

Torah Portion

Vayakhel

The Israelites enthusiastically contribute precious materials for the Mishkan, until Bezalel finds there is more than enough to complete the work. Moses halts the donations. Bezalel crafts the Ark and other sacred furnishings of the Mishkan. (*Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays*)

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Bat Mitzvah Honors

Ark Opening: (Page 168) **Jennifer Culver**, aunt
R'vii (4) **Ellen and Michael Gold**, grandparents
Hamishi (5) **Coleman and Katharine Smith**, grandparents
Shishi (6) **Rebecca Smith**, aunt
Sh'vii (7) **Julie Gold and Adam Smith**, parents
Maftir: **Isabelle (Izzy) Smith**
Magbeah: **Coleman Smith**, grandfather
Golel: **Karen Smith and Mark Glassman**, aunt and uncle
Holding the Torah: **Bondi and Mayim Smith**, siblings
Prayer For Country: **James and Heidi Stark**, great uncle and great aunt
Prayer For Israel: **Julie Gold and Adam Smith**, parents
Prayer For Peace: **Ellen and Michael Gold**, grandparents
Ashrei (Page 181) **Talia Berl**, friend
Ark Opening (page 183) **Karen Smith and Mark Glassman**, aunt and uncle

Upcoming Events Continued

Sisterhood/Zhava Passover Happy Hour: Sunday, March 31, 5:30 pm. Join us for *Sights, Sounds and Tastes for your Seder* with music, dancing, food, wine, and learning. \$18/members, \$25/non-members. RSVP by March 21 to www.bethelmc.org/womenspassover. For information, contact Pat Danoff at sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org.

Beth El Family Camp: While it may be cold outside, your 2019 co-chairs of Beth El's Family Camp are starting to make plans for the fun-filled Memorial Day weekend of activities and action. From arts and crafts to ropes courses, lakeside Shabbat services to bonfire sing-alongs, Family Camp is a great way for families to bond, adults to relax, and kids to have fun. We gather every Memorial Day weekend at Camp Horizons in Harrisonburg, Va. For information or to sign up, contact Jodi Price at jodijsp@gmail.com.

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.

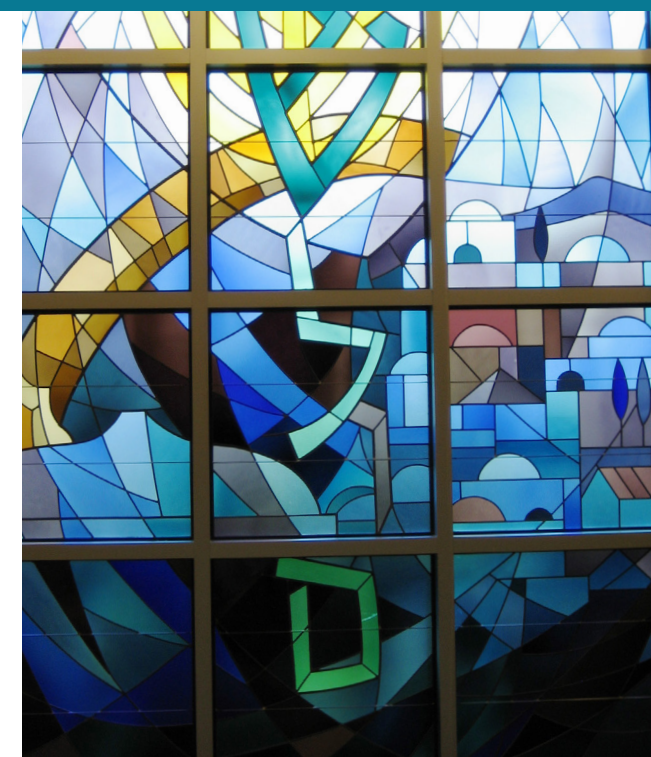
Yahrzeit lists for this week can be found on the table outside the Bender Sanctuary and Swoff Chapel.

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
Isabelle Smith Bat Mitzvah		
Main Service	9:15 am	Bender Sanctuary
Babysitting	9:15 am	Rm. B102 (Preschool Wing)
Junior Congregation	9:30 am	Library
Worship and Study Minyan	9:45 am	Swoff Chapel
Shitufim (3rd, 4th, 5th grade & parents)	10:00 am	Zahler Social Hall
Gan Shabbat (K-2nd grade & parents)	11:00 am	Multi-Purpose Rm.
Shabbat Mincha Service	12:30 pm	Swoff Chapel
Sullivan Hirt Bar Mitzvah	5:30 pm	Swoff Chapel

Following the morning service, everyone is invited to attend the kiddush in the Bender Social Hall, sponsored by Julie Gold and Adam Smith in honor of their daughter, Izzy's Bat Mitzvah.

Todah Rabbah

Early Service: **Hanna Weissberger** and **Lawrence Eisen** for reading Torah, and **Sam Boxerman** for chanting Haftarah and being Gabbai.

Main Service: **Sara Greenbaum, Rabbi David Abramson, Melanie Bachrach,** and **Isabelle Smith** for reading Torah, **Allen Eisenberg** for being Gabbai, and **Leslie Shedlin, Bob Lipman,** and **Dan Bender** for ushering.

Condolences to: **Mario and Silvia Grosser** on the death of Mario's father, **Pedro Grosser;** and to **Herb and Dianne Lerner** on the death of Herb's sister, **Ruth Lerner Smith.**

This Week at Beth El

Israel's 71 Years, Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration: Tal Greenberg, Beth El's Shlichah, is creating an original exhibit to highlight members of our Beth El community who lived in Israel during each of its 71 years. The goal is to create a visual collection of our multi-generational connection to Israel. Tal is looking for people to represent each year that Israel has existed. Participation requires 15-20 minutes of your time. To sign up <https://tinyurl.com/y4qoz5f5>. For more Information contact Tal Greenberg at 301-979-0217 or Greenbergtal23@gmail.com.

Purim Carnival Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help run games, sell food and tickets, and help things run smoothly. High school students are welcome to help, SSL credit is available. Contact Josh Rosenstein at josh.rosenstein@gmail.com or Vincent BenAvram at vincent@benavram.com.

Beth El Preschool Summer camp is taking registrations: Beth El Summer Time (BEST) is an exciting and enriching camp program for current BEPS students. **Session 1: June 17 – July 5 (No July 4)** **Session 2: July 8 – July 26.** There are sessions for two year olds (children must be two by June 1), three year olds, and a new Passport Camp for four and five year olds. Contact Lynn Pikovsky at 301- 652-8569, ext. 307, or lpikovsky@bethelmc.org

Lobby Coffee Social: Sunday, March 3, 9:00 am. Join us in the lobby for a latte and pastries! Stay after Religious School drop off or come in early for pick up. Schmooze with Beth El's board, clergy, and Religious School committee, and relax in the lobby all while sipping your favorite coffee.

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.

Chug Kriah: Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm. Under the leadership of Professor Arnold Band, we will complete our discussion of Haim Be-er's novel *B'hazara M'emek Rephaim*. Our next book is by A.B. Yehoshua, *Haminhara*. For information, contact Bill Kanter at kanterdsw@aol.com.

12 Step Meeting Group: Monday, March 4 7:00 pm. A 12 Step group now meets at Beth El on Mondays at 7:00 pm. For information, contact Rabbi Fabián Werbin at fwerbin@bethelmc.org.

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group: Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 pm. Our focus will be the month of Adar II, studying (non-Megillah) texts on Vashti and

Esther, along with some of the lesser-known Midrashim (Biblical commentaries). The Rosh Chodesh group is lead by Rabbi Mindy Portnoy.

Roundtable with the Rabbi: Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 pm. Join us to celebrate March birthdays with desserts, coffee, and a discussion led by the clergy. For information, contact Ricardo Munster at rmunster@bethelmc.org.

Dor L'Dor: Thursday, March 7, 12:00 noon. The Beth El Preschool Pre-K class and a group of Beth El seniors blend together to form Dor l'Dor. To participate and share pizza with the children, RSVP to Susan Bruckheim at 301-320-4404 or susan.bruckheim@gmail.com.

Hearing Men's Voices: Thursday, March 7, 8:30 pm. Rabbi Werbin will lead a discussion on *Can we lie? If so, when?* For information, contact Paul Horn at phorn@gmail.com.

Kol Haneshema Shabbat Services: Friday, March 8, 6:30 pm. Please join us at our Friday night service as we welcome the joy and relaxation of Shabbat with great music and shared insights. Enjoy both traditional melodies and the latest in contemporary and innovative Jewish music from around the globe, all used to connect with the delight of Shabbat and deepen the spiritual experience. The service includes musical instruments.

Learn to Play Canasta: Friday, March 8, 10:00 am. Come learn how to play with other Beth El congregants in these weekly sessions on Friday mornings at 10:00 am, through March 29. All canasta playing levels are welcome. Bring yourself and a friend! We will provide instruction, the cards, and some light snacks. RSVP to Marianna Ashin at mashin@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El: March 9: **Hannah** and **Jonah Peters**, children of **Kathy Juda** and **Jeffrey Peters**, **Aviel Goelman**, daughter of **Robin Goelman** and **Aitan Goelman** (Havdalah); March 16: **Arielle Maged**, daughter of **Sharon Kedar** and **Greg Maged**; March 23: **Alex Elias**, son of **Risa** and **Ken Elias**, and **Graham Storper**, son of **Dana Caghan** and **David Storper**; March 30: **Erin Mintz**, daughter of **Hilary** and **Doug Mintz**, and **Leora Leavey**, daughter of **Becky** and **Aaron Leavey**; **Anna** and **Ryan Tercyak**, children of **Randi** and **Ken Tercyak** (Havdalah).

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 donations 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@hklaw.com to volunteer or for more information. (SSL hours are available).

Israel Media Series: Saturday, March 16, 8:00 pm. Our March film is *Mr. Predictable*, a comedy romance. Adi has never had a backbone. Everyone takes advantage of him. He's the sweetest, kindest man you ever could know. That is until he meets Natalia, a young, wild girl, who introduces Adi to a life full of emotions, passion, and romance. The cost is \$5/person and includes snacks.

Purim Is Coming! Sunday, March 17, will be jam-packed with Purim activities - **Bit O' Megillah for families with children in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade is at 11:00 am**, followed by the **Purim Carnival from 11:45 am to 2:30 pm. Purim begins Wednesday evening, March 20, at 7:30 pm when Megillah**

Madness presents Rescue Me! A Tribute to Aretha Franklin and Motown. Ma'ariv and a full Megillah reading begin at 8:00 pm. On Thursday, March 21, 7:30 am, there will be special Torah and Megillah readings at the morning minyan.

Restore-It: Rest-Torah-Eat: Tuesday, March 19, 12:00 noon, at CharBar, 2142 L St. NW, DC. Work downtown? Join Rabbi Werbin to feed your mind with Torah and your body with lunch at CharBar, a kosher restaurant in D.C. Come for lunch, stay for Torah. RSVP to Rabbi Werbin at fwerbin@bethelmc.org.

Senior Caucus Luncheon Program: Thursday, March 21, 12:00 noon. Join us for the movie, *Dough*, a multi-award winning comedy about an old Jewish baker who is struggling to keep his business afloat. He hires a young Muslim-African immigrant as an apprentice, who accidentally drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high. Cost of lunch is \$10. To RSVP for lunch, contact Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org, by Tuesday, March 19. The program itself is free and begins after lunch, around 1:00 pm. This program is made possible in part through the generosity of Annette Moshman.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner: Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm. Join us for a Post-Purim feast as Minyan Chaverim, one of Beth El's lay-lead services, celebrates their 20th anniversary. Erev Shabbat services at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:15 pm. Sign up online at the bethelmc.org website or use the form in the *March Scroll*. Questions? Contact Alison Baraf at alisonbaraf@gmail.com or Mitchell Solkowitz at Mitchell.solkowitz@verizon.net.

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. He will tell the curious story of an artist from Arizona who creates beautiful photographs using whiskey 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/>.

Beth El in Photos



Rabbi Fabián Werbin visits Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School students.