

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

**Beth El Newsletter**

November (Cheshvan / Kislev) and December (Kislev / Tevet) 5782



**Recent Beth El Happenings**



*Our High Holiday Food Drive for the JFCS Betsy and Peter Fischer Food Pantries was a huge success! We filled car and truck loads! Thank you to everyone who donated!*



*USY kicked off 5782 with laser tag and Booksmiles sorting.*



*Habonim celebrated Sukkot with a Grillin' Chillin' BBQ.*



*Take Me Out to the Sukkah was a grand slam for all ages.*



## Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

### FOREVERNESS

For our first session together, I like to take my bar and bat mitzvah class to the Sanctuary. We stand on the bimah, or sit in the first row, in the dark, and silently stare at the gas flame above our ark. After a time, I ask the kids what the fire symbolizes. This week one of the students said (as others have before her) that "it shows that the fire of the Jewish People will never go out." My feeling was (as in years gone by), that the rest of the students knew what she meant. It didn't take much prompting, and it didn't require much explanation. Somehow, engrained in a Jewish person's psyche (even a young one's) is the understanding that Jews, their people, our people are an eternal People. As we approach Chanukah, the holiday that celebrates the light that would not go out, I think we need to pause and reflect on just how central "foreverness" is to our own understanding of what it means to be a Jew. We can never afford to take this core belief for granted.

The Ner Tamid of the Torah refers to the continuous fire that symbolized Gd's presence, first the Tabernacle, and later the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. Since the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE it has been the near universal custom that a Ner Tamid, an eternal light, shine in the sanctuary of every synagogue.

Both the continuous fire in the sanctuary of biblical times, and the gas flame in our shul that carries its name today, are symbols of Gd's presence. However, the presence of a Ner Tamid, an eternal light, is also an affirmation of the presence of a working, dynamic Jewish community. If there are no dedicated Jews tending to the Ner Tamid then the light will go out.

The Tabernacle which held the first Ner Tamid was a moveable sanctuary. It didn't rest on sacred ground but instead transformed the earth beneath it into a holy place. Similarly, we Jews of the diaspora have created sacred spaces with shuls and arks and lights above them. But ours too is a mobile, moveable Jewish community. Shul buildings are built or bought, and often sold, sometimes out of necessity, sometimes out of choice. Yet the miracle of Jewish life has been our capacity to rekindle the Ner Tamid in new places, keeping the light of Jewish learning, Jewish observance and celebrations burning brightly. That's why we are a forever People.

The word "Chanukah" means dedication. At this special time of the year, let us rededicate ourselves to instilling a sense of foreverness in our own understanding of what it means to be a Jew. Then let's make sure to teach this core value and model it for the next generation.

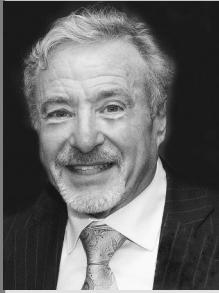
Wishing you a Happy Chanukah and a Joyous Festival of Light!

## RABBI KRUPNICK VISITS THE ECC!

Rabbi Krupnick loves our little ones! He visits all the ECC classes at least twice a month for stories, songs, and fun. He met our youngest students and taught the Kindergarten and 4s classes the difference between a horn (*keren*) and a shofar. Thank you Rabbi!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Stuart A. Sauer**  
President

As I reflect on this past High Holiday season, I watched with joy as we put our arms around each other, as we stood together, as we prayed together, and as we sang together, I realized how wonderful life is when

we are all together in each other's world. It was absolutely heartwarming and beautiful to watch our Shul buzzing with activity. I want to personally thank all our congregants who attended services, whether joining in-person or used your home as an extension of our Synagogue, for making the start of 5782 so joyous and memorable. Thank you to our clergy, staff, and ushers for all your efforts for creating such a meaningful and spiritual start of the new year. Also, thank you to Rob and Laurie Kolmins for your beautiful High Holiday Appeal story about how profound Congregation Beth El is in your lives. Yasher Koach to all! ישר כחך

As we begin our search for a successor to Rabbi Krupnick, I am confident that we will find the right senior Rabbi that will lead us into a bright future. We are receiving many resumes from Rabbi's with at least ten years of pulpit experience. We are focused to find a Rabbi with the skillsets and passion to inspire our congregation through spiritual growth and continue to create a path of congregational connections, to flourish and grow within our community. It is crucial to our congregants that our new Rabbi will have a strong voice for the love for Israel, AIPAC, Jewish National Fund, Israel Bonds, and many other Jewish causes.

As a valued member of our Synagogue, your opinion matters in the search for a new Rabbi. In mid-January and early February, we will be inviting the candidates and their spouse for a long weekend to see what a wonderful Shul we have. Their visit will include, sharing a sermon on Shabbos morning, visiting our Religious School, Early Childhood Center and socializing with our membership to see firsthand what a warm and welcoming community we truly are. Remember, this interview process works both ways. Not only will we be interviewing them, but they will also be evaluating Congregation Beth El, to see if we are a good fit for them and their family too. After each of their visits, a survey will be sent out to our members to answer a few questions. Please come out and meet our candidates either in-person or via Zoom. Let's show them what a caring, strong, passionate, loving, and knowledgeable congregation we are as we move forward to finding the right person to succeed Rabbi Krupnick.

See you in Shul soon.  
Zie Guzunt, Be Well!

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Josh Laster**  
Executive Director

I had a conversation with a congregant just before Rosh Hashanah that went something like this:

*Congregant: Wow, it must be a little crazy with the High Holidays being so early this year and so many people unsure about what they are doing.*

*Me: Well, you're right that it's a bit crazy. And sometime it feels that each day is a bit crazier than the day before. But overall, it feels great to know that those that are comfortable joining us in person and those that feel more comfortable joining us from their home have options.*

*Congregant: It seems that this year is all about options.*

*Me: Very true! Beth El views it as an obligation to our congregants to make services accessible in a variety of formats this year, and likely into the future as well.*

*Congregant: What about members, or former members, that see belonging to a synagogue as an option and not a necessity.*

*Me: Great question. To me, it's a simple answer. If you live in this area because it's a Jewish area, you should belong to a synagogue. This area didn't become so Jewish by accident! For some, it might not seem as relevant to life today, and I certainly know that there are those questioning belonging when they haven't stepped foot into Beth El as much as they used to prior to the pandemic.*

*Congregant: Don't you think there are a lot of synagogues though?*

*Me: There are a lot of synagogues! This area would not be what it is without these houses of worship, these gathering spaces, these educators of the next generations of Jewish families, these connectors. And connection is what it's all about, right? The synagogues of our community allow us to form tight knit smaller groups to make meaningful Jewish connections.*

*Congregant: Okay. I hear you. I hope others understand this as well. It makes me nervous for this Jewish community.*

*Me: It makes me nervous, too. But I feel good about what we are doing, I feel great about where we are going, and I'm very optimistic for our future.*

*Congregant: I am optimistic, too. Or I try to be. I'm so thankful that Beth El continues to be here for us.*

I sincerely hope you were able to join us for the High Holidays this year. It was a special, albeit different, time for us all. It felt so good to see the faces of those joining us in person, and the feedback from those that joined us on the livestream was so positive as well. Here's to a year of continued connection, discovering new and innovative ways to come together, and striving to bring meaning into our lives as a strong, caring Jewish community.



## Rabbi Nogah Marshall Educational Director

### *KESHER IS THE PLACE TO BE!*

After many months of collaboration and planning, more than 100 students in grades 7-10 gathered together on October 5, for the kick off event of our new joint Beth El and TBS Hebrew High School program, KESHER! The evening included a pizza dinner, a giant, life size board game, introduction of the program, prizes, Mister Softee and elective choices. It was an awesome night!

What is Keshet? Keshet means connection. Keshet is where teens CONNECT to our Jewish community, CONNECT to Jewish learning, CONNECT to Israel, and CONNECT with one another. Keshet is a joint Beth El and TBS program that brings 7-10th graders together weekly for learning and growth as we seek to build connections among the students, faculty, and South Jersey Jewish communities. With a curriculum rooted in the foundation of Jewish tradition and culture, taught by clergy and experienced staff, teens CONNECT and immerse themselves in an environment that is social, experiential, educational, and most importantly fun!

Keshet students celebrate the Jewish Holidays during our Holiday Hesed Programs where students learn about the holidays, enjoy festive meals, and participate in holiday-themed activities. Each Holiday Hesed Program also has a community service/social action component in which Keshet students give back to our local community.

Three times during the year we hear from guest educators, speakers, and entertainers from around the country as part of our Keshet High School Summits.

In addition to weekly Tuesday evenings, each synagogue has its "Home Shul" day for 7th & 10th grades. Beth El 7th Graders meet for the B'nai Mitzvah Seminar and 10th graders meet for Confirmation Seminar on Thursday nights.

We have had an amazing start to the year at Keshet. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the 7th graders in the Kulam curriculum class that I teach where we ask big questions about where, why and how we belong while exploring issues of identity, equity, and justice. I have also enjoyed teaching the Media Midrash class where we explore how Jews are portrayed in movies and television. Using popular television shows and movies, we look at what they teach us about being Jewish in the year 2021.

Learn more or join us at [kesheternj.org](http://kesheternj.org)  
We hope you will join us, as Keshet is the place to be!

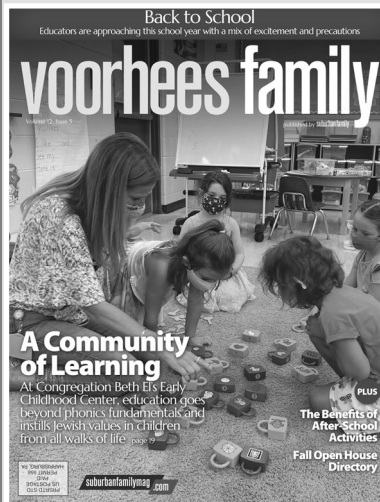


## Ayelet Mittelman ECC Principal

Our school year has had a phenomenal start! We have grown to more than 145 students! This amazing growth has led to the formation of FOUR toddler classes, FOUR 4-year-old classes, and the opening of a second 2 year old class! We have welcomed many new teachers to our ECC family and we are so grateful for their enthusiasm and ingenuity. Please welcome:

- Hope Jolles—Toddlers
- Christine Lambertino—Toddlers
- Michelle Licht—2s
- Dana Brown—2s
- Jennifer Fisher—4s
- Becca Ralph—4s

We are so proud to share that our Early Childhood Center was on the cover of Voorhees Family Magazine and featured with a full page spotlight! The cover photo



highlights our beloved Kindergarten teacher, Susan Giglio, who has been with our ECC for more than 20 years. The article discusses "the sense of belonging and inclusivity [that] is fostered from a young age" here at our ECC and highlights that our education "goes beyond phonics fundamentals and instill Jewish values in children from all walks of life." We work hard to prioritize our students

and, as Rabbi Marshall said in the article, "people know we provide the best possible safe environment, and families can trust us and feel comfortable as they return to work."

We had a wonderful Sukkot filled with classroom celebrations, crafts, Simchat Torah parades, and more! We are excited for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Chanukah celebrations!

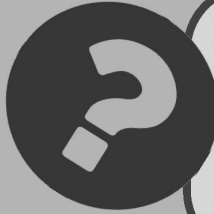
*Each of our classes shared special time with Rabbi Marshall in the Beth El sukkah during Sukkot to learn about the holiday, lulav and etrog, and to share a special Sukkot story!*





# Kesher

Beth El and Temple Beth Sholom קשר Where Jewish Teens CONNECT



Kesher is a joint High School program for teens in 7th-10th grade from Congregation Beth El and Temple Beth Sholom. Taught by dedicated Jewish educators in our community, teens will have the opportunity to engage with one another in both formal and informal settings by actively participating in a wide variety of class offerings, social programs, holiday experiences, Hesed programs, summits and more!



All Kesher classes and programs will be built on a three pillar foundation: Torah, Avodah (Prayer) and Gemilut Hasadim (Acts of Kindness)

When classes are in session, teens will have one core, grade based class and also have the chance to combine with teens from other grades in an elective offering.



Kesher will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30PM. Teens will have two classes per session with a break in between. The school year will be broken into two semesters. The first semester will begin on Tuesday, October 5 hosted by TBS. The second semester will begin February 1 and will be hosted by Beth El. Our kickoff event will take place in late September/Early October.



Our diversified faculty includes clergy and staff from both Beth El and TBS. Kesher will be led Rabbi Marshall of Beth El and Rabbi Wexler of TBS who will serve as the education director's of the program. Jared Kaufman will serve as the program director with Brooke Miron leading social programming.

**REGISTER TODAY WITH YOUR HOME SYNAGOGUE**

[www.bethelsnj.org](http://www.bethelsnj.org)



[www.tbsonline.org](http://www.tbsonline.org)

# ZICHRONAM LIV'RACHAH

LIST AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2021

## May Their Memories Be A Blessing

### WE MOURN THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED MEMBERS

#### Ada Feiwus-Richards

Wife of Harvey Richards

Mother of: Howard (Michelle Zeman) Feiwus, Karen (Elia Weixelbaum)

Berger, Leonard (Vered) Feiwus

Step Mother of: Joel (Cindy) Richards, Karen (Bill) Chast

Grandmother of: Jessica, Marrisa (Ross), Adina (Netanel), Tamar (Giddy),

Joe, Jacob, Eitan, Sam, Danielle, Allison, Seth, Leah, Joshua, Zachary

Great Grandmother of: Chagai, Eitan, Koby, Daniel, Shayna, Shayna,  
Chava, Yitzhok

#### Dr. Norman Siegel

Husband of Carole Siegel

Father of: Marshall Siegel and Meredith Siegel Cohen

Grandfather of: Mitchell and Lily

### WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO

#### Neal (Fran) Cupersmith

loss of his sister, Ann Brill

#### Eric (Barbara) Frantz and Reid Frantz

loss of their mother, Charlotte Singer

Grandmother of: Shana (Jared) Bennett, Felicia (Andrew) Hurwitz, Genna

(Jeremy) Klapper, Mandy Frantz (Matthew Orwitz)

Great Grandmother of: Riley Isabelle, Ava Lily, Ella Hope

#### Adam (Beth) Lambert

loss of his mother, Betsy Chanen Lambert

Wife of: Michael Lambert

Mother of: Erica Lambert (Carl Gjertson) and Rachel (Noah) Stein

Grandmother of: Braden, Micaela and Zachary Lambert, Claire and

Jacob Gjertson, Connor and Scarlett Stein

#### Carole (Jules) Lieberman

loss of her mother, Jeanette Dultz

Wife of: Aaron

Mother of: David (Richard Besser) Dultz, and Lee (Jill Zibkow) Dultz

Grandmother of: Joshua (Allison) Lieberman and Myles Dultz

Great-grandmother of: Jaxon Reign

#### Lisa (Marc) Stofman

loss of her father, Leonard Myers

Husband of: Sybil Myers

Father of: David Myers

Grandfather of: Samuel and Ilana Stofman

#### Melody (Craig) Taylor

loss of her mother, Rosalyn Nabson

Grandmother of: Amy (Charles) Rossano, Shira (Boaz) Gura,

Adam (Laurie) Taylor

Great Grandmother of: Harrison and Nolan Rossano, Ayalah, Aitan, Avi Chai  
and Amir Gura, Ethan, Jordan and Graysen Taylor



## MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Jodi Berman

elected President of the Jewish Community Voice

#### Marcy Dash Friedman

elected JCC President for 2021-2022



#### Andy Levin

received the Sid Levy Volunteer of the Year Award at the JCC Annual Celebration

#### Nelson Mellitz (pictured)

elected to the position of National Vice Commander of The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

#### Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

honored by Hadassah Southern New Jersey as the recipient of the Myrtle Wreath Award

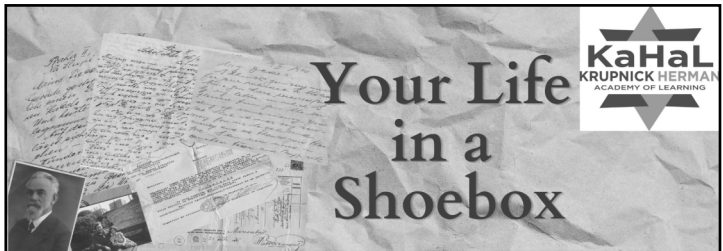
#### Marla & Marty Rosenthal's son, Lyle,

achieved the level of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America



#### Ilene Weinberg (pictured)

honored by JFCS as Volunteer of the Year



From prominent professionals to refugees,  
the story of one Jewish family's escape  
from the Nazi regime.

**Sunday, November 21**  
**10:00am**  
**Zoom**



Through letters and official documents found in a shoebox in his mother's closet after her death in 2009, Yonatan Kohn shares the twists and turns of his family's attempts to flee Czechoslovakia. His engaging account of events that unfolded 80 years ago is both an intimate portrait of personal crisis and a sweeping, timeless story of what it means to be a refugee.

**FREE and open to everyone**

Questions? Rabbi Marshall at [nmarshall@bethelsnj.org](mailto:nmarshall@bethelsnj.org)

# MAZEL TOV!

## B'NAI MITZVAH FAMILIES

**Evelyn Behrend**

*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Elisha*

**Fred Behrend**

*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Elisha Behrend*

**Rhona & Lenard Brown**

*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Alexis Rovner*

**Nikki & Jon Cohen**

*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Julie*

**Sheri & Barry Livstone**

*Bar Mitzvah of son, Noah*

**Becky & Gerson Korntreger**

*Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Zachary Scholl*

**Angela & Evan Lazarus**

*Bar Mitzvah of son, Alex*

**Marcy Sanders**

*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Sarah (Hava) Sanders*

**Ilana & Seth Scholl**

*Bar Mitzvah of son, Zachary*

**Rachel & Eric Simpson**

*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Rebecca*

**Jenifer & Jeremy Swarbrick**

*Bat Mitzvah of daughter, Lilah*

**Gladys & Barry Robbins**

*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Lilly Wasserlauf*

**Ivy & Eric Rovner**

*Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alexis*

**Judy & Stuart Wasserlauf**

*Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter, Lilly Wasserlauf*

## BIRTHS & NAMINGS



**Abbey & Max Barksdale**

*naming of daughter, Lillian Claire*

**Dale & Ira Brooks**

*naming of granddaughter, Taylor Madison Brooks*

**Nicole & Stuart Brooks**

*naming of daughter, Taylor Madison*

**Marge & Paul DellaVecchia**

*naming of granddaughter, Lillian Claire Barksdale*

**Janet Kirschner**

*birth of grandson*

**Andrea & Marc Millstein**

*birth of granddaughter, Norah Catherine Millstein*

**Barbara Smith & David Oppenheim**

*naming of granddaughter, Rebecca Hayley Silver*

**Samantha & Seth Pearl**

*naming of daughter, Finley Allan*

**Lynn & Joseph Rosner**

*naming of granddaughter, Blake Maggie Natelson*

**Sharon & Jay Ruder**

*naming of granddaughter, Mia Logan Schlossberg*

**Stephanie & Michael Silver**

*naming of daughter, Rebecca Hayley*

**Bobbie & Steve Wenick**

*birth of great-granddaughter, Libby*

## ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS



**Gloria & Ira Back**

*marriage of son, Steven, to Arnalda Plesati*

**Jeremy Cohen**

*marriage to Emily Kass*

**Robin & Steven Cohn**

*on the auf ruf of son, Brian, and Danielle Gershkow*

**Anita Farber**

*marriage of grandson Jeffrey Horowitz*

**Barbara & Eric Frantz**

*marriage of daughter, Mandy, to Matthew Orwitz*

**Jill & Elliot Kaplan**

*marriage of son, Bradley*

**Jemma Kline**

*marriage to Summer Kortvelyessy*

**Sylvia Lande**

*marriage of granddaughter, Mandy, to Matthew Orwitz*

**Zev Rose**

*marriage of granddaughter, Gabriella, to Bentzi Engel*

**Betsy & Robert Schwartz**

*marriage of daughter, Emily, to Andrew Nahum*

**Jane Schwartz**

*marriage of granddaughter, Emily, to Andrew Nahum*



**ABBY SHAPIRO**

*Daughter of Shari & Jeff Shapiro*

*November 6, 2021*

**Sister of:** Sophie  
**Granddaughter of:** Karen & Rob Cooper, Sheryl & Marc Shapiro  
**Mitzvah Project:** Sold bracelets and donated all of the funds totalling more than \$1400 to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NYC in memory of her uncle who passed away earlier this year from bone cancer.



**MASON PETKOV**

*Son of Jessica & Michael Petkov*

*December 5, 2021*

**Brother of:** Marlee  
**Grandson of:** Judy & Jonathan Beck, Georgia & Jay Petkov  
**Mitzvah Project:** Cooked and served food at the Ronald McDonald House and donated money to the Anti Defamation League.



**JESSIE ATLAS**

*Daughter of Jennifer & Orin Atlas*

*December 18, 2021*

**Sister of:** Jake and Alexa  
**Granddaughter of:** Gail & Melvyn Atlas  
**Mitzvah Project:** Raised money by making, promoting, and selling monogrammed blankets and custom beaded bracelets. She donated 100% of the money to the Food Bank of Southern Jersey, I AM ALS, and the ALS Hope Foundation, hoping to raise awareness and help those in need.

**COLLEGE**  
*connection*

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS!**

**BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION PROGRAM**

Dear College Students and Parents,

It is not too late to submit your college student's contact information for the 2021-2022 school year. Rabbi Krupnick continues to have monthly contact with our students and in November we are planning to prepare our first holiday package for the year. Student information must be received by Friday, November 5, 2021 to be eligible to receive the Chanukah package. Parents or congregants who would like to assist in the packing or mailing of the Chanukah boxes are encouraged to contact Gloria Back at [gback5454@aol.com](mailto:gback5454@aol.com) OR 856.428.6368

If you would like your UNDERGRADUATE college student to participate in the College Connection program during the 2021-2022 school year\*, contact Ann Miller at [ALM4SP@aol.com](mailto:ALM4SP@aol.com)

Ann will send you the online form to complete and return to her with the following information:  
Student Name  
School Address  
Student's e-mail address  
Name of School/Class Year  
Parent Name, Phone # & e-mail address

**\*ALL ADDRESSES MUST BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. PLEASE SUBMIT STUDENT'S ADDRESS EVEN IF PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED.**

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For more information, call Gloria Back 856.428.6368





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BETH EL SISTERHOOD  
ANNUAL PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP EVENT



*Ladies Night*

## COMEDY CABARET

**DENA BLIZZARD**  
**ONE FUNNY MOTHER**



Dena Blizzard is a comedian, mother of three and creator of "One Funny Mother." A seasoned comic of 19 years, Dena is widely known for her viral videos...the

"Back to School Rant" and Chardonnay Go, which is now a board game for "Wine Lovers, Moms and Other Shameless People" and sold in stores nationwide.

Her Off-Broadway show, "One Funny Mother" was a huge success, winning the United Solo Festival's "Best One Woman Show" Award in 2016 and began touring nationally. Dena has hosted with Anderson Cooper, performed at the United Nations, served as Grand Marshal of "Chardonnay Day" in Chardonnay, France and was the Official Host of the Miss America Pageant for ten years!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**7:00PM**

*in person and on zoom*

**FOOD - WINE - LAUGHTER!**

**FREE for Beth El Sisterhood members**  
**REGISTER BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

For questions, contact Jennifer Stofman  
stofboysmom@comcast.net or sisterhood@bethelsnj.org

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### HEALING SERVICE

Thursday, November 4. 7:30pm  
Zoom in as we join together to find inner peace through prayer and song with our Clergy.

### INTERSECTIONAL TORAH STUDY

Monday, November 8. 12:00pm  
View the Torah through a new lens considering issues such as race, class, orientation, and gender.

### HEBREW WITH YAFFA FUCHS

Tuesdays beginning November 9. 10:30am  
Brush up on your Hebrew reading, prayer skills, and basic conversation. Register: [bethelsnj.org/hebrew](http://bethelsnj.org/hebrew)

### SISTERHOOD PAID UP MEMBERSHIP EVENT— COMEDY CABARET WITH DENA BLIZZARD

Wednesday, November 10. 7:00pm  
See side bar for details.

### KREPLACH & DIM SUM—

#### YES THERE ARE JEWS IN CHINA!

Thursday, November 11. 7:00pm  
See page 11 for details.

### CHANUKAH POTPOURRI WITH RABBI MARSHALL

Sunday, November 14. 10:00am  
What do the Rabbis teach us about Chanukah and how does it relate to our life in 2021?

### SISTERHOOD MOVIE CRITIC NIGHT

Wednesday, November 17. 7:00pm  
Zoom in for an interactive discussion on the film *Shiva Baby*.

### SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

Thursday, November 18. 7:00pm  
Sisterhood is thrilled to return to the Beth El kitchen for monthly challah baking fun!

### FRIENDSGIVING WITH ACHIM SHELI & KAVOD

Thursday, November 18. 8:00pm  
Zoom in to share recipes, Torah, and friendship!

### SERVICE FROM THE HEART

Friday, November 19. 6:00pm  
A lively and engaging service embracing our special needs community. Interpreted in ASL.

### SINGLES SHABBAT

Friday, November 19. 7:30pm  
This warm, welcoming service is open to anyone!

### YOUR LIFE IN A SHOEBOX: ZOOM GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, November 21. 10:00am  
Yonatan Kohn shares the twists and turns of his family's attempts to flee Czechoslovakia. Details on page 6.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### KADIMA PRE-CHANUKAH SOCIAL ACTION EVENT

Sunday, November 21. 12:00pm  
4-7 graders will participate in a mitzvah project and some pre-Chanukah games and fun! Bring toiletry items to donate for our mitzvah project.

### INTERSECTIONAL TORAH STUDY

Monday, November 22. 12:00pm  
View the Torah through a new lens considering issues such as race, class, orientation, and gender.

### USY TURKEY TROT FOR 8-12 GRADERS

Thursday, November 24. 7:00pm  
Our annual regional teen party returns with games and lounge night fun! Masks required. \$10 entry.

### OUTDOOR MENORAH LIGHTING WITH CLERGY

Wednesday, December 1. 6:00pm  
See back cover for details on this shul-wide event.

### HABONIM ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

Thursday, December 2. 6:00pm  
Come celebrate with us as we kindle the lights for the fifth night of Chanukah.

### MEN'S CLUB SCOTCH & LATKES

Saturday, December 4. 7:00pm  
Our annual Chanukah celebration will be held at the home of Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro.

### INTERSECTIONAL TORAH STUDY

Monday, December 6. 12:00pm

### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 9. 7:00pm  
Enjoy a discussion on *Eternal* with visiting author Lisa Scottoline.

### SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Saturday, December 11. 9:00am  
A special Shabbat morning service with the women of Sisterhood.

### COFFEE & KABBALAH WITH RABBI MARSHALL

Wednesday, December 15. 7:00pm  
Dig deep into your soul for the first of a 3-part series discussing the variety of topics related to Judaism's many interpretations of spirituality.

### SISTERHOOD CHALLAH BAKE

Thursday, December 16. 7:00pm  
Bring your aprons and masks and bake your Shabbat challah together in the Beth El kitchen.

### SINGLES SHABBAT

Friday, December 17. 7:30pm  
This warm, welcoming service is open to anyone!

### INTERSECTIONAL TORAH STUDY

Monday, December 20. 12:00pm

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

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Celebrate together



# OUTDOOR MENORAH LIGHTING

*Wednesday, December 1. 6:00pm*

**Beth El Parking Lot**

**Celebrate the 4th night of Chanukah with our Clergy  
Music, candlelighting, and take-home treats  
Masks required**



## MITZVAH PROJECT:

Bring a new or "gently loved"  
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**ALL AGES WELCOME. WE BELONG TOGETHER.**