

Beth El

Mid-Month Update

2011

Sisterhood Happenings

Laura Frankel, Executive Chef for Spertus Kosher Catering, presents: Tasty Appetizers and Fabulous First Courses!

Thursday, December 1; Noon

Perfect recipes for informal evening with friends, or watching movies with the family. Fabulous samples of each recipe. Cost |\$18. Contact Dena Cooperman at 847-266-1218 or DenaRSCooperman@yahoo.com.

Ilene Goldstein presents *Family Law: What Every Woman Should Know*

Tuesday, December 6; Noon

Ilene Goldstein is a lawyer who will provide guidelines for the tough family questions and complicated issues that are more than norm than the exception. Lite refreshments will be served. There is no cost for the program.

Sisterhood Gift Shop's Open House

Thursday, December 8; 6:30-10:00 pm

We're celebrating *New Beginnings* - We have a new look and new merchandise - just in time for Hanukkah. Festivities begin with wine and cheese from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Come see why our Gift Shop is the best source for your Judaica as well as for all unique, thoughtful gifts for family and friends. Bring your friends. 20% off Hanukkah merchandise; 15% off purchases totaling \$25 or more. (Excludes tefillin, parchment and books)

Torah Fund Book Chat: *A Day of Small Beginnings* by Lisa Pearl Rosenbaum.

Rachel Kamin will facilitate the discussion of this much acclaimed novel.

Saturday, December 10; 12:30-1:30 pm

Sisterhood joins Spertus in celebrating Jewish Book Month 2011. This book will be discussed community-wide as part of Spertus' *One Book/One Community* - A community-wide exploration of Jewish faith and heritage across generations.

Creating Memories: The Art of Scrapbooking with Jocelyn Tobias

Thursday, January 12; 9:30-11:00 am

Come learn and be inspired! Scrapbooking is one of the most popular hobbies in America and is done in recognition of special occasions, including anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, new births and as a memoir of precious moments. The possibilities are limitless!

Continuing Education

The Shoah Revisited

Dr. Joyce Witt

Thursdays, December 1, 8 and 15; 8:00-9:15 pm

Learning about the Holocaust and bringing the lessons to closure would not be complete without a discussion of implications of the Holocaust for the future. How should the Holocaust be woven into the fabric of twentieth-century history? How can its study move us forward so that we are not traumatized and fixated on its atrocities? Most important, what are the lessons that can be learned from this horrific event so that we learn from the past to make a better world? These essential questions must be asked if the study of the Holocaust is to have meaning in the post-Holocaust world. Dr. Joyce Witt was a 1997-1998 Teacher Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Tuition: \$18/member; \$25/nonmember per session

AIPAC lecture - Campaign 2012: Election Forecast and What's at Stake for the Pro-Israel Community

Edward Millner, AIPAC's Deputy Director of Political Affairs

Thursday, December 8; 7:45-9:00 pm

No cost to attend! To RSVP please contact Tali

Jubelirer at 312-253-8984 or tjubelirer@aipac.org.

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

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

Wednesday, December 14; 7:00-9:45 pm, break for evening minyan at 7:30 pm

Third 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.

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), 3320 Dundee Rd, Northbrook

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 of \$10/person. Registration for the entire series is encouraged; please contact Lennie Kay at 847-432-8900 x221 or lkay@nssbethel.org

Save the Dates!

Hanukkah Dinner Sunday, December 25

All are invited. It will be fun for the whole family and a great place to go when nothing else is open. Watch for details coming soon.

"Shabbat: A Palace in Time" Synagogue-Wide Shabbaton January 21, 2012

Fun and learning for the whole family away from the everyday grind. Attendance is free, but please make reservations for you, your family and friends by Monday, January 16 with Merle Tovian at 847-432-8800 x262, mtovian@nssbethel.org or using your online Beth El account.

For more information on upcoming programs and events check out the synagogue website at www.nssbethel.org.

B'nai Mitzvah
Congratulations!

Kislev 5772



Noah Kraus, son of Ruth and Louis Kraus
Shabbat, December 3



Caroline Konik Zessar, daughter of Lauri and Bruce Zessar
Shabbat, December 3



Samson Hoffman, son of Melanie and Brian Hoffman
Shabbat, December 17

December Shabbat Schedule

Shabbat, December 3
Parashat Vayetze
 Torah: Genesis 28:10 – 32:3
 Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 – 14:10

Shabbat, December 10
USY Shabbat
Parashat Vayishlah
 Torah: Genesis 32:4 – 36:43
 Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1 – 21

Shabbat, December 17
Parashat Vayeshev
 Torah: Genesis 37:1 – 40:23
 Haftarah: Amos 2:6 – 3:8

Shabbat, December 24
5th Hanukkah Candle
Birkat HaHodesh
Parashat Miketz
 Torah: Genesis 41:1 – 44:17
 Maftir: Numbers 7:30 – 7:41
 Haftarah: Zehariah 2:14 – 4:7

Shabbat, December 31
Parashat Vayigash
 Torah: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28

Hanukkah Service Schedule 2011

Tuesday, December 20
 1ST Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 21
 First Day Hanukkah
 2ND Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 22
 3RD Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Friday, December 23
 4TH Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Candle Lighting: 4:03 pm
 Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:15 pm

Saturday, December 24
 5TH Hanukkah Candle
 Shabbat Service: 8:50 am
 Mincha Service: 4:00 pm
 Shabbat Ends: 5:08 pm

Sunday, December 25
 6TH Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 8:45 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Monday, December 26
 Rosh Hodesh Tevet
 7TH Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 8:45 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 27
 Rosh Hodesh Tevet
 8TH Hanukkah Candle
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 28
 8TH Day of Hanukkah
 Morning Minyan: 7:00 am
 Evening Minyan: 7:30 pm



Gray Cultural & Learning Center

Wednesday, December 7; 10:00 am
 Are you interested in participating in a peer led writer's critique group? Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome to attend an organizational meeting in the Maxwell Abbell Library. Dates, times, and frequencies of meetings will be determined by the group. Please RSVP to Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8903 x242. If you are interested in participating but are unable to attend, contact Rachel to be added to the mailing list.

Social Action in Action

December 4th - Winter Coat Drive Ends. Sort and/or deliver winter coats to Chicago Chesed Fund. Contact Mira Temkin, 847-433-2109, miratemkin@gmail.com

December 8th - JUF Uptown Café For ages 12+, serve dinner to neighborhood needy. Contact Bryna Kurtz at 847-432-1039 or brynakurtz@aol.com

Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

Registration is now underway at the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School for the 2012-2013 school year and for our 8 week summer camp for infants through 4 year olds. We have classes for infants through toddlers with an adult called "Small and Tall". Pre-School begins with Parent/Toddler and Transition classes for children 17 months old and continues through 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten. For information and to arrange a tour, please contact our Director, Caron Knopoff at the Pre-School office 847-432-2830.

Hanukkah happens early in our Pre-School. During the week of December 12th we will be celebrating together, learning the prayers, singing, dancing, cooking and eating Hanukkah latkes. Our Parent Auxiliary will be sending home "Hanukkah Goodie Bags" for families to use during the holiday.

New this Year! Terrific Tuesday - On Tuesdays January, 10, February 14, and March 20th we will invite you and your Pre-Schooler to open gym and activities in the Grossinger Brickman Activity Center from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. In January we welcome Rachel Kamen who will read a story to culminate the day. On Tuesdays evenings, January 17, February 28, and March 13, we invite "Adults Only" to our Speakers Series including topics of interest to parents. Look for more information to follow.

Men's Club Upcoming Programs

Sunday, December 4
Bagels For Your Brains
 Breakfast: 9:30 am & Discussion: 10:00 am
 With Guest Speaker: David Sherman
 Discussion will be on BDS - Israeli Divestment Issues.

Sunday, December 11
Bagels For Your Brains Latkes Event with the Religious School
 Begins at 9:30 am

Tuesday, December 13
Men's Club Membership Dinner
 Begins at 6:30 pm
 With Special Guest: Allan Jacobs, International President of B'nai B'rith.
 This event is open to all members of the Shul for the first time, men and women. If you are not a men's Club member the fee to attend the dinner is \$20.

Sunday, December 18
Bagels For Your Brains
 Breakfast: 9:30 am & Discussion: 10:00 am
 Discussion of the Torah and this weeks Parashat with Ron Goldberg.

Men's Club Shabbat - January 6-8, 2012
 Friday, January 6 - Men's Club Shabbat Dinner
 Saturday, January 7 - Men's Club Shabbat Services & Men's Club Open House at Jeffrey Goldsmith's
 Sunday, January 8 - Bagels For Your Brains Breakfast: 9:30 am & Discussion: 10:00 am. Featuring Guest Speaker: TBD.

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Film: 100 Voices – A Journey Home

Sunday, December 11

6:30 - 9:00 pm; Grossinger-Brickman Auditorium

This film documents the Cantors Assembly trip to Poland in the summer of 2009 (in which Hazzan Goller was a participant), in which the largest group of cantors to return to Poland since WWII travels from Warsaw to Krakow on a historic mission of reconciliation. The film celebrates the resilience of Jewish tradition and the ability of music to heal hearts. No charge; refreshments will be served. Also included: a preview of the upcoming CA mission to Germany in the summer of 2012!

TU B'SHEVAT ROCKS! WITH SHIRLALA

A Family Concert and Celebration
 Sunday, January 29th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join us for a family concert to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. For more information, contact Ali Drumm, Director of Informal Education at adrumm@nssbethel.org

