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## Upcoming Events Continued

**Beth El Annual Meeting:** Thursday, May 16, 8:15 pm. For agenda information, including Board nominees and proposed constitution and bylaws amendments, go to bethelmc.org to access the Member Portal and click on the "Beth El Annual Meeting" tab once you are logged in. Agenda materials will also be mailed in early May. Hard copies will be available in the Beth El main office. If you need assistance accessing the member portal, contact Pam Kocher at pkocher@bethelmc.org or 301-652-2606.

**Sisterhood Annual Meeting:** Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us for our guest, congregant Shelley Ducker, speaking on *Have Kids, Will Travel - Tales from an Adventurous Mom Who's Dragged her Kids to 40+ Countries*. Shelley will share tales and travel tips for travel with kids and grandkids. Shelley's talk is preceded by a brief Sisterhood meeting.

**The 21%: Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel:** Sunday, May 19, 4:30 pm at AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD. This is the 9th annual in-depth exploration of the daily lives and challenges of Arab citizens of Israel. The program features two films, *Freedom Train* and *Be/Longing*, followed by a discussion with Amal Rihan and Suzan Hasan. Both the films and the conversation to follow center on the challenges faced by Arab women in Israel regarding career opportunities, racism, and the struggle for equal treatment. For tickets and more information, go to <https://www.jxjdc.org/events/the21/>.

## Services This Week

**Sunday** 9:30 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 9:30 am



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

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Festival Morning Service	9:30 am	Swoff Chapel
Babysitting	9:30 am	Rm. B102 (Preschool Wing)
Friday Evening Service	6:30 pm	Library
Café Pesach	7:15 pm	Bender Soc. Hall

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

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*Yizkor will be recited at both morning services.*

Early Shabbat/Festival Morning Service	7:00 am	Swoff Chapel
Shabbat/Festival Morning Service	9:30 am	Swoff Chapel

## Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach

Babysitting	9:30 am	Rm. B102 (Preschool Wing)
Nitzanim (Birth - K & their parents)	10:30 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 **Rachelle Bernstecker** in honor of Sisterhood.

## Todah Rabbah

**Seventh Day Festival Morning:** Michael Kieval for reading Torah, Rabbi David Abramson for reading Torah and chanting Haftarah, and Daniel Geselowitz and Sandy Cohen for ushering.

**Eighth Day Festival Early Service:** Bill Kanter for reading Torah, Rita Kahn for chanting Haftarah, and Howard Lesser for being Gabbai.

**Eighth Day Festival Morning:** Josef Kay, Oliver Ferber, Judy Baldinger, Rabbi David Abramson, and Allen Eisenberg for reading Torah, Todd Rosenberg for chanting Haftarah, Toby Schonfeld for reading Shir HaShirim and for being Gabbait, and Howard and Holly Stein for ushering.

**Mazal Tov:** to Bennett Harte on his milestone birthday. He will be honored with the second aliyah.

**Condolences to:** Marge and Shelly London on the death of Marge's brother, Barry Passett; and to Jonathan and Deborah Gottlieb on the death of Jonathan's mother, Charlotte Gottlieb.

## This Week at Beth El

**Parking in the Beth El Neighborhood:** We recognize that the Beth El parking lot is often not able to accommodate all the vehicles that are trying to park here, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. If you need to park on any of the neighborhood streets behind Beth El or across Old Georgetown Road, you must leave at least five feet from a driveway curb cut or 15 feet from a fire hydrant. Please be considerate of our neighbors (and avoid ticketing or towing) by adhering to these distances. Be sure to check posted parking signs for other restrictions. Many of the side streets are narrow and, while it may be legal to park on both sides of the street, please try to leave enough space for a vehicle to drive through safely.

**Beth El's fiscal year ends May 31.** Please keep in mind that outstanding balances for dues, Religious School tuition, security assessment, building fund, Annual Campaign, Pillars, and other fundraising commitments are due by May 31. Checks dated no later than May 31 and received by Thursday, June 6, will be included in the current fiscal year. Credit card payments must be made no later than May 31 and gifts of stock must be made so that they are received in Beth El's E\*Trade account by that date. Beth El's ability to fulfill its financial obligations is based on your support and cooperation with this schedule and your prompt payment is much appreciated. If you have questions or need to extend your payment beyond May 31, please contact Sheila Bellack at 301-652-2606, ext. 306, or sbellack@bethelmc.org.

**Men's Club Breakfast and Program:** Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am. Join Men's Club for breakfast, followed at 10:00 am by our speaker, Dr. Samira Anderson, discussing the need for developing effective, evidence-based solutions to communication barriers imposed by hearing loss. Dr. Anderson is associate professor of hearing and speech sciences at the University of Maryland.

**Beth El's Marak Hayom A Cappella Group Auditions:** Sunday, April 28 or May 5, 10:30 am, at 3724 Ingomar St. NW, Washington DC. Prepare one song of your choice (any genre, 1 minute in length). To sign up for an audition, email Lilah Katz at lrfkatz@gmail.com.

**Beth El Book Chat:** Sunday, April 28, 11:00 am. Join us to discuss *Conan Doyle for the Defense* by Margalit Fox. This is a true account of Arthur Conan Doyle's pursuit of justice for a Jewish immigrant falsely accused of murder in early 20th century Scotland. For information, contact Margery London at margerylondon@gmail.com or Robin Jacobson at robinandjim83@gmail.com.

**For Tonite Only, an NA Meeting:** Monday, April 29, 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.

**Lawyers Affinity Group Breakfast:** Tuesday, April 30, 8:15 am at Lerch Early Brewer, 7600 Wisconsin Ave, suite 700. Join other attorneys for schmoozing and breakfast with Rabbi Werbin. Thank you to Stuart Berman for hosting. Sign up at <https://www.bethelmc.org/events/lawyers-breakfast-4-30/>.

**Israeli Changemaker, Ilana Kwartin:** Wednesday, May 1, 9:30 am. Beth El is excited to welcome one of the Jewish Federation's Imagine Israel Changemakers, Ilana Kwartin, to lead a conversation about her impact on transformative social issues in Israel. Ilana currently serves as the Director of the Entrepreneurship Department at Eretz-Ir, lectures in Law, Gender, and Entrepreneurship at Sapir Academic College Law School in Sderot and leads a Hub (a shared working space) in her community.



**Yom Hashoah Yellow Candles:** Thursday, May 2. Join Jews all over the world in remembering the Six Million who died in the Holocaust by lighting your Yellow Candles on the evening of Wednesday, May 1, Erev Yom Hashoah. If you do not have a candle and want to participate, the Men's Club has left a few remaining candles in the Beth El office which you still can pick up as long as they last.

**Voices of the Holocaust: Yom Hashoah Recital and Commemoration:** Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm. Join us when cellist Molly Jones shares her doctoral recital that traces Jewish composers lost to the Shoah. Hazzan Fradkin will join her in this deep and resonant evening devoted to remembrance. For information, contact Hazzan Asa Fradkin at afradkin@bethelmc.org.

**Hearing Men's Voices:** Thursday, May 2, 8:30 pm. Ben Bronheim leads this session with a discussion on *What Life Lessons Have We Learned from Our Fathers and Families?* For information, contact Paul Horn a phorn@verizon.net.

**Shir Yachad:** Friday May 3, 5:45 pm. **The May Shir Yachad is being sponsored by the Beth El Preschool!** Our Nitzanim service will begin a little earlier at 5:45 pm. PJ's are encouraged for kids and parents! Our community happy half-hour will be open to everyone at 6:30 pm and will feature kid-friendly snacks. Babysitting during the happy hour will be available so parents can socialize as well! Shir Yachad Service will begin at 7:00 pm for those with later bedtimes. Oneg will follow.

## Upcoming Events

**B'nai Mitzvah at Beth El:** May 4: Harleigh Fried, daughter of Lois Fried; Annabel Hilzenrath, daughter of Julie Fanburg (Havdalah); May 11: Rachel Ezrielev, daughter of Kim Stahlman and Jay Ezrielev; May 18: Eleanor Aronin, daughter of Alana and Greg Aronin; May 25: Yaela Teplinsky, daughter of Melanie and Steve Teplinsky, and Sydney Zimmerman, daughter of Jaime and Jonathan Zimmerman.

**Shabbat Early Morning Service 35th Anniversary:** Saturday, May 4, 7:30 am. This service began on the first Shabbat after Passover 1984. It is an integral part of the congregation, starting at 7:30 am every Saturday in the Swoff Chapel and concluding at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome, including children. Please join us for this festive occasion. It will be followed by the first Annual Lucy Ozarin<sup>21</sup> Memorial Breakfast.

**Sorkin Teen Trip To Israel Fundraiser:** Sunday, May 5, 8:45 am. In honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the 2019 Sorkin Teen Trip to Israel group will sell bagels and cream cheese in the lobby. All proceeds will be donated to Kaima Farm, a farm that supports youth who have dropped out of high school, providing them with an opportunity to learn life skills, and the chance to turn their lives around. Kaima Farm is one of the first stops on the annual 10th grade Confirmation class's Sorkin Teen Trip to Israel.

**Route 71: An Israel Road Trip:** Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am. Come celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Israel's birthday with Beth El. The morning starts with a Yom HaZikaron Memorial Ceremony and a Walk to Remember Yael Yekutiel, an IDF fallen soldier. Following the walk, there will be hands-on activities for families with children in kindergarten through fifth grade and speakers for adults. Israeli food served at 11:45 am. RSVP at <https://www.bethelmc.org/events/route71/>. Cost is \$3/person.

**BEENS (Beth El Empty Nesters):** Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am. BEENS is visiting the Glenstone Museum in Potomac, MD. We have limited tickets available for congregants who wish to join us. For more information, please email Sandy Weiss at slw00@hotmail.com.

**Chug Kriah:** Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 pm. Under the leadership of Professor Arnold Band, the Chug continues its discussion of the novel by A.B. Yehoshua, *Haminhara*. For information, contact Bill Kanter at kanterdsw@aol.com.

**Government Relations Affinity Group Breakfast:** Tuesday, May 7, 8:15 am, 1150 Connecticut Ave, Nw, Suite 500, Washington DC. All government relations professionals, government staffers, policy professionals and lobbyists are invited for breakfast, networking and a discussion led by Rabbi Greg Harris. We will be meeting at the DC office of Portland Cement Association. Thank you to Louis Baer for hosting us. Email Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org with questions.

**Restore It: Rest-Torah-Eat:** Tuesday, May 7, noon at CharBar, 2142 L Street, NW, Washington, DC. Join Rabbi Werbin to feed your mind with Torah and your body with lunch. Bring a friend! To RSVP, contact Ricardo Munster at rmunster@bethelmc.org.

**Manna Family Food Sorting with Men's Club:** Monday, May 13, 7:00 pm. Join Men's Club families sorting food for the needy at Manna Food Bank. This is a great way to get your kids (11 and older) involved in community service. (SSI hours available.) RSVP to Jon Epstein at jonathan.epstein@hkllaw.com.

**Senior Caucus Luncheon:** Thursday, May 16, 12:00 pm. Lunch starts at noon. Following lunch, our guest speaker, Tal Greenberg, Beth El's shlicha, will speak about *The People of the IDF*. Tal will answer questions such as: What is so special about the Israeli Defense Force? What makes us one of the strongest, unique, interesting, and special armies in the world? Cost of lunch is \$10. To RSVP for lunch, contact Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext.316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org, by Tuesday, May 14. The program itself is free and begins after lunch, around 1:00 pm.

## Beth El in Photos



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