

# BETH EL NEWS

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Summer 2016

## Into The Night

### A New "Twist" on Shavuot

At the home of  
**Adam and Sharon Sackstein**  
Saturday, June 11 • 8pm  
8 Fairway Drive, Voorhees

Join our Beth El Clergy for traditional Shavuot and Havdallah Services. Followed by A Tikkun with a "twist": enlightening breakout sessions to soothe and enrich the Jewish soul. There will be a variety of traditional and non-traditional sessions to choose from:

#### **A Journey Through Meditation**

*with Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro*

#### **Inspiration Through the Torah**

*with Rabbi Gamaliel Respes*

#### **Mind, Body and Soul Repair**

*with Rabbi Krupnick*

#### **A Message from The Text (Our Torah)**

*with Helene Krupnick*



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Happy Birthday!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - LAUREN SOLL



My first year as President of Beth El has been very exciting! I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people at our shul. Our clergy, staff and volunteers have worked so hard this past year and accomplished more than anyone can imagine. Each day, I am more proud to be part of our amazing Beth El family.

As President, one of my favorite roles has been speaking at the end of year Religious School ceremonies. I love seeing and hearing what the children have learned and I love watching the parents' expressions of pride as they watch their children! Whether it is the Bet concert, Gimmel Chag Hasiddur /Consecration, Vav Graduation or Confirmation, each grade represents another milestone that our children celebrate in their journey of Jewish education. At the Bet level, we watch as the children sing songs that they have learned throughout the year which demonstrates their initial understanding of Hebrew song and prayer. At Chag Hasiddur/Consecration, the children receive their own Siddur and they continue to learn Hebrew songs and prayers that are recited at Shabbat, Friday and Holiday services. Vav Graduation marks the transition into Hebrew High and the children start to prepare for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. In tenth grade, our students reach Confirmation and I am reminded of Rabbi's passionate speech about living a Jewish life. Up to 11 years (or more with Beth El Junior College) of Jewish education is taught by our dedicated clergy and Religious School /Hebrew High teachers. That is a true accomplishment and source of pride for our shul!

When I address the children, I tell them that they should be proud of what they have accomplished. Every child learns at their own pace and should take pride as they complete each milestone. When I address the parents, I tell them that they should be proud of themselves for making Jewish education a priority. All of our lives get crazy and we all have a multitude of demands so I thank parents for bringing their children to Religious School and making the commitment to Jewish Education. Going to Religious School is not just about learning Hebrew. It is also about learning to be a better person, building friendships with those who share your religious values and cultivating the desire to help others through Tzedakah and Mitzvot. The lessons learned at Beth El will help our children be better people now and later in life and appreciate what it means to be Jewish.

All the spirit and success of our Religious School which has engaged our children, parents and teachers can be attributed to our wonderful Educational Director, Yaffa Fuchs. For the last 27 years, Yaffa has been committed, determined and relentless to educate both children and adults to increase Jewish knowledge and awareness. We thank her for all her efforts and wish her only the very best in her retirement.

Although the summer months are upon us, Beth El does not close! We are open and have services 365 days a year. Our clergy, staff and committees will be working hard throughout the summer to plan wonderful events and programs to meet the needs of our congregants and community. I encourage all of you to join in the planning. I encourage you to join in a committee and get involved in your shul!

Enjoy your summer!

## WELCOME RABBI NOGAH MARSHALL TO OUR BETH EL FAMILY



Rabbi Nogah Marshall will be our new Educational Director starting July. She served as the educational director at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA for the past 10 years and before that, as the rabbi and director of education at Temple Emanu-El in Palm Beach, FL. While there, Rabbi Marshall created and coordinated exciting programs, including a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony for adults with special needs for which she received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the JFCS of West Palm Beach.

Rabbi Marshall has focused her work on children, families, and special needs individuals. She specializes in creative curriculum development, family & adult education, and building a passionate, inclusive, nurturing Jewish community. Her educational philosophy centers on experiential education coupled with religious observance, "One of my goals is to create a love of Judaism in my students so that they want to learn and incorporate it in their daily lives. This can be done by creating a solid foundation and a strong sense of community. It's not just about education, but about community."

Rabbi Marshall received her Bachelor of Arts cum laude in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University, and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary and earned a Master of Hebrew Letters.

She is joined by her husband Scott and their children Karni, Eyden, Austin and Jaclyn.



What is Beth El to you?

As the Executive Director of Beth El, there are many areas I could write about that would keep you informed about our vibrant religious, cultural and social congregation. There is a great team of lay leaders and staff working together to make all of the services, events and programming a success. My best newsletter articles have been those that pull back the curtain and allow you to see what's going on in the background. For this article, I'd like to focus on the challenge of change related to operations of the synagogue, how we discuss membership and what it means to belong to a synagogue in this thriving, Jewish community.

For as long as Beth El has been a synagogue, we have referred to those who make an annual commitment as members. Members pay dues to belong to Beth El. Members can request seats at High Holy Day services, send their children to our religious school, have their children become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, utilize the services of the clergy for life cycle events and vote on congregational matters at our annual meeting. The challenge here is that membership implies a relationship where specific benefits are received by the member when payment is made. It's a transactional and often one-sided relationship. Just like the phrase made popular by American Express in the 1980s, "membership has its privileges".

The complication is that it's not a transactional relationship. Or it shouldn't be. There are times where it might feel that way, because we bill for dues and security, and because there are various fees for education. If we are in agreement that a synagogue is necessary as a crucial element of a solid Jewish community, the fees are necessary. And I think most of the people reading this agree with that statement – a synagogue is necessary. It unites, it centralizes, it provides and it supports. It's a beacon, it's a place of comfort, it's a house of worship, it's a gathering place for friends. Beth El provides a setting and context for everything Jewish in our lives.

Within all denominations of Judaism, synagogue membership is a deep concern. It's not what it used to be. Membership may be a dated model, but it is not irrelevant. Our struggle is to reframe that relevance. Perhaps we need to look to redefining some terminology as well as the reality of our relationship. Beth El exists because of you and your desire to have Conservative Judaism in a sacred, spiritual, welcoming place.

So consider what Beth El is to you. Are we the weekly Kiddush that brings 250 friends together to enjoy a delicious meal following worship together in our warm, prayerful sanctuary? Are we the monthly gathering of one of our groups, spending time together with friends you've known for so many years? Are we the community where your young family was able to connect with other young families as you created lifelong friendships? Are we the synagogue where your children, your grandchildren or other relatives became a Bar Mitzvah or were Confirmed or were married? Did it become more to you after you lost someone you loved and you started attending our daily minyanim?

Consider what brings you together with your community and as you consider what Beth El is to you, what terms would you use? What do you call someone that is there for you at all moments of your life? A friend? Maybe that's better than member. What do you call someone that provides financial stability to an organization or to your own life? A supporter? You may see certain terminology start to change as we look to redefine the terminology of our relationship. But amidst all of this questioning, there is one solid truth – we are in this together. Beth El exists for you and your family and friends, and you and your family and friends need Beth El to be there for you at any given moment. We are each other's pillars, supporters and friends. I welcome your feedback, as always.



## The Best Sermon

I have probably given a decent number of good sermons over the past few months, but all of them pale in comparison to the one from last Shabbos. But it wasn't given by me. And it wasn't given by Rabbi Green either, (although, as you know by now, he is a gifted speaker.) It wasn't a long sermon; likely the shortest one ever- all of 90 seconds. And yet, this particular sermon was one of the most meaningful and heartfelt statements of the joy, strength and transformative power of synagogue community that I, and everyone in attendance, has heard in a long time. When it was over, nearly everyone in shul last Shabbos had a lumps in their throats or tears in their eyes.

As you know, we save the last few minutes of our Saturday morning service for "Good and Welfare," at which time those in attendance can share simchas and personal milestones with the congregation. With us each and every Shabbat morning is woman named Jill who has special needs. She is a familiar face to all who attend regularly, and she likes to go from table to table at the Kiddush following services chatting with the people there. Last Shabbos was Jill's fiftieth birthday. She was so excited about sharing that milestone she had been talking about it for weeks. When the time came, I wished Jill a Happy Birthday from the bimah. She smiled broadly and stood at her seat. Then she asked me from across the room, "Rabbi, can I say something?" "Of course, Jill," was my response. And here is what she said:

*"I want to thank all the people of Beth El for the birthday wishes. You people are my family. You know, when most people see me they run away, but all of you all talk to me and make me feel so welcome and happy here. I just want to say thank you to all my Beth El Family."*

There was thunderous applause and Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro led the shul in Happy Birthday, Jill. It was an incredibly moving experience, one few of us will soon forget. Writing about it now I still get choked up. Hundreds and hundreds of people made that moment possible in Jill's life, and mine. From the folks who serve endless hours on committees that keep our synagogue strong, to the teachers who make our programs so attractive that kids ask to come, to the office staff that makes it all run so smoothly, and perhaps most importantly, to those who support the shul with dues and donations above and beyond; each of us have a hand in bringing this kind of joy to those who come under our roof.

The truth is that we will never fully know, or even begin to fully comprehend the huge positive impact we have on one another through the community we create and maintain at Beth El, whether we are in attendance at services or not. Still, for one shining moment last week, it all came into sharp focus and I wanted to take this opportunity to share it with you, and to thank you for helping to make us the Sacred Community we really are.

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## SHARING OUR LIVES

### ***B'NAI MITZVAH:***

Karen & Jerry Bliss on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel.

Marge Blum on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Dylan.

Robyn & Leonard Kaplan on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Danielle.

Sheila & Samuel Mandel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ben Sloves.

Phyllis & Mort Pomerantz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Joshua Ethan.

Michele & Steven Schwartz on the B'nai Mitzvah of their sons, Braden & Dylan.

Rose & Sol Schwartz on the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandsons, Braden & Dylan.

Juli & Glenn Sloves on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin.

Barbra & Allen Wilen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jared.

### ***BIRTHS:***

Hedda & David Morton on the birth of their grandson, Akiva Yosef Pasternak.

Lynn & Joseph Rosner on the birth of their grandson, Leo Jerome Rosner.

Harriet Schulman on the birth of her grandson, Jacob Toll Schulman.

### ***ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES:***

Harriet Schulman on the marriage of her son, Todd, to Beth Lorell.

### ***SPEEDY RECOVERY:***

Norma Kamis

### ***BETH EL MOURNS the passing of:***

Edith Dutkin, mother of Eileen Yaffa and Richard Dutkin.

Preston Elkis, father of Karin Elkis.

Vita Tannenbaum Green, grandmother of Rabbi Andy Green.

Phillip Leeor Joffe, brother of Howard Joffe.

Marc Levin, father of Lisa Stegall and Billy Levin and husband of Joan Langer.

Esther Miles, grandmother of Heather Fisher.

Irene Morrow, sister of Cookie Matez and Lois Taylor.

Muriel Robinson, mother of Jeffrey Robinson.

Craig Rosof, husband of Sarah Rosof, son of Edward & Carol Rosof, and brother of Stephanie Ritigstein.

Bernice Rutberg, mother of Jeff Rutberg, grandmother of Lia.

Max Silverman, father of Michael Silverman.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Muriel Robinson**

Mother of Jeffrey Robinson

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Craig Rosof**

Husband of Sarah Rosof

Son of Edward and Carol Rosof

Brother of Stephanie (Michael) Ritigstein

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

**Dorothy Pitlick**



Carol Sussman, Bonnie Squires, Melanie Wolfson, Shelly Weismer,  
Emily Victor

**JAFCO Woman  
Of Valor 2016**

Cathy Backal



**Outgoing JFCS President**  
**Incoming JFCS President**  
**Volunteer of the Year**

Ann Miller  
Hope Morgan  
Joanna Greenfield

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LET US KNOW!  
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Share with us what's happening in your life so we can celebrate with you, comfort you, and support you.

Please email Beth Josephs at [Bjosephs@bethelsnj.org](mailto:Bjosephs@bethelsnj.org) or call her at (856) 675-1166 Ext 415 to help our Beth El family stay connected with your family!

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

The Sanctuary and Social Hall seating charts are available on our website. If you are unable to view them, please contact the Beth El office at 856-675-1166 to have them mailed out.

Seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to those members who are in good standing and return your seating request form by June 15. **If you are not a member in good standing, your request will not be considered until your account is up to date.**

**Due to the high demand for seats in the Main Sanctuary, we may not be able to seat guests of congregants in the front sections (affixed seats) of the Sanctuary. Therefore, if you are purchasing guest tickets, or bringing friends/relatives with reciprocity tickets, and you request seats in the front four sections of the Main Sanctuary or have permanent seats, your guests may not be able to be seated next to you.**

**For the procedures for obtaining tickets, as well as the seating charts and extra ticket request forms, please go to the High Holy Days page of our website: <https://bethelsnj.org/our-services/high-holy-days-2016/>**

*Contact Davida Chornock at [dchornock@bethelsnj.org](mailto:dchornock@bethelsnj.org) or ext. 409 with questions.*

## CONGREGATION BETH EL HIGH HOLY DAY SEATING REQUEST FORM 2016 • 5777

Date Received (Office Use Only): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved (Office Use Only): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEL #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMANENT SEAT HOLDERS, PLEASE CHECK HERE** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR: My/Our choice for seats is in the:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary \_\_\_\_\_ Social Hall

	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>SEAT(S)</u>
First Choice	_____	_____	_____
Second Choice	_____	_____	_____
Third Choice	_____	_____	_____

I WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH/NEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note, if the person you want to sit with/near has not submitted a seating request and/or is not current with their dues, they will not be seated.)*

I WILL NEED COLLEGE, GUEST OR RECIPROCITY TICKETS:  YES  NO # OF SEATS? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Maximum 4 guest tickets can be requested per family. Please note, this does not reserve seats. Please fill out the forms online for college, guest, or reciprocity seats.)*

- Please indicate if you are a **KOHEN** or **LEVI**:  KOHEN  LEVI
- Would you like an **ALIYAH TO THE TORAH**?  YES  NO
- Would you like an **ARK OPENING**?  YES  NO
- Would you like the honor of **READING THE HAFTARAH**?  YES  NO

**DEADLINE FOR PRIORITY SEATING IS 6/15/16**

## CONGREGATION BETH EL HIGH HOLY DAYS HANDICAP PARKING PASS

Please complete this form & return it to the BE office by **August 15, 2016**.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR:** 1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND DAY ROSH ROSHANAH \_\_\_\_\_ KOL NIDRE \_\_\_\_\_ YOM KIPPUR \_\_\_\_\_

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!



## At Congregation Beth El!

### **Splash Pad Tuesdays!**

July 5 through August 30  
5:30PM - 7:30PM

Every Tuesday, families are welcome to enjoy our splash pad and playground and end the day with a cold treat!

### **"Keep it cool" with Rabbi Green**

at Masso's  
11 Lakeview Drive, Gibbsboro  
Thursday, July 7  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

### **"Chillax" with Rabbi Green**

at Classic Cake  
480 E Evesham Rd. Cherry hill  
Thursday, July 14  
5:30PM - 7:00PM

### **"Grab a cone" with Rabbi Green**

at Rita's Water Ice  
106 County Route 561, Voorhees  
Thursday, July 28  
5:30 - 7:00PM

### **Special Shabbat Guest and Program with Shirah Taylor Gura**

Saturday, August 6

### **Splish Splash Shabbat for kids**

Saturday, August 20

### **Devotion By The Ocean**

Join Hazzan Pomerantz Boro for a community wide Friday night service at The Shore  
Saturday, August 26

**There is more fun in store this summer with Beth El!**

***Look for more information on our special summer programming in the Beth El Buzz and on our website: <https://bethelsnj.org/upcoming-events/>***

*All events are free, unless you decide to purchase food.*

**Come Visit Us ...Every Day is an Open House!!**

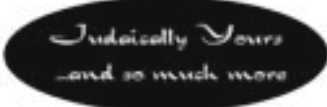
For tours or appointments to meet any of our clergy or staff, contact Tamar Barkan [tbarkan@bethelsnj.org](mailto:tbarkan@bethelsnj.org) of 856.675.1166 x. 418





Social Action will be collecting new book bags and school supplies for the Boys & Girls Club in Camden.

Donations can be put in the Mitzvah Bins outside the Youth Lounge.



### Summer Hours

Mon by appointment only  
Tues, Wed, Thu 9:00-1:00



### SINGLES SHABBAT

Meet people of all ages in the warm & safe environment of Beth El.

Shabbat service is FREE and open to ALL!

Held every third Friday of the month at 8 PM in the small Chapel.

Oneg following services; no reservations are needed.

Join us!

June 17

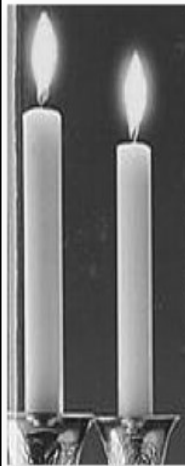
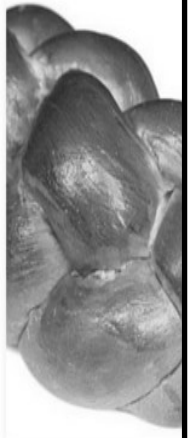
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August 19

Contact Norma ♥ Kamis:

P: (856) 662-7916

E: normatrack@verizon.net



### BELL LIBRARY NEWS

AMY KAPLAN, CONGREGATION LIBRARIAN

Special thanks to our Library volunteers: Barbara Brodack, Isaak Ivnitsky, and Hermie and Morty Mann, who have enabled us to keep the library open many additional hours this year.

We are always in need of volunteers – please consider helping us out this fall!

Remember to read the “Book Buzz” in the weekly “Beth El Buzz” for updates about new library books.



**The Library will be closed July and August.**

## MEN'S CLUB

This is my first newsletter since assuming the presidency of the Men's Club on May 1. I am grateful for the honor and look forward to the opportunity to serve our members and the shul overall.

This shul, if you let it, can be the fuel for you and your family to grow. My wife Cheryl and I have been members for over 20 years. First, I watched my kids learn about their Jewishness, and then I found my own horizons expanding through retreats with young families, learning to read Torah, running a couple Men's Club events, and now this journey.

Beth El has been my rock through difficult times and a source of joy during simchas. I take great pride in having this chance to give back and serve you. All of us can contribute to the betterment of our synagogue in our own way. Be part of the team! Help make this a time to infuse new energy, ideas and camaraderie into Men's Club and Beth El.

At Men's Club Shabbat on April 30, Rabbi Krupnick urged our club to engage in more Social Action/Tikkun Olam activities involving us and our kids. He sees it as a way to develop a stronger sense of purpose through "healing the world" while giving men the opportunity to be "hands-on" role models. We have already met to begun to explore this and other ideas, including educational, religious and purely fun social activities.

Let me thank the volunteers who regularly contribute to the vibrancy of Men's Club. We all owe a debt of gratitude to outgoing president Yoel Weiss. He has poured his heart and soul (and countless hours) into the position magnificently for the last four years. He has also been a great help to me in learning the ropes. I also am thankful for the steady stream of help from Bill Baranoff, Bruce DuBoff, Henry David, Mike Glass, Ray Katz, Craig Kessler, Gary Shapiro, and Bennett Shanker. In addition, let me give a hearty *Yasher Koach* to Larry Abrams, who coordinated our beautiful Men's Club Shabbat service, and to the many men who stepped to the plate (well, make that bimah) to participate. Thanks lastly to Andy Bender for his hard work in overseeing our Torah on Tap series with Rabbi Green.

I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our events after the summer!

Larry Hanover – President  
[hanovers4@comcast.net](mailto:hanovers4@comcast.net)

## Sisterhood

Dear Women of Beth El.

We've had an amazing year filled with great activities and programs. From our Retreat and Canvas Painting Party in September to getting our mojo back at the Rosh Chodesh, It's a Woman's Thing session in May, we have been busy.

And there is no stopping us as we enter the summer. We'll be hosting our monthly Israeli Dancing session on June 1 and B-I-N-G-O on June 9. Also look for Chesed cooking and our membership packet over the summer.

Thank you to all the women who came out this year to participate in our events. A special thank you to my board and program chairs for their hard work which made each program so successful.

I hope that you will join us during the 2016-17 year and become a part of the excitement that is Sisterhood! And, if you have any ideas for future programs, please let me know!

Renee Bodoff Kessler  
[rbkess@comcast.net](mailto:rbkess@comcast.net)  
 429-2258

### HOW DO YOU SPELL FUN?



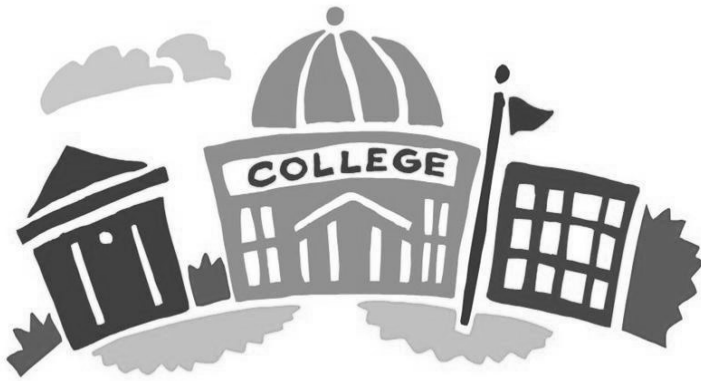
Come and join Sisterhood as we end our year with a **B-L-A-S-T: Bellinis and Bingo!**

**Thursday, June 9**

We'll be playing **B-I-N-G-O** so bring your friends and join us.

Come at 7:00 pm and we'll provide the drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), snacks and a **F-U-N** evening.  
 \$10 per person includes 2 **B-I-N-G-O** cards

RSVP to Renee Kessler  
 429-2258 or [rbkess@comcast.net](mailto:rbkess@comcast.net)



**ATTENTION  
COLLEGE BOUND  
STUDENTS & PARENTS!**

**BETH EL'S COLLEGE CONNECTION  
COMMITTEE IS NOW ACCEPTING  
ADDRESSES FOR THE 2016-17  
SCHOOL YEAR\***

Help us keep our Beth El college students connected to their shul and Jewish community. We provide holiday packages and Beth El news updates throughout the school year.

If you would like your child to participate in this **free** program, please submit the following to **Ann Miller** at [ALM4SP@aol.com](mailto:ALM4SP@aol.com) or (856) 428-5145

**Student's Name      Name of School/Class Year**  
**School Address      Student's e-mail address**  
**Parents' Names and Phone #**

**BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

(Names submitted after this date will be added to the December Hanukkah list)

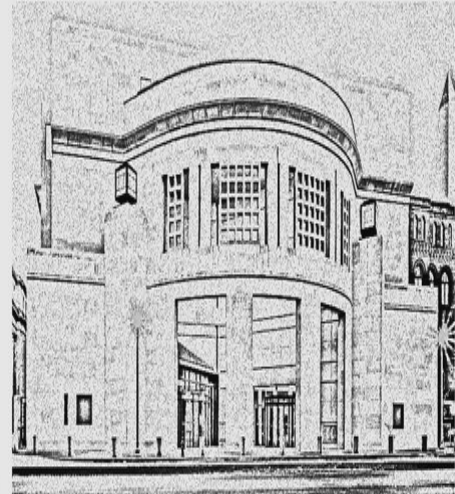
**For more information, call Gloria Back (856) 428-6368**

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

**Sponsored by the David Back College Connection Fund**

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the College Connection Fund may do so by calling the Beth El office at **856-675-1166**

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Save the Date - September 18, 2016



*All Invited!*

Habonim is sponsoring a motor coach trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Washington, D.C. Sunday, September 18, 2016

Cost of trip is \$85 pp which includes:  
Round trip motor coach transportation  
A kosher box lunch upon arrival  
A tour of the museum

We will be making a dinner stop at a restaurant on the way home. This will be private pay.

**Don't miss out!**

More details and reservation forms to follow for this most meaningful trip.



***Learning can only happen when a child is interested. If he is not interested, it is like throwing marshmallows at his head and calling it eating!***

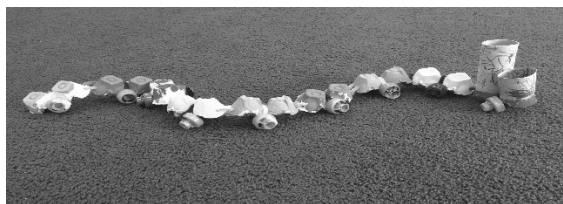
Katrina Gutleben



This is the time of the year when you are asked to write an article for the BEN- Beth El News that will appear in the summer and you wonder: should I write about the past or the future?

The quote above got me thinking about the fact that in education there is no past or future, but rather past AND future. Education is an ongoing experience where both past and future intermingle.

This year we were introduced to the Emergent philosophy. It has at its core the need to find out what the children in our classes are interested in. The teachers' role is creating a learning environment surrounding that interest. In our two year old class, Morah Andrea identified a common interest among the children: trains. Throughout the year, every week different activities related to trains were incorporated into the class program. Some of what was included: games, learning to count, stories, patterns, drawing, building and more. The class even took a train ride on the Speedline.



A train made with egg cartons, toilet paper rolls and squeezeie lids

The Emergent philosophy in education helps us focus on the children's interests and on building learning experiences that will compliment them. Our teachers are learning to enhance their core curriculum with the opportunities they will have to explore their students' interests. Observation and documentation are the tools that become important for teachers in the classrooms. Using those tools will help them identify their children's interests. This year every class was working on a different project. Each project was documented in a book that was written and assembled by the teacher and the students. These books are available for you to enjoy in my office. The books are used to tell parents and our guests about the kind of learning that has taken place in our classes. We celebrated Lag Ba'omer with a bonfire this year and we ate S'mores with marshmallows! We actually have been EATING MARSHMALLOWS all year long, not throwing them at our kids!!!!

Have a great summer.

Registration is going on for the school year 2016-17 ! Download the registration forms online at <https://bethelsnj.org/early-childhood/early-childhood/>

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Our full day Kindergarten Graduates:

Ariel Acosta  
Elana Becker  
Marley Greenfield  
Ross Lieberman  
Maya Morgan  
Estee Rosenbaum  
Aitan Rothkoff

Yishar Koach to their teachers,  
Morah Susan and Morah Elana.

### Our Kindergarten Enrichment Graduates

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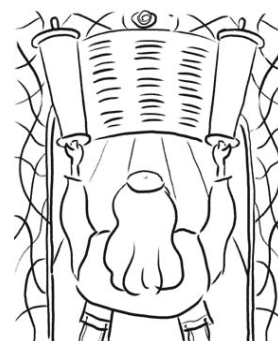
Mitzvah Project: Collected over 300 new books for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Additionally, Grayson volunteers her time to the Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees.



*To all our B'nai Mitzvah of the Summer*

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### **Saying Good-Bye...**

As I write this, I realize that I am submitting my last article to the Beth El News. Lately, I've been saying this a lot. "This is my last *Chag Hasiddur*, my last *Purim Kids' Megillah Reading*, my last *Vav Graduation*, *Bet concert*, *Gan Siyyum*,... etc." After twenty-seven years as your Educational Director, I am finally stepping

down and retiring. It's really hard to believe. Beth El has been my second home for so long. I've enjoyed every minute of it (ok, almost every minute of it.) Over the years I've gotten to know almost 1000 students. Some of them have children who are now in my school. (I don't really understand how that's even possible, since I don't feel any older.)

The other night I was speaking to a parent who was concerned about next year. Assuring her that all will be well, I jokingly said, "before long, you'll see, you won't even remember me." Her child who was with her suddenly came over, hugged me and in the sincerest voice he could muster, said to me, "My mom may forget you, but I never will." With tears in my eyes I hugged him back and told him how much joy I felt at that moment.

The hardest part about leaving for me, will be saying good-bye to my students. I will truly miss them. I will miss their smiles, their wise, innocent questions, their sometime smart-alecky answers. I will miss their enthusiasm when they read Torah for the first time. I will miss coming into their classrooms and listening to them read Hebrew with pride. I will miss coming to music class and listening to them sing. I will miss greeting them in the hallway. I will even miss mediating between them in my office when they have a spat with their friends. I will miss that twinkle in their eyes when they grasp a concept. I will miss it all.

I realize that many of you were not be able to celebrate my retirement officially at my tribute dinner, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for this great honor that you have bestowed upon me. I am grateful to have worked with so many talented people, Rabbi Krupnick, Rabbi Green, Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Rabbi Furman, our lay leadership, our Board of Trustees, our School Board, our professional staff, office staff, maintenance staff and most of all, my amazing staff. They are the ones who have worked tirelessly under my direction. They

are the most professional, caring, creative and dedicated teachers with whom I've had the pleasure of working these past years.

When people ask me to tell them the secret of my longevity I try to answer with some wisdom I learned from our sages; **Rabbi Eliezer tell us, "Let the honor of your (friend) or student be as precious to you as your own."** *Avot* 2:10

This has been my guiding principle since I began teaching at a very young age. I have tried to live by that maxim and I've encouraged my teachers to follow suit. I am convinced that creating community with mutual respect is what makes our school great.

Thank you for helping me make our school one of the best in the country, recipient of many awards and accolades. I am confident that Beth El Religious School, under its new director, Rabbi Nogah Marshall, whom I adore, will continue to flourish and go from strength to strength.

To you, Rabbi Marshall, I say, b'hatzlacha. May you find fulfillment and happiness in leading my precious flock as I have.

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**June 2016**

**Iyar ~ Sivan 5776**

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\*\* Sunday 8:30 AM \*\*

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

**Exceptions For Morning Service**

Tuesday, June 7, Rosh Chodesh Sivan - 7:15 AM

Sunday, June 12, First Day of Shavuot - 9:00 AM

Monday, June 13, Shavuot– Yizkor - 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 19, Father's Day - 8:30 AM

**Candle Lighting**

**Mincha (Afternoon) Ma'ariv (Evening) Services**

	Sunday, May 29 - Thursday, June 2	8:20 PM
8:06 PM	Friday, June 3	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 4	8:10 PM
	Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 9	8:25 PM
8:10 PM	Friday, June 10	6:00 PM
9:17 PM	Saturday, June 11 - Mincha Services after Kiddush	12:30 PM
	Saturday, June 11 - Eve of Shavuot	8:40 PM
9:18 PM	Sunday, June 12 - Eve of Second Day of Shavuot	8:30 PM
	Monday, June 13 - Second Day of Shavuot	8:30 PM
8:13 PM	Tuesday – Thursday, June 14 - June 16	8:25 PM
	Friday, June 17	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 18	8:15 PM
	Sunday, June 19 – Thursday, June 23	8:25 PM
8:14 PM	Friday, June 24	6:00 PM
	Saturday, June 25	8:15 PM
8:14 PM	Sunday, June 26 – Thursday, June 30	8:25 PM
	Friday, July 1	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 2	8:15 PM

**July 2016**  
**Sivan - Tammuz 5776**

**Shacharit (Morning) Services:**

\*\*\*Sunday 8:30 AM\*\*\*  
 Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM  
 Saturday 9:00 AM

**Exceptions For Morning Service:**

July 4, Monday, Independence Day 8:30 AM  
 July 6, Wednesday, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7:15 AM  
 July 7, Thursday, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7:15 AM  
 July 24, Sunday, Fast of 17th Tammuz 8:30 AM

**Candle Lighting      Mincha (Afternoon) Ma'ariv (Evening) Services**

	Sunday, June 26—Thursday, June 30	8:25 PM
8:14 PM	Friday, July 1	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 2	8:15 PM
	Sunday, July 3 —Thursday, July 7	8:25 PM
8:12 PM	Friday, July 8	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 9	8:15 PM
	Sunday, July 10—Thursday July 14	8:20 PM
8:09 PM	Friday, July 15	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 16	8:10 PM
	Sunday, July 17—Thursday, July 21	8:15 PM
8:04 PM	Friday, July 22	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 23	8:05 PM
	Sunday, July 24—Fast of Tammuz	8:15 PM
	Monday, July 25 — Thursday, July 28	8:15 PM
7:58 PM	Friday, July 29	6:00 PM
	Saturday, July 30	8:00 PM
	Sunday, July 31 - Thursday, August 4	8:05 PM



**August 2016**  
**Tammuz - Av 5776**

**Shacharit (Morning) Services:**

\*\*\*Sunday 8:30 AM\*\*\*

Monday & Thursday 7:15 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

**Exceptions For Morning Service:**

August 5, Friday, Rosh Chodesh Av - 7:15 AM

August 14, Sunday, Tisha B'Av fast Observed - 8:30 AM

**Candle Lighting**

**Mincha (Afternoon) Ma'ariv (Evening) Services**

	Sunday, July 31 — Thursday, August 4	8:05 PM
7:50 PM	Friday, August 5	6:00 PM
	Saturday, August 6	7:50 PM
	Sunday, August 7 - Thursday, August 11	8:00 PM
7:42 PM	Friday, August 12	6:00 PM
	Saturday, August 13	7:45 PM
	Sunday, August 14 - Thursday, August 18	7:50 PM
7:32 PM	Friday, August 19	6:00 PM
	Saturday, August 20	7:35 PM
	Sunday, August 21 - Thursday, August 25	7:40 PM
7:22 PM	Friday, August 26	6:00 PM
	Saturday, August 27	7:25 PM
	Sunday, August 28 - Thursday, September 1	7:30 PM
7:11 PM	Friday, September 2	6:00 PM
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Remember your wedding, birthday, anniversary, or your children's B'nai Mitzvah or other accomplishment by having a leaf custom engraved for \$275.

**STONE:** For a more significant addition to the Tree of Life, please consider purchasing a stone to adorn the bottom of the artwork. Each stone is custom engraved onto an all natural surface and promises to be a source of great family pride for years to come. The cost for each stone is \$550.

To order a leaf or stone, please call the Beth El office.

## Memorial Room

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a plaque (\$575) in our Memorial Room.

Additionally, the names and yahrzeit dates will appear on the digital screen, scrolling during the yahrzeit week, high holidays and other chaggim.

Phone the Beth El office for more info at 856-675-1166

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For questions, call Debbie Drachman at 856 - 719 - 9485

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*Giving Today to Secure Tomorrow*

Making a commitment to Beth El's Endowment Fund will help ensure funds will always be available to support & enhance the many important, religious, educational & communal services that Beth El provides to its members & community. There are many ways to participate: make an immediate contribution of cash, appreciated securities, real estate, art work or other collectibles; include a bequest to Beth El in your will; designate Beth El as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy; establish a donor advised fund dedicated to the support of Beth El; establish a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust.

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# LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM



Beth El was recently given the opportunity to participate in a charitable Endowment initiative under the auspices of the Jewish Community Foundation. The program is funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in order to foster an awareness of the importance of Endowments to the future of any charitable or religious organization. *The Grinspoon Foundation offers an unrestricted \$5,000 grant, during each of the first two (2) years of the program, to any organization meeting certain criteria.*

The Grinspoon Foundation challenged all of the participating organizations – and almost every Jewish organization in our area is participating - to obtain at least eighteen (18) Endowment commitments during each of the first two (2) years of the program. We are now in year two (2) of the Life and Legacy Program and look forward to your continued support of the Beth El Endowment Program.

Please remember Beth El when you do your Estate Planning. Our Committee will be happy to discuss various options with you. All of us thank those who have helped to ensure Beth El's future.

## Our Life and Legacy Donors

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### Volunteers Needed & Greatly Appreciated

To do occasional light weeding, light trimming & container watering of Beth El's gardens.  
 Please contact Sharon at 856-296-7730 or [maggied989@yahoo.com](mailto:maggied989@yahoo.com)

### Volunteers Needed in the Beth El Office for a variety of office projects

Please call Shirley at 675-1166 or email [Syaffa@bethelsnj.org](mailto:Syaffa@bethelsnj.org) if you can donate a few hours.  
 Thanks in advance for your help.

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