

Kol Beth El

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*From the Desk
of Rabbi Schwab »*



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.

Purim: True Joy is Joy that is Shared by All

Between dressing in costume, being commanded to eat and drink at a feast and being encouraged to interrupt the service with noisemakers, Purim is clearly one of our most fun holidays. The merriment is both a natural response to the joy of the Jewish community's victory over Haman as well as mask, per se, for the trepidation and stress caused by our near destruction.

In that vein, we must remember that in addition to all of the merry making that occurs on Purim, we are given the commandment of *Matanot Laevyonim* – giving gifts to the poor. Often forgotten amongst the rush to get a costume, plan the night's festivities and send out *mishloach manot*, is the important task of taking the time to care for those less fortunate than we. This is a central component of Purim and the holiday cannot be celebrated completely without the fulfillment of this sacred duty. Judaism has an admirable habit of trying to ensure that we think of those in need particularly at the times of our greatest joy. The most obvious example of this is the breaking of the glass at the wedding ceremony. Therefore, specifically at such a time we must make it a point to dedicate part of our holiday to helping those who do not have the same resources that we do. In our moments of greatest joy it is a powerful statement indeed to take time in a public manner to act on behalf of those who may not be able to celebrate as we do.

"Please also use Purim as a time to rededicate yourself to other acts of loving kindness"

Thus, the mitzvah of *Matanot Laevyonim* makes Purim into a holiday that teaches us how to live life in general. On the one hand, we learn from our customs that we must celebrate with great joy whenever we can. Life is too short to not appreciate the goodness in the world and the successes with which we are blessed. However, at the same time Purim teaches us that life is not frivolous and it is our responsibility to provide for everyone's happiness. Not just our own. So this Purim I encourage you all to participate as fully as you can in the joy of Purim. In parallel, I hope you also take the time to care for the less fortunate. When you come to Beth El for the megillah readings, please bring tzedakah money which we will collect during the service. Please also use Purim as a time to rededicate yourself to other acts of loving kindness by being involved in our Social Action Committee's activities, including our Take a Bite Out of Hunger campaign providing food to students in our adopted school in Waukegan. Or sign up to go with fellow Beth El members to JUF's Uptown Café. In this way, or any other you choose, we remind ourselves always that we cannot be truly happy as an individual unless we do our best to spread the joy to the entire community!

Hag Purim Sameah – A Happy and Festive Purim to 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

Every Shabbat

10:45am B'Yachad Family Service

Services for families with
children 1st grade and younger

11:00am Junior Congregation

Services for students in 2nd–5th grade

MARCH

Shabbat, March 7

Parashat Ki Tissa
Torah: Exodus 30:11–34:35
Haftarah: I Kings 18:1–39

Shabbat, March 14

Shabbat Parah
Parashat Vayakhel/Pekudei
Torah: Exodus 35:1–40:38
Maftir: Numbers 19:1–22
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16–38

Shabbat, March 21

Shabbat HaHodesh
Parashat Vayikra
Torah: Leviticus 1:1–5:26;
Numbers 28:9–15
Maftir: Exodus 12:1–20
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16–46:18

Shabbat, March 28

Shabbat Hagadol
Parashat Tzav
Torah: Leviticus 6:1–8:36
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4–24

APRIL

Shabbat, April 4

Pesach 1st Day/2nd Seder
Torah: Exodus 12:21–51
Maftir: Numbers 28:16–25
Haftarah: Joshua 3:5–7; 5:2–6:1; 6:27

Sunday, April 5

Pesach 2nd Day
Torah: Leviticus 22:26–23:44
Maftir: Numbers 28:16–25
Haftarah: II Kings 23:1–9; 21–25

Friday, April 10

Pesach 7th Day
Torah: Exodus 13:17–15:26
Maftir: Numbers 28:19–25
Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1–51

Shabbat, April 11

Pesach 8th Day/Yizkor
Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22–16:17
Maftir: Numbers 28:19–25
Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32–12:6

Shabbat, April 18

Shabbat Mevarekhim HaHodesh
Parashat Shemini
Torah: Leviticus 9:1–11:47
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18–42

Shabbat, April 25

Parashat Tazria/Metzora
Torah: Leviticus 12:1–15:33
Haftarah: 2 Kings 7:3–20

Purim Service Schedule

Wednesday, March 4

Fast of Esther/Megillah Reading

7:15am Morning Minyan

4:15–5:15pm Bet-Gesher students in regular
classes followed by a light dinner

5:15–6:45pm Field Family Sanctuary

All children and their parents are invited to the
telling of the story of Purim excerpts from the
Megillah will be read. All students will take part!

5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv/Megillah Reading
followed by a Seudah

7:00pm Family Megillah Reading followed by a Seudah

Thursday, March 5

Purim

6:30am Shacharit and Megillah Reading

We have members with empty seats at their Pesach seders. Help them do a mitzvah and join them to celebrate Passover together. If you are looking to help fulfill this mitzvah, either by opening your home or making new friends, please contact Ali Drumm at adrumm@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8126.



» President's Corner *by Lisa Rosenkranz*

One of our core values at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is education and one important element of education is to continually apply what you learn towards constant improvement.

Your staff and lay leadership embrace this value. There have been many improvements both large and small that will reap benefits to NSSBE into the future and there are many more improvements currently in development.

Our mission statement states: "We are a congregation of families and individuals who come together to pray, to study and to create a warm and welcoming community." The first item is prayer. Toward that end, our ritual committee set a goal to increase attendance at both the Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat Services. In February, we held the first of our Birthday Shabbatot. We will continue these each month to celebrate the birthdays of all our congregants at a special, ruach (spirit) filled Friday night service. We hope to create a new tradition of celebrating birthdays with your Beth El family.

On Shabbat morning, our ritual committee has had a lot of success with special themed Shabbatot. We have honored our Long Time members and our Veterans. The warmth in the sanctuary on these special mornings has been palpable. We plan to once again honor our Veterans this year on May 23rd, the weekend of Memorial Day.

Our formal and informal education departments have been working together to enhance the study portion of our mission.

Pesach Service Schedule

Friday, April 3

Erev Pesach/1st Seder/

Fast of the Firstborn

6:30am Morning Minyan/

Siyum Bechorim

6:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

6:58pm Candle Lighting

Shabbat, April 4

Pesach First Day/2nd Seder

8:50am Festival Service

7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:02pm Candle Lighting

Sunday, April 5

Pesach Second Day

8:50am Festival Service

7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:02pm Yom Tov Ends

Monday, April 6

Pesach Third Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Tuesday, April 7

Pesach Fourth Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Wednesday, April 8

Pesach Fifth Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:30pm Evening Minyan

Thursday, April 9

Pesach Sixth Day

7:00am Morning Minyan

7:05pm Candle Lighting

7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, April 10

Pesach Seventh Day

8:50am Festival Service

7:06pm Candle Lighting

7:15pm Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat, April 11

Pesach Eighth Day/Yizkor

8:50am Festival Service

7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

8:11pm Yom Tov Ends

To address feedback from our younger families that they want to connect with one another and improve their parenting skills, we offered the Melton Foundations of Jewish Family Living course this fall. We have had an excellent response due to the content, the time we offer it (Sunday mornings during the Cohen religious school with free babysitting!) and the cost which is subsidized by funds from the Rabbi Kurtz Book Fund. The feedback from these parents has been excellent and we have achieved the goal of connecting members to one another.

In addition, the College Bound curriculum for High School Seniors was completely revamped this year. Carl Schrag, our congregant and a journalist and educator who directs the Write On for Israel program as well as develops other Israel education programs, is teaching a 5-session course that is covering such things as what students can expect on campus; to examine and provide perspective on current events regarding Israel and discuss campus advocacy.

Finally, our mission statement highlights a warm and welcoming community. This is obviously very difficult to measure but we have made many efforts to help our congregants experience Beth El in a warm and welcoming way. First, a list of guidelines has been developed for everyone who plans programs. These guidelines are intended to focus on the individual's experience at the event versus the event itself. This list provides suggestions such as having greeters and name tags so we can welcome attendees, personal invitations when possible, sign-in sheets to enable follow-up, providing an opportunity to informally socialize and connect with others, etc. Hopefully you will notice these efforts at programs you attend.

Additionally, our financial secretaries (officers on the executive committee) are calling members who have left NSSBE to understand more fully the reason for their resignation and to let them know we remain available to them. The families who have received these calls have expressed much appreciation for our efforts to reach out to them.

All of this and more is only possible through the generosity of our congregants. As I have often repeated, dues only cover 50% of our operating costs. Without our incredibly generous congregants who make donations in addition to their dues, we would be unable to maintain our wonderful staff and level of programming. To show our appreciation for their support (another goal we set for ourselves), we invited our members who give at the B'yachad leadership dues level (a yearly gift of \$10,000 or more which covers annual dues, Kol Nidre appeal, Chesed Dues and 2 tickets to the Annual Fundraising Event) and the members of our Ner Tamid Society (a recognition society that honors those who have included NSSBE in their wills or estate plans) to a special event held in our preschool's Tu B'Shevat forest. It was a special evening and everyone really enjoyed the magic of our forest. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or call her at 847-432-8900.

The amount of effort and time it takes to identify and implement these improvements is enormous. My heartfelt thanks goes to the staff and to the lay leadership whose dedication enables us to continually make NSSBE a better place!

It's All in the Beth El Family

We Welcome the Following New Members

- Marc and Jacalyn Birnbaum
- Ken Bloom
- Brian and Tamara Silver and their sons, Cooper and Owen

Congratulations To

- Cheryl and Carey Cooper on the birth of their granddaughter
- Sandra and Phillip Cooper on the birth of their great-granddaughter
- Mary Ellen and Larry Goldsmith on the birth of their grandson, Maxwell Duncker
- Ann Dee and Edward Holland on the birth of their grandson, Elliot Louis Resnick
- Joan Holland on the birth of her great-grandson, Elliot Louis Resnick
- Ruth and Mal Kaufman on the engagement of their granddaughter, Allison Kind, to Scott Helberg
- Leslie and Jonathan Kind on the engagement of their daughter, Allison, to Scott Helberg
- Carrie and Ron Newman on the birth of their daughter, Taylor Samantha
- Janet and Gary Resnick on the birth of their grandson, Elliot Louis Resnick
- Lindy and Aaron Resnick on the birth of their son, Elliot Louis Resnick
- Susan and Dr. Alan Resnick on the birth of their grandson, Jack Greff Schneider
- Andrea and Kenneth Saffir on the engagement of their son, Zeev, to Nikki Kopelson
- Frances and Steve Shapiro on the marriage of their daughter, Maggie, to Jesse Garfinkel

Condolences To

- Harriet Bernbaum on the loss of her husband, Harry Bernbaum
- Elizabeth Cohen on the loss of her mother, Carol Isaacson
- Douglas Garfinkel on the loss of his mother, Sheila Garfinkel
- Susan Glover on the loss of her brother, George Koranyi
- Edward Holland on the loss of his step-father, Eli Glassman
- Joan Holland on the loss of her husband, Eli Glassman
- David Jackson on the loss of his mother, Sheila Gilbert
- Eileen Kahana on the loss of her father, Harold Siegel
- Hermine Stern Leiderman on the loss of her mother, Ruth Seidel Stern

- Michael Leiderman on the loss of his mother, Lillian Leiderman
- Richard Long on the loss of his father, Arthur Long
- Jane Pickus on the loss of her husband, Nathan Wolfe Pickus
- Michael Shartag on the loss of his father, Joseph Shartag
- Howard Turner on the loss of his wife, Sandra Turner
- Lynne Weinberg on the loss of her mother, Lilli W. Mesirow
- Stephen Weiss on the loss of his brother, Edgar R. Weiss
- Alexis Yablon on the loss of her father, Marshall S. Yablon

In Memoriam

- Harry Bernbaum
- Eli Glassman
- Lilli W. Mesirow

- Nathan Wolfe Pickus
- Sandra Turner



Annual JUF Dessert Reception
on behalf of the
2015 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign
Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 7:15pm
Dairy Dessert Reception - Couvert \$18 per person
Featuring Guest Speaker - Dr. Daniel Gordis

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Herst,
Jewish United Fund, 312-444-2838 or email LisaHerst@juf.org.

B'nai Mitzvah Congratulations!

March – Adar/Nisan 5775

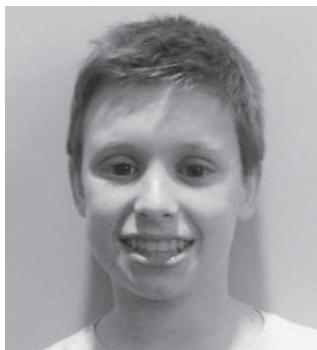


Zachary Aronwald,
son of Drs. Erica and
Richard Aronwald
Shabbat, March 21

April – Nisan/Iyar 5775



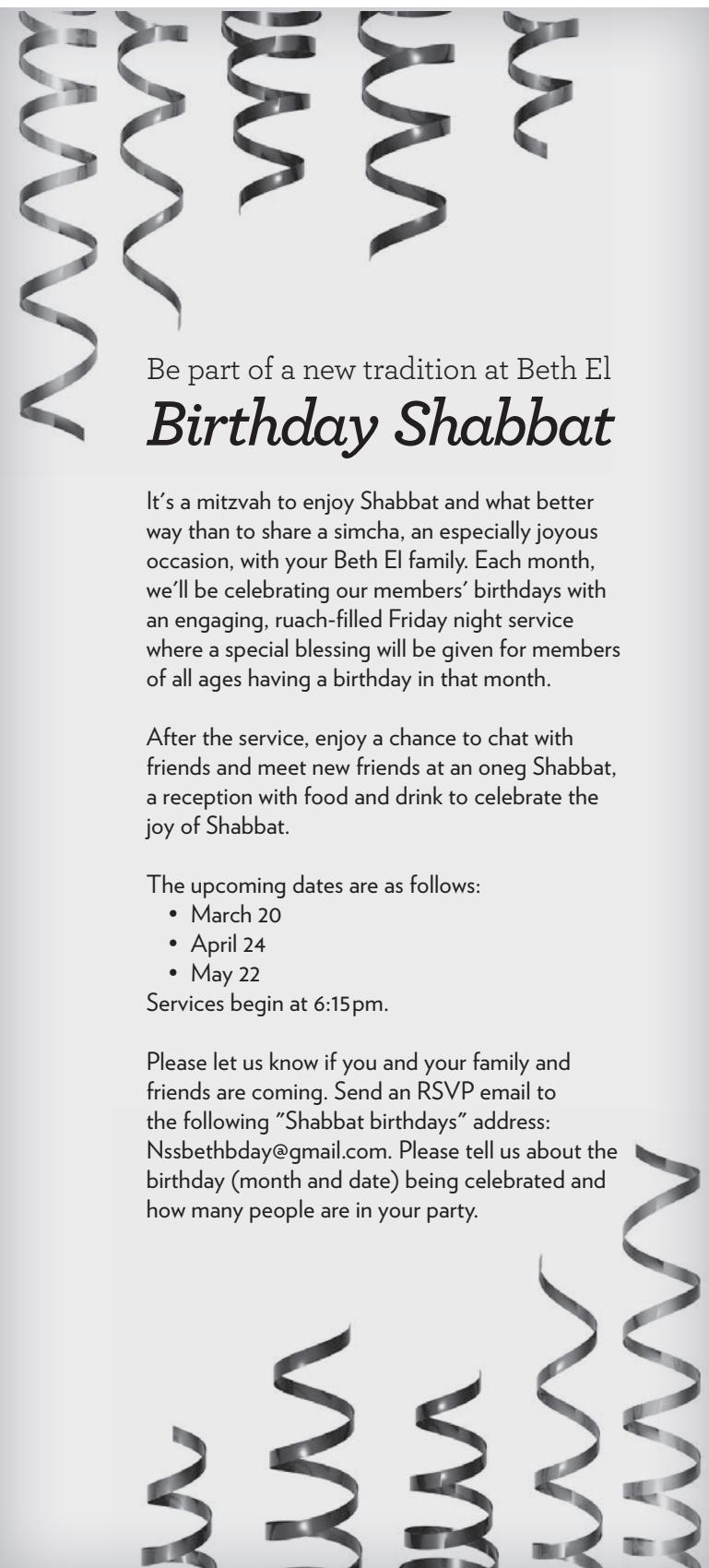
Rachel Klein,
daughter of Michelle
and Benjamin Klein
Shabbat, April 18



Issac Levitan,
son of Drs. Arielle and
Victor Levitan
Shabbat, April 25



Samantha Levine,
daughter of Jennifer
and Alan Levine
Shabbat, April 25



Be part of a new tradition at Beth El

Birthday Shabbat

It's a mitzvah to enjoy Shabbat and what better way than to share a simcha, an especially joyous occasion, with your Beth El family. Each month, we'll be celebrating our members' birthdays with an engaging, ruach-filled Friday night service where a special blessing will be given for members of all ages having a birthday in that month.

After the service, enjoy a chance to chat with friends and meet new friends at an oneg Shabbat, a reception with food and drink to celebrate the joy of Shabbat.

The upcoming dates are as follows:

- March 20
- April 24
- May 22

Services begin at 6:15pm.

Please let us know if you and your family and friends are coming. Send an RSVP email to the following "Shabbat birthdays" address: Nssbethbdy@gmail.com. Please tell us about the birthday (month and date) being celebrated and how many people are in your party.

» Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

Writer's Beit Midrash – The NSS Beth El Writer's Beit Midrash continues to meet every other Wednesday morning in the Maxwell Abbell Library: March 11 & 25 and April 8 & 22, 9:30–11:00am. All fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and essay writers (published or not yet published) are welcome for discussions, exercises, camaraderie, and critique. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x242 for more information.

Global Justice Book Series

The Gray Cultural & Learning Center and the NSS Beth El Social Action Committee will host a discussion of ***However Long the Night*** by Aimee Molloy on Monday, March 9, 6:00–7:30pm, as part of the American Jewish World Service of Chicago's travelling Global Justice Book Series.

Molly Melching, the founder of Toston, an organization determined to empower African communities by educating women, shares her profound philosophies and groundbreaking strategies that have transformed the lives of millions of Africans. The book will inspire a rich discussion about current events and global justice issues, and will provide a vivid backdrop for understanding the work AJWS does around the world. A light supper will be served for \$10/person. Please RSVP to Rachel Kamin or call 847-432-8900 x242.

It's Adar....Surprise Yourself with a Book!

Take home a wrapped book from the Maxwell Abbell Library and surprise yourself with a good read! Surprise books are on display in the Kaye Reading Room – sign one out today! When you are finished, return it to the book return box outside the Library and treat yourself to another surprise. Don't like what you unwrapped? No problem - just trade it in for another surprise. Feel free to follow librarian Nancy Pearl's rule: subtract your age from 100, and the resulting number is the number of pages you should read before you can guiltlessly give up on a book!

If you surprised yourself with a book from the Abbell Library during Adar, come to our **"Surprise" Readers Roundtable on Monday, March 23 at 6:30pm** to share what you've read with others, learn about the newest books available in the Abbell Library, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and meet other book lovers. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.



Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club

The Sisterhood Torah Fund Book Club will discuss ***American Ghost*** by Janis Owens, after Shabbat Kiddush on Saturday, April 18, 12:30pm, facilitated by Rachel Kamin. Jolie Hoyt, the daughter of a Pentecostal preacher, and Sam Lense, a young Jewish anthropology student, fell in love, but tragedy struck when Sam began investigating the dark racial history of Jolie's hometown. Twelve years later they are forced to come to terms with the past.

New members welcome! Copies of the books are available in the Abbell Library and from local libraries and bookstores. Contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x242 for the complete book club calendar. A \$36 annual donation to the Torah Fund Campaign is requested.



Book Launch Party

Celebrate the release of the new book *The Myth of the Cultural Jew: Culture and Law in Jewish Tradition* by NSS Beth El member Bobbi Kwall on **Sunday, April 26 at 11:30am**. A light brunch will be served. Please RSVP to Marcie Eskin at meskin@nssbethel.org or 847-432-8900 x234.

The Myth of the Cultural Jew, published by Oxford University Press, "will change the way in which lay people, academics, and Jewish clergy and professionals think about the development of Jewish law. It is the first book to apply to Jewish law the method of cultural analysis used in secular legal studies. This book also has broader implications, for Kwall uses this method to address the critical question for Judaism today – What kind of Jewish religion and identity will be viable for the future? It is a must read for anyone interested in Judaism or Jewish law." – Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Rector and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the American Jewish University.

Roberta Rosenthal Kwall is the Raymond P. Niro Professor of Law at DePaul University College of Law. She is an internationally renowned scholar and lecturer and has published articles on a wide variety of topics including Jewish law and culture, intellectual property, and property law. She has received numerous awards for teaching and scholarship and in 2006, was designated as one of the 10 Best Law Professors in Illinois by Chicago Lawyer magazine.



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In honor of any occasion or life event.....

Do you know that you can:

Sponsor a Shabbat or Holiday Kiddush for only \$180?*

(Your name will be announced from the bimah and printed in the Shabbat program.)

Subsidize a Seudah Shlishit for only \$100?*

Host a Minyan Breakfast for only \$50?*

Share your happiness, milestone or family remembrance with your Beth El Community. Your donation to the Kiddush Fund creates community and helps support our programs and operations. It's easy – Contact Lennie Kay at 847-432-8900 x 221 or lkay@nssbethel.org and tell her you'd like to sponsor a meal. She will make the arrangements for you and your generosity will be acknowledged in the program or at the event.

*These prices only include the basic format; to add any extra items, contact Karen Edidin, Catering Manager, at 847-432-8900 x238 or email kedin@nssbethel.org. Let Circle of Life help you with any occasion!

Birthday • New Baby • Graduation • Anniversary • New Puppy • Torah Reading • Mitzvah • Havurah

Group Meeting • Rosh Hodesh • Life Milestone • New Home • Engagement • Just for Fun

NORTH SUBURBAN SYNAGOGUE BETH EL



NER TAMID SOCIETY

A testament to the values you live by.
A legacy for the future of Judaism.

Meeting Our Goals: Ner Tamid Society at NSSBE

The Ner Tamid Society is a recognition society that honors those who have included North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in their wills or estate plans. The Ner Tamid – the eternal light – symbolizes the continuity of the Jewish people, so too do Ner Tamid Society members leave a legacy for the future by providing for the financial security of the Synagogue, the center of Jewish life.

Since our kick off this summer, we have added 19 new members to the Ner Tamid Society, joining our cadre of original members. Under the terms of the Create a Jewish Legacy – Chicago, we have met our goal for the first year of the two-year program and earned a \$10,000 stipend for our Endowment Fund! We are grateful for your participation, and invite you to leave your own Legacy by joining our Ner Tamid Society. Ner Tamid Society members will be honored in a variety of ways, with invitations to special recognition events, acknowledgement in the Beth El bulletin and inclusion on a new donor wall. Requests for anonymity will be honored.

To become a member of the Ner Tamid Society, or if you have already made arrangements for a Legacy gift and would like to inform us, or for more information about including Beth El in your estate plan, please contact Nancy Kekst, Development Manager, at nkekst@nssbethel.org or by calling 847-432-8900 x 262.



Kol Hakovod to the more than 25 original members of the Ner Tamid Society from the previous decades as well as the 19 new members who have joined in the last eight months. We look forward to seeing your name listed here soon!

Anonymous

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Abrams

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey J. Barnett

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bieber

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Birnbaum

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald D. Blumberg

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Blumberg

Ms. Gail Feiger Brown

Mr. Andrew Brown

Ms. Ramona Choos

Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Eisenberg

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ezgur

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Frost

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Goldberg

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Goldsmith

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Heyman

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Isaacs

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Jacobson

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Janger

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Kagan

Ms. Karen Kesner

Mr. Michael Kesner

Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Kopin

Professors Jeffrey & Roberta Kwall

Mrs. Mildred Lidov

Mrs. Cara Madansky

Mr. & Mrs. Manny Marczak

Mr. L. Pachter & Ms. S. Starkman

Mr. David Rosen & Ms. Amy Zisook

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Rosenkranz

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Rutkoff

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schlosberg

Mr. & Mrs. Skip Schrayer

Mrs. Phyllis K. Shalowitz

Mr. Leonard Sherman

Mrs. Yadelle Sklare

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spitz

Mr. & Mrs. Morton Steinberg

Mr. Mayer Stiebel

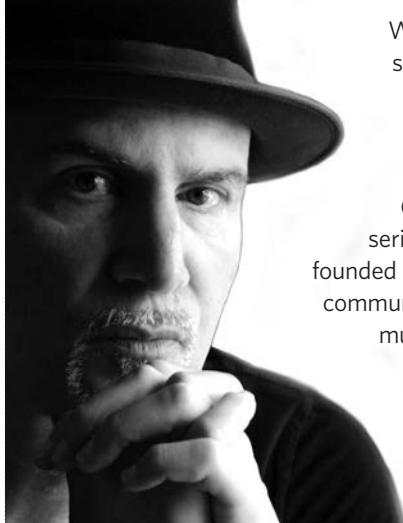
Mr. & Mrs. Benton Strauss

Mr. Howard Turner

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wexler

Mr. Jeffrey Wohlstadter

Dr. F. Zand & Mr. P. Shalem



Well known for his witty, wry live performances, Peter Himmelman is a critically acclaimed singer/songwriter whose thought-provoking music led the San Francisco Chronicle to describe him as someone who "probes the depths of all the passions, from anguish to lust, to depths few rockers can even imagine."

Peter's restless creativity has led him to record a series of both adult and children's albums (including the Grammy-nominated *My Green Kite*), compose scores for numerous TV series and films and, for several years, host the live podcast show *Furious World*. Recently, he founded Big Muse, a new company in which he uses song writing to show companies how to improve communication, innovative thinking, and leadership skills. He is also a visual artist, who creates museum-quality lithographs and paintings.

Born and raised in the Minneapolis suburbs, now living in L.A., Peter is a devoted husband and father of four, an observant Jew, and Bob Dylan's son-in-law.

We are thrilled to welcome him to NSS Beth El! To learn more, check out his website at www.peterhimmelman.com.

NSSBE Annual Big Fundraising Event

an evening of song and spoken word with **PETER HIMMELMAN**

at _____

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 7, 2015
CONCERT STARTS AT 8:30PM

Enjoy a wonderful live performance by Peter Himmelman and his band, followed by a dessert buffet. Exciting silent auction and ad book included.

Pre-concert hors d'oeuvres and bar, reserved seating and more will be available to Platinum and VIP Sponsors. Visit www.nssbethel.org for details.

Doors open at 7:15pm for Platinum and VIP Sponsors
Concert seating will begin at 8:00pm

General Admission - \$90 per ticket includes 8:30pm Concert and dessert buffet. Seating opens at 8:00pm.

VIP Sponsor - \$136 per ticket includes 7:15pm Pre-performance bar and hors d'oeuvres, priority concert seating, program recognition, and dessert buffet after the concert.

Platinum Sponsor - \$500 includes 2 tickets and 7:15pm Pre-performance bar and hors d'oeuvres, meeting with Peter Himmelman and autographed CD, priority reserved seating, program recognition, and dessert buffet after the concert.

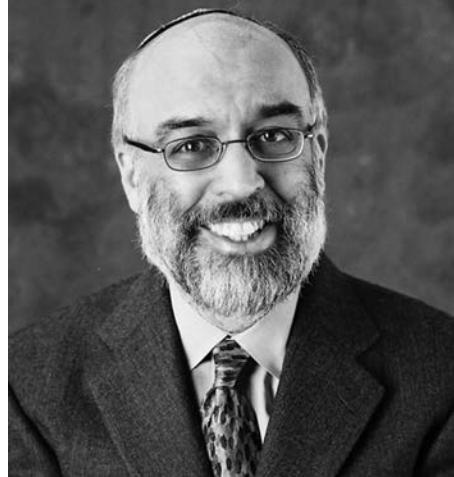
Casual dress

Open to the public - invite your friends!

» Gertrude Lederman Continuing Education

Rabbi Irving and Amy Frankel Memorial Lecture with Professor Benjamin Gampel

Sunday, April 19 at 8:00pm



Benjamin Gampel is the Dina and Eli Field Family Chair in Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He teaches courses in medieval and early modern Jewish history, with a special focus on the medieval Sephardim, and lectures widely on the entire range of Jewish history.

Dr. Gampel spent close to a year doing research in local archives in Spain for his first book, *The Last Jews on Iberian Soil*. After much painstaking work, Dr. Gampel was able to re-create some of the long-forgotten history of the Jews of the Iberian peninsula. He also edited the volume *Crisis and Creativity in the Sephardic World*. Dr. Gampel returned to the Spanish archives for his current project, a book-length treatment of the riots and forced conversions of 1391 on the Iberian peninsula.

An energetic scholar and teacher, Dr. Gampel is dedicated to bringing the history of the Jews to a broad public audience. He has addressed synagogues and lay groups, organizations of all stripes, and scholarly conclaves.

» Around the Synagogue

Praying for Those in Need of Healing

Praying for those in need of healing (M'shebeirach) is a part of every service where the Torah is read. As you are aware, the Makri (speaker) has a list of names that are read aloud. On Shabbat, if you have an additional name to add, you are asked to stand at your seat and say it privately when prompted. The procedures we use on weekday morning Minyanim is a bit different than the procedure we use on Shabbat.

The purpose of this note is to make you aware of the different **weekday** rules and procedures that were established by the Ritual Committee over the years, and have recently been reviewed and tweaked. Also I have included a reminder of how you can add a name to the written list that is read aloud by the Makri, and how long it remains on the list.

M'shebeirach: Procedures for Weekday Morning Minyanim

1. Congregants can choose to approach the Bima and say names aloud or say them privately at their seats.
2. As a courtesy to everyone, Congregants who approach the Bima with more than three names should have them written down so the service proceeds efficiently.
3. The Makri will not repeat the names of those spoken by congregants who approach the Bima.
4. A quiet, dignified demeanor for M'shebeirach and all parts of the service is to be maintained. The Makri, service leader and Clergy will help maintain proper decorum.

M'shebeirach: Procedures for having Hebrew names listed and read on Shabbat and morning Minyanim

1. If you wish to have a Hebrew name added to the printed list of names that is read by the Makri, please submit the name to Mark Stadler at mstadler@nssbethel.org. You can also leave a written note or call, but having it written down in some form is much preferred so as to cut down on potential errors. Be sure to also let us know how we can reach you in case there is any question. If you do not know the person's Hebrew name, you are of course invited to recite the name aloud.
2. The printed list of names will be reviewed on a regular basis in order to keep the list current. Names remain on the list for 60 days. Unless otherwise contacted by the congregants who submitted them, the names will come off the list after 60 days.
3. Those who have submitted names that have been on the list for more than 60 days will receive an email or note from the Ritual VP stating our procedures and asking them if the names should be continued for another 60 days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Stadler, Ritual Director at mstadler@nssbethel.org or Ron Goldberg, Ritual VP at rgoldberg@wgntv.com.



Guess Who's Coming to Shabbat Dinner?

A warmly lit room with candles glowing. Savory smells coming from the kitchen. Guests singing traditional melodies and the table dressed in its finest. This vision of Shabbat dinner is in fact playing out all throughout our community. Sometimes it looks like this.

And sometimes it is a harried family, screaming upstairs to finish getting ready, burnt food, last minute guests arriving, babies crawling on the floor. Both scenarios are real, holy and beautiful. I am privileged to participate in many conversations about Shabbat plans, and have watched active congregants explaining that they rarely have guests over because they worry that their guests have a different level of kashrut observance. I want to work together as a community to help us all to understand the incredible value of celebrating our Jewish life with one another.

Conservative Judaism is a diverse movement and our community here at Beth El is a true microcosm of that diversity. We have halachic guidelines which are important – and important to us. Rather than to drive a wedge in between our own community members, they are meant to act as an opening to neighborly conversation in an attempt to make true hospitality a reality. Our patriarch, Abraham, and his family are considered models for this value of hospitality, of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests.) We learn in the Torah that Abraham hurried to serve his guests....a "trayf" meal! There are many explanations for Abraham's menu, but what ends up being highlighted is the importance of hospitality, contrasted in the Torah with the city of Sodom's extreme xenophobia.

Hachnasat Orchim can be a tricky mitzvah to observe. For some of us it's completely natural to have others over – big families, open-door policies, stocking snacks for kid's friends

who come over. For others, it's a struggle to move out of our routines and risk relationship. Having the holiday of Shabbat come every week allows us an opportunity to celebrate as a community and teach each other the value of strengthening our connections in celebration. If you are worried about hosting friends because of observance, the first practical suggestion I can offer is to have an honest conversation with your potential guest. I posit that we are closer as a community than we sometimes assume. Ask your friends honestly about their observance. If you are asked, share confidently and graciously what would make you and your family most comfortable. Anyone who has questions about their particular observance can feel free to contact me directly and especially can reach out to our clergy.

The mitzvah and foundational Jewish value of welcoming guests pushes us to take care of each other and has unique modern relevance. In the era after the release of Robert Putnam's *Bowling Alone*, we know vividly how easy it can be to live lives outside of personal community. Even our online communities can feel like fishbowls of our own values and opinions. Bringing guests into our home, and being gracious guests in others' homes, opens us up to the divinity in other ways of life and opinions. In Tractate Shabbat in the Babylonian Talmud, one interpretation of a passage suggests that Abraham even asked God to wait while performing the mitzvah of welcoming guests! The beauty of this community will be enhanced when we reach out to each other to share our Jewish life together. For those who already fulfill this mitzvah weekly and more, *kol hakavod* – all honor to you! Keep up the good work. For those of us who struggle sometimes to reach out to others – take this as a challenge to stretch a little bit outside your comfort zone and invite others to celebrate with you.

Shabbat Questions? Contact Ali at adrumm@nssbethel.org, 847-432-8126, or reach out to our clergy at any time.

» Social Action in Action

Did You Know That 28% of Kids in District 112 are in Need?

The social action committee wants you to take a bite out of hunger!

We are collecting donations of: Kellogg's brand (only) nutrigrain fruit bars and go-go squeeze type apple sauce. Beth El is providing daily breakfast and snacks to local kids in need for the 2014/2015 school year. Collection bins are located at the main office and religious school doors – help us reach our goal of collecting 4,000 of these items.

Upcoming Social Action Opportunities



March 12 & April 19

JUF Uptown Café for ages 12+; serve dinner to neighborhood needy.
Contact Bryna Kurtz at 847-432-1039 or brynakurtz@aol.com.

» Sisterhood

Sisterhood and Men's Club
invite you to join us for

Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 pm



A wonderful evening, when Beth El comes together
for great company, a delicious dinner,
and most importantly, an extraordinary speaker!

\$25/person by April 22nd

\$30/person starting April 23rd

RSVP accepted only by a check or cash.

Please make your check payable to NS Beth El Sisterhood
and mail with this response form to:
Ruth Fischer, 620 Calais Circle, Highland Park, IL 60035.
Questions: 847-433-1919 or rfcats55@aol.com.

Yes, I (we) will attend "Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz"

Name _____

Phone _____

attending ____ @ \$25 each = \$ _____ Total Enclosed

Women of Beth El, We Give Each Other the Power to Do More!

NS Beth El Sisterhood is dedicated to enhancing Jewish knowledge, engaging in Jewish life, expanding communal involvement, and supporting klal Yisrael.

I hope you will join us for one of these upcoming programs.

Rachel Ferber, President

Sisterhood Torah Fund

The Torah Fund campaign is one of our most powerful tools for guaranteeing the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism. A gift to Torah Fund is an investment in our future and our children's future. We are few people supporting a very important educational cause. Consider the fact that one hundred percent of the students at The Ziegler School receive financial aid. Scholarships are crucial. These students serve as interns with synagogues, schools, Jewish agencies and affiliated Jewish institutions. Ziegler graduates head day schools and religious school programs, and run Hillels at leading universities throughout the country. Ziegler's Rabbinic Management Institute trains already-ordained rabbis in management skills necessary for their institutions to thrive. The education of rabbis, cantors, Jewish scholars and teachers depends on us. Your contribution to Torah Fund helps ensure that this type of education continues to exist.



Torah Fund contributions are tax deductible. To give to Torah Fund, please make checks payable to Torah Fund - JTS and return to Linda Gottlieb, 561 Sunset Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022.

Thank you for supporting Torah Fund this year:

Benefactors (\$180): Margaret Silberman, Phyllis Shalowitz, Rinna Maletsky, Carol Honigberg

Contributors (\$10+): Sandra Raizes, Betty Rozenfeld, Reena Shiffman.

Memorial contributions: In memory of Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman. In memory of George Koranyi, beloved brother of Sue Glover.



Torah Fund Luncheon

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

12:00pm

We will have a guest speaker from JTS.

North Suburban Beth El Sisterhood Gift Shop – Your Resource for Beautiful Judaica and Gifts

Some of our Favorite Things.....especially for Pesach

Yes, spring is almost here and that means it's time to get into a Passover state-of-mind. What better place to start than your Sisterhood's Gift Shop!

One of the oldest of our Jewish festivals, Passover has its own rules, rituals, and foods – and we have a complete line of Passover items to match! From traditional or young-family focused Haggadot to a wide arrange of Passover Judaica to enhance your Seder table. We also have unique gifts for your seder hosts.

Here are some of the artists we carry that we would recommend...



The wonderfully vibrant Judaica of Lily Art is a favorite at Passover and all year round. Lily Art is a Judaica company founded and owned by Jewish artist, Lily Shohat and her husband in Tel Aviv. Her art is known for its beautiful glass and the various decorations used throughout – particularly popular are her abstracts of Jerusalem, color-rich pomegranates, and refined floral decorations.

Susan Fullenbaum is another artist we want you to know about. She creates handcrafted stained glass art that emphasizes Judaic themes, and her work is represented in juried art shows and exhibitions nationwide. Susan's Passover items are elegantly dynamic. Each interplays colored glass with ambient light; from Seder plates to an etched-ribboned Miriam Cup, her work is exquisite.

No Seder table is complete without a charoset dish. Adi Sidler has a collection we love. She is known for a clean minimalistic style. She uses anodized aluminum to form into the shape of a pomegranate and combines this with a round glass dish. These are available in a number of finishes.

Yair Emanuel is an Israeli artist known for his vivid colors and ability to effortlessly combine style with functionality. His work can be displayed as art in your home or become a timeless addition to your Seder. We have matzah covers, afikoman bags, Kiddush cups and more.

Of course, we also have hand puppets, games, jumping frogs and a wide assortment of toys and games to keep the attention of your youngest Seder guest or as terrific gifts for your afikoman finder.

We invite you to stop in and browse. We would be happy to help with your Passover shopping and to show you the work of these artists and the many others we carry.



Gift Shop Hours

Sundays: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesdays: 10:00 am – Noon

We are always open at your convenience; simply call:
Co-Chairs Diane Levin 847-576-5629, Sulie Holt 847-558-3389, or
Pam Schlosberg 847-433-7546.



Easy Passover Recipes with Chef Laura

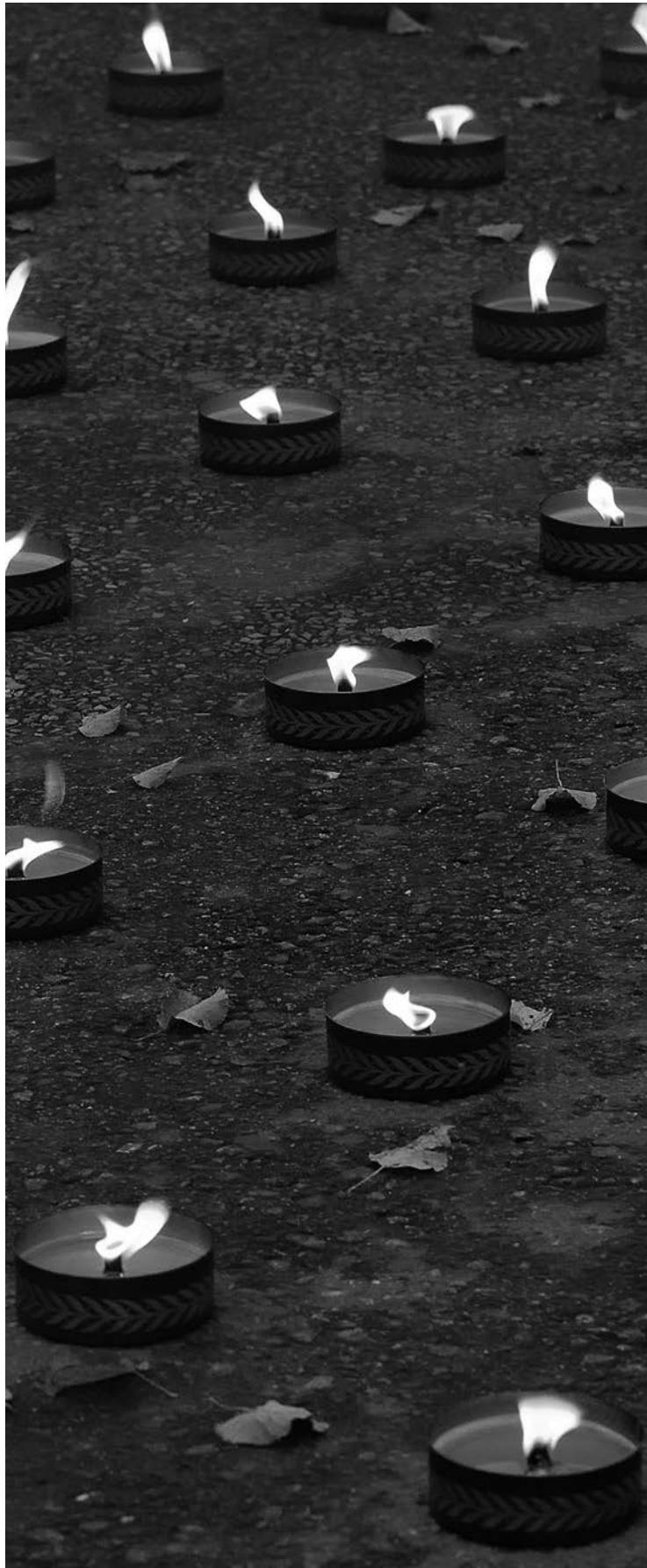
Wednesday, March 11

Chef Laura returns to teach us easy Passover recipes.

Time and Location to be determined (watch your email for details)

Cost: \$18/members; \$25/non-members.

RSVP by March 4th to denarscooperman@yahoo.com or 847-266-1218.



Wygodny Shoah Remembrance Program

Sunday, March 15
9:30am

Scholarship recipients will share their Poland Trip experiences. Men's Club will present the annual Irwin Wygodny Shoah Remembrance Program. The Men's Club has a fund that provides a partial stipend to any Beth El student who travels to Poland prior to their visit to Israel. All stipends come from the monies donated to the Yellow Candle Holocaust program. Please join us as the stipend recipients share the experience they had in this life-changing event. This past year's participants include: Yoni Shapiro, Noah Greenstein, Elizabeth Cohen and Joe Cohen.

This Years' Recipients: We are accepting applications for this year's stipend to partially cover the trip to Poland. If you are a high school Junior or Senior and plan to travel to Poland, please call the Synagogue office with your email address or contact Arnie Sandler (Gdhndsman@aol.com) to receive a stipend application.

Yom Hashoah Candle Packing

Tuesday, March 17
6:00pm

Great Mitzvah Opportunity! Come help us pack the Yom Hashoah candles near the Blumberg Auditorium with the USYers. Pizza will be served. Program starts at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Joe Adler at joeadler@angellrg.com.

Family Deli Lunch

Shabbat, March 21

Deli Meat Kiddush Club after Shabbat Services. All families are welcome. Contact Steve Coven for more details or to RSVP by March 18 at scoven@napcoltd.com. Only \$25 per family or \$12 per person.

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 17

All are welcome! Adults: \$20/Children 13 and under: \$11. RSVP by April 12. For questions or to register, please contact the Men's Club at NSSBethElMensClub@gmail.com. Please send all payments with number of adults and children to: North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. You can also sign up online at www.nssbethel.org through your Beth El account.

Dinner with Rabbi Kurtz

Tuesday, April 28

Please see Sisterhood's page for details.

» Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School

I am happy to share with you an exciting project that the Paul S. and Sylvia Steinberg Pre-School has been involved with over this year.

In May, we were invited to apply for a grant to participate in a new initiative in the Chicago Jewish community, called CEELI – Chicago Early Engagement Leadership Initiative. It is supported by the Chicago-based Crown Family Philanthropies and the Union for Reform Judaism. We were one of 12 early childhood education centers from various denominations and local Jewish organizations with established Jewish Early Childhood Centers, chosen and given the opportunity to strengthen their work to engage young children and their families, through program excellence and building and sustaining meaningful relationships. In addition CEELI will receive ongoing guidance and participation from an Advisory Council of early childhood leadership in the community including the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, JCC, CFJE and others.

Our leadership team from NSS Beth El is made up of Erica Lindon, representing lay leadership; Stacey Reingold, representing our teaching staff; and myself as the director of the school.

CEELI is a two-year capacity building process. The staff and faculty will provide support and guidance to the CEELI leadership teams who are learning with one another while developing outcome measures around program excellence, family relationships, enrollment, teacher development, marketing and operational flexibility.

It is hoped that through our efforts, the following benefits will impact our program as well as the greater Chicago Jewish community:

- Strengthen our ability to grow the number of families choosing our pre-school
- Strengthen families' Jewish experience and identity
- Aspire to incorporate and facilitate the highest quality early childhood education throughout the community
- Learn from the latest research about today's families with young Jewish children so that we can enhance our ability to connect with them and be relevant
- Create opportunities for parents to connect with one another and develop sustaining friendships
- Strive to ensure that our families believe our pre-school is excellent, high quality, and a relationship-driven school that they will recommend to others
- Ensure that our efforts are focused on the "family as our client" and we work purposeful to attain the highest levels of customer satisfaction and engagement
- Increase awareness of our offerings through improved marketing strategies
- Improve the positioning of our school through stronger marketing including branding, social media and competitive differentiation
- Improve our ability to manage our operations with increased flexibility and efficiency
- Explore and create an environment to attract and retain excellent early childhood education professionals because of our commitment to their professional development and job satisfaction

- Endeavor to seamlessly integrate our families into programs and services offered by our synagogue and organizations so they are connected to our greater Jewish communities and programs
- Realization that CEELI members have a shared purpose and mutual goals and have the collective power to impact families' desire to select a Jewish Early Childhood Center

We are in the mid- stages of our work with CEELI and our team has met with the Project Director Susan Zukrow over the year and has visited several other synagogue/schools who are participating in this grant. We have been meeting in small groups and have met with several experts in the field of business and education.

We have written a Vision Statement that I would like to share with you.

Our Vision:

Rooted in Jewish values, we are educating and inspiring our children to meaningfully impact the world around them for the betterment of mankind.

Our Promise:

- As educators, we have the ability to provide endless opportunities for our children, their families, and our community, by engaging them in meaningful integrated Jewish and secular education.
- We strive to achieve standards of excellence, by promoting the intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical development of our children, while instilling critical thought, tolerance, social responsibility, and self-discipline.
- Our Jewish ethos permeates every aspect of our school life. We provide an exciting, stimulating, inspiring and nurturing environment, where children can thrive and flourish to reach their full potential as individuals.
- Our goal is to prepare our children and engage our families to acquire a deep rooted understanding, curiosity and compassion so that they may participate, embrace and improve the world around them – "Tikkun Olam."

Currently we are working together with the Religious Schools and their lay leaders to build a seamless communication system for all of our schools. It is another way for us to provide the highest quality Jewish education for all our children.

Our Pre-School Registration is now underway for the 2015-2016 school year and for our 8 week summer camp for infants through 4 year olds. We have classes for infants through toddlers accompanied by an adult called "small and Tall". Pre-School begins with Adult/ Toddler and Transition classes for children 15 months old and continues through 4-5 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.

Passover Supplement

2015/5775



FORBIDDEN FOODS

The following foods are forbidden to Ashkenazic Jews during *Pesach*: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits and crackers; cereals, coffee substitutes derived from cereals; wheat, barley, oats, rice, dry peas, dry beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. (Sephardic Jews have some different practices.)

PERMITTED FOODS

Requiring no *kosher l'Pesach* label, the following foods are permitted in unopened packages or containers: natural coffee, sugar, tea, salt, pepper, and fresh vegetables (except peas and beans, although string beans are permitted on *Pesach*).

The following foods are permitted if certified for *Pesach* use by Rabbinical authority (have a *kosher l'Pesach* label): *matzah*, *matzah flour*, Passover noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, milk, butter, jams, cheese, jellies, relishes, dried fruits and vegetables, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortening, vinegar. Wines and liquors are permitted if certified by a Rabbinical authority as fit for *Pesach* use.

DISHES AND UTENSILS

Only dishes and utensils specially reserved for *Pesach* should be used with the following exceptions: silverware made entirely of metal if used during the year may be used on *Pesach* if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking), if made wholly of metal, though used during the year, may be used on *Pesach*. They must first be thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between their cleaning and immersion in boiling water.

Utensils used for baking during the year cannot be used for Passover. Earthenware, enamelware and porcelain utensils used during the year may not be used. Fine translucent chinaware if not used for a year is permitted if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

Authorities disagree as to the method of koshering drinking glasses. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before *Pesach* or putting them through a dishwasher. A dishwashing machine may be used for Passover after a thorough scouring and non-use for 24 hours. Authorities disagree whether a new tray is necessary.

The stove is prepared by a thorough scrubbing and cleansing of all parts, then turning on the ovens and all burners full-flame for one half hour. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned, then put through the self-cleaning cycle.

Continuous cleaning ovens must be *kashered* in the same manner as regular ovens.

Microwave ovens should be cleaned, and then a cup of water placed inside. The oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave that has a browning element cannot be *kashered*. In all the above cases the appliance cannot be used for 24 hours prior to *kashering*.

If the parts of electrical appliances that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be *kashered* in the appropriate way. If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be *kashered*. Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred should be separated, locked up or covered and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

If you have specific questions, please contact our rabbis.

BEDIKAT HAMETZ

(THE SEARCH FOR AND BURNING OF LEAVEN)

On the evening of Thursday, April 2, the Search for Leaven, *bedikat hametz*, is conducted. This is a ritual that symbolizes the final cleaning of the house of all *hametz*. It is customary to place pieces of bread in various rooms around the house before the search

begins – remember how many pieces there are and where they are hidden! The search is conducted with a candle for light and a feather and wooden spoon to collect the *hametz*. The *hametz*, feather and wooden spoon should be put in a bag and set aside to be burnt in the morning.

In the morning – this year on Friday, April 3 – after eating our last meal of *hametz*, add any remains from breakfast to the bag of *hametz* from the previous night, and burn them outside the home. This is the final act of removal of *hametz* from our homes. *Hametz* should be burned by 10:15 am.

The appropriate prayers for the search for and destruction of *hametz* are found at the beginning of every *Haggadah*.

MECHIRAT HAMETZ (SALE OF THE HAMETZ)

In addition to the thorough cleaning of the house before *Pesach*, we are commanded to completely free ourselves of leavened products. Anything made from wheat, barley, oats, rye or spelt, which had a chance to leaven (rise or ferment), must be destroyed. Today a simple but meaningful tradition is followed:

- Each Jewish home must be cleaned before *Pesach*.
- The Rabbi contractually arranges for the sale of the *hametz* to a non-Jew so that it will, technically, be out of Jewish possession during *Pesach*.
- At the end of *Pesach*, everything in your stored-up area will be repurchased for your immediate use.

Please see Mark Stadler or use the form below to sell your *Hametz*. Please contact Mark no later than Thursday, April 2, 2015. A voluntary contribution should be made upon selling *Hametz*. All gifts will be added to our *Maot Chitim* fund.

Maot Chitim (Portions of Wheat). It is traditional for Jews who have been blessed by the Almighty to make sure that their less fortunate brethren have all that is necessary to celebrate a joyous *Pesach*.

Special funds for this purpose, known as *Maot Chitim*, are collected in synagogues through the world. Beth El participates in this activity. If you would like to make a contribution to the *Maot Chitim* fund, please mail it directly to the synagogue, or bring it in personally, and earmark it accordingly. These funds will be distributed to the Greater Chicago *Maot Chitim* and other institutions that provide *Pesach* food to the less fortunate.

MAOT CHITIM DELIVERY

Please plan to participate with the Greater Chicago *Maot Chitim* in the delivery of packages on Sunday March 29, 9:00 am to 10:30 am. For more details and directions, go to www.maotchitim.org or www.nssbethel.org.

SIYYUM BECHORIM (FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN)

At the Minyan service Friday, April 3, at 6:30 am the ceremony of *siyyum bechorim* will take place in the Field Family Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz. It is customary for the first born male to fast on the day preceding Passover. In place of the fast, however, tradition developed the practice of concluding a portion of study of a Rabbinic text after which celebration and feasting takes place. The *siyyum bechorim* ceremony is the means of obviating the need for a fast. We encourage all first-born males to attend.

DETACH AND SEND TO: MARK STADLER, NSS BETH EL, 1175 SHERIDAN ROAD, HIGHLAND PARK, IL 60035

I, (please print name)	
hereby authorize Rabbi Vernon Kurtz to act as my agent to sell Hametz that may be in my possession wherever it may be at home, place of business or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.	
My home address is:	
My office address is:	
Signed:	Date:
I enclosed \$ for <i>Maot Chitim</i> (list amount)	

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

M'Shulchan Hamenahelet

The Jewish Educators Assembly, the professional organization of educators in the Conservative movement, just completed its 63rd Annual Conference at the College Park Marriott at the University of Maryland. I was fortunate to be among those in attendance, as well as serving on the JEA national board. The 4-day gathering brought together congregational school principals, heads of Solomon Schechter Day Schools, early childhood directors, bureau and agency personnel and family and informal educators from all across North America and Israel. This year, the conference also met up with the Jewish Youth Directors Association (JYDA) and piggy-backed with a retreat for the BJE of L.A.'s Lainer Internship program.

The theme of this year's Conference was "*Engaging With Israel: New Realities/New Opportunities.*" Marc Rosenberg of Nefesh B'Nefesh and David Breakstone, Vice Chair of WZO were among the featured speakers. Additional sessions were led by Rich Walter of the Center for Israel Education in Atlanta and Lesley Litman of the iCenter from Chicago. Attendees previewed the new film *Beneath the Helmet*, a compelling look at the stories of four Israeli teens from diverse backgrounds as they enter the army. A highlight was a visit to the Israeli Embassy in Washington for a policy briefing and questions and answers. A series of "Table-top Discussions" allowed participants to share ideas and information on topics such as teacher supervision, report cards and evaluations and standards for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Another round of workshops showcased new ideas and materials from organizations including Chai Mitzvah, the Institute for Southern Jewish Life, United Synagogue, JTS and Behrman House's Online Learning Center. Participants also had the opportunity to view new texts, materials and resources as they browsed our vendors and exhibitors.

Our Early Childhood Track allowed EC Directors to delve more deeply into issues of integrating the EC program with the synagogue and infusing Israel into the EC curriculum. A site visit to the EC Center at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase combined with a *Yom Iyun* for all of the area EC Directors was an integral part of the program.

Torah Lishma study sessions were led by Avi West, Senior Education Officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and by Pnina Agenyahu, Senior Shlucha for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. The best part of the January JEA conference was learning with and from colleagues and networking, which took place with participants sharing ideas and information over meals and get-togethers.

During the Conference, tribute was paid to two outstanding leaders of the Greater Washington Jewish community and of the Conservative movement. Sarah Rubinow Simon was honored with the JEA Or Zarua Award for her pioneering work in both Jewish Early Childhood and Special Needs Education. Dr. Louis Nagel, Education Director of B'nai Israel Congregation, Rockville, MD was honored with JEA's Lifetime Achievement Award. Recognition was also given to a group of Emerging Young

Leaders of the Jewish community.

The conference provided a rich opportunity for professional growth, exploration of new trends and ideas and acquisition of concrete programs and materials to bring home to our schools and synagogue. In the next few months we will institute some of the ideas and programs that I brought with me from the JEA conference.

I am thankful that Beth El places a high priority on staff development. Participation in conferences is one way to ensure that our schools remain up-to-date and connected to other synagogues.

*Alicia Gejman
Director of Formal Education*

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School March/April – Adar/Nisan/Iyar 5775

March 1	Sunday	Purim Carnival from 11:00 – 1:00pm
March 4	Wednesday	Purim Celebration
March 7	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services
March 14	Shabbat	Hey Family Shabbat Services/Luncheon
March 15	Sunday	Challah Baking with Lisa Rosenkranz (For parents)
March 22	Sunday	My Family Story Project Presentation
March 25	Wednesday	Pesach Celebration
March 29 – April 11	Sunday – Saturday	No School – Spring Break and Pesach
April 22	Wednesday	Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration
April 25	Shabbat	Gan and Ganon Shabbat Service

Miriam and Bernard H. Sokol Hebrew High School March/April – Adar/Nisan/Iyar 5775

March 1	Sunday	Supper Club Resumes
March 29 – April 11	Sunday – Saturday	No School – Spring Break and Pesach
April 12	Sunday	Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Beth El congregants are cordially invited to the showcase of:

My Family Story Project

Sunday, March 22



Students in Kitah Vav (6th grade) have embarked on a journey to the past, an exploration of roots, a project that goes beyond the usual family tree. It is a journey that connects students to their personal stories, to their family stories, and to the greater story of the Jewish People.

The culminating event of the My Family Story program in our school will be a competition of Family Roots Projects featuring those made by our students. Our school will conduct a competition to determine which projects will go on to compete internationally. The chosen projects will be sent to Beit Hatfutsot (Museum of the Jewish People) where judges will determine the final winners of the competition. All final submissions will be included in a special exhibition at Beit Hatfutsot, and finalists and winners will be eligible for prizes as well as the opportunity to participate in an official ceremony at Beit Hatfutsot in Tel Aviv, Israel, marking the opening of the exhibition and the conclusion to the competition.

Two years ago Noah Braverman was one of the international winners from the North America, Europe and Australia category! Noah and his family attended the My Family Story International Annual Competition in the summer of 2013. Last year Sara Richards received a Special Recognition for her display "Finding Home."



Kol No'ar

The Voice of the Youth – Beth El's Youth Community

Mark Your Calendars for the Youth Community's Upcoming Programs!

USY (9th–12th Graders)

Wednesday, March 11th

CHUSY Regional Lounge night @ WSUSY

Saturday, March 14th

A night of MMM – Mincha, Ma'ariv and a Mystery Bus Ride!

Sunday, March 15th

USCJ night of comedy benefiting USY!
Honoring our own BEANS Alumni,
Rebecca Russo and her husband, Rabbi
David Russo.

Tuesday, March 17th

6:00pm

Candle Packing with Men's Club and
Summer Program Presentation. Dinner
will be provided!

Tuesday, March 24th

Blue and White Lounge Night

Wednesday, April 8th

CHUSY Regional Lounge Night

Tuesday, April 14th

Get Pumped up for Kinnus Lounge Night!

Friday, April 24th – Sunday, April 26th

Look out for registration for CHUSY
Regional KINNUS. We will elect a new
CHUSY Regional Board, see who wins
Chapter of the year and say goodbye to our
seniors!

Tuesday, April 28th

BEANS USY Executive Board Mandatory
Parent and Candidate Election meeting.

Tuesday, May 5th

Save the Date! BEANS USY Executive
Board Elections.

Kadima (6th–8th Graders)

Wednesday, March 11th

6:15–7:30pm

Kadima Board Meeting, dinner provided.

Sunday, March 15th

4:00–7:30pm

Kadima is off for its Mystery Bus Ride!
Dinner included. \$15 for Members or
Activity Pass, \$25 for non-members.

Wednesday, April 22nd

6:15–7:45pm

Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Celebration (after
CRS). \$15 or Activity Pass, includes dinner.

Shalom Club (2nd–5th Graders)

Wednesday, March 25th

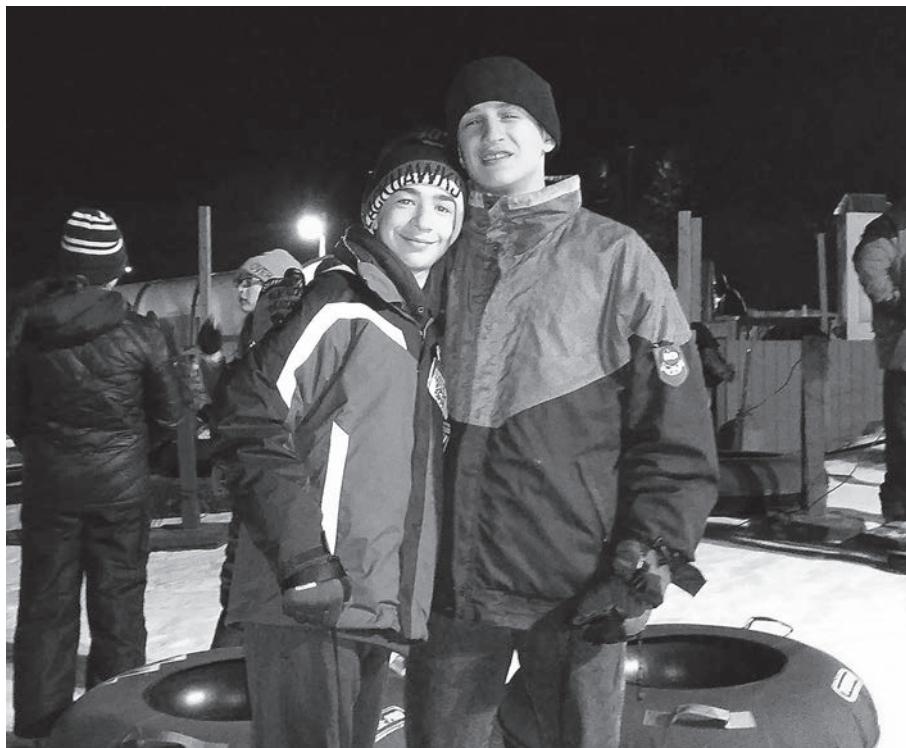
6:15–7:30pm

Shalom Club's Annual Chocolate Seder
(after CRS). \$10 or Activity Pass; \$15 for
non-members, includes dinner (not just
chocolate).

M&M Club (K–1st Graders)

Friday, March 27th

Lego Chocolate Seder!



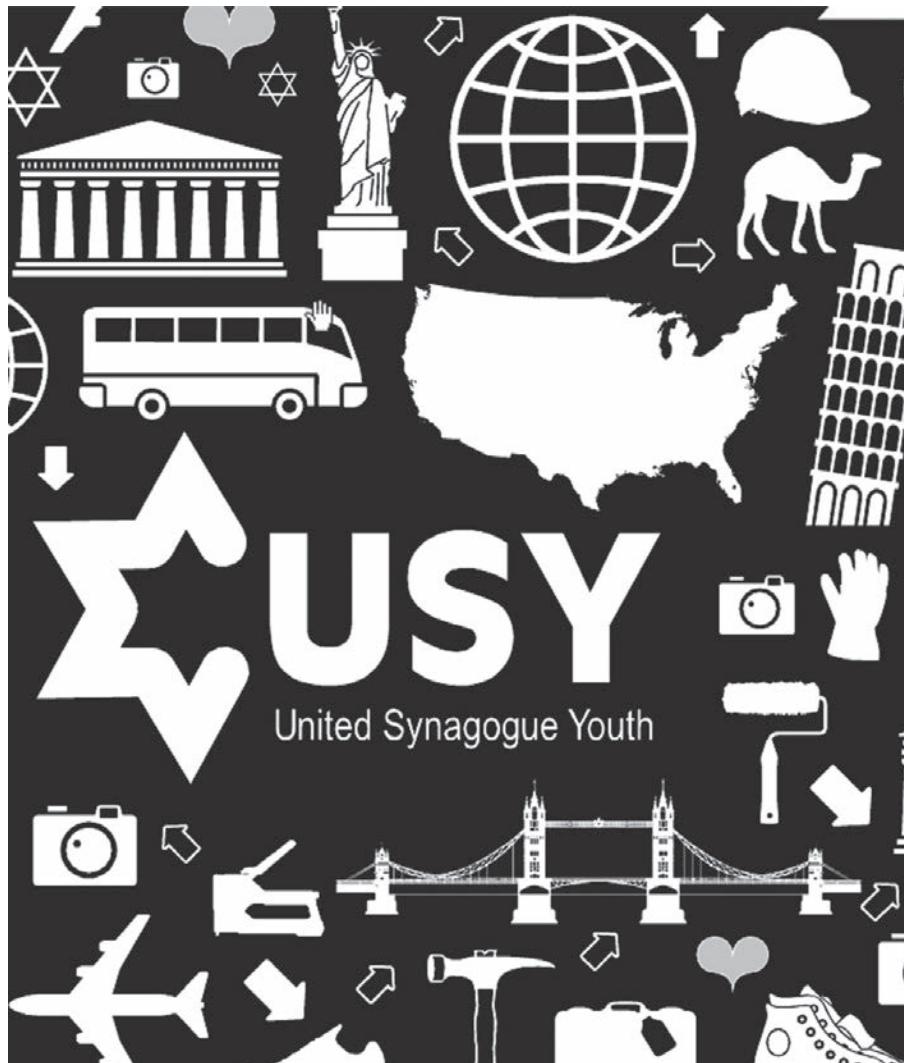
Calling all Jewish 8th Graders!

You are invited to come to USY programs. We can't wait to see you!

BEANS Youth Community is a great way to make new friends, hang out with old ones, and have an awesome time. Have Jewish friends from camp or school that you want involved? All of Beth El's Youth Groups are open to Jewish children whose families are not members of Beth El. Contact Sam Isenstein, Youth Community Director, at siesstein@nssbethel.org or at 847-432-2040 for more information regarding membership or any other questions regarding the Beth El Youth Community.

What are you doing this summer?

From Day Camp to Overnight Camp, to Israel trips and USY Summer Programs, there are so many ways to stay active this summer. USY continues to offer unbelievable programs this year. We are very excited to continue to send USYers on Wheels and Israel Pilgrimage. For more information about summer opportunities and available scholarships for your child or teen, contact Samantha Isenstein, Youth Community Director, sisenstein@nssbethel.org or 847-432-2040.



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Don't have the whole summer to travel? Join us one of our SHORTER TRIPS:

USY's Mission to Cuba
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USY SUMMER EXPERIENCE

See Where It Takes You

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- *In honor of* our 53rd wedding anniversary - Irving and Ellen Kuperman
- *In honor of* Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - David Rosen and Amy Zisook
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- *In honor of* the wedding of Angelica Marconi to Jacob Zweig and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Abe Yaffe, beloved father - Daniel Nast Jr. and Dolly Nast
- *In memory of* Albert Rosenberg, beloved father - Fred and Linda Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Anna Hirschfield, beloved grandmother - Marc and Brenda Wilkow
- *In memory of* Bessie Talman, beloved mother - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Betty Wasserman, beloved grandmother - Michael and Debora Pinzur
- *In memory of* Carol Isaacson, beloved mother of Elizabeth Cohen - The Kolesky Family
- *In memory of* Diana Terr, beloved aunt - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Dr. Greg Moss, beloved husband and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Lois Moss
- *In memory of* Dr. Greg Moss, beloved husband of Lois Moss
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- *In memory of* Esther and Harry Schlesky, beloved mother and father - Melvin and Lenore Blum

- *In memory of* Florence Goldberg, beloved mother - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Frank Pollack, beloved father - Mark and Susan Pollack
- *In memory of* George Albert Goldstein, beloved father - Phyllis Fischel
- *In memory of* George Koranyi, beloved brother of Sue Glover - Roberta and Steve Goodman
- *In memory of* Goldie L. Vishny, beloved mother - Bernard and Elaine Reisin
- *In memory of* Herman Buzz Solomon, beloved brother of Joan Groner - Hetty De Leeuw
- *In memory of* Herman Chudacoff, beloved father - Donald and Lois Chudacoff
- *In memory of* Joseph Birnbaum, beloved father - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
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- *In memory of* Joseph Ferns, beloved father - Ronald and Eileen Goldberg
- *In memory of* Joseph Goldstein, beloved father - Larry and Ellen Goldstein
- *In memory of* Joseph Kessel, beloved father and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Morton and Judy Kessel
- *In memory of* Josephine Birnbaum, beloved mother - Leonard and Marjorie Birnbaum
- *In memory of* Lillian Winick, beloved mother - Adrian and Linda Winick
- *In memory of* Louis Kaplan, beloved father - Wallace and Joan Dunn
- *In memory of* Louis Shulman, beloved father - Alvin Shulman
- *In memory of* Mae Cohen, beloved mother - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Merwin Rosenberg, beloved father - Jerome and Mary Kaltman
- *In memory of* Michael Goldman, beloved father of Gary Goldman and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Gary and Debra Goldman
- *In memory of* Miriam Galerkin, beloved mother - Amos and Edith Turner
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Arthur and Lynn Cohen
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband, father and grandfather and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz for his eulogy and kindness to our family - June Back Frydman

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- *In memory of* Nathan Greenfield, beloved father - Milton Greenfield
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 - Elise and Ira Frost
 - Robert and Maxine Greenstein
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- *In memory of* Shirley Blair, beloved wife of Richard Blair - Howard and Irene Silberman
- *In memory of* Susan Tigerman Gaines, beloved mother of Mark Gaines
 - The Lansing Family
 - Richard and Nadine Woldenberg
- *In memory of* Sy Sterns, beloved father - Jay and Mindy Sterns
- *In memory of* Sylvia Lavin, beloved mother - Ira and Deborah Rosenberg
- *In memory of* Sylvia Maiman, beloved mother and grandmother - Steven and Linda Feinstein
- *In memory of* Sylvia Szwajger, beloved mother - Martin and Yolanda Schachter
- *In memory of* Toby and Fred Edelsburg, beloved mother and father - Michael and Cecille Silver
- *In memory of* William Mendelson, beloved father - David and Donna Rubin
- *With appreciation for* my Simchat Torah Honor and with appreciation to Rabbi Kurtz - Marilyn Hirsch
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz
 - Sanford and Adrienne Eckerling
 - Dolores Kohl-Kaplan
 - Zachary and Erica Lindon
- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for officiating at Maggie and Jesse's wedding - Steven and Frances Shapiro

Rabbi Schwab's Discretionary Fund

- *In honor of* Betsy becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Adam and Deborah Winick
- *In honor of* my aliyah during the High Holidays and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab for his sermon - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In honor of* Nina becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Steven and Jill Hoffman
- *In honor of* our 53rd wedding anniversary - Irving and Ellen Kuperman
- *In honor of* Rachel Lansing's engagement - Mark and Nina Gaines
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- *In honor of* the marriage of Angelica Marconi to Jacob Zweig and with appreciation to Rabbi Schwab - Mark and Mae Spitz
- *In memory of* Dionisio Salinas, beloved father-in-law - Edward and Sari Salinas
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- *In memory of* George Koranyi, beloved brother of Sue Glover
 - Judy and Greg Fisher
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- *In memory of* Gertrude Sher, beloved grandmother - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Herman Buzz Solomon, beloved brother of Joan Groner - Judy Tepfer
- *In memory of* Ignacio Fried, beloved father - Edward and Sari Salinas
- *In memory of* Laurie Zimeli's beloved mother - Jeffrey and Michele Glass
- *In memory of* Leona Kalson Wilk, beloved mother - Roger and Ronnie Wilk
- *In memory of* Maurice Sher, beloved father - Michael and Sara Sher
- *In memory of* Morris Foxman, beloved father - Leonard and Rochelle Foxman

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- *In memory of* Nathan Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Judy Tepfer

- *In memory of* Phil Anderman, beloved father - Frances Anderman, Cheryl Anderman and Adrienne Stokols

- *In memory of* Rae Shay Kimerling, beloved mother - Bluma Marder

- *In memory of* Rose Fried, beloved mother - Edward and Sari Salinas

- *In memory of* Toby and Fred Edelsburg, beloved mother and father - Michael and Cecille Silver

- *Wishing complete and speedy recovery to* Marla Sklar Malka Dodi Bat Sara Pesha - Marvin and Sara Siegel

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- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab - Zachary and Erica Lindon

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Schwab for help in teaching me P'sukei D'zimra - Steven and Frances Shapiro

Hazzan's Discretionary Fund

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- *In honor of* my aliyah during the High Holidays and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In honor of* Nina becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Steven and Jill Hoffman

- *In honor of* Robert and Beth Footlik's 45th anniversary - Maurice and Deanna Joy Sable

- *In honor of* Sarah becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - David Rosen and Amy Zisook

- *In honor of* the wedding of Angelica Marconi to Jacob Zweig and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Mark and Mae Spitz

- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband, father and grandfather and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller for his beautiful davening - June Back Frydman

- *In memory of* the Ebstein and Rosman family's beloved family members - Bernhard and Roslyn Ebstein

- *With appreciation for* my Simchat Torah Honor and with appreciation to Hazzan Goller - Marilyn Hirsch

- *With appreciation to* Hazzan Goller for help in teaching me P'sukei D'zimra - Steven and Frances Shapiro

Adolph M. and Lotty Jacobson Israel Scholarship Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Adolph Jacobson, beloved father - Lawrence and Sharon Dubin

Andrew and Gail Brown Family Technology Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation* - Andrew and Gail Brown

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- *With appreciation* - Ellen Rissman

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- *In memory of* Joseph Shartiag, beloved father of Michael Shartiag - Greg and Leslie Apter

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- *In honor of* Ilana Greenstein becoming a Bat Mitzvah - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* Maya Ochana's college graduation - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Gerald and Rita Buckman's great-grandson - Karen Weiss
- *In honor of* the birth of Irving and Betty Rozenfeld's great-grandson - Karen Weiss

- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Karen Weiss
- *In memory of* Ralph Eiseman, beloved father of Beth Grey - Karen Weiss

Capital Improvement Fund

- *In honor of* Zella Ludwig's special birthday - Linda and Eli Frank and Family
- *In memory of* Albert Levin, beloved father - Kenneth and Marcy Levin
- *In memory of* Bernice Fishbane, beloved mother-in-law - Mona Fishbane
- *In memory of* Dr. Greg Moss, beloved husband of Lois Moss - Gerald and Annette Blumberg
- *In memory of* Joseph J. Abbell - Louise Holland
- *In memory of* Michael Goldman, beloved father of Gary Goldman - Gerald and Annette Blumberg
- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman - Gerald and Annette Blumberg

- *In memory of* Nathan Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Karen and Michael Kesner
- *In memory of* Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - Gerald and Annette Blumberg
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- *In memory of* Sara Singer, beloved mother - Caryn Garber

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- *In memory of* Michael Goldman, beloved father of Gary Goldman - Ira and Elise Frost
- *In memory of* Shulamit Kahana, beloved mother - Dov and Eileen Kahana

- *With appreciation for* my Simchat Torah Honor - Marilyn Hirsch

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- *In memory of* Lillian Wallace, beloved aunt - David and Barbara Hoffman

Irving and Janet Robbin Scholar in Residence Program Endowment Fund

- *In memory of* Janet Robbin, beloved mother - David and Karen Benson

Jack and Mildred Cohen Religious School Fund

- *In honor of* Lois Hirschfield's 90th birthday - Jack and Nancy Cohen
- *In memory of* Dorothy Hirschfield, beloved mother - Howard and Lois Hirschfield

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- *With appreciation* - Howard and Sandra Turner

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- *In memory of* Morris Frydman, beloved husband of June Back Frydman
- Gary Gordon and Marilyn Hirsch
- Karen and Michael Kesner
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- *With appreciation* - Arlene and Jeffrey Levin

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- *In memory of* Susan Tigerman Gaines, beloved mother of Mark Gaines - Gwen and Scott Heyman

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- *In memory of* Nathan Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Myrna Kopin

- *Wishing a complete and speedy recovery to* Shelly Kopin - Myrna Kopin

Kurtz Family Youth Endowment Fund

- *With appreciation to* Rabbi Kurtz for his total dedication to the mitzvah of K'vod hamet - June Back Frydman

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Maot Chitim Fund

- *With appreciation to Rick Small for his kindness on the Bimah during my Simchat Torah honor - Marilyn Hirsch*

Maxwell Abbell Library Fund

- *In honor of Neal and Ann Rosen's new grandson - Jeffrey and Michele Glass*
- *In honor of our parents Bernard and Elaine Reisin's 70th wedding anniversary*
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- *In memory of Ellen Lansing, beloved mother - David and Barbara Lansing*
- *In memory of Fanny Gertz, beloved mother - William and Sharon Gertz*
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- *In memory of Keren- Or Bernbaum, beloved daughter - Harriet and Harry z'l Bernbaum*

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- *In memory of Morris Hertz, beloved father - Sonja Shiner*
- *In memory of Nathan Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Baird and Warner Highland Park*
- *In memory of Rose Ramek, beloved mother - Joyce Pollack*
- *In memory of Susan Tigerman Gaines, beloved mother of Mark Gaines - Jackie and Michael Melinger*
- *With appreciation for Sandy Starkman saying Kaddish for my father - Stephanie Smerling*

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- *In memory of Nathan Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Joan and Burton Grant*

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- *In honor of Fran and Steve Shapiro's new grandchild and upcoming wedding - Stephanie and Michael Smerling*

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- *In honor of the birth of Dylan Blake Brash - NSS Beth El Pre-School Staff*
- *In memory of Irving Hirschfield, beloved father - Howard and Lois Hirschfield*
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- *With appreciation to Eileen Goldberg - Juliana, Sam and Leigh Weisz*
- *With appreciation to Sarah Chupak - Juliana, Sam and Leigh Weisz*
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- *In honor of my Shabbat Ark opening - Felissa Kreindler*
- *In memory of Aaron Dlugie, beloved father - David and Joyce Dlugie*
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- *In memory of Herman Buzz Solomon, beloved brother of Joan Groner - Sandra Becker*
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- *In memory of Jeanette Ulman, beloved mother - Lillian Charney*
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- *In memory of Mabelle Schero, beloved mother - Allene Frost*
- *In memory of Mandel Rosenberg, beloved grandfather - Scott and Maureen Chaikin*
- *In memory of Max Zar, beloved father - Leon and Wendy Zar*
- *In memory of Natalie Bernstein, beloved sister - Robert and Sharon Abrams*
- *In memory of Nate Wolfe Pickus, beloved husband of Jane Pickus - Wendy and Steve Abrams*
- *In memory of Shane Zien Wolf, beloved mother - Mark and Julia Gerstein*
- *In memory of Sidney and Mildred Lash Starkman, beloved father and mother - Larry Pachter and Sandy Starkman*
- *With appreciation for my Simchat Torah Honor - Marilyn Hirsch*
- *With appreciation - Mark Daskin*

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- *In memory of Dr. Greg Moss, beloved husband of Lois Moss - Laurence and Corinne Baskin*
- *In memory of Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - Barbara Winnik*

- *With appreciation to Jack Blumberg for his help with my Simchat Torah honor - Marilyn Hirsch*

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Special Gifts Fund	- <i>In honor of</i> Zella Ludwig's special birthday - Karen and Michael Kesner - <i>In memory of</i> Sandra Patack, beloved sister of Arthur Cohen - Karen and Michael Kesner	- <i>With appreciation to</i> David Shapiro for his kindness on the Bimah during my Simchat Torah honor - Marilyn and Gary Hirsch - <i>With appreciation</i> - Robert and Sharon Krakowsky
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Willard and Sally Aaron Camp Ramah Endowment Fund	- <i>With appreciation</i> - Sally Aaron	

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Youth Community Fund

- *In honor of* the Men's Club Shabbat - Felissa Kreindler
- *In honor of* Nina becoming a Bat Mitzvah and with appreciation to Chuck Kahalnik - Steven and Jill Hoffman
- *In memory of* Harvey Ruby - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Kenneth Spungen, beloved father of Charles Spungen - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Norma Spungen, beloved mother of Charles Spungen - Steven and Frances Shapiro
- *In memory of* Michael Goldman, beloved father of Gary Goldman - Sheldon Solow and Shelley Kreiter Solow
- *In memory of* Shirley Blair, beloved wife of Richard Blair - Bob and Millie Weber
- *With appreciation for my Simchat Torah Honor - Marilyn Hirsch*
- *With appreciation to Karen Edidin - Steven and Frances Shapiro*

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April 2015 Events Calendar

Kol Beth El

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Continuing Education	2 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	3 Erev Pesach/1st Seder 6:30am Morning Minyan 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:58pm Candle Lighting	4 Pesach 1st Day/ 2nd Seder 8:50am Shabbat Services 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:02pm Candle Lighting
5 Pesach 2nd Day 8:50am Shacharit 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:02pm Yom Tov Ends	6 Hol Hamoed Pesach Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	7 Hol Hamoed Pesach Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	8 Hol Hamoed Pesach Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	9 Hol Hamoed Pesach 7:00am Morning Minyan 7:05pm Candle Lighting 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	10 Pesach 7th Day 8:50am Festival Service 7:06pm Candle Lighting 7:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	11 Pesach 8th Day/ Yizkor 8:50am Shabbat Services 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:11pm Yom Tov Ends
12 Continuing Education	13 Continuing Education	14 Continuing Education	15 Continuing Education 7:00pm Hartman Institute Beit Midrash Discussion Series	16 Yom HaShoah Continuing Education	17 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Men's Club and Sisterhood Congregational Dinner 7:14pm Candle Lighting	18 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Rachel Klein 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 12:30pm Torah Fund Book Club 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:19pm Shabbat Ends
19 Rosh Hodesh Iyar Continuing Education 8:00pm Frankel Lecture Event	20 Rosh Hodesh Iyar Continuing Education 7:00am Morning Minyan 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	21 Continuing Education	22 Yom Hazikaron Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	23 Yom Ha'atzmaut Continuing Education 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs 8:00pm Board of Directors	24 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Congregation Birthday Celebration 7:22pm Candle Lighting	25 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah - Isaac Levitan Bat Mitzvah - Samantha Levine 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:27pm Shabbat Ends
26 Continuing Education 11:30am Book Launch	27 Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	28 Continuing Education 6:00pm Dinner with the Rabbi	29 Continuing Education 6:30pm AJWS Event	30 Continuing Education	May 1 5:00pm Jeans and Jammies 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Congregation Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Candle Lighting	May 2 8:50am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah - Shayna Rosner 7:15pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm Shabbat Ends

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1 Continuing Education 11:00am Purim Carnival	2 Continuing Education 8:00pm Board of Education Committee Meeting	3 Continuing Education 12:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 3:30pm Terrific Tuesdays	4 Fast of Esther/ Megillah Reading Continuing Education 5:15pm Family Purim Experience 5:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv, Megillah Reading 7:00pm Family Megillah Reading	5 Purim Continuing Education 6:30am Shacharit/ Megillah Reading 12:00pm Study in the Loop 8:00pm Executive Meeting	6 7:45am Beth El Networking Community 5:27pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	7 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:00 am Hey Family Services 5:15pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 6:32pm Shabbat Ends 8:30pm Peter Himmelman Concert
8 Continuing Education 2:00am Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:30 am Bagels for Your Brains	9 Continuing Education 6:00pm AJWS Global Justice Book Series Class	10 Continuing Education	11 Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	12 Continuing Education 8:00pm Ba'al Korei Committee Meeting	13 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:35pm Candle Lighting	14 8:50am Shabbat Services 10:00 am Hey Family Services 12:15pm Men's Club Kiddush Club 6:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:40pm Shabbat Ends
15 Continuing Education 9:30am Men's Club Wygodny Shoah Program 3:00pm USCJ Annual Concert	16 Continuing Education 8:00pm Ritual Committee Meeting	17 Continuing Education 6:00pm Men's Club Candle Packing	18 Continuing Education 6:00pm U.S. Holocaust Memorial Event	19 Continuing Education 12:00pm Study in the Suburbs 8:00pm Board of Directors	20 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:43pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Congregation Birthday Celebration	21 Rosh Hodesh Nisan 8:50am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah-Zachary Aronwald 9:15am Beit Midrash Minyan 6:30pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:48pm Shabbat Ends
22 Continuing Education 6:30pm JUF Event	23 Continuing Education 6:30pm Surprise Readers Round Table	24 Continuing Education	25 Continuing Education 9:30am Writer's Beit Midrash	26 Continuing Education	27 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:51pm Candle Lighting	28 8:50am Shabbat Services 6:45pm Mincha /Ma'ariv 7:56pm Shabbat Ends
29 Continuing Education	30 Continuing Education 7:45pm Men's Club Board Meeting	31 Continuing Education				



A Beth El Shabbat Dinner "Kibbutz Av V'Aym" - "Honoring Parents"

Friday, May 1, 2015

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