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ISRAEL'S PERPETUAL *Questions for Me*



BY RABBI GREG HARRIS

My mom was visiting Bethesda recently. We were talking about Beth El's upcoming March adult trip to Israel. We will be going to many new areas and even visiting Petra, Jordan. When I was young, she and my dad traveled to Israel many times. I remember looking through their photo albums and watching the slide shows with the carousel of pictures projected onto the wall. At one point in the conversation, I turned to my mom and thanked her for sending me on my first trip to Israel. I was 16 years old at the time. It was a NFTY teen tour of the country. I thanked my mom because that experience in Israel was central to my realizing Judaism was far greater, deeper, and older than what I could experience in my suburban synagogue community.

Now after over a dozen visits to Israel, I still find each visit raises new questions for me. Often, I discover new answers to old questions as well. Israel will always capture my heart and my intellect and be an important touchstone for me. My journey to Israel, though, began long before I was born. In the words of Genesis

(12:1), God told Avram, "*Lech lecha may-artzecha...*" *Go forth from your land... to the land I will show you.*" These questions

begin with the journey of discovery that started 4,000 years ago.

When I visit today, my questions include: How do I live Judaism differently in the Diaspora than in Israel? What is the role of rituals in forming Jewish identity in the Diaspora compared to in Israel? On the streets of Israel, we are exposed to diverse streams of Jewish practices, making us wonder,

"what is 'authentic' Judaism?" Are there multiple "authentic" streams of Judaism? How does that apply to my life? How does a modern State govern by Jewish ethical principles? How does Israeli art reflect Israel's national character and narrative? What are the different narratives of the country? And many more questions.

We are exploring some of these questions at Beth El this year. I want to encourage you to spend time in Israel in order to form your own questions. This summer, teenagers can go to Israel with USY, Young Judea, NFTY, BBYO, Camp



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Ramah, or other groups. Students can do a semester of high school with Alexander Muss High School in Israel. Adults can do Jewish learning at the Conservative Yeshiva or Pardes. For people between the ages of 18–30 years old, masaisrael.org is a website created to explore countless incredible short- and long-term Israel experiences. If you have questions, contact Adam Zeren at azeren@bethelmc.org to explore these ideas.

Each visit to Israel feels like an invitation into a conversation begun long ago. Today when we pose our questions, we must sensitively listen for the ancient and modern answers. I look forward to hearing your questions, answers, and experiences with Israel. ■

TOBE: TIKKUN OLAM AT BETH EL

Beth El's Refugee Response Team

We are pleased to announce that Beth El has filed an application to adopt a refugee family to help them become self-sufficient in our community. We have established six subcommittees: Employment, Food and Clothing, Housing and Furnishing, Transportation, Financial Planning, and Welcome. To get involved, please email Refugee Response Cochair Michael Kieval.

Inventory of Beth El's Social Action Activities:

Thanks to congregant Fran Rubin, the ToBE Task Force has posted a comprehensive inventory of about 90 social action activities occurring at Beth El throughout the year. Information for each project is categorized by areas of interest. The inventory also includes a Beth El contact for each social action activity, as well as links to learn more about the organizations with which Beth El partners. The categories range from helping the homeless, environment, Israel, school children, those hospitalized in our community, and many more. If you are interested in any of these projects, please get in touch with the Beth El contact listed on the ToBE Inventory. To see the inventory, visit bethelmc.org/social-action/opportunities.



November B'nai Mitzvah

November 4: Abigail Chandler and Sarah Weinhaus

November 11: Sari Alexander and Daniel Farber
Ana Rebeka Dychtwald (Havdalah)

November 18: Daniela Abrams
Maya Grayer (Havdalah)

November 25: Anna Hirsch

What is a Simchat Bat?

BY RABBI MINDY AVRA PORTNOY

When I was pregnant with my first child, people would often ask me what I planned to do if I gave birth to a girl. I would immediately answer (with a little twinkle in my eye), “Well, of course, we’ll have a brit (or bris) on the eighth day.” Brit really means “covenant” (“milah” means circumcision), and we certainly intended to welcome our child into the covenant of the Jewish people, no matter what the gender.

And so we did. On the eighth day after our daughter’s birth, surrounded by family, friends, and lots of rabbis in town for a Hillel convention, my husband and I not only welcomed our daughter into the Jewish people but also conferred her Hebrew name. Although early, we were hardly the first to have such a ceremony for our daughter.

In Sephardic Jewish communities, there had been a long tradition of *zeved ha-bat* (gift of the daughter), observed at synagogues on the Shabbat after a baby girl was born. Earlier, Las Fadas, from medieval pre-expulsion Spain, took place in people’s homes. Yemenite, southern German, Polish, and Indian Jews all had ways of celebrating the birth of a daughter. (See Debra Nussbaum Cohen, *Celebrating Your New Jewish Daughter*, Jewish Lights Publishing, 2001.)

In 1978, Toby Reifman and Ezrat Nashim (a group of Conservative Jewish feminists who led the way in many areas) published a text, *Blessing the Birth of a Daughter: Jewish*

Naming Ceremonies for Girls, which included various formats for such a ceremony: what these ceremonies should be called, on what date they should be held, and what blessings/rituals they might include. It was eclectically Jewish, inclusive of families from all Jewish denominations.

As the ceremonies evolved, they would be called Simchat Bat (rejoicing over a daughter), Brit B’not Yisrael (covenant for the daughters of Israel), Brit Chayim (covenant of life), or Brit Kedushah (covenant of holiness), among others.

The Simchat Bat ceremony today usually includes two parts: the welcoming of the baby into the brit (covenant) and the naming itself. Psalms and special readings may be included. Tzedakah choices in honor of the baby’s birth may be explained. The parents receive a naming certificate.

The contemporary form of this new/old ritual began as a way of increasing our commitment to equality for women in the Jewish world. Like the Bat Mitzvah ceremony, it continues to serve that function well.

A Midrash tells us that God gave us the Torah for the sake of our children. With our Simchat Bat ceremony, we acknowledge that our daughters, too, are included in that gift. ■



Beth El Entry System Goes Live December 1!

While Beth El has never received any kind of threat, security is a concern in today’s world. We want Beth El to continue being a welcoming place to gather and also assure that all members and guests are as secure as possible given today’s reality. We have completed the initial steps to enhance Beth El’s security by addressing parking lot lighting and replacing security cameras.

The next major step will be the installation and implementation of a system that addresses how members and guests enter the synagogue. Whenever the front doors are locked, building entry will be by a fingerprint/fob reader outside the front door. In order for your fingerprint to be recognized by the reader, your fingerprint must be scanned and registered at Beth El. If you wish to have a fob instead of (or in addition to) fingerprint recognition, you’ll need to pick it up at Beth El and have it registered in our system.

When To Get Registered

Installation of the access control system began in mid-October and we expect it to be completed by November 10. While you can be registered at any time during office hours

beginning Monday, November 13, we have also scheduled specific times to register:

- Sunday, November 12, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 14, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and 4:15 pm to 7:15 pm
- Please note: At 7:30 pm, a representative from the service provider will be at Beth El to answer questions. There will be a short registration period following his talk.
- Wednesday, November 15, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm and 4:15 pm to 8:45 pm
- Thursday, November 16, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Sunday, November 19, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Registration will take place in Beth El’s newly renovated lobby, where coffee and refreshments will be available.

Member photos: Separate from the security system, and in response to requests from many members, Beth El would like to have congregant photos on file. Whenever you come for registration, we hope you will also allow us to take your picture. Photos will be stored in a members-only, password-

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Delivering Israel: A (Re-)Introduction of Itsik Sayag, Beth El's Shaliach

BY DAN BENDER

Itsik Sayag has started his second year as the shaliach for Beth El and the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. The following is a summary of Dan Bender's conversation with Itsik, exploring the amazing impact Itsik has already had on our community ... with much more in store for the future!

Dan Bender: Let's start with the basics. What is a shaliach?

Itsik Sayag: This is a good question. In Israel, a *shaliach* is a person who delivers pizza, not what we are talking about here. The Jewish Agency's *shaliach* program started decades ago, sending emissaries abroad to try to get people to make *aliyah* to Israel. But that changed about 10 or 15 years ago. Now, instead of trying to get people to resettle in Israel, the *shlichim* try to bring Israeli culture to communities abroad to expand their understanding and appreciation of Israel. So, instead of delivering pizza, we are "delivering Israel."

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington came up with the idea to have *shlichim* in synagogues. Through its Israel engagement platform, it supports *shlichim* together with the synagogue and, in my case, the school. There are six other *shlichim* here in the Washington area as part of Federation's program, and we are part of a *mishlach* (delegation) of 20 *shlichim* all working in Jewish schools, synagogues, JCCs, Hillels, etc., in the Washington area.

DB: Why did you apply to be a shaliach?

IS: I wanted to be part of a Conservative community and learn more about this movement. In Israel you are either Orthodox or secular. The Conservative movement started to be the "Jewish in-between," and I started to search for this in Israel. Maybe I'm delivering Israel but am gaining information and knowledge to be explored and other new things for me.

DB: What were you doing in Israel before you became a shaliach?

IS: I had a job and career and was doing well but wanted a break. Before, I worked for the IDF as the Director of Ceremonies – writing speeches about peace and hope. I was also working for the Shusterman Foundation's Jerusalem Citizen

of Culture program as a culture events producer.

DB: Tell me about one of your favorite projects from last year at Beth El.

IS: Rabbi Rudolph ran a course in the Scolnic Institute about how Israel became a high-tech nation. He wanted to explore the connection between the IDF and Israel's high-tech mindset. For this course, my friends who are *shlichim* here as part of Federation's program came to Beth El and shared how their experience from the IDF connected directly with Israel as a high-tech nation. For example, you start as a soldier in the IDF when you are 18, and all you think about is saving people's lives. You don't just work

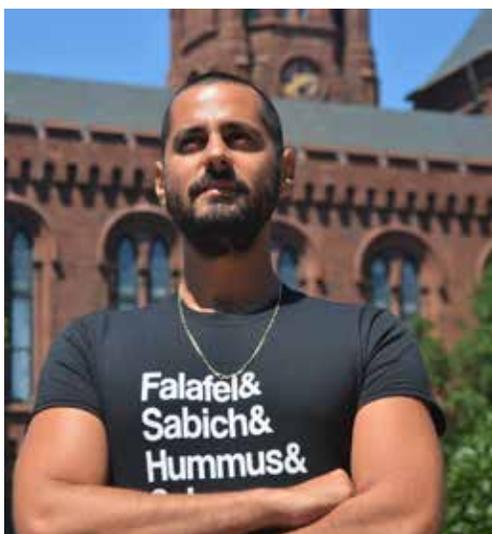
eight or nine hours a day. People treat you seriously and don't just give you simple jobs. They expect information from you to help solve problems, and you get exposed to super-high-tech equipment to give those answers. Because of this, you become very confident and learn a lot. And you have a commander who is 25 or 30 years older, and there are always things they don't know. They are comfortable saying do something a different way.

DB: What are some of the things you have planned for this year?

IS: We already started with *Taschlich* on the Billy Goat trail. More than 30 people came and hiked. I invited other *shlichim* who talked about the holidays in Israel. When we got to the river, I played the guitar, we sang Jewish songs, and did *Taschlich*. After all the days of Rosh Hashanah followed by Shabbat, I was really happy that so many people came. I felt really good that my Beth El community met my Israeli friends in the community.

Last year was a lot about film and music. This year I'm focusing on food and its influence on culture. I'm cooking a monthly Israeli lunch for the Beth El staff. I'm coming to people's houses to cook. When I was growing up, cooking in my home was a way to tell stories and connect with history – it was an art. I know how to make most of my recipes. My mother and my father are both from Syria, and food is in our heritage.

DB: What are the things you most like about living in metro D.C.?



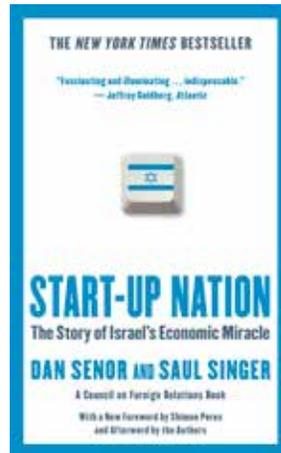
Israeli Technology

"Israel Opportunities" Investment Club

BY BARRY FRIEDMAN

If you're looking for a new and different way to connect with Israel, consider investing in Israeli companies. An excellent primer about Israeli companies is *Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* by Senor and Singer, 2011 edition. The universities, the talent of dynamic young people in Israeli society, the advanced IDF units and defense industries, and investors in Israel have been the backbone for development of many successful technologies and companies.

The investment club started in 2006 when Beth El was looking for new ways to be involved with Israel after a period of worrisome Intifadas. The club is a partnership of 19 current and former households in the Beth El community. Few of us had experience with investment clubs in the past. The officers are Phil Ochs, Suzanne Stone, and myself. We are grateful to David Levine who has every year audited our records and generated our tax reports at no charge. General meetings (roughly quarterly) can include informal speaker events and social events, as well as updates and decisions on investment strategies. An investment committee meets and corresponds more actively to track the progress of specific companies and make recommendations for purchase or sale. We have invested in Israeli firms ac-



tive in drug development, high-tech products and services for computing and communication, defense, cameras, 3-D printing, aircraft, energy, and other business areas.

The club has doubled the value of a share of ownership since we began, despite Israel having suffered through three dangerous conflicts during that period. In addition, members share information that they can use in their own investing outside the club. Currently, the club owns stock in 11 companies and two broad exchange-traded funds. We own the funds to participate in some stocks that only trade on the Tel Aviv market. We prefer stocks subject to SEC reporting requirements and trading in New York. We have sold stocks because they were bought out by American companies or

their business prospects declined over at least two reporting periods. We sometimes use stop-loss orders to control risk. We are mostly "buy and hold" investors and have seen it pay off nicely. Partners buy into the club for \$500 when joining and make a minimum purchase of \$200 each year. For information about our partnership agreements, bylaws and operating procedures, or recent asset holdings and investment decisions, please contact Phil or Barry. ■

Israeli Technology and Beth El Students

BY ADAM ZEREN

Who will keep Israel on the forefront of technology and innovation? Its students. Earlier this year, more than 80 Israeli teenagers in grades 9 through 12 helped build the tiny CubeSat satellite. That satellite was launched to the International Space Station on April 18.

Here at home, kids are also reaching new levels in STEM education. Beth El has about 120 students attending the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital. Both schools are teaching those kids incredible things about the world of science and technology.

CESJDS is integrating engineering concepts into their science classes and computer science into their math classes.

JDS students collaborate with outside groups such as Navy aerospace engineers. Learning to code starts as young as kindergarten. And students are becoming more familiar with 3-D printing.

At Milton, first graders are already dissecting fish as part of their learning about the oceans. There's an emphasis on taking care of the environment. Third through sixth graders recently attended an event where they used engineering concepts to build sukkot.

Montgomery County Public Schools and other local private schools are leaders in STEM education. Their students, including hundreds from Beth El, will be at the forefront of science and technology in the next generation.

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Harold Schoenholz, WWII POW

BY ANDREW SCHOENHOLZ

We honor Harold Schoenholz and other Jewish veterans on Veterans Day, November 11.

My father, Harold Schoenholz, survived being a prisoner of war during WWII. He served as a radio operator gunner in the Air Force. Along with five other very young men, he flew missions just about every other day from Aleson Field on the French island of Corsica as part of the 489th Bomb Squadron of the 340th Bomb Group of the 12th Air Force.

Originally, 25 missions were required, but the number gradually increased over time for our servicemen. On his 26th mission, his B-25 dropped four 500-pound bombs over the target, the Vipiteno Railroad Bridge at the Brenner Pass, a major conduit for arms between Austria and Italy. The radio operator gunner's responsibility was to look down the bay when over the target and make sure that all the bombs were released. My dad did just that on all 26 missions. Fortunately, all bombs were released on the target that day. But the enemy successfully knocked out one of the two engines, and the plane could not make it back to the base. The young pilot headed west towards Switzerland,

hoping to reach the closest safe territory. The Alps prevented that from happening. The entire crew elected to crash land, which the pilot (1st Lt. Gayle Gearhart) did successfully; other planes that day were not so lucky. The Austrian police started firing at the crew after they left the plane and ultimately turned them over to German officers.

My father's family knew nothing about what happened to him until shortly before his liberation by Patton's 4th Armored Division. My father remembers Patton arriving in a jeep and speaking to the POWs who quickly surrounded him. The General condemned the Germans for the condition of the camp and praised the men from many Allied countries for their steadfastness. My father later learned that this camp at Moosburg was not far from Dachau.



The photo shows the POW Medal we were recently able to obtain from the US military to honor him. After a lengthy period of applying for the medal and providing records of his service to our country, he received this special recognition about five months before he passed away in April at the age of 98. ■

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IS: The people. It's hard to adjust when you move to a new place, but I felt comfortable within a month of moving here.



TALKING ISRAEL WITH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

Every synagogue makes sure their *shaliach* is never alone on Friday night or on *chagim*. Rabbi Harris and I decided we didn't want to force it. But I have never been alone on a Shabbat or for a *chag*. I'm already booked through next month! I went to Cuba over the summer, and when I landed at DCA, I felt like I was home. I go to b'nai mitzvah, shivas, birthday celebrations. It's totally like home away from home, but it's also home.

DB: What do you miss the most from Israel?

IS: In addition to food, the beach, and my friends, in Israel, everything is very spontaneous. You could start the day with one job and end it in a new job or with a new friend. People walk a lot. The car is not a big part of the culture.

Meeting people in the street develops into something big and exciting. For example, when I was director of a film festival, I was in a cafe with a friend. There was a beautiful young woman next to my friend and me. She had beautiful Hebrew. We started talking with her. She was very intelligent and interesting. She just finished the IDF, and was working at the IDF radio – a hard position to get. She was an Ethiopian Jew. There was a focus on Ethiopian Jews at the film festival. I thought she could host the show, and she did. It all happened from drinking coffee. ■

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science and technology in the next generation.

We rightfully kvell about the cutting-edge innovation coming out of Israel. But let's also remember that youth here at Beth El will be working alongside their Israeli counterparts in the years to come.

Bonim (K-2) parents should look out later this year for a great Mad Science program. It's going to be fun and messy!

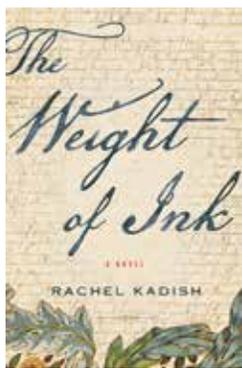
If you have any questions about youth activities, please email me at azeren@bethelmc.org. ■

Old Stuff or Precious Treasure?

BY ROBIN JACOBSON

Kids dig in the backyard searching for buried treasure. Adults roam flea markets hoping to spot the one precious item hidden in the jumble of useless odds and ends. It's fun to fantasize about discovering a priceless prize; not surprisingly, many novels build their plots around such discoveries. Two recent examples are Rachel Kadish's *The Weight of Ink* and Hannah Rothschild's *The Improbability of Love*. Kadish's novel concerns a hidden trove of 17th-century letters from London's Jewish community. Rothschild's novel is about a long-missing Rococo masterpiece, once belonging to German Jews, that resurfaces in a junk shop. Both books are entertaining and informative reads.

The Weight of Ink



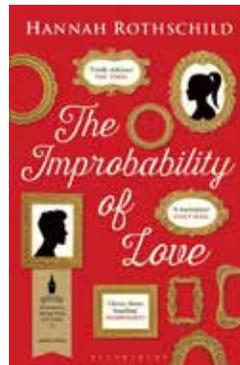
Rachel Kadish weaves together two tales of scholarly women in London, one set in modern times and the other in the 1660s. In the contemporary story, Helen Watt, an ailing British professor of Jewish history, receives a phone call from a former student about a cache of old letters discovered under the staircase of his historic home. Helen swiftly determines that the letters are written in Hebrew

and Portuguese and date from the 17th century. She hires an American graduate student, Aaron Levy, to help translate and analyze them. Racing to stay ahead of rival historians, this literary detective duo determine that the mysterious scribe writing the letters is a brilliant young Jewish woman, Ester Velasquez, the ward of a blind rabbi. Ester's writings illuminate life within the first Jewish community in London established after England lifted its four-century ban against Jews.

In the 17th-century story, Ester and the blind rabbi are characters; they are immigrants to London from Amsterdam. As the story progresses, Ester feels increasingly trapped by the religious and cultural mores of her community and covertly flouts them. She takes on a man's identity to secretly correspond with the innovative thinkers of her time, including Benedict Spinoza, who was excommunicated by the Amsterdam Jewish community. Ester's correspondence enthralls Helen and Aaron as a first-hand report on a Jewish community about which little was known. More personally, Ester's courage inspires Helen and Aaron to confront unre-

solved issues in their own lives.

The Improbability of Love



Hannah Rothschild is the chair of London's National Gallery Board of Trustees; her knowledge of the art world lends authenticity to her lively novel of cutthroat art dealers, scholars, and collectors. "The Improbability of Love" is the name of a fictional masterpiece by an actual 18th-century Rococo artist, Jean-Antoine Watteau. In the novel, one of the painting's past owners is a Jewish family destroyed in

the Holocaust; readers gradually learn who stole the painting and why.

Missing for years, the painting turns up in a London secondhand shop and is purchased on impulse by Annie McGee. Annie has no notion of the painting's significance or value. She is focused on trying to rebuild her life following the break-up of a long-term romantic and business partnership. Annie's mother, Evie, a colorful alcoholic whom Annie regularly bails out of jail, is convinced that the painting is special. Evie drags Annie to London's Wallace Collection to compare the painting with others on display. There they meet Jesse, an engaging docent and aspiring artist, who persuades Annie to let him help her investigate the painting's provenance.

Meanwhile, Annie works as a chef for a fine art gallery. Rothschild describes in delicious detail Annie's imaginative themed dinner events showcasing particular paintings or artistic periods. But why did Rothschild choose to have the painting narrate its history? The "talking painting" passages are rather silly. Still, this is a minor distraction from a mostly charming book. ■

Beth El Book Chat

Sunday, December 17, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Join the discussion of *Judas* by Amos Oz, an Israeli novel set in 1950s Jerusalem that raises questions of loyalty and patriotism. For more information, contact Margery London or Robin Jacobson.

Sisterhood

Tastes of the New Cookbook

BY KATHY SKLAR

“Eat in good health,” Jewish mothers have been telling their families for centuries. But *Eat in Good Health* will very soon become a kitchen primer for Beth El’s Jewish mothers, fathers, and others. That’s the title of the newly published Sisterhood/Zhava community cookbook that’s all the buzz. The book is filled with tasty and healthy kosher recipes, many of which are also gluten-free, vegetarian or vegan, submitted by congregants as well as Beth El clergy and their families, staff, and teachers.

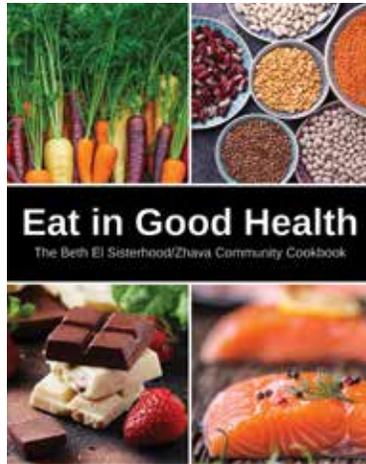
At the Sisterhood/Zhava Welcome Coffee in September, many got a taste of recipes like Fran Rubin’s healthy oatmeal scones, Barbara Spitzer’s rugelach, Nancy Kay’s easy blintz souffle, tea cookies by Hanna Gutmann, and not-only-for-Passover chocolate farfel crunchies by Sue Kanter. Sisterhood’s Evening in the Sukkah featured not only Hazzan Asa Fradkin but also more *Eat in Good*

Health recipes.

Opportunities to sample recipes and buy the book are coming. Dishes prepared from cookbook recipes will be offered at Shabbat kid-dushim. There will also be cooking demonstrations featuring recipes from the cookbook including one featuring cuisine submitted by our clergy families.

Eat In Good Health – the Beth El Sisterhood/Zhava Community Cookbook will be available for purchase starting November 5. The hardcover loose-leaf version costs \$25 at Beth El. An e-book version will be available later in November for \$12.99. Details are at bethelmc.org/groups/sisterhood.

In the meantime, try the recipes that are featured on our Beyond Brisket blog. And mark your calendar for the December 3 kick-off event where you’ll be able to buy copies of the book in time for Hanukkah. ■



UPCOMING SISTERHOOD/ZHAVA EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00-10:00 PM Women and Wine. Leave the kids at home and join us for a “Zhava Ladies Night Out.”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 6:30 PM Membership Dinner

TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 PM Mah Jongg

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:30 PM Keshet Nashim

NOVEMBER 11 Women’s Shabbaton

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh, It’s a Woman’s Thing

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 8:00 AM Hope Connections 5K.

Join Beth El Team Zhava in the Candy Cane City 5K. This walk benefits Hope Connections for Cancer Support, a local organization that enables people with cancer and their loved ones to deal with the emotional and physical impact of cancer. Contact Ilana Tanowitz for registration details

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:00PM BEPS Bash co-sponsored by Zhava (see ad on page 10)

Women’s Shabbaton

Saturday, November 11, 9:30 am-7:00 pm

Due to popularity, registration for the Women’s Shabbaton has closed. If you are interested in being added to a wait list, please contact either Susan Jerison or Michelle Hainbach at sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org.

Pray, eat, learn, and play with Beth El women as we celebrate Shabbat together on Saturday, November 11, at Beth El from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm. Spend a spiritual Shabbat exploring your connection to the most important Jewish holiday. Regardless of your level of observance, knowledge, or years at Beth El, this program will help you build connections and strengthen friendships among Beth El women. The fee (\$45 for Sisterhood/Zhava members, \$50 for nonmembers) includes all meals and programming.

Attention B’nai Mitzvah

Parents and Engaged Couples

Why not order your b’nai mitzvah and wedding invitations online and give back to Beth El? Sisterhood and Beth El receive 100% of the proceeds. We price match. Please contact Marilyn Hammerman.

Beth El Judaica & Gifts

Come see what we have for wedding, bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation, Hanukkah, and Shabbat hostess Gifts.

Shop hours when Religious School is in session:
Tuesday, 4:30-6:30 pm
Sundays, 9:30 am-noon
or by appointment.



For more information, contact Michelle Gips or Debbie Olchyk

Volunteer to work in the shop and receive a 10 percent discount on purchases you make during your shift.

Join us at
Bethesda United Methodist Church
for our

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 pm



Rabbi Gregory Harris,
Rabbi Fabián Werbin,
Hazzan Asa Fradkin,
Reverend Jenny Cannon,
and Reverend Kara Scroggins

Men's Club

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 8:30 PM Hearing Men's Voices, Hazzan Asa Fradkin will facilitate a discussion on his cantorial background and vision.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 10:00 AM Elliot Wilner will present, "Yom Kippur Then and Now: A Religion Evolves." His presentation expands upon his recent article in the September *Scroll*.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 10:00 AM Jennifer Wiseman will discuss her recent studies on "Life and Meaning in a Magnificent Universe: An Astronomer's Perspective." Wiseman is the director of Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10:00 AM Yosef Garfinkel, Yigael Yadin Professor of Archaeology of the Land of Israel at the Institute of Archaeology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will present "Looking for King David: Recent Archeological Discoveries." Garfinkel's excavations in the Judean Shephelah have shed new light on the early Kingdom of Judah in the time of King David, suggesting that historical memories are indeed embedded in the biblical text.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 10:00 AM Rabbi Dan Margulies, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. Topic TBA.

Save the Date Gala 2017

Guy Bavli
Master of the Mind

Saturday, December 9
8:00 pm

Invitations have been sent.
Reservations required.

RSVP online at bethelmc.org/gala2017

Little Preschoolers Help Out in a BIG Way

By KIM LAUSIN

An ongoing theme at Beth El Preschool is tzedakah and tikkun olam: helping others and helping the world. The start of a new school year brought an opportunity for us to show just how important these lessons are to Beth El's youngest students.

Long-time congregant Nancy Kay phoned me soon after Hurricane Harvey left much of Texas in the middle of destruction and despair. Her niece, Jessi Gordon, a parent of children who attend Beth Yeshurun Day School in Houston, called her with the tragic news that everything in the preschool that stood two feet high and lower was totally destroyed by the hurricane. Although Nancy did not know me personally, she called to see if our preschool could do anything to help. That's all we needed to hear. Within 24 hours, calls were made, emails were sent, and collection boxes were gathered.

In just a week's time, we had an overflow of items including toiletries, puzzles, books, art supplies, and toys. The outpouring of concern and caring was overwhelming.

By the end of the second week, we had 18 boxes packed and ready to go. Moyer and Sons Moving Company generously offered to pick up our boxes and deliver them to Beth Yeshurun after the holidays. Because we did not have to pay for shipping, we were able to send over \$700 to the preschool to help purchase the many more things they were going to need. ■



COME TOUR BEPS!

Beth El Preschool is now enrolling students for the 2018-2019 school year. We welcome prospective families to visit our school, meet our teachers and staff, and learn more about our program. Open houses and tours for the upcoming school year will be on the following dates:

Thursday, November 9, 9:30 am
Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 pm

BEPS Bash

Thursday, November 16, 7:30 pm

The women of Beth El Preschool and Zhava are coming together this year to co-host the "BEPS Bash." There will be cocktails, noshing, raffles, and shopping to get in the holiday spirit. Vendors will bring jewelry, clothing, accessories, gifts for the home, Judaica, and more. There will be something for everyone! Ladies, please mark your calendar and sign up online at bepsbash2017.eventbrite.com. Questions? Contact Carla Nadler.

Israel Media Series

Saturday, November 18, 7:30 pm



We will be showing *Fill the Void* which tells the story of Shira, an 18-year-old girl, happily engaged to a promising young man. Tragically, her sister dies in childbirth and the family postpones Shira's match. Through a series of events, Shira must choose between her heart's wish and her family duty. The movie has won an Israeli Academy Award

as best picture as well as six other awards including best actress, best director and best screenplay.

Come spend the evening with us for only \$5.00 per person including unlimited refreshments.

Israel Youth Trip to Honor Jerry Sorkin ז"ל

BY SARA GORDON, DAVID MILLS, AND LARRY SIDMAN

It has been a year since we lost our beloved friend and leader, Jerry Sorkin. Jerry had a lot of very big, very good ideas. In many conversations in the years before his passing, Jerry planted the seed for one of these ideas. In an effort both to revitalize the upper school of Congregation Beth El's Religious School and to act on the priority our community places on connecting our kids to Israel, Jerry proposed that Congregation Beth El create and financially support a confirmation class trip to Israel. Jerry envisioned this as a culminating event that would link the religious, cultural, and social aspects of the confirmation class experience. Jerry believed this would strengthen the students' connection with Israel, with Beth El, and with each other.

In the immediate months following Jerry's untimely passing, a committee led by David Mills convened to discuss how Beth El could honor Jerry's legacy. Rabbi Harris advised the group to "think big," as Jerry did. After much deliberation, the committee agreed that bringing Jerry's Youth Israel Trip to fruition would not only honor Jerry Sorkin but also would strengthen our Beth El community, just as Jerry had hoped.

Work began in early 2017 to develop a proposal that captured the goal of the program and charted a path to making the program sustainable. The result is a plan for a 10-day trip to Israel for the Beth El Religious School confirmation class. The trip will include activities, programming, and speakers that will highlight the themes of leadership, vision, courage,

and resilience, to honor the way Jerry Sorkin lived his life.

To make the Jerry Sorkin Israel Youth Trip viable in the near term and sustainable for future classes, it will need to be considerably subsidized by Beth El. (Remember, we are thinking big!)

To raise the necessary funds, Beth El Envisions matching contributions raised to support this project up to \$30,000, and funds will be raised in other ways as well. Ultimately, the goal is to make this trip an integral part of the Beth El Religious School experience and a part of the fabric of the Beth El community.

Work is underway to engage the community in this exciting project, and members will have the opportunity to participate in ways that both honor a beloved member of our community and help send our kids on a creative, customized journey to Israel. Perhaps most importantly, this collective Beth El community project will continue Jerry's lifelong journey to build connections – to our youth, to our community, and to Israel. ■



Jerry Sorkin ז"ל

ISRAEL NEEDS US WE NEED ISRAEL

November generally coincides, at least in part, with the Hebrew month of Heshvan, often referred to as "mar" or "bitter" Heshvan. Some explain that the month is bitter because no significant Jewish holidays occur. Others associate it with late fall, a time of progressive darkness and natural decay.

Notwithstanding this negative association, November is a very positive month in the history of the establishment of the modern State of Israel. On November 2, 1917, 100 years ago, the British government issued the Balfour Declaration, actually a letter from Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Rothschild, then President of the British Zionist Federation, marking a pivotal point along the road to Jewish statehood. The Balfour Declaration read, in pertinent part: "His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national

home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object..."

On November 29, 1947, 70 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted U.N. Resolution 181, calling for the partition of Palestine into an independent Jewish State, an independent Arab State, and an international regime for Jerusalem. This resolution was the basis under international law for the creation of the modern State of Israel. The Jewish Agency for Palestine accepted the resolution while the surrounding Arab states rejected it.

LEARN more about the Balfour Declaration and U.N. Resolution 181 and the instrumental roles they played in the rebirth of the State of Israel. It is an excellent way to take advantage of the dreary days in November.

Rosh Chodesh Group

Our monthly Rosh Chodesh group, coordinated and led by Adjunct Rabbi Mindy Portnoy, is open to all women members of Beth El. The group meets from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Family Room, close to the date of the beginning of each new Jewish month. Upcoming dates are November 14, December 18, January 17, February 15, March 13, April 16, and May 15. You are welcome to attend as few or as many sessions as you wish during the year. No preparation or advance sign up is required. Just show up, and enjoy an evening of learning, discussion, and sisterhood among a very varied group of women.

Usually, for the first 45 minutes we study a text (or texts) selected by Rabbi Portnoy related to the particular month; then we have an open discussion, sharing personal opinions, Jewish experiences we've recently had, and additional ideas about the materials we've studied. We end the session with a brief presentation of a Jewish "woman of the month," someone who during her lifetime had an impact on Judaism or general society.

On October 19, for example, we read several texts about the month of Heshvan and an article about the Talmud's view of "sanctuary cities." Since it was our first meeting after the High Holidays, we shared new holiday experiences we had this year. Often, we have more material to talk about than time available, but there is always the next month to look forward to.

Your suggestions for topics are always welcome. Contact Rabbi Portnoy at breenport@gmail.com if you have any questions about the group.



THE HONORABLE RON DERMER, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, SPOKE TO BETH EL MEMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17. HIS SPEECH AND RESPONSES TO AUDIENCE QUESTIONS COMPREHENSIVELY DESCRIBED THE SERIOUS CHALLENGES CONFRONTING ISRAEL TODAY WHILE FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL TO EVERY JEW AROUND THE WORLD. HIS REMARKS BEFORE A FULL SANCTUARY PROVIDED MUCH-NEEDED HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND CONTEXT TO MANY OF TODAY'S HEADLINES.

PHOTO BY DAVID FRIEDLANDER

Shir Yachad: A Communal Shabbat in Song

Friday, November 3

Friday night is a time for community, song, and joyful noise. Everyone is invited to join us on the first Friday of every month for this exciting service filled with music past and present that stirs the soul and welcomes Shabbat with joy and warmth.

6:00 pm - Nitzanim. Families with young children are invited for a fun musical Shabbat service.

6:30 pm - Happy Hour! Everyone is invited to schmooze with us while enjoying drinks (both adult and kid friendly!) and appetizers. Free babysitting will be available!

7:30 pm - Main musical service. Oneg to follow.

Future dates: December 1, January 5, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 4, and June 1

Questions? Contact Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org or 301-652-8569, ext. 352.

Two Wandering Jews in Vietnam

BY SHELLEY DUCKER, WITH SARA GREENBAUM

The ultimate “strangers in a strange land,” this summer two Beth El moms became “Wandering Jews” for a month, as we schlepped, schvitzed, and noshed our way through Vietnam.

The list of adventures worth having in Vietnam is long. The list of Jewish adventures to be had is short. But we sought out both while backpacking (well, roller bagging) Vietnam. My kids: away at sleepaway camp. Sara’s: grown. Two supportive and less adventurous husbands. We were off.

Letting go of Jewish parenting habits: Turns out when you remove Jewish moms from their kids, any “helicopter” tendency gets left behind. We rode on the back of motorbikes (don’t tell my own mother!). We ate spicy unlicensed street food (don’t tell the rabbis!). We jaywalked. We got in boats older than we are. We got scarily close to bats. And bugs! In other ways, we stayed true to our Jewish Mother core. On a hiking excursion through dramatic rice terraces and colorful vegetable markets, we were making matches among the 20-something backpackers and counseling them to “make good choices.”

Wild (Rice) Adventures: Are you really Jewish if you don’t have some sort of eating meshugas? Between us and two other Jewish friends we brought along, we had kosher issues, gluten issues, and food allergies. Let me assure you, there is not enough pantomime in the world for “gluten.” Ultimately, the ubiquitous rice noodle dishes worked for everyone. We had them in soup, pan fried, stir fried, wrapped in rice paper, cold, hot, the list goes on. We even tried our hands making rice noodles at a local “factory,” that is, the very un-hechshered back room of someone’s home.

Finding Chabad on the road to Halong Bay: Few corners of the world are untouched by Chabad (*baruch hashem!*). At a bus stop en route to visit the scenic limestone cliffs in the bays of the South China Sea, we found the one couple that stood out more than we did: He was in black and white with long tzitzit; her head was covered. The Jewish geography started quickly – he, of course, turns out to be a distant cousin of Rabbi Geisinsky here on Bradley Boulevard. No difficulty in ordering kosher for them, as they had a

car full of food imported from Israel and a portable kitchen.

Commissioning Kippot: The old French Colonial town of Hoi An is known for its tailors. Shops line the streets, tucked between temples or in converted tea warehouses, selling hand-made clothes in the latest fashion. I put the tailors to work on a different endeavor altogether: kippot, 100 of them, in colorful Chinese brocade fabrics, for my daughter’s upcoming bat mitzvah. The women curiously handled the samples I’d brought from home, as they had never seen such a hat before. But copy it they could. Each kippah is admittedly a little quirky in its size, shape, or fit. But the fact that the material was hand cut before our eyes by a team of young Vietnamese stitchers, happily chatting and drinking tea and asking us questions all the while, makes them wonderfully exotic and traditional at the same time.

So what did we learn? One of the wonderful things about Beth El is that it enables vibrant friendships and encourages people to seek. The spirit of our Jewish community here is to take our tradition with us when we go wandering and to bring our experiences home to enrich our lives and our kehila. This year we enjoyed the Vietnamese lanterns decorating our sukkah! ■



TOP: SHELLEY (LEFT) AND SARA ENJOY LOCAL COCONUT DRINKS. BOTTOM: VIETNAMESE TAILORS WHO MADE THE KIPPOT FOR THE BAT MITZVAH

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protected section of our website.

Be sure to watch the listserv and website in case there are any changes to this schedule.
FAQs (frequently asked questions)?

How long does registration take? 3 – 4 minutes. Please be patient.

Should children be registered? Any children who may be entering the synagogue separately from their parents should get registered.

What happens if you lose your fob? Replacement fobs will cost \$10 each.

What about Shabbat? The access control system will not be in operation on Shabbat and Jewish festivals. Security personnel will be on duty at those times. ■

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Mazal Tov to

Rhonda and Richard Brandes on the birth of their granddaughter, **Hallie Paige Norof**. Parents are **Emily and Keith Norof**. Proud big brother is **Felix Norof**.

Robin Jacobson and Jim Armbruster on the engagement of their daughter, **Sylvia Jacobson to Avi Friedman**

Andrea Shandell and Russell Fox on the birth of their grandson, **Archer Fox Popovski**. Parents are **Dorie and Deni Popovski**.

Debby Reiser and Bart Widom on the birth of their grandson, **Charlie James Gilbertson**. Parents are **Jessica and Ian Gilbertson**.

Fran and Robert Rubin on the birth of their granddaughter, **Eliza Sylvia Rubin**, born on August 11. Parents are **Susan Gillespie and David Rubin**.

Condolences

Karen and Bill Lebovich on the death of Karen's mother, congregant **Gloria Sloan**

Walter and Laurie Minerbi on the death of Walter's brother, **Maurice Minerbi**

The family of **Lucy Ozarin** on her death

The family of **Ida Zusin** on her death

Noteworthy

Roundtable with the Rabbi, Wednesday, November 1, 2:00 pm. Join us to celebrate November birthdays (yours and those of others) with desserts, coffee, and a discussion led by Rabbi Harris. Birthday celebrants receive a special invitation, but all are welcome each month.

Dor L'Dor is back, Thursday, November 2, noon. The Beth El Preschool (BEPS) 4s Class and a group of Beth El seniors blend together to form Dor L'Dor. To participate and share pizza with the preschoolers, RSVP to Ricardo Munster at 301-652-8569, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org.

Senior Caucus brown bag lunch, Thursdays, November 9 and 30, noon. Come and socialize with your friends and enjoy refreshments and dessert.

Senior Caucus Luncheon Program, Thursday, November 16. Lunch starts at noon. Following lunch, stay for **"The Songs You Love to Sing,"** an interactive sing-a-long program presented by Kim Lausin, our BEPS director. Cost of lunch is \$10. To RSVP for lunch, call Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org, by Tuesday, November 14. The program itself is free and begins after lunch.

Bridge – the greatest game ever! Join us every Monday and Thursday (except on November 16 and 23) from noon to 3:00 pm. Drop in and join a game; no partner necessary. For information or transportation, contact Ricardo Munster at 301-652-2606, ext. 316, or rmunster@bethelmc.org.

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