

Torah Portion

Terumah

While Moses remains on Mount Sinai, God provides detailed instructions regarding the construction and decoration of the Mishkan. This Tabernacle is to house the Ark and allow the Divine Presence to dwell among the people of Israel. (*Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays*)

Terumah

Exodus 26:31-27:19

Etz Hayim

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Kabbalah. **Hazzan Asa Fradkin** examines the portrayal of rabbis and other Jewish clergy in Hollywood films. Course brochures are available online and in the office. Register online at <https://www.bethelmc.org/lifelong-learning/scolnic-institute/> or by mail. The Early Bird discount deadline is February 14.

STEM Affinity Group Breakfast: Thursday, February 28, 8:30 am. The STEM Affinity group continues our discussion of the ethical and moral issues surrounding CRISPR, a gene manipulation technique. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Steve Glazer lead our discussion. Attendance at our first session not required to attend this one. RSVP to Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org.

46th Annual Kavod Awards: Sunday, March 3, 9:45 am. Join Men's Club as we honor Mitchell Solkowitz for Service to Beth El; Larry Sidman for Service to the Jewish Community, and Michael Kieval for Service to the Community at Large. All are welcome, Cost is \$20/person at the door.

Men's Club Food Sorting at Manna Food Center: Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. Help Men's Club sort food donation at Manna Food Center. This is a great way to introduce your children 11 and older to community service. Please contact Jon Epstein at jonathan.epstein@hkclaw.com to volunteer or for more information. (SSL hours are available).

STEM Dinner with Ian Jacobi, Technion Professor: Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm. Join us as we welcome Dr. Ian Jacobi, assistant professor of aerospace engineering at Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. Prof. Jacobi will tell the curious story of an artist from Arizona who creates beautiful photographs using whisky stains, the mechanics behind his whiskey artistry, and how those mechanics make an appearance in a major, centuries-long halachic controversy. A Scotch tasting will be available for those over 21 years old, but all ages are welcome to attend the event. Dinner is \$5 per person. RSVP online at <https://www.bethelmc.org/events/stem-dinner-03-28/>.

Services This Week

Sunday 9:00 am and 8:00 pm
Monday through Thursday 7:30 am and 8:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am and 6:30 pm
Saturday 7:30 am and 9:15 am



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Thank you for joining us at Beth El. Please respect our traditions; the use of cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices is prohibited in the synagogue on Shabbat and Festivals.

In case of a cardiac emergency, there is an automatic external defibrillator (AED) located outside the main restrooms.

Yahrzeit lists for this week can be found on the table outside the Bender Sanctuary and Swoff Chapel.

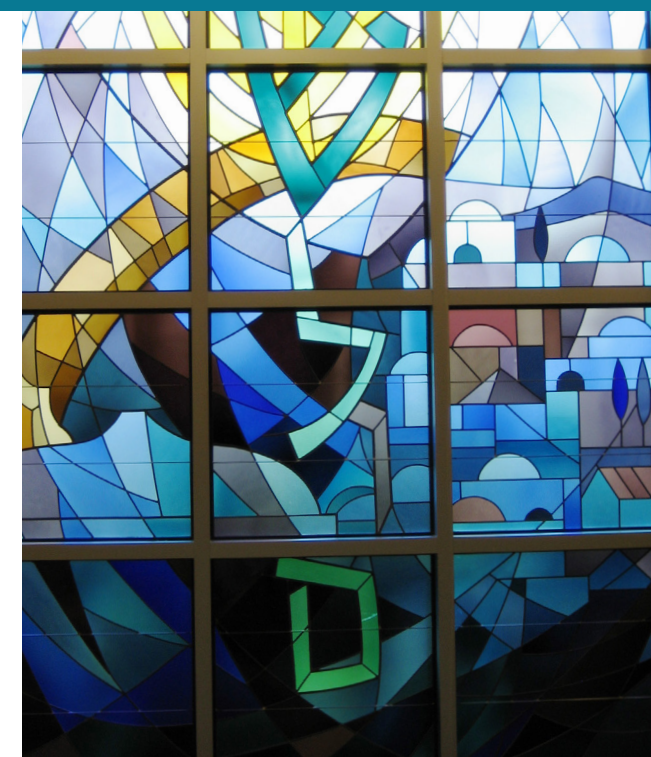
Beth El is working to be more accessible to people with special needs. Therefore, wheelchairs are available to congregants and guests in the lobby. Large print Siddurs and hearing assists are also available. Ushers are happy to help in any way.



While we know you'll want to read every word in these Shabbat Announcements, remember to recycle when done.

Congregation Beth El

Welcomes you



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Early Morning Service	7:30 am	Swoff Chapel
Shabbat Shalom		
Main Service	9:15 am	Swoff Chapel
Babysitting	9:15am	Rm. B102 (Preschool Wing)
Junior Congregation (6th grade)	9:30 am	Library
Shitufim (3rd -5th grades and parents)	10:30 am	Zahler Social Hall
Nitzanim (Birth - 2nd grade & parents)	11:00 am	Multi-Purpose Rm.
Shabbat Mincha Service	12:45 pm	Swoff Chapel

Following the morning service, everyone is invited to attend the kiddush in the Bender Social Hall, sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Todah Rabbah

Early Service: Sheryl Friedlander and Daniella Livnat for reading Torah, Pat Danoff for chanting Haftarah, and Esther Wilner for being Gabbait.

Main Service: Jonah Abrams, Adina Bard, Gabe Stillman, Noah Kuperberg, Max Portnoy, Zachary Abrams, Carol Alter and Jonah Gross for reading Torah, Allen Eisenberg for being Gabbai, and David Bachrach and Judy Marcus for ushering.

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month Shabbat: We are thrilled to have as our guest, Rabbi Lauren Tuchman, who will deliver the D'var Torah. Rabbi Tuchman received rabbinic ordination from JTS in 2018 and, as far as she is aware, is the first blind woman in the world to enter the rabbinate.

Mazal Tov: to the 2019 graduating class of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. They will be honored with the third aliyah; and to **Doug and Brenda Bregman** on the birth of their grandson, **Emmett Noah Barrie**. Parents are **Lauren and Dan Barrie** and proud big sister is **Alice**.

This Week at Beth El

Ushers Needed For Shabbat Services: We are looking for friendly, outgoing people to volunteer to usher during Shabbat services. Ushers greet and welcome both congregants and visitors, assist with seating, and are a friendly, welcoming face. Contact Hattie Goodman at hgoodman@bethelmc.org.

The Scroll is Looking for Your Pesach Stories: Please tell us how you celebrate Pesach. Do you put anything unusual on your seder plate? Do you add anything modern (or ancient) to your haggadah? Cook anything special? Have a special ceremonial object? Send a short blurb about how you do Pesach or a photo of your ritual object to scroll@bethelmc.org by February 25.

30 Minutes and a Smile! Serve the kiddush luncheon after services on Shabbat and make sure every congregant, family member, and guest gets a warm *Shabbat Shalom* with their delicious food. Men, women and children, 12 and over, are welcome to serve. Arrive at 11:50 am and serve until about 15 minutes after the service ends. Sign up at 111.bethelmc.org/kiddush-volunteers. Questions? Contact Sue Kanter at besisterhoodsignup@gmail.com.

Israel Media Series: Saturday, February 9, 7:30 am. Join us for *Baba Joon*, a coming-of-age story taking place on a farming co-op in the Negev. The family owns a turkey farm where 13 year-old Moti is expected to learn the business. But Moti has other ideas. Cost is \$5/person, including snacks. For information, contact Judy Marcus at jmarcus4701@gmail.com.

Men's Club Breakfast: Sunday, February 10, 9:30 am. Join Men's Club for breakfast after morning minyan, followed at 10:00 am by our guest speaker, congregant **Carly Ruderman**, who will speak on her experience as a participant and executive board member with Friendship Circle, a Jewish organization that provides programming for individuals with disabilities and their families. Carly is also a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Maryland. As a person on the autism spectrum, she has overcome severe anxiety and challenges in her educational and social environments.

Women Health Care Professionals Vegan Potluck Dinner: Sunday, February 10, 6:30 pm - offsite. Join us for our guest speaker from Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (<https://www.pcrm.org/>) sharing information about the benefits of plant-based diet and enjoy an evening together at a private home. For address, contact Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org.

Yoga and Meditation: Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm. We start the evening with 45 minutes of yoga for all levels, taught by Hannah Sherman, RYT-500. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. This is followed by a blend of chant, silent, and guided meditation that leads us to a more meaningful relationship with God and with those around us. Yoga and Meditation will also meet on Monday, February 25. Questions? Contact Hazzan Fradkin at afradkin@bethelmc.org.

12 Step Meeting Group: Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm. A 12 Step group now meets at Beth El on Mondays at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Rabbi Fabián Werbin at fwerbin@bethelmc.org.

Upcoming Events

B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El: February 16: **Yael Rosenberg**, daughter of **Erika Dickstein and Todd Rosenberg**; February 23: **Sofia Guerson**, daughter of **Laura Dos Reis and Alejandro Guerson** (Havdalah).

Presidents' Day Weekend: Synagogue offices, Religious School, and Beth El Preschool will be closed on Sunday and Monday, February 17 and 18. Morning minyan on Monday, February 18 is at 9:00 am. It can be difficult to get an evening minyan on a holiday weekend, so if you are able to join us at 8:00 pm on Sunday and/or Monday for 20 minutes, it would be much appreciated.

Beth El Book Chat: Sunday, February 17, 11:30 am. Join us to discuss *The Maze at Windermere* by Gregory Blake Smith. All welcome! Questions? Contact Margery London at margerylondon@gmail.com or Robin Jacobson at robinandjim83@gmail.com.

Chug Kriah: Sunday, February 17, 2:00 pm. Under the leadership of Professor Arnold Band, we continue our discussion of Haim Be-er's novel "*B'hazara M'emek Rephaim*". The Chug welcomes new participants. For information, contact Bill Kanter at kanterdsw@aol.com.

Conversational Hebrew: Tuesday, February 19, 1:30 pm. Interested in keeping your conversational Hebrew fresh? Join us and practice your Hebrew conversation skills. Contact congregant **Art Salwin** at asalwin@gmail.com for information.

Senior Caucus Luncheon: Thursday, February 21, 12:00 pm. Join us for the film *RBG-Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, a biographical depiction of Justice Ginsburg from her birth in Brooklyn, NY, to her college education, and subsequent career as law professor, federal judiciary appointee, and Supreme Court Justice. Lunch begins at noon, followed at 1:00 pm by the film. \$10/person for lunch; program is free. RSVP to Ricardo Munster at rmunster@bethelmc.org or 301-652-8569, ext 316.

Jews and Brews: Thursday, February 21, 9:00 pm at Rock Bottom Brewery, 7900 Norfolk Ave, Bethesda. Jews and Brews is an informal gathering of guys (roughly between the ages of 35-55) at a local brewery. Join in for a cold beverage, and enjoy a discussion on a timely topic with Rabbi Harris.

Mental Health Professionals Breakfast: Friday, February 22, 8:30 am. All mental health professionals are invited to a morning of networking and learning. Breakfast

begins at 8:30 am, discussion will begin at 8:45 am. **Rabbi Fabian Werbin** will discuss **Psychoanalysis & the Soul of Argentina**. RSVP to Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org.

Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat: Friday, February 22, 6:30 pm. Join us for a Shabbat with **Ambassador Dennis Ross** and **David Makovsky** discussing their upcoming book, *Fateful Choices*, and the choices Israel's leaders need to make to persevere Israel as a Jewish, democratic state. This special Shabbat begins with Friday night services at 6:30 pm, followed by a Shabbat dinner at 7:15 pm. At 8:30 pm, David Makovsky will speak on *Ben Gurion's Road to Founding Israel*. On Saturday, February 23, Ambassador Ross will deliver the d'var Torah and lead a discussion at approximately 1:00 pm on *Israel's Fateful Choices – Does America have a role to play in helping Israel's leaders make them?* **To sign up for the Shabbat dinner** and for information, go to <https://www.bethelmc.org/events/scholar-2019/>.

Minyan Chaverim 20th Anniversary Service: Saturday, February 23, 9:15 am. Minyan Chaverim celebrates 20 years as one of Beth El's lay-led Shabbat morning services. Join us as we lead the main service on this Shabbat.

Sisterhood/Zhava Social Action Tea Hard Conversations: Building Bridges and Bridging Differences: Sunday, February 24, 2:00 pm, at a private home. Join Sisterhood and Zhava members, along with representatives from Convergence Center for Policy Resolution, to sip, schmooze and discuss ways to promote productive conversations about controversial issues both within and outside the Jewish community. RSVP by February 20 to sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org.

Scolnic Adult Institute: An array of Jewish history, literature, and culture courses are featured at the Rabbi Samuel Scolnic Institute, beginning February 26 and 27. **Professor Naomi Daremblum** guides us through an examination of the Dreyfus case. **Adjunct Rabbi Steve Glazer** takes us on a tour of the state of Judaism in America, its present and future. **Dr. Jerome Copulsky** explores the challenges faced by Jews and other religious minorities in finding their place in America. **Professor Saúl Sosnowski** discusses the writings of the acclaimed Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, focusing on Jewish issues, especially the

Beth El in Photos



Beth El Seniors and BEPS Pre-K children spend time together once a month.

