

Kol Beth El

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Mission Statement

We are a congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study, and to create a warm and welcoming community. We seek to preserve and enhance our People's traditions within the context of Conservative Judaism. We aspire to strengthen our Jewish identity to meet the challenges of a changing environment. We endeavor to provide resources to help us relate to God, understand the ways of God and enrich the Jewish content of our lives. We encourage our members to serve worthwhile causes within our Congregation and the wider Jewish and world communities. We are committed to support Israel. We educate our children so they commit to the cultural, spiritual, and ethical values of our People.

From the Desk of Rabbi Kurtz



Sukkot

In a rather unusual occurrence, this year, the month of October is replete with Jewish holidays. Beginning with the last few days of September and right through October we will celebrate during the month of Tishri many of the major holidays in the Jewish year. Commencing with the High Holy Days and through the holiday of Sukkot our days will be filled with synagogue observance, home rituals and community events.

The Synagogue, as well as Highland Park High School, will be filled to the brim on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as the High Holy Days have assumed a place of great prominence in the lives of our members and the Jewish community. These days are not simple ones. They are filled with many difficult theological concepts and relatively few home rituals. We follow a liturgy and a prayer book which is different from the rest of the calendar year and the Nusach, the prayer melodies, follow a different musical mode than that used either on weekdays or Shabbat and the other festivals. It is difficult to get into the mood of the High Holy Days and thus, for a month, we prepare appropriately. The Shofar is blown during the month of Elul and Psalm 27 is recited each day to acknowledge the coming of the Days of Awe. Selichot are recited the prior Saturday night to Rosh Hashana to impress upon us the need for the proper motivation for prayer and repentance.

However, it is rather sad that most of the Jewish world does not continue coming to the Synagogue after the High Holidays to celebrate the wonderful holiday of Sukkot. While the Synagogue assumes a prominent place for the observance of the holiday, it is the home and the community in which the commemoration is truly felt. We build Sukkot outside our individual homes and enjoy the bounties of the harvest in order to appreciate the gifts that we have been given and recognize that we should not take our world for granted. In our community I am most pleased that so many members take advantage of that opportunity. It becomes a family event, an opportunity to invite guests and a time for communal thanksgiving and celebration.

According to the Halachic Midrash, the Sifra, and repeated in the Talmud, there is a disagreement as to the purpose of dwelling in booths during the Festival. Rabbi Eliezer states that the Sukkot which the Children of Israel inhabited during the desert experience were actual booths. These booths protected them from the harsh elements of the desert, the heat during the day and the cold at night. Having been myself in the Sinai desert during this period of the year, one can actually still see temporary habitations used to protect families and their possessions even in this day and age. Rabbi Akiva, however, disagrees. He suggests

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Sukkot

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the Sukkot were clouds of glory. In other words, it was not the physical presence of the booths that protected the Children of Israel during their desert experience; it was G-d's saving grace and protective spirit.

It seems to me that we need both of these explanations in our world and not only during the holiday of Sukkot. We need the ability to protect ourselves, to make sure that we and our families are safe in a manner which gives us a feeling of security. Yet, at the very same time, we need G-d's protective care in order to

live life to its fullest and to appreciate the many gifts that are placed at our disposal.

The holiday of Sukkot allows us to celebrate and perpetuate both of these concepts. On the one hand, we leave our fixed dwellings and move outside to these temporary booths to enjoy the beauty of nature. On the other hand, especially this year when the holidays are "so late", the vagaries of nature may bring weather which will not be conducive to our sitting in the Sukkah. We need both G-d's protecting care and our own ability to take care of ourselves to enjoy life and its gifts.

I encourage you to celebrate Sukkot with us at the Synagogue, to build your own Sukkah,

to use the lulav and etrog as a symbol of the harvest season, to participate in our Sukkah walk on the first day of the holiday, and to enjoy the many activities in our schools, in our affiliates' programs and in our youth groups that the holiday of Sukkot, "Zeman Simchateinu" – "The time of our joy and gladness," affords us.

May we all celebrate a joyful Sukkot and may it be a year of health, peace, security and contentment for us all.

Shabbat Schedule

See calendar for times.

DAILY SERVICE

Monday through Friday
Mornings, 7:15 am

Sunday through Thursday
Evenings, 7:30 pm

Sunday and Legal Holiday
Mornings, 8:45 am

Rosh Hodesh
Mornings, 7:00 am

Services are conducted by:

Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz,
Rabbi Michael Schwab,
Hazzan Larry B. Goller

11:00 am Every Shabbat

Tot Shabbat

Services for families with
Pre-School children

Mini Minyan

Services for families with children
Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Junior Congregation

Services for students in 3rd - 5th grade

OCTOBER

Shabbat, October 1

Shabbat Shuvah
Parashat Ha'azinu
Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:52
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10

Shabbat, October 8

Yom Kippur / Yizkor
Torah: Leviticus: 16:1 – 34
Maftir: Numbers 29:7 – 11
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14 – 58:14

Shabbat, October 15

Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot
Torah: Exodus 33:12 – 34:26
Maftir: Numbers 29:17 – 25
Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18 – 39:16

Shabbat, October 22

Birkat HaHodesh
Parashat Bereshit
Torah: Genesis 1:1 – 6:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

Shabbat, October 29

Rosh Hodesh Cheshvan
Parashat Noah
Torah: Genesis 6:9 – 11:32
Maftir: Numbers 28:9 – 15
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1 – 24; 66:23

NOVEMBER

Shabbat, November 5

Parashat Lekh L'kha
Torah: Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

Shabbat, November 12

Parashat Vayera
Torah: Genesis 18:1 – 22:24
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1 – 37

Shabbat, November 19

Parashat Haye Sarah
Torah: Genesis 23:1 – 25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 – 31

Shabbat, November 26

Birkat HaHodesh
Parashat Toldot
Torah: Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18 – 42

President's Corner

by Andrew W. Brown

As you read this, we're now in the midst of the high holidays and, though I wrote this some weeks beforehand, I hope that everyone has found the Days of Awe to be a time of renewal and reflection. Personally, I've always been challenged by maintaining focus on the service during the entirety of time I'm in the synagogue. But, I've also found that if I keep working on finding more of our spiritual heritage in which I can connect, then I get more benefit every year.

The holiday of Sukkot is around the corner, and, it is the topic of this article. My parents did not have a sukkah when I was growing up, and so, this holiday was something that was, at best, a bit more abstract than it can be. But, when our children were young, I considered building a sukkah, and, with some gentle spousal encouragement (and likely a small prayer that I wouldn't hurt myself!), I decided I would attempt my own design and building project.

Mind you, I had barely held a hand tool since taking woodshop at Edgewood Jr. High, but, I had both confidence and a concept!

I took a few measurements and hand-drafted possibly the sorriest plan conceivable. I then made my way to one of our local retailers, Craftwood Lumber, where I began to load my cart with all the items I thought necessary. I

reached a point where I was a bit stumped, and so I made my way to the assistance desk.

Behind the desk was a sizeable fellow with wild hair, a big beard, and sort of a scary demeanor. He kind of looked like he belonged to a motorcycle gang and frankly, I was a bit intimidated! But, I caught my breath and approached him for a consultation. As I was going over my less-than-amateur design, he suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, you're building a sukkah!". I was shocked and surprised and relieved all at once to hear this! Who knows, maybe it was some sort of message! I'll leave the interpretation to our clergy! Anyway, I got it built (and did not injure myself, thank you!), and, though it was many years back, our kids loved it. Absolutely loved it. We ate out in the sukkah, would entertain in the sukkah, and the kids would sleep in the sukkah (sometimes with friends).

Of course, we had our lulav to wave and etrog to smell to help complete the package. Our kids are now out of the house and, I'm on my second design (and contemplating my third). Jonah and Nathan, our cousins' boys, now come to help decorate, and, to have a little pizza once we're done. They love it like our kids did because the story of Sukkot, so many-layered, is enjoyed by all ages.

If you've ever thought about building a sukkah, maybe this might serve as some inspiration! It is a great way to connect, physically and spiritually, with our heritage and traditions. It is also a great way to do something together as a family, without requiring unusual or special knowledge or skills.

Of course, I don't want my story to detract in any way from the really terrific sukkah that Beth El has in our backyard and our wonderful Sukkot services. And, without question, one of the best planned events of the season is our annual Sukkah Walk for which you can find more details on our website.

Finally, I would like also to make a small pitch that you take the time and watch the movie, "Ushpizin". It's available for loan in the Gray Cultural and Learning Center. This Israeli movie that takes place during Sukkot is one of my favorite films of the last decade! One reviewer wrote, "Few films have touched me as deeply as "Ushpizin," the story of Moshe and Mali Bellanga, their trusting in miracles, and their recognition of the tests God has placed in their path. They sometimes fail the tests, but they are always aware that God is in their midst, and they listen for His voice."

Festival Services

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Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - Erev Sukkot

5:55 pm.....Candle Lighting
6:00 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, October 13, 2011 - First Day Sukkot

8:50 am.....Festival Service
10:00 pm.....Sukkah Pray and Play
12:00 pm.....Sukkah Walk
6:00 pm.....Mincha / Ma'ariv
7:03 pm.....Candle Lighting

Friday, October 14, 2011 - Second Day Sukkot

8:50 am.....Festival Service
5:51 pm.....Candle Lighting
6:00 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday, October 17, 2011 - Hol Hamed Sukkot

7:00 am.....Morning Minyan
7:30 pm.....Evening Minyan

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Hol Hamed Sukkot

7:00 am.....Morning Minyan
7:30 pm.....Evening Minyan

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 - Hoshanah Rabbah/Erev Shemini Atzeret

6:30 am.....Shacharit
5:46 pm.....Candle Lighting
6:30 pm.....Mincha / Ma'ariv

Thursday, October 20, 2011 - Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor/Erev Simchat Torah

6:30 am.....Early Morning Service
8:50 am.....Festival Service / Yizkor
5:45 pm.....Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:49 pm.....Candle Lighting
7:00 pm.....Family Hakafot Service
9:00 pm.....Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social

Friday, October 21, 2011 - Simchat Torah

8:50 am.....Festival Service
10:00 am.....Hakafot Service
5:39 pm.....Candle Lighting
5:45 pm.....Kabbalat Shabbat

Simchat Torah Honors

Simchat Torah is Friday morning, October 21st this year. Please join the congregation as we honor these three outstanding, dedicated members of Beth El during the Simchat Torah service.

Hatan Torah - Eliezer Krumbein
Hatan Bereshit - Eugene Goldfarb
Kol Hane'arim - Nancy Becker

It's All in the Beth El Family

Congratulations To:

- Cheryl and Ted Banks on the birth of their grandson
- Marsha and Steve Levin on the birth of their granddaughter
- Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith on the occasion of their special anniversary
- Linda and Irwin Magad on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
- Elaine and Bernard Reisin on the birth of their great-granddaughter
- Fran and Steve Shapiro on the birth of their grandson
- Mira and Darryl Temkin on the engagement of their daughter, Alison, to Keith Weinberg

Condolences To:

- Sally Aaron on the loss of her husband, Willard Aaron
- Julie Baum on the loss of her mother, Donna S. Truger
- Judith Bernstein on the loss of her father, Abe Rapaport
- Robert Center on the loss of his father, Edward Center
- Arthur Gladstone on the loss of his brother, S. Lawrence Gladstone
- Steven Hoffman on the loss of his mother, Juanita Hoffman
- Joel Hymen on the loss of his father, Earl Hymen
- Margie Jacobs on the loss of her father, Richard Carey
- Lila Kohn on the loss of her brother, Paul Goldberg
- Nathan Pickus on the loss of his brother, Allan Pickus
- Mel Roseman on the loss of his mother, Ruth Roseman
- Melvin Sered on the loss of his sister, Edith Hartman

In Memoriam:

- Willard Aaron
- Elaine Stein

NSSBE Staff

Vernon Kurtz, Rabbi
Michael Schwab, Rabbi
Larry B. Goller, Hazzan
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Alicia Gejman, Director of Formal Education
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Merle Tovian, Continuing Education Director
Andrew W. Brown, President

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

October – Tishrei/Cheshvan 5772



Matthew Frisch, son of
Bonnie and James Frisch
Shabbat, October 15



Joshua Wasserman, son of
Loree and Robert Wasserman
Shabbat, October 15



Anna Carney, daughter of
Abby and Michael Carney
Shabbat, October 29



Daniel Pickard, son of
Marcie and Brad Pickard
Shabbat, October 29

November – Cheshvan/Kislev 5772



Ethan Weil, son of
Diane and Loren Weil
Shabbat, November 5



Loren Vladem, daughter of
Ellen and Robert Vladem
Shabbat, November 12



Hannah Shanes, daughter of
Diane and Daniel Shanes
Shabbat, November 19



Audree Goone, daughter of
Kim Levy and Robert Goone
Shabbat, November 26

What I did on my “summer vacation”...

**“Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home”**

So the poem goes (pop quiz: Name the poet!). While it's wonderful being here in Highland Park and working “on-site” on behalf of our congregation, it's also nice to get away once in a while. This past summer I had the chance to travel several times for various reasons. In addition to some vacation and my annual trip to Camp Ramah, where I serve as Hazzan-In-Residence for 1-2 weeks each summer, two other trips were quite musically related, and I'd like to share something about those two trips with you.

In late May (if you'll allow me the indulgence of including that in, my summer), I travelled to Toronto to take part in the annual Cantors Assembly convention, a gathering of Hazzanim of the Conservative movement from around the world. Approximately 200 cantors came in to share several days of music, workshops, study, and camaraderie.

“So, what do you do – sing to each other all day!?” is a question I am often asked about convention. And the answer is...well, yes...and no. Yes, there are a number of sessions in which cantors share with each other music of our liturgy and our heritage. One session was a tribute to the music of the late Debbie Friedman, who touched so many people with her art. In another session, one of the local hosts, Hazzan Simon Spiro of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, perhaps the largest synagogue in North America, brought his 16-voice choir in to demonstrate in beautiful, lush multi-part harmony a number of settings he includes as part of the liturgy at his synagogue for Shabbat as well as on the High Holidays.

The convention featured special programs on each of the evenings. On the first night, we were entertained by Marvin Hamlisch, one of the top American composers in film, theater, and popular music. While I can't say that I came away from this session with anything “useful,” it was refreshing to spend an evening being dazzled by the talent of one of our contemporary musical stars.

The next night featured at Holy Blossom Temple, the oldest synagogue in Canada and its largest Reform congregation, the Shinonome Chorus, the choir of the pro-Israel Japanese Christian Friends of Israel, with its headquarters at Beit Shalom (House of Peace), in Kyoto, Japan. After their moving performance – including a number of pieces in Hebrew and a song in memory of the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan last March – there was hardly a dry eye in the house.

But in addition to the music, there were a number of sessions whose topics were less than strictly musical. One session was a review of the book “What to Listen For in Jewish Music,” written by Toronto-based composer and arranger Charles Heller. Another session discussed the making of “100 Voices – a Journey Home,” a documentary of the

Cantors Assembly trip to Poland in the summer of 2009 (in which I was a participant). The session was led by the film's Los Angeles-based producer Michael Lam. (By the way, this film is available for borrowing from our Maxwell Abbell library.) In another session, Dr. Stephen Berk, a professor of Holocaust and Jewish studies at Union College in Schenectady, New York, gave a talk entitled “Germany: Then and Now,” which served as early preparation for next year's Cantors Assembly Convention and trip to Germany and Israel. Dr. Berk is an amazing speaker – he accompanied us on our trip to Poland in 2009 and I look forward to his accompanying us next year to Germany (more about this trip in a future article).

One particularly poignant session was entitled “How to Console and Find Consolation,” presented by psychiatrist Dr. Mark Komrad. This session dealt with the mental health of clergy, people employed in a particularly emotionally and spiritually challenging profession. It was followed by the premiere of a special Friday night service composed by Hazzan Meir Finkelstein and dedicated to the memory of Hazzan Alan Smolen, our recently departed colleague and son of Beth El member Ernie Smolen.

In July, I traveled to upstate New York to take part in the North American Jewish Choral Festival. At the Festival, I had the opportunity to be “just” a member of the choir – several choirs, actually – and learn Jewish music from and with some of the great composers and conductors of Jewish choral music today. A personal highlight for me was the bestowal of the Foundation's annual *Hallel v'Zimrah Award* to David Berger, composer of beautiful contemporary Jewish choral music. I'm proud to say that in addition to being a fabulous, sensitive composer, David is a friend - I spent many a Shabbat afternoon with him and his family in their apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. I also served on staff at the Festival, teaching a workshop in Yiddish music, one of a number of sessions dealing with not only music but with a variety of topics of Jewish interest.

While at the festival I also managed to conduct synagogue business, as a number of my colleagues on staff there have been invited to Beth El to share their talents with our congregation in past years. One of them, Dr. Joshua Jacobson, was here a number of years ago teaching about topics such as Torah cantillation and American Jewish Music. He was so well received that I am happy to announce that he will be returning to Highland Park next April to deliver the annual Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture.

Both next summer's Choral Festival as well Cantors Assembly trip to Germany and Israel is open to lay participants. These will each be very special experiences that you don't have to be Cantor – or even a singer – to gain great benefit and enjoyment from! If you'd like more information about either, please feel free to ask – I'd love to have you join me and my talented friends and colleagues next summer!

Beit Midrash Minyan

The Beit Midrash Minyan provides the opportunity for a smaller and more intimate davening experience.

- Do you want to chant your first Torah reading in a small setting?
- Give a d'var Torah?
- Chant the haftarah again when you become bar or bat mitzvah?
- Lead a service?

Then give Beit Midrash Minyan a try! We warmly welcome all congregants. Try it, you might like it!

Beit Midrash Minyan will meet on the following Shabbats at 9:15 am: October 15, November 12, December 3, January 14, February 11, March 17, April 28, May 19, and June 2.

2011 Kavod Awards

The 2011 Kavod Awards, from the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago, honored congregants from several synagogues in the area, and NSSBE had the largest contingent: Bernie Alpert, Rachel Ferber, Barbara Gottesman, Nina Harris, Barbara Hoffman, Avram Kraft, Kerana Kraft, Michelle, Krawitz, Ruth Stern, Darryl Temkin, Steven Tovian and Jeff Wohlstader. Yasher Koach to our Bikkur Holim members, under the direction of Rabbi Michael Schwab.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES / MASORTI OLAMI IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE



RABBI VERNON KURTZ
will receive the
**Rabbi Mordecai Waxman Memorial
Rabbinic & Community
Leadership Award**

at Masorti Olami's

An Evening of
Tribute 2011

Sunday, December 11th, 2011
at JTS, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY

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Natkin Seminar Room and Grossinger-Brickman, A New Look

After much deliberation and planning, two major rooms that get frequent use have been completely renovated. It had been in the works for many months, but finally the decision was made to go ahead and make the rooms more esthetic and comfortable.

At the end of July both rooms were "gutted". All of the carpeting, ceiling tiles and light fixtures were removed. The walls were stripped, and the work began. Under the leadership of **Lisa Rosenkranz**, Vice President, Administration and **Nancy Krent** who followed her in that capacity, the House Committee, chaired by **Seth Pines**, chose new light fixtures, carpet and ceiling tiles and design for the refinishing of the walls.

The Natkin Room walls were originally cinder block. They are now dry walled and painted. New perimeter wainscot has been added. New mini-blinds will adorn the windows. A new Smart Board will replace the old TV and projector. This will serve all of the necessary needs to create a truly

twenty first century seminar room. New chairs and collapsible tables will be added and used when necessary.

The Grossinger-Brickman Room has taken on a completely new appearance. From the ceiling to the floor, from wall to wall, it's all new. New carpeting, ceiling tiles and light fixtures, will enhance the room as well as add to the room's comfort. The old counter top has been removed and replaced with a granite top. The walls have been improved with a new wainscot, encompassing the room. Above that, the walls have been completely refinished to add to the beauty of the room. As a multi-purpose room, it will now better serve our congregation.

Funding for the projects has been provided by the **Natkin family** and **Sharon Grossinger**, each for their respective rooms. We thank them for their generosity and foresight in helping to provide beautiful and comfortable rooms for now and for future years.

New Exhibit in the Arnold Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum



The new fall exhibit in the Arnold Rissman Family Kol Ami Museum highlights items from the collection that celebrate the three pillars of Beth El's mission: *Learn, Pray, Community*. Items on display include a daily prayer book with an ivory and brass binding from Vienna, Austria, 1857; a velvet and silk embroidered prayer book and tallis bag from 20th century Morocco; a bronze relief of Jews praying in the synagogue on Yom Kippur, Poland, 1878; and many more.

Also, don't miss the special display for Sukkot in the Kaye Reading Room that includes an etching by Amram Ebgi, *Blessing Over the Lulav and Etrog*, a 19th century silk embroidered Sukkah hanging from Turkey, and an olivewood Etrog container from the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Palestine in the early 20th century. Additionally, in the display case in the Ament Family Gallery hallway, you can view a woven wool cloth from 1876 that depicts Kol Nidre Services in a field behind Prussian lines during the Franco-Prussian War.



Calling All Writers & Aspiring Writers:

Are you interested in participating in a peer led writer's critique group at NSS Beth El?

Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published and not yet published) are welcome.

Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8903 x242 if you are interested. Dates, times, and frequencies of meetings will be determined by the group.

Used Book Sale

We are now collecting used books for the annual sale, February 4-13, 2012. Bring in gently used books - secular and Judaic, adult and children's - in a clearly marked box or bag, to the Kaye Reading Room of the Gray Cultural and Learning Center by February 3, 2012. **Please refrain from donating travel guides and test preparation guides that are more than 1-2 years old as well as outdated textbooks.**

Alef Reading Stars & Bet Bingo

All Alef (2nd Grade) families are encouraged to be a **Reading Star** by reading 5 Jewish books during the school year and completing 5 Reading Star forms. Bet (3rd Grade) students are encouraged to play **Bet Bingo** by reading at least 5 Jewish books during the school year and completing a Bingo card. More information will come home with the students or can be accessed from the new website at www.nssbethel.org. Go to the Gray Cultural & Learning Center and click on Religious School Reading Programs.

North Suburban
Synagogue
Beth El
בית כנסת בית אל



**2011 Israel Bonds Reception
and
Tribute to
Hon. Howard G. Kaplan (z"l)**



Special Guest Speaker

IDF Brigadier General (Ret.) Yehuda Halevy



*From the "Arab Spring" to the United Nations to Turkey:
A look back at 2011 and a look ahead to 2012.*

**Sunday, October 23, 2011 @ 7:15 p.m.
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
RSVP: chicago@israelbonds.com**

Couvert: \$18/person (not tax deductible)
Desserts compliments of Bulldog Bakery.
Dairy and pareve desserts will be provided.

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Sisterhood Happenings! Be Involved. Be Enriched. Be Inspired.

Have you joined Sisterhood yet? We hope you will consider the opportunity and become a member! Sisterhood is a great opportunity to become involved.

We are a dynamic organization of women committed to strengthening traditional Judaism within the Family, the Community, and Israel. We remain an intricate part of Beth El's tradition and a proud arm of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the largest synagogue-based women's organization in the world.

Sisterhood is a great opportunity to enrich your life. We come together to learn, to enhance Jewish observation in our home, to participate in social action programs locally, nationally and globally, and to be a vital part of our Beth El Community. The vivid prism of our work reflects our commitment. From Torah Fund Educational programs, book chats, and weekly classes to our diverse Sisterhood special-interest programs; from our Gift Shop showcasing beautiful Judaica items from Israel and Israeli artists to our Fund Raising efforts like our Mishloach Manot Program to our Honey Box Program - our work helps to enhance learning, enrich Shabbat and holiday celebrations, and raise monies to support programs in our NSS Beth El Preschool, Elementary School and high school and so much more... we are here for NSS Beth El and for you.

Most importantly, we build and sustain friendships, learn from and with each other and make a difference in our Jewish Community.

So, if you haven't joined Sisterhood yet... don't hesitate! Contact Barbara Blumberg 847-433-2885 or BLBJHB@aol.com.

We Invite Our Entire NSS Beth El Family to...

My How You Have Grown Part II
Sunday, October 16
9:30-11:30am; the Blumberg

We welcome back a most distinguished panel: Mort Steinberg, Gerry Blumberg, and Len Birnbaum and Mayer Stiebel to continue the story of our great community and vital history.

We invite our entire Beth El Family to come along for part two of our historical adventure. We will trace the transformation of the Bonita Vista Mansion into our NSS Beth El Synagogue, picking up our story in the 1960's. Explore how the dream of a small group of families became the reality of our Beth El Congregation and learn what inspired the architectural concepts and unique design of our Synagogue.

Photos, Stewart Family memoirs, treasured artifacts and much more. Lite refreshments will be served. Free Admission.

For more information call Cara Madansky-Stiebel at 847-432-7668. RSVP to Pam Schlosberg c/o NSS Beth El; pschlosberg@yahoo.com.



About our logo...

The Women's League logo emphasizes the role women play as keepers of the flames of mitzvot, family, study, Israel, Torah, and community. The "W" suggests the ancient menorah in a strong, contemporary style, and the phrase *Mah yafah yerushataynu* (How beautiful is our heritage) reflects Women's League's ongoing commitment to our vital and dynamic tradition. The flame motif also connects Women's League with the other Conservative movement organizations.

Chef Laura Frankel is Back with a Perfect Program for Your Busy Fall!

Homemade Fast and Easy
Tuesday, October 25
7:00 -9:00 pm; the Blumberg

Chef Frankel believes in using the best ingredients to create incredible kosher dishes. For this program, she celebrates and updates Jewish cooking with innovative recipes for everyday meals, adapting many of her restaurant classics for the home kitchen.

She will share some fabulous recipes to warm those cold winter nights you know are ahead of us. Best of all, delicious can be fast and easy. How great is that!

Program includes take-home recipes to add to your own repertoire! RSVP to Dena Cooperman at 847-266-1218 or DenaRSCooperman@yahoo.com.



Chef Laura Frankel is Executive Chef for Spertus Kosher Catering featuring Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck. She's the author of the Chosen Bites column in the Jerusalem Post and is a passionate teacher. She has made it her creative mission to reimagine and revitalize the diverse and delicious traditions of Jewish cooking.

Sisterhood Open Meeting

"Effective Patient/Doctor Communications"

Tuesday, November 15

Noon - 2:00 pm; the Blumberg

There are more challenges than ever in today's healthcare environment. Limited appointment time, the ability of patients to do their own research which then needs to be discussed with practitioners, and the numbers of patients who are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; these challenges and others make effective communications between patients and their practitioners more important than ever.

Good communications really boils down to two things: respect for each other, and the ability to manage expectations. Through CJE SeniorLife, Sisterhood is proud to present Joan Ente who will provide guidelines to ensure that the time you or your loved ones spend with your physicians is effective. For more information contact Pam Schlosberg at pschlosberg@yahoo.com; 847-433-7546.



Featuring: Joan Richman Ente, M.A., L.C.S.W., A.C.S.W, noted speaker, and columnist for the Chicago Jewish News.

Have you stopped by our Sisterhood's Gift Shop lately?

Throughout the summer a group of dedicated women worked tirelessly on a make-over of our Gift Shop: June Frydman, Allyson Rose, Barbara Gottesman, Diane Levin, Sulie Holt, Karen Weiss, Dena Cooperman, Cara Madansky-Stiebel, Maxine Simon, and Batya Retsky.

The work of their hands is a beautiful thing! We also welcome Diane Levin, Gift Shop Chairman (847-433-5629) and co-chairs Sulie Holt and Michelle Krawitz! They are ready to help you with any questions and purchases you may have.

We are proud to say that our Gift Shop stands as the North Shore of Chicago's "go to" place for all things Jewish. We have an impressive selection of fine art, ceremonial objects, jewelry, chic housewares, and fashion accessories by Israel's designers. Browse our array of books, greeting cards, and tchotchkes. There is also a special section devoted to children's things, holiday gifts, educational toys, and books.

Celebrating a simchah, a special event such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding? We carry talliot, candle sticks, and kiddush cups. Let our knowledgeable staff help you with the perfect gift.

Not only are our prices the best on the North Shore, every purchase helps Sisterhood's dedicated support of our NSS Beth El Religious School and Youth programs.

The Gift Shop is open every Sunday from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm. If you would like to come in during the week, simply call Diane Levin (847-433-5629), Michelle Krawitz (847-681-0621), or Sulie Holt (847-432-2071). If you would like to join us and work in the Gift Shop once a month or once a year, we welcome your participation. (We can schedule a training session) Contact: Karen Weiss, 847-432-3819; Jodi Mosk 847-926-8283; or Allyson Rose 847-433-3388.

Yes, of course....Sisterhood Does Sell Stationery!

From invitations and announcements to personalized stationery and much more we can meet your needs. We offer the latest, most up-to-date sample books to select from.

Lisa Schulkin will be happy to meet with you to discuss the perfect selection for your event. Best of all, your purchase helps to support programs here at NSS Beth El. Call Lisa Schulkin at *A Family Affair* at 847-433-1605; L.SCHULKIN@hotmail.com.

Special Interest Groups

Beginner's Mah Jongg Series

Wednesday, October 26

Wednesday, November 2

Tuesday, November 8

1:00 - 3:00 pm; Youth Lounge

Join us for a fun afternoon. Donation of \$5.00; To register or for more information contact our resident expert teacher, Michelle Krawitz, Sisterhood VP Programs at: webs70@aol.com or call 847-681-0621.



Three Stitches/Three Classes - Needlepoint Series

Thursday, October 27

Thursday, November 3

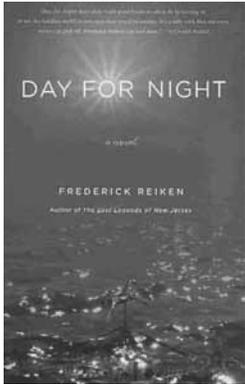
Thursday, November 10

9:15 - 10:30 am; the Zell

It's all about the basics. Come escape from the ordinary and enjoy great company while you learn the essentials of needlepoint. For more information, please contact Barbara Gottesman at: bgottesman@comcast.net or 847-433-7793.

● Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

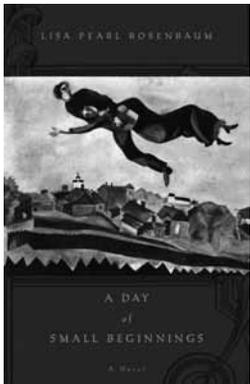
Join us after Shabbat Kiddush on Saturdays, 12:30-1:30pm, to discuss these fabulous books. You do not need to attend all of the sessions-come to one or come to all five! A \$36 donation to the Torah Fund Campaign is requested. Participants are encouraged to read the selected book prior to the discussion. Copies are available in the Maxwell Abbell Library and from local public libraries.



October 29, 2011

Day for Night by Frederick Reiken

In a novel that spans time and space, a middle-aged woman on vacation in Florida is linked to an elusive sixties-era fugitive, as well as dozens of other characters - from New Jersey to Utah, the Caribbean to the Dead Sea - whose lives seem mysteriously intertwined.

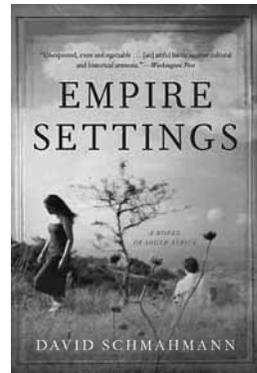


December 10, 2011

A Day of Small Beginnings by Lisa Pearl Rosenbaum

In 1906 Poland, after accidentally killing a Polish peasant, young Itzik Leiber seeks refuge from the angry mob in a Jewish cemetery, where he gains the protection of the ghost of Freidl Alterman, an experience that has profound implications for his family, who return many years later to Poland to uncover their precious lost heritage.

***Part of the One Book/One Community program sponsored by Spertus.**

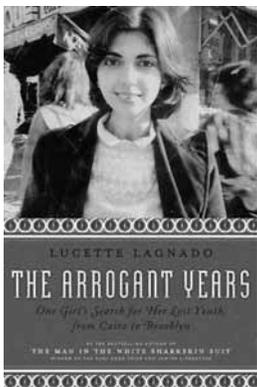


March 10, 2012

Empire Settings by David Schmahmann

Danny Divin becomes involved in an illicit and doomed romance with a mixed-race schoolgirl, a relationship that has a profound impact on his life and his Jewish family during the end of the apartheid era in South Africa. See also *Ivory from Paradise*.

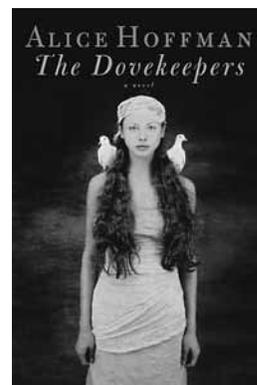
***Our discussion will be facilitated by the author.**



January 21, 2012

Arrogant Years: One Girl's Search for Her Lost Youth, from Cairo to Brooklyn by Lucette Lagnado

In this follow-up memoir, the author of award-winning *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* tells the story of her mother, Edith, who came of age in a magical old Cairo, as well as her own story growing up in America.



May 12, 2012

The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

A tale inspired by the first-century massacre at Masada presents the stories of a hated daughter, a baker's wife, a girl disguised as a warrior and a medicine woman who keep doves and secrets while Roman soldiers draw near.

Men's Club Kickoff Event a Huge Success

Steak, Scotch and “Sigars” were the three S’s that was the theme of our Men’s Club opening event of the new season. On Wednesday night, August 24th, there were fifty happy men attending the kickoff dinner. They were even happier when they left.

With a sumptuous dinner prepared by Chef **Aaron Krumbein**, assisted by **Jeffrey Goldsmith** and **Avram Pachter**, the menu started with appetizers consisting of assorted Israeli salads, dips, raw vegetables and pita wedges. Of course everyone was invited to have a l’chaim or two and partake of a wide selection excellent Scotch Whiskeys, vodka or soft drinks. The dinner included additional salads, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, delicious sweet corn and the highlight were steaks that were grilled to perfection. The steaks were so tender that they were cut by plastic knives and forks. Dessert followed with fresh fruit and cakes of all kinds. For those that stayed on, we were invited to **Ken Saffir’s** beach, which is next to our Synagogue, to enjoy the aroma of fine “sigars” around a bonfire.

The ruach and camaraderie that was generated made for a most enjoyable evening. There were many new faces, mostly younger Synagogue members who joined Men’s Club. It was a night and dinner to remember, and they were looking forward to next year.

Another Mitzvah for Beth El Men's Club

In addition to assisting at Shabbat morning services at the Lieberman Geriatric Health Care Center, in Skokie on August 11th some of our Men’s Club members were volunteer waiters and servers at the Uptown Café, 909 Broadway in Chicago. A function of the Jewish United Fund, the Uptown Café serves meals, free of charge to their clients in the area. It is not a “soup kitchen” and does not welcome people off of the street. All who are served are registered guests. Not necessarily all Jewish, the Uptown Café is host to different faiths. They provide three week-day dinners and brunch on Sunday. Most of the guests are indigent but not all.

Volunteering that evening were: **Steve and Leslie Blum, Ron and Eileen Goldberg, Joe Adler and Ernie Smolen**. In addition there were two other families with teenage children. We arrived at 5:30pm and were oriented by the director. He explained our duties which included welcoming the guests, taking their orders and offering some conversation. At 6:00pm the doors were opened and about 35 or 40 clients came in, choosing by themselves where to sit. Tables are set for four, six or eight. The menu is set: soup, salad, chicken, rice, vegetable and fruit. Soft drinks and coffee/tea, all they want. The food is all kosher and prepared off site by Kosher Gourmet. After we finished serving, the servers were invited to sit down and have dinner with the clients.

When dinner was over we cleaned tables and expressed opinions as a group as to how we reacted to this volunteer project. Most especially the children, expressed a feeling of satisfaction in being able to perform this most worth while mitzvah. We were out by 7:30pm. It was truly a satisfying experience, one that we recommend in which others should become involved.

Beth El Hosts FJMC Safer Haftarat Scroll

This past September 10th, once again the Safer Haftarat Scroll was here in our Sanctuary. The Scroll continues to “travel” around the country, visiting all of the FJMC regions and the Men’s Clubs that request it. The Scroll was in the Midwest Region from August 10th until September 24th and visited seven congregations. The Scroll contains all of the weekly and special Haftarat that are chanted throughout the year. It differs from a Sefer Torah in that it does contain all of the vowels and cantillations. The scroll is made from parchment and written by a scribe the same way as a Sefer Torah. The Scroll was left on display after the Services for everyone to see.

The Bat Mitzvah, Rebecca Mosk, chanted her Haftarah for Parashat Ki Tetze, the fifth Haftarah of Consolation, most beautifully. She made her parents, Jodie and Mark, as well as the congregation very proud.

Our Congregation will again host the FJMC Safer Haftarat Scroll some time next year. If you were not present this year to see the Scroll, you will have the opportunity again next year.

Cubs, Brewers Midwest Region Outing

On a beautiful Sunday morning, August 28th, the Midwest Region Men’s Clubs enjoyed a tail-gate party and an exciting ball game at Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI. Fifty happy members, with spouses, children and friends assembled in one of the parking lots, designated for “tail-gating”, to enjoy a delicious picnic of hamburgers, veggie-burgers, hot dogs, coleslaw and all of the trimmings. We started with vegetables and dips, finishing with a fresh fruit dessert. Plenty of Milwaukee beer and soft drinks to wash it all down. Attending from Beth El Men’s Club were **Gerry and Mimi Brin, Ernie Smolen, Myrna Kopin**.



This outing has been a regular event for many years, and is hosted by the two Men’s Clubs in the area; **Congregation Beth Israel and Beth El Ner Tamid**. They make the arrangements of buying the tickets, food, setting up in the lot and doing all of the cooking. Rain or shine, with Miller Park a covered venue, the game goes on.

The outcome of the game made no difference, no matter which team won, there were Men’s Club fans of both Cubs and Brewers to savor the victory. The final score was Brewers 3 Cubs 2. As it happened, all of the excitement took place in the last two innings, with the Cubs unable to bring the tying run home. We look forward every year to enjoy this outing and we will again hope to be there next year.



What is it all about? Thoughts on Social Action...

When I was a little girl, maybe 8 or 9 years old, I remember my father pacing around our house on quiet mornings when everyone else was asleep, looking at me and asking “Jackie, what’s it all about?”. At the time I answered as only a little kid could. My reply? “I don’t know”. My dad would smile at me and say “I don’t either” and keep pacing. Later in life, I thought about these exchanges and found them to be both endearing and puzzling all at once. My father, of all people, should be the guy who fully understood what it was all about. I will explain... My dad spent his childhood in the forests of Poland, hiding from the Nazis for 3 straight years – through freezing cold winters and stiflingly hot summers, bearing the extreme cold and heat in silence with my Zeidi and Aunt Sylvia. Through sheer force of their wills, luck and the raw courage of my Zeidi, they survived. My father concluded that experience with no education, no bar mitzvah or any childhood to speak of. They arrived in Canada and all that they had were dreams of a better life, even though the odds of achieving their goals were stacked against them. In a matter of 8 years, the same determination that kept them alive during the war, changed my father from someone who was basically illiterate to one who not only learned the English language, but managed to go to college and graduate with a major in English Literature and minor in Poetry. He went to law school, married my beautiful mother, raised a family of five daughters in a leafy Toronto suburb in a home he built. Heck, he even had a pool to float around in. Ours was a freilach home - we often socialized with the rabbi of our shul and hosted enormous seders with good friends from our community. My dad’s law career, particularly in his early years as a Criminal attorney, was so illustrious that his face was plastered on the front page of every newspaper in Canada on more than one occasion. Shouldn’t a guy like that, in what was then the prime of his life, know “what it’s all about?”. It seemed to me that he was always so determined, so clear, that he did, in fact have all the answers to this important question. It surprised me that he didn’t.

Recently, however, as I find myself settling into my forties, in a life blessed with an adoring husband, three - thank God - healthy children, in a freilach home of my own, nestled in a community I love, I’ve found myself asking the same question (not to my nine year old, I don’t want to burden her with my philosophical ruminations). On quiet afternoons I wonder too, “what’s it all about?”. What is my purpose in this lifetime? I have some very dear friends, a rabbi and rebbetzin in Milwaukee who are Orthodox and incredibly clear on ‘what it’s all about’. For them, two people about my age, both Baal T’shuvas, meaning has been found directly in Jewish spirituality and Torah living. I envy their clarity. I, on the other hand, like so many secular yet traditional Jews, have more of an ambivalent relationship to my spiritual side. I love my Jewish identity and home. I love our Shabbat dinners and holidays. I love sending my kids to Solomon Schechter Day School and I loved my career at MAZON Canada, A Jewish Response to Hunger, where I was the Executive Director for seven years before I moved to Highland Park. Indeed I am intricately identified with our Jewish community. But the clarity of purpose that my Rabbi and Rebbetzin friends possess eludes me. Jews like me often need to express their Judaism with their hands, by rolling up their sleeves and giving to those in need and through Tikkun Olam – acts of healing the world.

There were a number of occasions over the years when I had the opportunity to come to Beth El and help those less fortunate. Enid and Larry Arnowitz, together with their Social Action Committee team,

created important opportunities to do just that. I was amazed and moved by our Beth El community. Everyone came together as a team and joyfully rolled up their sleeves to do the important work of helping people rebuild their lives after Hurricane Katrina or to ensure that families who needed food at Thanksgiving were fed or to offer meals to the homeless on the winter streets of Chicago. Each time that I participated in a social action project I had a renewed sense of purpose. If nothing else, it meant something when my children saw that life is not only about providing for ourselves, but for considering the needs of the most vulnerable, even if we don’t know them. As a parent, I want to ensure that I raise my children to have concern for their community and the best way to do that is to model it. Is this the answer to what it’s all about? I’m not sure. But when Enid Arnowitz presented me with the honor of taking over as Chair of Social Action I realized that perhaps Hashem is presenting me with a unique opportunity, not so much as to answer my father’s question of “what’s it all about”, but to be so busy working together with all of you in service to others, that knowing the answer won’t matter. I invite you to continue bringing your enthusiasm and concern for the less fortunate to Beth El many more times in the future and I look forward to creating unique opportunities with the Social Action Committee to do so. Please take a look at the Social Action projects, both scheduled and proposed, and contact me at jkottwolle@hotmail.com if you would like to work closely with the Social Action Committee on any of these projects. They simply cannot happen without you!

Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Chair of Social Action

It's Back! The Annual Family-To-Family Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project

Sunday, November 20, 2011 10:00 am – Noon

More than 100 families are needed to create festive baskets filled with donated holiday foods for Glenwood School families from Waukegan. To register, contact Cheryl Swenson at 847-432-8900, ext. 222, or cswenson@nssbethel.org. To learn more, contact Honey Bronson at honeybronson@hotmail.com. Please note that the shopping list has changed from previous years. **We are not collecting extra bags of food.**

Please adhere to this list (No glass or perishables. Food need not be kosher):

- 2 cans of cranberry sauce
- 2 large bags or boxes of stuffing or beans
- 4 cans of vegetables
- 2 large cans of sweet potatoes
- 2 cans of fruit or
- 1 pre-packaged dessert
- 1 envelope of gravy mix
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 small bag of rice or pasta
- A \$20 gift certificate to Jewel
- 6 oranges
- 1 bag of baby carrots

“All of the greatest intentions of the world weigh less than one executed action....”

Beth El's Social Action Committee has been busy dreaming up new ideas for social action. We want to take your strengths and put them to work! Have a look at our ideas and contact jkottwolle@hotmail.com if you are interested!

1

High School Students Can Help....

Prom Dress Drive - Collect, sort and distribute gently used prom dresses for young women in Waukegan.

Coaching Soccer for Boys in Highwood or Waukegan - Opportunities for teenaged boys and their dads to reach out to youth through sport.

2

For Families with College-Bound Students....

A good education changes lives! Help young girls in Waukegan fill out college applications.

3

Do You Have a Green Thumb?

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the corner of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not pick your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger; I the Lord am your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another.”

Gardeners can come together to build a ‘mitzvah garden’ right on Beth El property to grow vegetables for donation to the Ark, Maot Chittim or Moraine Township Food Bank.

4

For Those Who Love to Make Beautiful Rooms....

A Safe Place Women's Shelter in Lake County has two large meeting rooms that need furnishing and decorating for group meetings. Help to create a soothing and welcoming space for women and children at risk. Work on our “design team” and do a mitzvah!

5

Are You a Gourmand?

Ever dream of being a chef? The Night Ministry's homeless youth shelter needs delicious hot meals to serve their residents. Plan a menu, shop and prepare food at Beth El's kitchen for delivery to the shelter.

6

Reading Buddies

Teachers wanted. Connect to students in Waukegan/Highwood who need help with reading or homework.



These projects can happen only if you make them happen! Please contact Jacqueline Kott-Wolle at jkottwolle@hotmail.com to volunteer as a project coordinator or participant.

Social Action Opportunities

Sign Up Now for an Experience at the JUF Uptown Café November 6th and December 8th

Dinner or brunch are served at the Uptown Café, located at 909 W. Wilson. The SAC need volunteers (age 12 and older) to set tables and wait upon guests at the café. Volunteers are needed on Sunday morning November 6th and Thursday evening December 8th. Contact Bryna Kurtz at brynakurtz@aol.com.

Winter Coat Drive November 12th through December 4th

Donate gently used, clean coats, hats and other outerwear of all sizes through December 4th to benefit the Chicago Chesed Fund and other Lake County organizations. Drop off in blue bins at Beth El. Volunteers also needed to help sort on Sunday, December 4th. Contact Mira Temkin at miratemkin@gmail.com or 847-433-2109.

Shop for the Homebound

Beth El members shop for an elderly homebound resident of Highland Park on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Enid Arnowitz at earnowitz@aol.com.

You're Wanted....

...And needed! The Social Action Committee is under new leadership, and looking for a few good souls to become part of our energetic committee. Bring a suggestion for a project or help out for a couple of hours on a Sunday during one of our scheduled programs. We need you!! Contact Jacqueline Kott-Wolle, Social Action Committee Chair, at jkottwolle@hotmail.com.

● Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School

M'Shulchan Hamenahalet

Welcome to the new school year! The schools are bustling with activity as we welcome close to 400 children in our three schools combined, from our youngest yeladim in the Steinberg Pre-School to the college bound students in the Sokol Hebrew High School.

The summer has been very hectic as we devoted our time to planning for the new academic year and consolidating both the Cohen Religious School and the Sokol Hebrew High School. I am happy to report that the School Office on the main floor now houses both schools: the Cohen Religious School and the Sokol Hebrew High School. The School Office has been redesigned to accommodate both schools and to provide a more comfortable space for parents and students alike. Please stop by to see the change. High School classes however, will remain in the classrooms on the second floor. A special thanks goes to Deborah Shub for facilitating a smooth transition and working tirelessly to accomplish all the office school tasks.

I had the chance to meet with each faculty member to plan for the new academic year. I also had a chance to meet many parents in the past few months, and it is clear to me that this is a school community where staff and families all work together for the benefit of the students.

Thank you for welcoming me into the Beth El school community. I look forward to a rewarding year.

Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School October/November – Tishrei/Kislev 5772

Oct 16	Sunday	Sukkah visits PADS (Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade)
Oct 22	Shabbat	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services
Oct 24	Wednesday	Kadima iProgram (6th, 7th, and 8th graders)
Oct 29	Shabbat	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 5	Shabbat	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 12	Shabbat	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 19	Shabbat	Sixth Grade Family Shabbat Services
Nov 20	Sunday	M&M Club iProgram (Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade) PADS (3rd and 4th Grade)
Nov 23-27	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
Nov 28	Monday	Shalom Club iProgram (3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade)

Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School October/November – Tishrei/Kislev 5772

Oct 23	Sunday	<i>Aruchat Boker</i> (Breakfast) with Chuck Kahalnik for 8th graders.
Nov 7, 14, 21, & 28	Monday	Supper Club with Rabbi Kurtz and Rabbi Schwab for 11th graders College Bound for 12th graders

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

We have concluded the High Holy Days and the children at the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School are excited to celebrate Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah at school in our Synagogue. What a wonderful setting to experience nature and the changing seasons. How exciting for the children to enter the sanctuary and see the Torah Scrolls in the Aron Kodesh. How amazing the experience of seeing the Rabbi unroll the Torah as he explains to the children that we finish reading the Torah only to begin reading it all over again. These are their stories and this is just the beginning of their Jewish journey and the pride they will continue to feel.

Early childhood education is the gateway to Jewish life. Our pre-school seeks to introduce families to the joys of Judaism. It motivates our families to perform mitzvot encompassing ethical behavior, spirituality, Jewish learning and ritual observance.

At the beginning of our school year, as part of our Teacher Development, we continued to explore the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism's *Vision for Early Childhood Programs*. We were fortunate to have Maxine Handelman, the author of the Vision, lead us as we studied, "Bringing God into the Early Childhood Classroom". This session help to inform, enrich, and deepen the Jewish experience for our staff and the children. Eileen Goldberg, our Infant Toddler Specialist, led

us through a study session of the book by Ellen Galinsky, *Mind in the Making – The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*. It validates the importance of early education for brain development. We look forward to continuing to explore these issues as teachers, students and parents. Our Teacher Development also included CPR and First Aid Certification as well as curriculum planning. It is amazing how much we learn from each other.

The Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School continues to grow. Our professional and caring teaching staff integrates Jewish values into all content areas including literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts. Additionally, we are fortunate to enrich our program with Ms. Carole, our Music/Movement Specialist and Debbie Goldstein, our Atelierista. Eileen Goldberg will be teaching "Small and Tall", a class especially for adults with children 6 weeks through walking. We continue with Parent/Toddler, Transition through to our Pre-Kindergarten Classes. Lunch and Enrichment classes are offered every afternoon to extend fun and learning.

Registration for next year begins at the end of November. Please call Caron Knopoff at 847-432-2830 or email cknopoff@nssbethel.org for information and to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you.

Caron Knopoff
Steinberg Pre-School Director

What does it mean to be part of a youth community?

Words from a few of the BEANS USY Leadership Board.....

“Feeling comfortable in a group of people, is really what the BEANS community is about.”

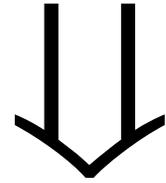
“Having people you can depend on or people that help complete parts of yourself is really what the BEANS community is about.”

“Sharing a Jewish experience with friend and having a time in my week where I don't worry about school and can enjoy time worry-free, is really what the BEANS community is about.”

“Having a good non-school related time and experiencing your own community with people who share your common interests is really what the BEANS community is about.”

“Finding my Jewish identity while spending time with friends at the same time as making new friends is really what the BEANS community is about.”

“Having a place to spend time with a group of people whose core values (Jewish) are the same but who have different experiences and outside interests is really what the BEANS community is about.”



Still not a member of Beth El's award winning youth community? It's never too late. Contact Matthew Levitt, Associate Youth Community Director, at mlevitt@nssbethel.org or at 847-432-8900 ext. 214 for more information regarding membership or any other questions regarding the Beth El Youth Community.

Upcoming Programs

USY: November 11th through 13th CHUSY Region will hold its annual fall convention, CHUSYFest. Look for applications during the month of October. And continuing the tradition, BEANS USY and NSS Beth El will host the CHUSY Region Turkey Dance on Wednesday, November 23rd starting at 8:00 pm.

Kadima: On October 24th, BEANS Kadima will pair with the Cohen Religious School to run a program on Rosh Chodesh. The program will begin at 6:00pm and involve games centered on the theme of Rosh Chodesh. On November 5th, after Shabbat ends, BEANS Kadima will go on a Mystery FunTrip, so save the date. Look for more information on the Mystery FunTrip in October.

Shalom Club: On October 16th, Shalom Club will have “Pizza in the Hut” in celebration of the holiday, Sukkot. The program will begin at 11:00am, right after Cohen Religious School. On November 6th, Shalom Club will take an exciting trip to see the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at Allstate Arena. Transportation will be provided to and from NSS Beth El. The bus will load at 3:30pm and return around 8:00pm. Approximate Cost is \$20.

M&M Club: On October 16th, M&M Club will join Shalom Club for “Pizza in the Hut” in celebration of the holiday, Sukkot. The program will begin at 11:00am, right after Cohen Religious School. On November 5th, M&M Club will have it's second Shabbat Lunch and game session. Join us for services at 11:00am with lunch and games to follow.

PB&J: Our community is made up of all kinds of people. North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is trying to make our congregation more inclusive of families with children who have special needs and different abilities by continuing our Peer Buddies and Judaism Youth Community (PB&J). If you are interesting in finding out more information about PB&J please contact Matthew Levitt, Associate Youth Community Director.

If you have any questions about the Beth El Youth Community, please don't hesitate to contact our Associate Youth Community Director, Matt Levitt, at mlevitt@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x214.

● Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Program

Special congratulations to 20 of our adult learners who attended classes and lectures with Judaic content for 100 or more hours from January 2010 through May 2011! They are Donna Becker, Tamara Breuer, Judy Farby, Erica Friedman, Barbara Hirsheimer, Jeff Levin, Merle Mattenson, David Merrin, Alan Miller, Jane Pickus, David Schwartz, Caryn Sedloff, Maxine Simon, Sandy Starkman, Cara Madansky Stiebel, Meyer Stiebel, Tova Warshell, Millie Weber, Jeff Wohlstadter, and Phyllis Wygodny. We are keeping an ongoing tally of our students' credit hours so we may honor many more adult learners at Tikkun Layl Shavuot on May 26, 2012.

Check out all our classes and events by clicking on "Continuing Education" on the synagogue website at www.nssbethel.org; go there to get the latest updates and detailed information and to register for classes and events. Please contact Merle Tovian, Director of Continuing Education, with any questions at 847-432-8900 ext. 262 or mtovian@nssbethel.org

Hebrew: Study the Language of Our People

Intermediate Conversational Hebrew

Edith Belkind

Mondays, begins October 3; 6:10-7:30 pm

Improve your conversational and reading Hebrew skills. New students are always welcome! \$

Advanced Beginning Conversational Hebrew

Dov Kahana

Wednesdays, begins October 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Build on your beginning conversational Hebrew skills. \$

Beginning Conversational Hebrew

Dov Kahana

Wednesdays, begins October 26, 8:00-9:00 pm

Students will gain an understanding of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary; emphasis in this class is on speaking and comprehension. \$

Advanced Conversational Hebrew

Edith Belkind

Wednesdays, begins October 26, 8:00-9:00 pm

Strengthen and retain your Hebrew skills from Intermediate Conversational Hebrew. \$

Learn Our Jewish History: Understand Our Past

The Shoah Revisited

Joyce Witt

*Date Change: Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15

Join us for in-depth study on the Shoah and the changing view of our people in the last two centuries. \$.

Jews of the American West – Part 2

Sue Lewis

Sunday, November 6, 10:00-11:30 am

Discuss this aspect of American Jewish history, which is not as well known as Ellis Island and New York City. Everyone welcome (even if you didn't come to part 1)! Cosponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. #

The Classics

Bible with Commentary

Aaron Klein

Wednesdays, begins October 26; 10:30-11:30 am

Explore the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) with commentaries in English, as we connect the text in its historical context to our own experiences today. \$

Torah Cantillation

Hazzan Larry Goller

Wednesdays, begins October 26, 7:45-9:00 pm (8 sessions)

Students learn the history and function of cantillation (trope), how to recognize, sing and apply them to Torah text. Students prepare a Torah portion for chanting. \$

Conservative Judaism Looks at Modern Issues

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Tuesdays, begins October 25; 10:00-11:00 am

Join a discussion of the principles of Conservative Judaism, its interpretation of Jewish law, and its response to modern issues, including ritual, ethics, sex and politics. STF

Midrash for the Modern World

Rabbi Michael Schwab

Tuesdays, begins October 25; 11:00 am-Noon

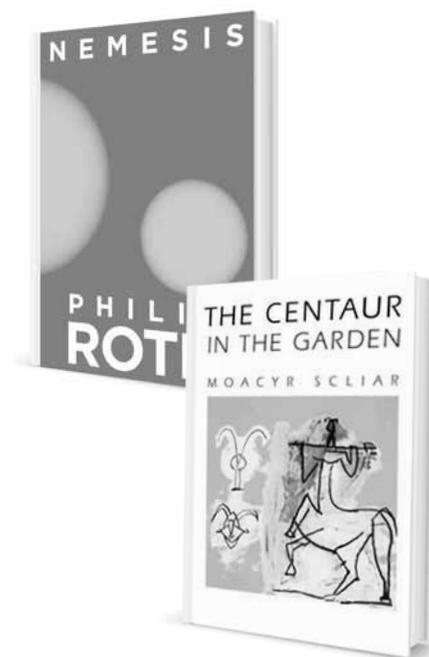
Explore the depth of meaning in passages of the Torah via beautiful interpretations and engaging stories created by the rabbis, speaking to the core values of Judaism. Learn the text and discuss its meaning and relevance to us today. STF

Study in the Loop

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Thursdays, November 3, January 19, March 15, and May 17; Noon-1:30 pm, at the Illinois Decalogue Society

A study session in the Loop, centered around the ethical issues of our lives. *Advance reservations are necessary; lunch is provided for a nominal fee of \$10/person.



Registration for the entire series is encouraged; please contact Lennie Kay at 847-432-8900 x221 or lkay@nssbethel.org

Study in the Suburbs

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Thursdays, December 15, February 16, and April 26; Noon-1:30 pm, at BJE (the Board of Jewish Education), 3210 Dundee Rd, Northbrook, IL.

A study session in the suburbs, centered around the ethical issues of our lives. * Advance reservations are necessary; lunch is provided for a nominal fee. Registration for the entire series is encouraged; please contact Lennie Kay at 847.432.8900 x221 or lkay@nssbethel.org

Jewish Life and Culture: Live a Little!

Literature Class

Lillian Miller

Sundays, October and November

11:15 am-12:45 pm

October 23: *The Centaur in the Garden* by Moacyr Scliar

November 20: *Nemesis* by Philip Roth

The assigned novel for each class is to be read before coming to class. \$

Monday Morning at the Movies!

Hazzan Larry Goller

Mondays, begins October 24; 10:00-11:00 am

Through the viewing of some of Hollywood's finest productions, explore how Jews and Jewish values influenced the American film industry, and, through film, American culture. Popcorn will be provided! STF

● Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Program

Torah Fund Book Club

Rachel Kamin

Saturday afternoon, October 29, 12:30-1:30pm
Stay and chat after Shabbat kiddush.

Israel: Experience Our Homeland

Shalom Hartman Institute Beit Midrash Discussion Series Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Wednesday evening, November 2, 7:00-9:45pm, break for evening minyan at 7:30pm. Second in a series of nine lectures and conversations with Hartman Institute scholars led by Donniel Hartman that responds to growing feelings of disenchantment and disinterest toward Israel among an ever-increasing number of Jews worldwide by creating a new narrative regarding the significance of Israel for Jewish life. Lecture and discussion participants include Dr. Tal Becker, Yossi Klein-Halevi, Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Prof. Gil Troy and others. This program is open to all adult learners. There will be a \$25 fee for class materials. \$



Make a Personal Connection to Judaism

Pray-er

Merle Tovian

Mondays, begins October 24; 11:00-11:30am

Join this informal and interactive exploration of why, when and how we pray. STF

■ AIPAC Lecture Series:

3 Wednesday evenings: November 16, November 30, and December 7 at 7:45 pm. Watch our website for details www.nssbethel.org.

Continuing Education Registration Form

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
Email:	
I am registering for these classes: _____	

A class will run only if there are at least 10 students registered in advance.

Code for class fees:

\$ - Semester fee: \$60 for NSS Beth El members; \$90 for non-members.

Pay for one semester class and come to all other classes at no extra cost, including Hebrew (any level), Bible, Talmud, Cantillation, History, Hartman series, and Literature. Or single session class fee: \$18 for NSS Beth El members; \$25 for nonmembers.

- No fee for this class; all our scholar lectures are free of charge.

STF - Sisterhood Torah Fund classes have a separate fee of \$36 for the entire year, made payable to Sisterhood Torah Fund. For registration and further information, contact Marilyn Lewis, Torah Fund vice-president at 847-433-3506 or marilynlewis@yahoo.com.



by: *Ali Drumm*
Director of Informal Education

Jewish tradition is in love with several “magic numbers,” and one of them is three. Our synagogue followed that tradition when it chose “Pray, Learn, Community” as one of its taglines. One of my favorite examples of the use of the number three is in one of the quotes from Pirkei Avot, The Teachings of the Sages, Chapter 1. There it is said,

“Select a master-teacher for yourself,
acquire a colleague for study,
and when you assess people, tip the balance
in their favor.”

Likely because of my own inclination, I see a parallel to informal education within both this quote and our synagogue marketing. Along with the stated importance of individual responsibility for education is a seemingly random statement about behavioral ethics. Later in Pirkei Avot, the quote is amended to add a line about not tithing by estimate. What are these statements about ethics and behavior doing next to a discussion about education, and how does that relate to informal education?

Since the creation of my new position at Beth El, many people have been asking me “what is informal education?” Like our sages, I will attempt to answer the question by addressing it in three ways. First, the term “informal education” is somewhat problematic. It does both a disservice to our schools by pigeonholing the type of instruction they give as “formal” and it describes a type of education by what it’s not- IN-formal. At Beth El we believe that a complete education uses both formal and informal styles, and we work hard to seamlessly integrate both these types of education for all ages. Secondly, a new definition I’ve been working on is to explain informal education as “learning that you don’t graduate from.” It is ongoing and experiential, saturating our lives with Jewish memories and moments. Traditionally, informal education has been understood as educational experiences such as Israel trips, summer camps and retreats, year-round youth groups and groups of families getting together for celebration and worship in havurot. We are beginning now to expand

that definition to encompass more types of programming and family education. Thirdly, beyond the definition of the word is how we are structuring Informal Education at Beth El. Grouped together are three education departments- the Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education department, the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center, and the Beth El Youth Community. Each of these departments retains a director who will work with me to promote integrated experiential programming that will inform, entertain, and entice our congregation to a deeper connection with our Jewish heritage.

Beth El has been like a second home to me for 8 years, and I am committed to strengthening this community for all of us. I want to highlight three things as we move into a new year. First, I ask your patience as we continue to define what education means at Beth El and the responsibilities of these new staff positions. Secondly, I ask you to take time- at least for a moment after reading this- to reflect on your engagement with ongoing and experiential education. Are you living Judaism in a meaningful way for you? I hope that you will reach out to us here at the synagogue to help you on your Jewish journey. Lastly I return to our Pirkei Avot quote and the strange juxtaposition of ethics with education. There was a line that I remembered from our siddur when I was a child- the phrase has continued to reverberate in my ears over the years. It read “and the study of Torah is equal to them all, because it leads to them all.” Long before I knew the Talmudic basis for that phrase, a list of various important mitzvot that ends with the conclusion that the study of Torah will lead to performing them all, I understood the connection between study and action. True education penetrates our life and our thought and leads us to new behaviors and awareness. Education should be transformative, even if by increments, and it should apply to all aspects of our lives. I encourage you to explore your Jewish education further this year and find ways in the Beth El community to apply your Jewish learning to your Jewish living.

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* the marriage of Amy and Brad, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi and Bryna Kurtz's new granddaughter, Anael Rina Orbach
- Robert and Linda Palay
- Ruth & Mal Kaufman, Leslie & Jonathan Kind
- Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
- *In honor of* Irwin and Linda Magad's 50th Wedding Anniversary - Joyce Knauff
- *In honor of* Davis Blum becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Larry and Marilyn Levi
- *In honor of* Sabrina Hernandez becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Raymond Hara
- *In honor of* Rabbi Kurtz - Albert Belilos
- *In honor of* Jason Fox becoming a Bar Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Michael and Joyce Fox
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Elise and Ira Frost, Marc, Josh and Rachel
- *In memory of* Florence Pestine, beloved sister - Sheila Olshansky
- *In memory of* Howard Rubenstein, beloved father - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Alan and Rose Ander, beloved parents - Carol and Ron Jesselson
- *In memory of* Morton Froy, beloved husband - Phyllis Froy
- *In memory of* Gertrude Exelrod, beloved mother of Carol Beckerman
- Max and Donna Nelson
- Arthur and Barbara Berman
- Barbara and Ira Berger
- Philip and Phyllis Lapin
- Louis and Ruth Kahnweiler
- Charlotte and Nina Strauss
- Karen and Steve Rosen
- Laurie and Don Zimelis
- Shirley and Dick Blair
- *In memory of* Gertrude Exelrod, beloved aunt - Roberta Schwartz & Family
- *In memory of* Gertrude Exelrod, our beloved mother, and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Carol Beckerman, Iris Goodman, Alan Exelrod
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Mark and Nicki Mendelson
- *In memory of* Diane Sherman, beloved wife of Leonard Sherman - Mitchell and Karen Kopin
- *In memory of* Robert Dorfman, beloved father of Marc Dorfman - Mitchell and Karen Kopin
- *In memory of* Diane Sherman, beloved wife of Leonard Sherman - Steven & Arlene Lazarus
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Steven & Arlene Lazarus
- *In memory of* Rosalind Stein Gurvey, beloved mother - Alan and Marcia Kaplan
- *In memory of* Edith Hartman, beloved sister of Melvin Sered - Lorna Greenspahn
- *In memory of* Sidney Freeman, beloved father - Alan Freeman
- *In memory of* David Isaac Coren - Robert and Linda Palay
- *In memory of* Samuel Wise, beloved father of Bryna Kurtz
- Robert and Linda Palay
- Ruth & Mal Kaufman, Leslie & Jonathan Kind
- Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
- Benjamin and Andrea Leshem
- Richard and Barbara Rosenfield
- Debra Rade
- Janet, Gary, Aaron, Rebecca, Elissa & Dan Resnick
- *In memory of* Adele and Michael Green, beloved parents - Gidon and Hilary Cohen
- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Nancy Rips
- *In memory of* Edward Hyman, beloved father - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Rabbi Joseph Tabachnik, beloved husband - Miriam Tabachnik
- *In memory of* Howard Kaplan, beloved husband of Marlene Kaplan and beloved father of Rhonda Katz and Audra Kaplan
- Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- Marvin and Sara Siegel
- *In memory of* Sylvia Glassman - Joan Holland and Eli Glassman
- *In memory of* Bess Frohman, beloved mother - Cecelia Frohman
- *In memory of* Bernice Epstein, beloved mother - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Joseph and Susan Ament
- *In memory of* Harry Pinzur, beloved father - Michael and Debora Pinzur
- *In memory of* Ben Hofman, beloved father - Otto Waldmann and Phyllis Hofman Waldmann
- *In memory of* Celine Lopas, beloved sister-in-law - Adele Hirsch

We are grateful for the following contributions:

Rabbi Kurtz's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Bessie Field, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Edward Rubin, beloved father - David and Donna Rubin
- *In memory of* Miriam Watman, beloved sister - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Alvin Levine - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Shirley Feinstein, beloved mother and grandmother - Steve, Linda, Sara, Matthew and Melissa Feinstein
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Leonard Weitzman
- *In memory of* Anna Kolender, beloved grandmother - Phillip and Sandra Cooper
- *In memory of* Ralph J. Epstein, beloved father - Samuel and Irene Shanes
- *In memory of* Rose Feitelberg, beloved mother - Philip and Doreen Feitelberg
- *In memory of* Mary Lou Ferns, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Israel Reiser, beloved father - Isaac and Myriam Reiser
- *In memory of* Janet Alletag-Martinez - Robert and Anne Kaplan
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Sidney Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Highland Park Hospital Administration, NorthShore University HealthSystem
- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Herbert Rosen
- *In memory of* Rose Yaffe, beloved mother - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* David Isaac Coren, beloved son - Arthur and Judith Coren
- *In memory of* Joan Sterns, beloved mother; Sheila Sterns Hartnell, beloved sister - Jay and Mindy Sterns
- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- *In memory of* Edith Hartman, beloved sister of Melvin Sered - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
- *In memory of* Anna Citro, beloved mother - Sherry Kantar
- *In memory of* Allegra Rousso, beloved mother - Sherwin and Odette Rubinstein
- *In memory of* Ben Freifeld - Marilyn Freifeld
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved father, and with thanks to Rabbi Kurtz for his kindness and wisdom - Edythe and Phil Gershman
- *In memory of* Freida Wexler, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Sally Aaron
- *In memory of* Louis Sommer, beloved father - Adrienne Garland
- *In memory of* Randall Horwitz - Janice and David Lasky
- *Wishing a complete & speedy recovery to* Maxine Greenstein - Jeanette Massey
- *With appreciation and thanks to* Rabbi Kurtz for his participation in Amy's Bat Mitzvah - Mark and Robin Greenberger
- *With Appreciation to* Bryna Kurtz - Debra Rade
- *With Appreciation* - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *With Appreciation* - Ralph Keen

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* the marriage of Amy Rosenberg and Brad Chaimson - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In honor of* the birth of Rabbi Michael and Erica Schwab's twin daughters, Noa Yael and Miri Dina
 - Robert and Linda Palay
 - Barry and Laurel Abramowicz
 - Leslie & Jonathan Kind, Ruth & Mal Kaufman
- *In honor of* the baby naming of our daughter - Jeremiah and Melissa Diamond
- *In honor of* Edward Margulies' 80th birthday - Robert and JoEllen Lidov
- *In honor of* Amy Greenberger becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Mark and Robin Greenberger
- *In honor of* Jason Fox becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and with appreciation and thanks to Rabbi Schwab - Michael and Joyce Fox
- *In honor of* Albert and Eleanor Boxerman's Special Anniversary - Hynda Gamze
- *In memory of* Adele Goldstein, beloved grandmother - Paul and Eileen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Leah Baskin, beloved mother - Laurence and Corinne Baskin
- *In memory of* Bernard Wolnak, beloved grandfather - Lara Frohlich and John Bremen
- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Dr. & Mrs. Bradley Gordon & Family

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Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Sheldon Fisher, beloved father - Greg and Judith Fisher
- *In memory of* Frieda Rosen, beloved mother - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Sonja Elkin, beloved mother - Anita Spieler
- *In memory of* Zev Weinberg, beloved son - Daniel and Audrey Weinberg
- *In memory of* Mike Koranyi, beloved father - Steven and Susan Glover
- *In memory of* Richard Carey, beloved father of Margie Jacobs - Lisa & Jeff Rosenkranz
- *In memory of* Ruth Roseman, beloved mother of Mel Roseman - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman
- *In memory of* Harold Maurer, beloved father - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* J. Harry Kulakofsky, beloved father - Ruth Belzer
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Sally Aaron

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Jason Fox becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and with appreciation and thanks to Hazzan Goller - Michael and Joyce Fox
- *In honor of* Hazzan Goller - thank you for teaching, mentoring and preparing Becca for her Bat Mitzvah - Mark and Jodie Mosk
- *In honor of* Amy Greenberger becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and with thanks and appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Mark and Robin Greenberger
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband and with thanks and appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Sally Aaron

Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School Fund

- *In memory of* Jim Blumberg, beloved brother of Jack Blumberg - Debra Rade

Beth El Camp Scholarship Fund

- *In memory of* Gertrude Exelrod, beloved mother - Margie Silverman

Cal and Lana Eisenberg Halomdim Program Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Sybil Levin, beloved sister - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg
- *In memory of* Minnie Eisenberg, beloved mother - Calvin and Lana Eisenberg

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In honor of* the birth of Cheryl and Ted Banks' new grandson - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In honor of* the birth of Fran and Steve Shapiro's new grandson - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Andrew and Gail Brown
- *In memory of* Abe Rapaport, beloved father of Judith Bernstein - Andrew and Gail Brown

Edward S. Frank Israel Study Memorial Endowment Fund

- *In honor of* Ruthie's marriage - Gerry Kaplan
- *In memory of* Myra, beloved sister-in-law of Avram Kraft - Gerry Kaplan
- *In memory of* Allan, beloved brother of Nathan Pickus - Gerry Kaplan

Gertrude Lederman Family Continuing Education Fund

- *In memory of* Avraham and Shulamit Kahana - Eileen, Dov, Jacob and Jordan Kahana
- *In memory of* Samuel Wise, beloved husband of Zena Wise - Debra Rade

Glass/Goldman Endowment Program Fund

- *In honor of* the engagement of Jeff and Beth Kopins' son, Gabe, to Brianna - Philip and Ellen Glass
- *In memory of* Irving Shepard, beloved husband of Edna Shepard - Philip and Ellen Glass
- *In memory of* Bernard Kurtz, beloved father of Rabbi Vernon Kurtz - Philip and Ellen Glass
- *In memory of* Marvin Friedman, beloved husband of Carol Friedman - Philip and Ellen Glass

We are grateful for the following contributions:

Israel Scholarship General Endowment Fund

- *A Refuab Shlaima* for Larry Weiner - Howard and Sandra Turner
- *Wishing a complete & speedy recovery to Albert Chams* - Howard and Sandra
- *Wishing complete & speedy recovery to Maxine Greenstein* - Howard and Sandra Turner

Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

- *In honor of* Richard and Sally Stiefel's 50th Wedding Anniversary - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
- *In memory of* David S. Levinson, beloved father - David and Pamela Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Jack M. Cohen, beloved father - Howard and Lois Hirschfield
- *In memory of* Doug's grandma - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Dr. Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In memory of* Richard Carey, beloved father of Margie Jacobs - Ken and Judy Skolnik
- *In memory of* Phillip Levin, Jayme's father - Gary and Merle Kaufman
- *In memory of* Juanita Hoffman, beloved mother of Steven Hoffman - Gary and Merle Kaufman

Jean T. & Morton Bernstein Camp Ramah Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Irving Robbin - David and Karen Benson

Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center Fund

- *In memory of* Paula Anderson, beloved daughter - Chana Anderson
- *In memory of* Edith Hartman, beloved sister of Melvin Sered - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Abe "Red" Rapaport, beloved father of Judith Bernstein - David, Pamela and Dan Blatt

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Samuel Wise, beloved father of Bryna Kurtz - Marcy and Robert Freeman

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of* Eleanor and Albert Boxerman's 65th Wedding Anniversary - Joan Groner
- *In memory of* Diane Sherman, beloved wife of Leonard Sherman - Bob and Maxine Greenstein
- *In honor of* Gerry Kaplan's grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah - Joan Groner
- *In memory of* Gloria Langer - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In honor of* Sandra Becker's Special Birthday - Joan Groner
- *With appreciation* - Zachary and Erica Lindon

Minyan Service Fund

- *In honor of* my Aliyah - Felissa Kreindler
- *In memory of* Louis Gertz, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In honor of* Abby Block's birthday - Steven and Rochelle Katz
- *In memory of* Betty Fink, beloved mother - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Martin Fink, beloved father - William and Sharon Gertz
- *In memory of* Beloved father, Harry Back, on occasion of Yahrzeit - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Rabbi Lawrence Charney, beloved husband - Lillian Charney
- *In memory of* Beloved mother, Genia Back, on occasion of Yahrzeit - June Back Frydman
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Sarah Hara, Yermiyahu Singer and Basia Kopelowitz - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* my beloved father, Abraham Serman, on his Yahrzeit - Toby Schwartz
- *In memory of* Mildred Rosenfield Werker and Murray Werker, beloved parents - Sheila Goldberg

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Minyan Service Fund (continued)

- *In memory of* Avrom Goldman and Emanuel Goldman - Hinda Winternitz
- *In memory of* Belle Mann and Henry Mann - Sheldon and Nancy Mann
- *In memory of* Albert Gersowsky - Yahrzeit - Karen and Barry Gersowsky
- *In memory of* Willard Aaron, beloved husband of Sally Aaron - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Bernard A. Cohen, beloved husband - Marion Cohen
- *In memory of* Etta Kantar, beloved grandmother - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Rosetta Rosenblatt, beloved mother and mother-in-law - Marvin and Joyce Juron
- *In memory of* Chloyne Mirman, beloved brother - Elliot and Doris Mirman
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Sally Aaron

Paul S. & Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School Fund

- *In honor of* the marriage of Ira and Debi Rosenberg's daughter Amy Rosenberg to Brad Chaimson
- Marc, Jamie, Liv and Miles Klein
- Gerry Kaplan
- Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff
- *In honor of* Rebecca Mosk becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Rinna and Eric Maletsky
- Pre-School Staff
- Stacy Epstein
- Earl and Rochelle Rubinoff and Family
- *In memory of* Harry Kleinman, beloved father of Jason Kleinman - David and Jenna Smiley
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Lilah, Joel, Hazel & Harry Shapiro
- *In memory of* Molly and David Wolpert, beloved parents - Rinna and Eric Maletsky
- *In memory of* Mark Kravitz, beloved brother-in-law of the Horowitz Family - Pre-School Staff
- *In memory of* Mark Kravitz, beloved brother-in-law of Mimi Horowitz - Mark and Jodie Mosk

Prayer Book Fund

- *In honor of* Avram Pachter and his Graduation from Kendall College of Culinary Arts - Babette and Mark Daskin
- *In honor of* Jason Fox becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and with appreciation and thanks to Mark Stadler - Michael and Joyce Fox
- *In memory of* Rose Aaronson, beloved mother - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Gertrude Exelrod, beloved mother and grandmother - Michael and Judy Smith
- *In memory of* Hyman B. Abrams, beloved father - Robert and Sharon Abrams
- *In memory of* Doris Smolen, beloved wife - Ernest Smolen
- *In memory of* Leo Friedman, beloved father - Burton and Joan Grant
- *In memory of* Jim Blumberg, beloved brother of Jack Blumberg - Gerry Kaplan
- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved husband of Karyn Goldstein - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Marcia Cohen, beloved sister - Neil and Adrienne Aaronson
- *In memory of* Edith Hartman, beloved sister of Melvin Sered - Joseph and Susan Ament

Pushke/Tzedakah Fund

- *In memory of* Samuel Kurchitzer, beloved father - Bob and Millie Weber
- *In memory of* Marjorie Weinberg, beloved mother - David and Lynne Weinberg
- *In memory of* Jack C. Weil, beloved grandfather - David and Lynne Weinberg

Ramah Scholarip Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Professor Raymond Eisenstadt - Marcy and Robert Freeman

We are grateful for the following contributions:

**Sarah and Henry Stiebel Camp
Ramah Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Mayer Stiebel's special birthday -
Gerry Kaplan

Social Action Fund

- *In honor of* Ali and Michael Drumm's baby -
Larry and Enid Arnowitz

- *In memory of* Samuel Wise, beloved father of
Bryna Kurtz - Larry and Enid Arnowitz

Special Gifts Fund

- *In honor of* Linda and Irwin Magad's 50th
Wedding Anniversary - The Stolar Family
- *In honor of* Michael Kesner reading Haftarah -
Irma and Aaron Kesner
- *In memory of* Lawrence Gray - Michael and
Nancy Basofin
- *In memory of* Dorothy Wexler, beloved wife -
Herman Wexler

- *In memory of* Dr. Arnold Goldstein, beloved
husband of Karyn Goldstein - The Gassman
Family
- *In memory of* Richard Carey, beloved father of
Margie Jacobs - Michelle & Steve Goldish

**Spitz Family/Ruth and Milton
Liebman Israel Scholarship
Endowment Fund**

- *In honor of* Steve Coven's special birthday - Mark
and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Juanita Hoffman, beloved mother
of Steve Hoffman - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Allan Pickus, beloved brother of
Nathan Pickus - Mark and Mae Spitz

November 2011 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Continuing Education 12:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2 Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Lectures	3 9:30am Sisterhood - Intro to Needlepoint 8:00pm Executive Committee	4 9:00am Beth El Community Network 9:00am Preschool Bubbie and Zaddie Shabbat Program 5:51pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Ba'al Korei Dinner	5 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Ethan Weil 10:00am Hey Family Service 5:15pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 6:26pm Shabbat Ends
6 2:00am Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back Continuing Education	7 Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	8 Continuing Education 9:00am Sisterhood New Member Coffee Gathering	9 Continuing Education 1:00pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg 8:00pm Religious School Committee Meeting	10 9:30am Sisterhood - Intro to Needlepoint 7:45pm Men's Club Scotch Tasting	11 Veteran's Day 9:00am Beth El Community Network 4:14pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	12 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Loren Vladem 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 10:00am Hey Family Service 4:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 5:19pm Shabbat Ends
13 Continuing Education 9:00am Bet & Gimel Author Program 9:30am Men's Club "Keeper of the Flame" Breakfast 11:00am Men's Club Board Meeting	14 Continuing Education 8:00pm CLC Committee Meeting 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	15 Continuing Education 12:30pm Sisterhood Open Meeting - Wellness Patient Dr. Communications 8:00pm House Committee	16 Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	17 8:00pm Board of Directors	18 9:00am Beth El Community Network 4:07pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15pm Ruach Shabbat Service and Dinner	19 8:50am Shabbat Services / Shabbat Choir Bat Mitzvah - Hannah Shanes 10:00am Hey Family Service 12:30pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 4:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 5:12pm Shabbat Ends
20 Continuing Education 10:00am Social Action Thanksgiving Mitzvah Project	21 Continuing Education 8:00pm Continuing Education Committee Meeting	22 Continuing Education	23 Continuing Education 7:00pm Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service 8:00pm Turkey Dance	24 Thanksgiving 8:45am Morning Minyan	25 9:00am Beth El Community Network 4:03pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	26 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Audree Goone 4:00pm Mincha / Ma'ariv 5:08pm Shabbat Ends
27 Rosh Hodesh Kislev	28 Continuing Education 8:00pm Membership Committee Meeting	29 Continuing Education	30 Continuing Education			

October 2011 Events Calendar

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Address Service Requested

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:50 am Shabbat Services 6:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:20 pm Shabbat Ends
2 Continuing Education 1:00 pm It's A Girl Thing - Rosh Hodesh	3 Continuing Education 8:00 pm Board of Education Committee	4 Continuing Education 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	5	6 8:00 pm Executive Committee	7 Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur 9:00 am Beth El Community Network 5:45 pm Kol Nidre/Mincha/ Ma'ariv 6:03 pm Candle Lighting	8 Yom Kippur/Yizkor 9:00 am Shacharit Services 10:45 am Children's Services 4:15 pm Mincha Services 5:45 pm Neilah Services 7:08 pm Yom Kippur Ends
9 Continuing Education 9:00 am Men's Club & USY Community Sukkah Building 9:00 am Schach/Lulav Pick Up 9:00 am Youth Community Car Wash	10 Columbus Day Continuing Education No Religious School	11 Continuing Education	12 Erev Sukkot 5:55 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	13 Sukkot First Day 8:50 am Festival Service 10:00 am Sukkot Pray and Play 12:00 pm Sukkah Walk 6:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:03 pm Candle Lighting	14 Sukkot Second Day 8:50 am Festival Service 5:51 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	15 Hol Hamoed Sukkot 8:50 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Joshua Wasserman Bar Mitzvah - Matthew Frisch 9:15 am Beit Midrash Minyan 5:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:56 pm Shabbat Ends
16 Hol Hamoed Sukkot Continuing Education 9:30 am How Beth El Has Grown II 6:00 pm Men's Club Dinner in the Sukkah	17 Hol Hamoed Sukkot Continuing Education 8:00 pm Continuing Education Committee Meeting	18 Hol Hamoed Sukkot Continuing Education 8:00 pm House Committee Meeting	19 Hoshanah Rabbah/ Erev Shemini Atzeret 6:30 am Shacharit 5:46 pm Candle Lighting 6:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	20 Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor/Erev Simchat Torah 6:30 am Early Morning Service 8:50 am Festival Service/Yizkor 5:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:49 pm Candle Lighting 7:00 pm Hakafot Service 9:00 pm Simchat Torah Ice Cream Social	21 Simchat Torah 8:50 am Festival Service 10:00 am Hakafot 5:39 pm Candle Lighting 5:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	22 8:50 am Shabbat Services 10:00 am Hey Family Service 5:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:44 pm Shabbat Ends
23 Continuing Education 11:00 am Men's Club Board Meeting 7:15 pm Israel Bonds Reception	24 Continuing Education 8:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting	25 Continuing Education 7:00 pm Sisterhood Cooking with Laura Frankel	26 Continuing Education 8:00 pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	27 9:30 am Sisterhood - Intro to Needlepoint 8:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	28 Rosh Hodesh Cheshvan 9:00 am Beth El Community Network 5:30 pm Candle Lighting 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	29 Rosh Hodesh Cheshvan 8:50 am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Daniel Pickard Bat Mitzvah - Anna Carney 10:00 am Hey Family Service 12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club 5:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:35 pm Shabbat Ends
30 Continuing Education 8:00 pm Ramah Event	31 Continuing Education					

Annual Sukkah Walk

Thursday, October 13, 2011

The entire Beth El community is invited to participate in this delightful annual semi-progressive lunch. Enjoy the company of your family and friends as you walk to Beth El members' sukkot to visit and to eat delicious foods. The Sukkah Walk follows morning services. We invite individuals of all ages to join in the fun while we observe this special holiday. The Sukkah Walk is partially a potluck event.