade lego mezuzahs for Spread the Magic Foundation for pediatric cancer patients.



SIVI ROSENBAUM

Daughter of Rachel Rosenbaum and Charles Rosenbaum

June 9, 2019

Sister of: Miranda and Estee
Granddaughter of: Nancy & David Schultz and Carol & Marvin Rosenbaum

Mitzvah Project: Collected books for BookSmiles.



ELIZA LEMMA

Daughter of Sara & Adam Lemma

June 22, 2019

Granddaughter of: Cheryl & Robert Brilliant and Dorothy & James Lemma

Mitzvah Project: Collected donations to end animal testing through the Beagle Freedom Project.

Jeremy Cohen

on the B'not Mitzvah of his daughters, Melissa and Samantha

Marni & Scott Falk

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aden

Cheryl & Alan Finkelstein

on the marriage of Jillian Finkelstein to David Brownstein

Sara Walder & Drew Golin

on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Cassidy Golin

Robyn Greenberg and Aaron Greenberg

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ari

Myra & David Gutin

on the birth of their grandson, Adam Roman Chess

Rachel Haroz

on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Aviv

Cori Lehrfeld and Ryan Lehrfeld

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Kyle

Libby & Hillel Lieberman

on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jacob Yehuda

Phyllis & Michael Markoff

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob

Tonia Respes

on her Bat Mitzvah

Eva & Marvin Schlanger

on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Samantha

Karen & David Schlessel

on the engagement of their son Marc to Kathryn Young

Theresa & Marc Shapiro

on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children. Talya and Sean

Debbi & Michael Silverman

on the Auf Ruf of their son Joshua Silverman and Jessica Rotberg

Wendi & Dave Spector

on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Carly

Dana & Howie Steiner

on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydney

Jerilyn & Allan Turoff

on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Lev Turoff

Laura & Avi Yehuda

on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob



**BETH EL MOURNS
THE PASSING OF:**

May Becker

Mother of Don Becker and Scott Becker

Ethel David

Mother of Henry David and Bill David

Rochelle Doneson

Mother of Ed Doneson
Grandmother of Melissa Leibowitz

Isidor Dordick

Father of Sheila Milner

Charles Fradkin

Father of Valerie Gross

Sherida Gervon

Sister of Neil Gervon

Rita Kagan

Wife of Alan Kagan
Mother of Jay Kagan, Lori Kagan,
Jodi Rinehart and Rebecca Semanoff

Keva Richman

Father of Barbra Wilen

Barry Rigberg

Husband of Enid Rigberg

Helen Schneeberg

Mother of Judy Charny

Natalie Techner

Mother of Shari Techner Smith

Uriel Warszawski

Brother of Diego Warszawski

Charlotte Weiss

May their memories be for a blessing.

**List as of May 15, 2019*

HABONIM 2.0



On Sunday, April 7, we had a delicious cake decorating event with Debbie from the Magical Sweet Shop! We all got to take home a beautifully decorated cake at the end of the event.

On Sunday, May 19, we took a wonderful trip to Jewish Harlem. Our guide was terrific! We had a delicious lunch and enjoyed all of the sites. We are looking forward to planning another trip in the coming year. Stay tuned!

On Thursday, June 20 Habonim will be hosting its annual end of the year BBQ. The evening will begin at 6:00pm and, weather permitting, it will be held in our beautiful courtyard. All the food will be prepared by Chad from Classical Caterers. The event is open to both members and non-members. Registration is \$25 per person. Checks should be mailed to Mort Kanovsky at 9 Anvil Court, Cherry Hill, 08003. If you so desire, you can bring your own Kosher wine. Looking forward to seeing you at this event. Reservations are due by June 13.

Questions? Contact Judy Simkin at lensim@comcast.net or 856-829-2651

SISTERHOOD



Just two short years ago I had the honor of being installed as president of an amazing organization: Beth El Sisterhood. In those two years I learned so much more than I could have imagined. I learned about leadership, about how organizations such as ours are the backbone of the institutions we serve, and I learned about friendship—sisters helping sisters. Nothing short of inspiring and humbling.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served on the Beth El Sisterhood Board with me these past two years:

Executive Vice President: Debra Kelberg
Programming Vice President, and then Treasurer: Marla Glauser
Membership Vice Presidents: Laurie Grossman and Meredith Becker
Fundraising Vice President: Sharon Mindel
Treasurer: Debbie Drachman
Recording Secretary: Marsha Goodman
Financial Secretary: Heather Tomar

Torah Fund Chair: Faye Shapiro
Communications Chair: Leslie Breslau
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I could not have done this sacred work without your help. May you always go from Strength to Strength. As for our phenomenal members, stay tuned as our new president takes the helm...the best is yet to come!

Come join Beth El Sisterhood and be inspired to be the best YOU!

~Barbara Sharofsky, Outgoing President, Beth El Sisterhood

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Our USY chapter won **Chapter of the Year** at the Mizrach region Spring Convention! We are so thrilled to be recognized for all of our hard work this year on a chapter level with our variety of events as well as on a regional level with our regional board members Sophia Sloves, outgoing Regional President; Rebecca Raush outgoing and returning Regional Vice President Israel Affairs; and Harris Jayson, outgoing and returning Regional Vice President Social Action Tikkun Olam.

We had a great time at our Escape Room Challenge!
For up-to-date information and photos from USY, please follow us on Instagram @bev_usy or contact Alicia at adrozen@bethelsnj.org

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Beth El would like to highlight these members who have recently been recognized in the community. If you know someone that deserves special recognition, please email Alicia at adrozen@bethelsnj.org
Kol Ha'Kavod!



Dr. Ari Brooks received the 2019 Jamie Brooke Lieberman Remembrance Award presented annually by Susan G. Komen of Philadelphia and the Lieberman family.



Dr. Elina Maymind Denenberg was named to Philadelphia Business Journal's 40 Under 40. Elina is the Director of Medical and Graduate Student Mental Health at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.



Sherry & Bruce DuBoff and Helene & David Raush were honored as "Parents of the Year" by Rutgers Hillel at their Annual Gala event.



Rick Forman, Marcy Dash Friedman and Jason Wolf were featured panelists at the Jewish Business Network's Boost Your Business Symposium at the JCC.



Andrew Rowan was named 2019 New Jersey High School Journalist of the Year by the New Jersey Press Foundation and The Garden State Scholastic Press Association. He also made the cover of the Cherry Hill Sun newspaper!



Shari Techner Smith was honored as Woman of Valor 2019 at JAFCO's (Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options) Spring to Summer luncheon.

We also recognize **Alison Platt-Tarnopol** who received the Ethel J. David Award and **Glenn Sloves** who received the Sis Levy Award at the Lion's Gate Tacos & Tequilas event held after this publication went to print.

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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 Berger:
rberger@bethelsnj.org
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Survivor Sisters

Our recently created group (comprised of women with a diagnosis of cancer focusing on empowering and redefining life during and after treatment) has been very well-received and has met to offer support to several women.

If you would like to connect or share your experience with this group please email illene33@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.

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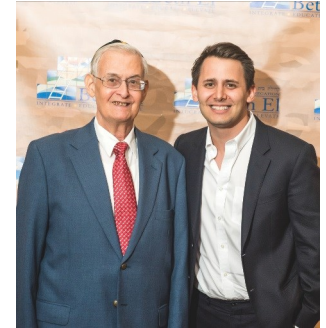
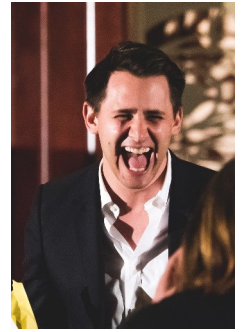
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THURSDAY, JUNE 6—7:30PM

Join Men's Club and Rabbi Green for a special religious study series, quality beverages, and engaging discussion.

CELEBRATION SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JUNE 7—5:30PM

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary month with your Beth El family!

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SATURDAY, JUNE 8—8:00PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 9—9:00AM

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SISTERHOOD CUPCAKE WARS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12—7:00PM

Join your BE Sisters for an evening of sweet treats, fun competition and libations. We'll thank our outgoing 2017-2019 board and welcome our 2019-2021 board.

PRAYERS AND PAJAMAS

FRIDAY, JUNE 14—5:30PM

A musical start to Shabbat for families with young children with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Green, and ECC staff. Pizza follows service! RSVP requested to amittelman@bethelsnj.org.

SPLASH PAD KICK OFF PARTY

TUESDAY, JUNE 18—5:30PM

Families are invited to party, splash and socialize in our splash pad with our clergy and ECC staff!

HABONIM 2.0 BBQ

THURSDAY, JUNE 20—6:00PM

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a BBQ catered by Classical Caterers here at Beth El. \$25 per person. See page 10 for details.

SINGLES SHABBAT

FRIDAY, JUNE 21—8:00PM

All ages are welcome to this inviting Shabbat service with an Oneg to follow.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

SPLASH PAD PARTY

TUESDAY, JULY 2—5:30PM

Families are invited to party, splash and socialize in our splash pad with our clergy and ECC staff!

POOL PARTY AT RABBI & CHARLENE GREEN'S

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MONDAY, JULY 15

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FRIDAY, JULY 19— 8:00PM

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EVENTS



On April 7, Habonim 2.0 held a deliciously fun **Cake Decorating** event with Debbie from Magical Sweet Shop!



On April 13, ECC PTG held a fun adults only **Quizzo Night** filled with appetizers, drinks, auction items and lots of laughs! Thank you to all of our committee members for putting together this great event!



Our ECC celebrated **Passover** with a phenomenal seder with Rabbi Krupnick, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Green, Cantor Sher, along with our special guest BAMBA!

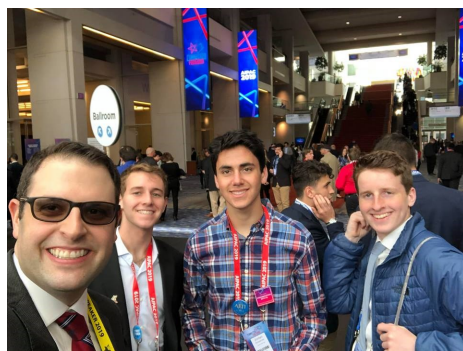


On May 6, Sisterhood held a fun and festive **Rosh Chodesh** event "Margaritas and Midrash" with Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro. The women sampled margaritas, studied midrash and welcomed the new month of Iyar.



On May 8, the Men's Club took over the Beth El kitchen for **Cookin For the Ladies 2.0**, a fabulous night out for the ladies of Beth El. The women were wine'd, dine'd and entertained at this festive and special evening!

SPRING PHOTOS: FUN TOGETHER AT BETH EL



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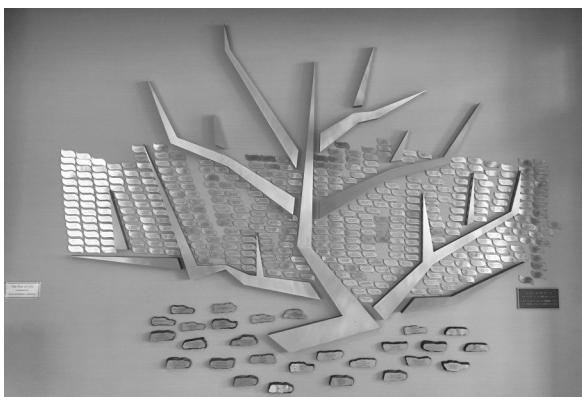
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