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Tuning In With Hazzan Lubin



"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see." Winston Churchill (1874-1965).

"Life is lived forward but understood backwards" Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

In our bi-weekly class Iyun T'filah ("probing the meaning of prayer"), we quickly discovered that the *Siddur*, the Prayerbook, is a very carefully ordered set of prayers more understood and appreciated when read in the context of its history. The content of a given prayer, its meaning, its location in the Prayerbook and its language are all reflective of an evolving work in progress and still continues to engage us today, some two thousand years later. To be fully uplifted and gain a measure of spiritual fulfillment from "the words of our mouth," one must inevitably have a perspective

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Shabbat Services

Friday, July 30

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, July 31

Va'ethannan: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

(see Minyan Chaverim on page 9)

10:30 am Nitzanim - APR

Friday, August 6

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, August 7

Eikev: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Shelby Johnson Bat Mitzvah

9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan - APR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MR

Friday, August 13

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, August 14

R'eih: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

10:30 am Nitzanim - APR

Friday, August 20

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, August 21

Shoftim: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:30 am Minyan Chaverim - APR

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MR

7:00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlishit,

Ma'ariv, Havdalah - APR

Friday, August 27

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

8:00 pm Friday Evening Singing Service - SH

Saturday, August 28

Ki Tetzei: Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

10:30 am Nitzanim - APR

Friday, September 3

6:30 pm Friday Evening Service - BR

Saturday, September 4

Ki Tavo: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

7:30 & 9:15 am Shabbat Services

9:15 am Saul Clayman Bar Mitzvah

9:50 am Worship & Study Minyan - APR

10:00 am Jr. Congregation - Library

10:30 am Gan Shabbat - MP 1&2

6:30 pm Jennifer Schwinger Bat Mitzvah

High Holiday Tickets

Watch your mail around Labor Day for your High Holiday tickets. Please remember to bring them with you to services, as security and/or ushers will ask to see them on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Elections and General Meeting

On June 6, the Sisterhood membership elected a new Board of Directors for 2004-2005. **Leslie Dellon** will serve a second year as president. She will be assisted by Co-Executive Vice Presidents **Amanda Ford** and **Karen Lipkind** and by a group of capable and experienced board members. New members of the board include **Evelyn Bitterbaum**, **Alisa Lipkind**, **Marjorie Litman**, **Margery London**, **Toby Rodman**, **Marsha Rehns**, **Nancy Rose**, **Fortunee Schettewi**, **Leslie Shedlin**, and **Suzanne Stone**. Women who are leaving the board after many years of service include **Brenda Bregman**, **Liesel Deitch**, **Ellen Eule**, **Emily Goldman**, **Hattie Goodman**, **Marcia Kalman**, **Adeen Postar**, **Phyllis Solomon**, and **Laurie Webber**. Sisterhood thanks them for their input and hard work while serving on the Board of Directors.

After the election, everyone enjoyed an educational and thought-provoking presentation by Sisterhood board member **Nancy Rosenthal** entitled, "The Second Diaspora—The Coming of Jews to the New World." Nancy had thoroughly researched a rarely discussed aspect of Jewish history. She explained in detail the factors that led to the expulsion of Jews from Spain and then from Portugal and described Jewish life as our people fled from Portugal to Amsterdam to Brazil and then to Suriname. Nancy discussed Jewish life on the sugar plantations and the significant economic impact that Jews had on the New World. She concluded with the migration of Jews from Suriname to New Amsterdam and elsewhere in the colonies. Both the positive and negative aspects of Jewish life in the New World were presented in a most engaging way. After the presentation, Nancy answered many questions and received many positive comments. Sisterhood thanks Nancy for this fascinating talk and we hope to hear more from her in the future.

Men's Club News

During the summer the Men's Club will continue their Sunday morning service at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Ma'ariv, and Havdalah Service will continue on the third Saturday of the month August 21 at 7:00 p.m. This change was made (from the 2nd Saturday) to spread Men's Club activities more evenly over the month. Specific times vary from month to month and will be noted on a poster in the Rotunda. Other activities will be advertised as they are developed.

Maot Hittim Distribution

Pesach 5764

A total of \$2,957.00 was contributed by members at the time of the sale of their Chametz prior to Pesach. This is an extraordinary sum. After careful consideration, I have made the following distributions to both Jewish and secular organizations that are dealing with issues of hunger and basic sustenance:

Mazon	\$600.00
Bethesda Cares	\$600.00
Capital Area Food Bank	\$600.00
Bahia Blanca Jewish Community	\$600.00
Shepherd's Table	\$557.00

I want to thank our members for their generosity that makes these contributions possible.

Rabbi Bill Rudolph

Summer Reading 2004

Summer is a time to think about some relaxation and, at the same time, about some of the bigger questions for which we have little time during the rest of the year. I thought it would be helpful to present some reading choices for you, as I did the last several years. Not as many relaxing themes as usual, but these are good choices. I hope it is not too late and that you will have the time to read some of these titles. Best regards, come visit us (Judaism does continue year round), and have a wonderful summer.

■ **Abish, Walter.** *Double Vision: A Self-Portrait.* Abish's first visit to Austria and Germany, from which he fled at age 6 in 1938.

■ **Albom, Mitch.** *The Five People You Meet in Heaven.* Our Jewish Family Camp's book selection of the year, a bit sugary but touches on important issues of life and death.

■ **Edelman, Gerald.** *Wider Than the Sky: the Phenomenal Gift of Consciousness.* Nobel laureate in neurosciences presents his take on science and the spirit.

■ **Levinson, Tom.** *All That's Holy: A Young Guy, An Old Car and the Search for God in America.* Levinson's year-long journey to learn about our nation's varied religious faiths.

■ **Mirvis, Tovah.** *The Outside World.* Modern and traditional Judaism collide when a wedding is announced.

■ **Piercy, Marge.** *The Third Child: A Novel.* Love, politics, loyalty, ethics, identity, the consequences of ambition.

■ **Pogrebin, Letty Cottin.** *Three Daughters.* Three sisters are visited by their famous rabbi father. Pogrebin's first novel.

Rabbi Bill Rudolph

Report from the Beth El Construction Committee - June 14, 2004 Meeting

1. The construction and renovation project is currently ahead of schedule on many of the critical path items. Overall the work in the field is tracking close to the schedule. This week, additional inspections of the walls are scheduled. Once those are completed, both sides of the dry wall can be installed.
2. The project is also still on target for budget.
3. The house to the north of the shul has been demolished and work has begun on the new entrance, the light and redesign of the existing parking lot. We will now have to post bonds with the State Highway Administration for the work along Old Georgetown Road. The committee recommended that this be accomplished through a letter of credit, since the bonds are quickly released once the construction is successfully completed.
4. Displays of the finish materials are now in the rotunda. While there was some concern expressed about the wood for the new chapel and other areas, these were based on a laminate chip, not the actual wood finish. Larger samples of the actual finish on wood were obtained for review and it appears that the color is more appropriate for the design scheme. Since there have been a number of questions about the landscape plan, it will be mounted and put on display as well.
5. While we may decide to go with a wireless computer system, it has been determined that the cable will be installed before the walls are completed to give us maximum flexibility.
6. Amanda Ford is heading a group to develop the plan for artwork/Judaica, including the ark for the new chapel. They are reviewing the work of various artists and determining needs. This plan may not be fully implemented when the building opens, but will be phased in as feasible based on funds available and time lines for completion of the artwork.
7. There will be a Shabbat mode for the elevator in the new wing. The current plan is to hook it into the security system so we can set it to meet our needs and not need the elevator company to reset it (as with changes in the seasons.)

8. Self-flush toilets and Shabbat—One stall and urinal will have a regular flush for those who are concerned about triggering electricity on Shabbat.
9. The black coverings of the windows in the Sanctuary are not permanent. The background will be white with significant back lighting to insure good lighting in the sanctuary.
10. Congregants' questions and comments during tours of the new wing:
 - a. Questions have been raised about whether the arches in the new section of the gallery will block the light. They will not—there is plenty of natural and artificial light planned for the area. In addition, the design calls for large holes in the arches. In the opinion of the architect, skylights were not a viable option—they are expensive, can leak and would not significantly improve the lighting of the gallery.
 - b. People have asked about the landscape plan. It will be posted. It is a minimal plan at present and could be embellished in the future as resources and interest appear.
 - c. People have asked whether we could use the back door on Rayland for pick-up and drop-off for activities. That door is designed only as an emergency exit and there will be no permanent paved walkways to it. The drop-off point will be the main entrance at the front of the building, off the new parking area, which is being designed for safe drop-off. In addition, due to security concerns, it is important to have only one entry point into the building that can be observed and guarded as needed. While the existing building is being renovated, there will be a temporary paved walkway from the parking lot to the Rayland door in the new wing.
 - d. There is one classroom upstairs in the new wing with no window planned—could a small window be put in, since there is an outside wall? The committee re-evaluated the situation and is investigating costs and logistics to put in a window. It will be able to begin at about 6 feet up and be about 1 foot deep, (thus students won't be able to see out) but it will provide a feeling of openness. The committee decided to go forward with windows if the price was not prohibitive. The contractor has been asked to submit an estimate.

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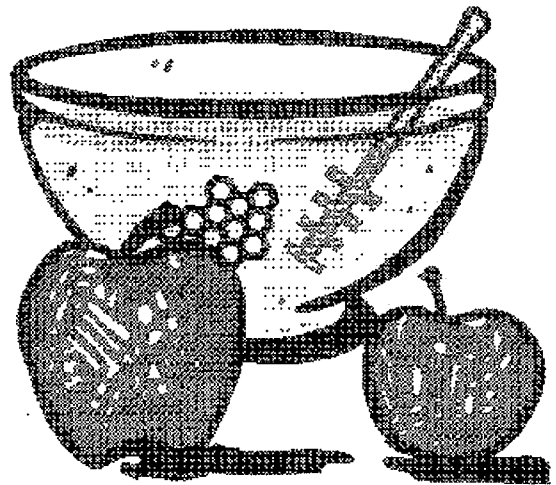
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Shana Tova!

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Send New Year greetings to your friends at Beth El!

Sisterhood is making it easy for you to wish everyone at Congregation Beth El a Shana Tova, a Good Year. For an \$18 donation your name(s) will be included on a New Year's card which will be mailed to the entire congregation in September.

Form must be received by August 16

Thank you for supporting Sisterhood by participating in this project.

I wish to be included on the New Year greeting card which will be mailed to the entire congregation in September.

Return this form by August 16 along with a check for \$18 made payable to Beth El Sisterhood.

Mail to: Beth El Sisterhood, 8215 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814

Name(s) as you wish it to appear (adults only, women and/or men, please)

Phone Number _____

Questions? Contact Pat Danoff at 301-365-1180 or pdanoff@yahoo.com

Splinters from the Board

by Tami Simon

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Construction Tour and Update. Members of the Board took a tour of the construction site with **Don Silverstein** prior to the start of the June 22, 2004 Board meeting. During the meeting, Don Silverstein reported that the construction project is on schedule and on budget.

Shabbat in the Summer. **Rabbi Rudolph** introduced the *Shabbat in the Summer* program and described the different types of services being offered in July and August. Related to this, the theme for Beth El next year will be *Shabbat*.

D'var Torah. **Hazzan Lubin** described the classic rebellion of Korach. Korach contested the establishment and leadership of Moses and Aaron. The Torah questions the motivation of Korach. On the surface, he looks like he is arguing for a noble cause, but in reality, Korach has other motivations. He argues that the Jewish people are holy, which is different from the Torah's position that states that Jews must work to be holy. Humans are imperfect and we are obligated to reach higher and greater goals and each person must constantly try to rise to a higher level of religious and ethical behavior.

Lifelong Learning and Education Center Report. **Leesa Fields** reported that this center had a good meeting last week. **Jerrold Keilson** is the new chair of the Religious School Committee, taking over at the conclusion of **Michelle Hainbach's** term. Michelle will continue to be involved by writing an education column for the *Scroll*. **David Margulies** is in charge of the Hebrew task force. He will analyze what Beth El currently offers and identify what we need to offer. **Jack Minker** will be doing an analysis of lifelong learning opportunities offered in the Shul.

The religious school leadership and committee approved a pilot program in response to parent requests for an alternative to the 3 day program. **Sarah Roark** summarized the proposal. The proposal tries to answer how to have a 2 day class and also maintain the quality of the current 3 day program. A few Board members asked how this is different from the school structure issue discussed at previous Board meetings. **Jerrold Keilson** noted that the Religious School Committee has the authority to create pilot programs that don't require Board approval, and has done so in the past. Following a brief discussion, the Board welcomed this pilot venture to the Religious School program.

Communications Report. **Judy Futterman** reported that her committee met and decided that the *Scroll* will be published monthly. High Holiday packets include an Interest/Skills Survey and, included in the

questions, is the inquiry if congregants would prefer to receive the *Scroll* electronically. **Sheila Bellack** noted that about one-third of the congregation is currently on the Shul email distribution list. **Brent Berger** commented that we need to improve the quality of communication and that is not the same as quantity.

Year-end Financial Report. **Sheila Bellack** reported that, while we don't have the year-end figures quite yet, it looks like Beth El is on budget. The Rabbi's tribute fundraiser made just shy of \$100,000 (the largest single fundraiser in Beth El's history). The financial audit of the Shul should be completed in the early fall. New membership directories will be distributed in the fall after the holidays, around the end of October.

Capital Campaign. **Judy Futterman** will head the capital campaign effort for the Board. Judy will be asking all Board members either to make their initial pledge or to increase their original gift. Judy's goal is to get 100% participation from the Board.

On September 12, there will be an opening event for the new year, and the Board retreat will be that evening. While July 27 is the next scheduled Board meeting, there is the possibility that it will be cancelled if there is no substantial business.

Set the Table with Torah

by Rabbi Rudolph

July 31: Va'ethanan (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)

This week's Torah reading contains both the Ten Commandments and the first paragraph of the *Shema*. These two passages contain some of the most essential teachings of our tradition.

The Ten Commandments are also contained in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 20. Compare the commandments to observe the Sabbath Day in Deuteronomy 5 with the passage in Exodus 20. What are the differences? Do they complement or contradict one another? How do the Creation and the Exodus relate to our observance of Shabbat?

The commandment to honor your parents is the only one of the ten which specifies a reward for its observance. In fact, in the whole Torah, there is only one other commandment (pushing away the mother bird when you take her eggs from the nest) that has a specified reward. Why is parental respect associated with long life and success in the land of Canaan? Is there any other commandment that you think deserves an automatic reward?

The *Shema* says to love God. What does that mean to you? Is keeping the mitzvot enough to show one's love of God? Why or why not?

August 7: Eikev (Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25)

Moses gives a number of sermons to his people in Deuteronomy. Remember how, when God first called him to lead the people out of Egypt, he declined

because he didn't think he spoke well enough to lead them or confront Pharaoh? He has improved greatly, which is a good lesson for us all that we need not just be satisfied to leave the skills we have at the level they are.

In Parshat Eikev in particular, Moses makes it clear that the people of Israel can create their own heaven or the opposite (Jews don't speak about hell) through the way they behave. Do you believe, as stated in Deuteronomy, that there is pretty good correlation between how you act and the kind of good (or bad) life you will have? If not, do you believe all is the result of chance and luck?

In one of his speeches in this portion, Moses explains that Israel's good fortune and wealth may well be the factors that lead to the people not being thankful and eventually to their downfall. Some have argued that the problem with life in America today is similar: wealth and comfort often lead to Godlessness. Can we accept and bless God without taking away the blessings which make our society so fortunate?

August 14: R'eih (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17)

Most of this parashah consists of a broad selection of mitzvot including the need for a central sanctuary, kashrut, the holidays, and laws concerning idolatry and false prophets.

Why is the book of Deuteronomy so concerned that all worship be at one central sanctuary? What danger was there in each community or individual offering sacrifices on his or her own altar? Do we face similar dangers today by allowing each synagogue or community to follow its own course so that every person can do "what is right in their own eyes." How would you deal with this challenge?

In a series of passages concerning social action, Deuteronomy says that poverty is a basic part of human society. This is quite different from Marxism or Socialism, which imply that the world can reach an ideal utopia by applying certain social principles. What attitude does Judaism's stance imply? How has this attitude affected the system of social welfare in American society? Do you favor society doing more for poor people or should it expect them to solve their own problems?

August 21: Shoftim (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9)

Moses continues his review of the Torah by presenting the civil and criminal laws that help to create a just society. It emphasizes the need to incorporate both truth and mercy into the administration of the law.

The Hebrew word for justice, *tzedek*, is also the root for the word we use for charity, *tzedakah*. What does that teach us about charity, while at the same time making "charity" the wrong translation of the word *tzedakah*?

Our parashah gives rules for creating a monarchy for Israel, though the Torah clearly frowns upon this

institution and tolerates it only because the people look around and saw it in neighboring societies. Why do you think Jewish tradition doesn't like having kings ruling us? How does the Torah (chapter 17: 14-20) try to limit and control the king's authority? Did you ever think how life would be different if the U.S. was ruled by kings?

If you were writing your own set of rules for the military, who would you exempt from the draft? Why? Compare your list with the exemptions found in the Torah (20: 1-9). Why do you think the Torah is so concerned with these people?

August 28: Ki Tetzei (Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19)

This portion has more laws than any other. Even so, it is one of the most interesting, even for non-lawyers. Underlying most of these laws is a single principle: the dignity and worth of a human being. Whether dealing with a soldier in the heat of battle, a common laborer, a fugitive slave, or even a condemned criminal, the Torah begins with the premise that all are created in God's image. Those most severely condemned are those who ignore the dignity of their fellow human being.

See if you can understand the very first law, relating to a woman captive and why she would trim her hair and pare her nails and the man has to wait a month before taking her as his bride. Can you detect a sequence in that and the following two laws of the portion? Are parental conflicts and family discord responsible for creating "rebellious" children?

The Torah demands clear distinctions in the clothing worn by males and females, implying that there are distinctive roles for each in society. At a time when more men and women are sharing many of their traditional roles, do you think a basic premise of the tradition is being threatened? Do you think it important to maintain traditional male and female roles in the family and in society?

Chapter 24 says the poor should collect their own gleanings from the fields, rather than the farmer collecting them to give to the poor. What purpose is served in making the poor collect their own food from the field?

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Beth El offers its sincere condolences to **Laura Bouvier** on the death of her mother, **Frances Schwartz**; to Jerry Herman on the death of his mother, **Rose Herman**; to **Robert Litman** on the death of his father, **Jacob Litman**; to **Rodger (Bucky) Jacobson** on the death of his father, **Allan Jacobson**; to **Bruce Strauss** on the death of his mother, **Sylvia Strauss**; to **Milton (Mickey) Gussow** on the death of his sister, **Florence Drucks**; and to **Franz Wolf** on the death of his son, **Hans A. Wolf**.

Welcome Back to the New Beth El

Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Explore the new building;

Gather with friends, old and new;

Hear dynamic speakers;

Discover how you can participate

within the

Beth El community;

Refreshments will be provided!!

Prospective members welcome.

Capital Campaign Pledges

Do you have an outstanding Capital Campaign pledge? The vast majority of congregants have honored their pledges on time. However, it is critical that **all** funds be received as pledged in order for us to remain on budget and complete the full project on time. Outstanding pledges appear on the monthly statements mailed to congregants. If this item is reflected on your statement, we urge you to make every effort to pay it off as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this or need to discuss your payment schedule, please contact Sheila Bellack at sbellack@bethelmc.org or 301-652-8569, ext. 306 as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lulav and Etrog Order Form 2004

This year we are again purchasing our lulavim and etrogim from New York directly, thus saving everyone money. To do this, however, all orders must be placed and paid for by September 8.

I would like to order the following lulav and etrog set:

Regular \$38 Prime \$47 Deluxe \$57

Name _____

Phone _____

Make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office. No orders will be accepted after September 8. Orders can be picked up on Tuesday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Wednesday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All orders must be prepaid.

Selichot Night



Rahel Musleah,

born in Calcutta, India and an award-winning journalist, author and singer comes to Congregation Beth El for a special evening presentation of

Jewish Calcutta

Through Music and Memory

Through a multi-faceted slide show with song and storytelling, Rahel weaves an unforgettable tapestry of Jewish heritage and culture.

Join Hazzan Lubin and the congregation for the music, the drama, and the fun as Rahel creates a visual journey behind and beyond the headlines.

Rahel Musleah will join Hazzan Lubin in leading the Selichot Service.

No charge; reception following program—
bring your friends!

Saturday, September 11 at 9:30 p.m.

11:00 p.m. Selichot Service with
Rabbi Rudolph,
Hazzan Lubin
and
Rahel Musleah

Evening Minyan

The following people are asked to help us with our daily Evening Minyan for the next five weeks. On Sunday through Thursday, the Minyan begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 8:15 p.m. During the week of your assignment, we would appreciate your attending as many evenings as possible so that those who are saying Kaddish will have a Minyan they can attend at Beth El.

August 1 – August 5

Stephanie Hesse
Daniel Hirsch and Brenda Gruss
Hans Hirsch
Abram and Andrea Hoffman
Howard Hoffman
Joseph and Margery Hoffman
Lee Hoffman and Leslie Whipkey
Thomas and Judith Hoffinan
Jerome Holiber
Elmira Hopp
Josephine Horn
Paul and Sharon Horn
Mitchell Horowitz and Abbe Levine
David and Arabella Horwitz
Neil and Rachel Hyman
Jonathan Isaacs and Liz Krauss
Robert and Sheryl Isaacs
Esther Isralow
Miriam Israel
Amy Jackson

August 8 – August 12

Bernard and Rita Jacobi
David and Ilene Jacobowitz
Gary Jacobs and Harriet Kerwin
Rodger and Mindi Jacobson
Newton and Lois Jassie
Mervyn and Marcia Jeffries
Jon and Susan Jerison
Steffie Johnson
Robert and Karen Judson
Stanley and Gail Jutkowitz
David and Louise Kahaner
Fred and Rita Kahn
Henry Kahn and Laura Primakoff
Marvin and Elaine Kahn
Gail Kailo
Andrew and Davida Kales
Robert and Marcia Kalman
Sarah Kalser
Carole Kaminsky
David and Donna Kanin

August 15 – August 19

Helen Kanovsky
Ethan and Sue D. Kanter
Steve and Aileen Kantor
William and Sue Ann Kanter
Dan Kaplan and Kay Richman
Donald Kaplan and Evelyn Karson
Lawrence and Ann Kaplan
Seth and Sharon Kaplan
Bill and Hilary Kapner
David and Allison Karasik
Laura Karadbil
Sylvan and Yocheved Karlin
Mark and Sarah Kass
Michael Katz and Sharon Fine
Sumner Katz and Martha Witebsky
Jay and Bernice Kaufman
Steven and Wendy Kaufman
Frederic and Maria Kaye
Jonathan and Eileen Kay
Michael and Nancy Kay

August 22 – August 26

Ruth Kay
Sanford and Diane Kay
Jerrold Keilson and Ellen Silver
Edward and Miriam Kely
Kenneth and Carol Kempner
Bruce and Amy Kershner
Joseph and Leslie Kessler
Lillian Kessler
Konstantin Khludenev and Larissa Lapteva
Greg and Bernadette Kiel
Bert and Susan King
Laurence and Celia Kirsch
Murray and Iris Kivitz
Michael Klaus
Libby Klavan
Katie Klein
Mariette Klein
Michael and Francine Klein
Rhonda Kleiner
Ronald Klein

August 29 – September 2

Etta Kline
Elisha and Tracy Klirs
Raymond Klugman
Andrew and Katherine Koblenz
Edward and Helena Koenig
Robert and Eryan Koenig
B. A. Kohn
Burton and Linda Kolko
Irwin and Rita Kopin
Gary and Ann Koritzinsky
David Korn and Shara Aranoff
Rosa Kotelanski
Marvin and Barbara Kotz
Evan and Jodi Krame
Mark and Marjorie Kramer
Robert and Loretta Kramer
Steven Kramer and Sheila Lieber
Melvin and Andrea Kraus
Alan Kravitz and Sandra Kresch
Ira and Jill Krefting

All in the Family

Mazal Tov to **Judith Newman** on the birth of her great granddaughter, **Talya**, born June 19, 2004 to **Wendy and Steve Scheppe** in Chicago.

Mazal Tov to **Fran Leibowitz** on the birth of her great granddaughter, **Kayla Rebecca Hill**, born May 28, 2004. to **Shira Leibowitz** and **Brady Wayne Hill** of Germantown.

Mazal Tov to **Marta and Bernie Wassertzug** on the engagement of their daughter, **Deborah Yonit**, to **Joshua Zalman Kantro**. A November wedding is planned.

Friday Evening Singing Service



Please join us for a
spirited and musical
Friday night service
including guitars for
Kabbalat Shabbat



August 27, 8:00 p.m.
Beth El Social Hall

Minyan Chaverim

Minyan Chaverim usually meets on the third Shabbat of each month and will do so next on August 21. On July 31, however, they will conduct the 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Service. Minyan Chaverim is a lay-led service featuring complete recitations of Shacharit and Musaf as well as full Torah reading and emphasizing a spirited and participatory nusach. On July 31, following the synagogue kiddush, the entire congregation is invited to attend a potluck (kosher dairy) lunch at the nearby home of Rebecca and Jonathan Gross. If you plan to come for lunch, please contact Rebecca at 301-951-0211 or rebeccamgross@hotmail.com, and let her know what kosher dairy dish you are bringing.

New Members

The Beth El community extends its warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined or rejoined the synagogue. If one or more of these families live in your neighborhood, please reach out and personally welcome them. We encourage the new members to take advantage of the wonderful activities Beth El has to offer and hope you will let us know if you have questions or concerns that we can help to address.

David and Helene Fisher, 5804 Midhill Street, Bethesda, MD 20817

Robin Fisher, Brian Fisher

Jeffrey and Robin Spector, 5204 Locust Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

Ellen Spector, Avi Spector

Ben and Deborah Teicher, 4849 Broad Brook Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814

Ethan Teicher, Sarah Teicher, Hannah Teicher

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For general information about Minyan Chaverim, contact **Debbie Feinstein** at debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com. To volunteer, contact **Michael Harrison** (Services) at miharrison2003@yahoo.com; **David Margulies** (D'var Torah) at dmargulies@niaid.nih.gov; **Melanie Bachrach** (Torah and Haftarah) at melanie@bachrach.us; **Steve Kuperberg** (Gabbai) at kup_98@yahoo.com; or **Michael Simon** (potluck lunch) at michael_simon@rosslyn.sparta.com.

Beth El Worship and Study Minyan

The Beth El Worship and Study Minyan will meet on Saturday, August 7, in the All Purpose Room from 9:50 a.m. to Noon. The service, conducted entirely by members of the congregation, combines evocative Torah study with ample singing and ruach. Children of all ages are welcome, although the service is oriented toward adults. Contact **Dan Hirsch**, 301-654-7289, DOHirsch@aol.com; **Sid Getz**, 301-530-2215, Sidgetz@aol.com; or **Mark Levitt**, 301-365-5365, MLevitt@Nelliscorp.com, for more information.

Vatikkim

Join the Vatikkim for food, friendly conversation and discussions with our clergy each Thursday from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. First we eat our own lunch, with coffee and dessert provided, and socialize. Then, on the first, second and fourth weeks; a member of our clergy talks with us to share current and insightful messages. On the third Thursday, we have a luncheon with an invited speaker. All are welcome!

Summer Shabbat Morning Family and Youth Services at Congregation Beth El

Service Name	Applicable Ages	Room	Times	Leaders
Nitzanim	birth to kindergarten	APR	10:30-11:30 am 2nd,4th,5th Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Glenda Koby, Rodger Jacobson-Pres.
Gan Shabbat	K - 2nd grade	Meeting Room	10:30-11:30 am 1st, 3rd Shabbat	Rachelle Solkowitz, Sarah Roark

Nitzanim and Gan Shabbat meet year-round. Junior Congregation and Shitufim Minyan will resume in the fall. Please feel free to speak with the individual leaders or coordinators about any one of the services, or contact Sarah Roark, 301-652-8573, ext. 319