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# A Healthy and Sweet 5778

BY RABBI GREG HARRIS, RABBI FABIÁN WERBIN, AND HAZZAN ASA FRADKIN

This New Year will be filled with great excitement and opportunities to engage with each other.

After a year of conversations and study, we will begin implementing the Atid 2 strategic plan for our shul. We will be focused on increasing meaningful engagement within the congregation and on nurturing a more dynamic spiritual experience. We will also increase the types of learning experiences we offer for youth and adults, both for those steeped in Judaism and for those taking initial steps.

As we grow as a congregation, we are committed to understanding the world we live in, the changes that are needed, and the necessity to continue inspiring our members with the values of our tradition.

## Celebrating 70 Years of Israel

The celebration of Israel's 70th anniversary will guide the synagogue theme for this year. Israel 70 will be lived, celebrated, explored, studied, and enjoyed at Beth El. Seventy is not just a random number. The Talmud speaks about 70 nations in the world, 70 sages of Moses' council, 70 years of King David's life, 70 languages the Torah was translated into, and many more. We will be able to celebrate Israel and celebrate this milestone. We will also embrace Israel in all of its complexities.

We are blessed with being part of a

great community. We admire the work that has been done by those who preceded us, and we are devoted to continue growing with you in the beauty of our tradition.

The High Holidays are a great opportunity to meditate on what has been done and to imagine all the great things that can be achieved. We hope that you will have the opportunity to reflect together with your family and friends and to dream of new accomplishments.

The three of us together are honored to be able to join you as your clergy for the first time this year and for many years to come. We wish you and your families a healthy, sweet, and peaceful 5778.

From our families to yours, *Shanah Tovah Um'tukah*. ■



## High Holiday Registration

Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening, September 20. If you have not yet returned your High Holiday registration form, now is the time! Seating is still available at our Whitman High School service for the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and all day Yom Kippur (at Beth El both evenings of Rosh Hashanah as well as the second day). Youth services for all ages will be held at Whitman. Questions? Call the office at 301-652-2606.

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# BACK TO SHUL BBQ

**Sunday, September 10, 4:30 pm**  
in the Beth El parking lot

- Burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's
- Reconnect with old friends and meet other members
- Information tables for many Beth El groups
- New and prospective members welcome
- NEW! Dunk the Clergy!

**\$5 per child (ages 3-10); \$10 per person (ages 11 and older); \$35 max per family**  
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Questions? Contact Geryl Baer at [gbaer@bethelmc.org](mailto:gbaer@bethelmc.org), or 301-652-2606, ext. 352.

Register online at [bethelmc.org/back-shul-bbq](http://bethelmc.org/back-shul-bbq)

### Back to Shul BBQ Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Dinner Reservations

\_\_\_ # Member adults/teens @ \$10 each      Total \$ \_\_\_

\_\_\_ # Prospective members (Free)

\_\_\_ # Children 3-10 @ \$5 each      Total \$ \_\_\_

\_\_\_ # Children 2 and under (Free)

\_\_\_ # Family ticket @ \$35. Number of attendees  
in my family: \_\_\_

**Total due: \$ \_\_\_ (Household maximum \$35)**

**Please return this form to the front office by September 6  
with your check, payable to Congregation Beth El, 8215 Old  
Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814.**

### September B'nai Mitzvah

**September 2:** Jacob Elias and Joshua Levin

**September 9:** Max Kaminski, Arielle Edberg (Havdalah)

**September 16:** Mark Polin and Raquel Orlove

# Asa Fradkin, Beth El's New Hazzan

BY JANET MEYERS

As a French horn playing sophomore at Indiana University's prestigious School of Music, Asa Fradkin signed up for an elective in voice, just on a lark. Not only was he astonished to discover he had more ability as a singer, but he was also delighted not to have to lug a heavy instrument around or to practice a grueling four hours a day. He became more involved with Hillel, decided to double major in Jewish studies, and by the following year had resolved to pursue a cantorial career.

These days, he is more likely to be spotted toting a guitar to accompany his bass baritone, honed from 17 years of voice lessons. Beth El will be Hazzan Fradkin's second position after graduating from the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary; he spent the last nine years at Temple Sholom in Greenwich, Connecticut. He succeeds Hazzan Matthew Klein, who relocated to Beth El Congregation in Akron, Ohio.

## Maryland Native

Hazzan Fradkin's move to Bethesda is a Maryland homecoming. He is a fourth-generation Baltimorean; in the early 1900s, his great-grandfather arrived at the Port of Baltimore

from Eastern Europe. He opened a confectionary shop that his son, Stanley, would later transform into Fradkin Brother's Furniture in Sparrows Point. Hazzan Fradkin said he was strongly influenced by his grandfather, who "always talked about the importance of family and community."

His parents, his identical twin brother, Aryah (his only sibling), and other family members still live in the Baltimore area. His mother and Aryah and his family belong to Beth Am, the Conservative shul where Hazzan Fradkin grew up. Hazzan Fradkin retains his pride in the Reservoir Hill congregation, where services continue to be held in a 95-year-old building constructed in the style of the Great Synagogue of Florence. He grew up in the nearby Mount Washington neighborhood, where he attended Pikesville High School and Baltimore School for the Arts.

## Life on an Ashram

His childhood, however, was not so straightforward. His father was a carpenter and his mother a social worker when

the family moved to an ashram outside Philadelphia. For the next four years, they participated in meditation, yoga, and chant. When Asa and Aryah were six, the family relocated to Florida so their father could attend acupuncture school for two years before returning to Baltimore.

The twins were both musical, said Hazzan Fradkin, although his brother has chosen to become an educator and consultant. He and Aryah "rely on each other for perspective, even though we've gone down different paths. We're both very passionate about what we believe in."

Hazzan Fradkin's wife, Sarah, also hails from a musical family; for years her father headed a folk group and was its lead singer. Asa and Sarah met on JDate while he was at JTS. Also an accomplished singer, Sarah is from Rochester, N.Y., and will be the music specialist at the Bender JCC Preschool. She is also studying to obtain a master's in library science from the University of Indiana online. The couple has two children, Dafna, 7, and Noam, 5, who are in second grade and kindergarten at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. The family is living in Kensington.

In Greenwich, Hazzan Fradkin launched a teen choir, strengthened the youth singing group, composed about 20 new melodies, produced CDs, and introduced Jewish meditation classes. The teen choir traveled to performances as far away as California. Plus, the choir served as an excellent way to involve teens in their Judaism, he said. "Teenagers are hard to get to stick around."

"I think the music ties directly in with the relationship I have with Judaism," said Hazzan Fradkin. "It's a wonderful experience to share music I've written. I feel I am building part of the future of Jewish music."

## Eclectic Musical Tastes

His musical tastes are eclectic. "I like music that tells a story," he said. "That's all we do as Jews, is tell stories." He is a fan of Shlomo Carlebach's music, which he describes as a "neo-Hasidic way to experience joy in prayer. That's part of the

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### Fradkin Favos

**Hometown:** Baltimore

**Jewish Food:** Brisket

**Sports Team:** Baltimore Orioles (of course!)

**Hobby:** Gym rat

**Books:** Historical fiction; currently reading

*Leon Uris's Trinity*

SARAH, NOAM, DAFNA,  
AND HAZZAN FRADKIN

# Selichot 5778

As the month of Elul comes to a close, we intensify our efforts to do teshuvah, to reflect on the year that has passed, and to ready ourselves for a better year in 5778. Weather permitting, the evening of Saturday, September 16 will begin under the stars in the Beth El parking lot, with a Kol Haneshamah Havdalah and Selichot service at 7:55 pm blending creative and traditional prayers, songs, stories and spirit.

The evening will then continue with refreshments. Following the Beth El activities, we will move to Ohr Kodesh (8300 Meadowbrook Ln, Chevy Chase) for an interfaith panel discussion on "Grace and Forgiveness," co-sponsored by the Rumi Forum. The panel discussion will be followed by our traditional community Selichot service, a musical evening of meditation and penitent prayer. It will feature the combined congregations of Beth El and Ohr Kodesh co-led by Hazzenet Hinda Eisen Labovitz of Ohr Kodesh and Hazzan Asa Fradkin of Beth El. The evening's music will feature congregational songs from both Sephardic and Ashkenazic traditions, rich cantorial and contemporary harmonies, and a prelude of classical piano. ■



As the month of Elul comes to a close, we come together to reflect on the year that has passed and to ready ourselves for a better year in 5778.

## Saturday, September 16

- 7:55 pm: Kol Haneshamah Havdalah and Selichot Service Under the Stars at Beth El, followed by Refreshments in the Rudolph Gallery
- 9:00 pm: Interfaith Panel Discussion on Grace and Forgiveness, co-sponsored by the Rumi Forum at Ohr Kodesh
- 11:00 pm: Traditional Selichot Service at Ohr Kodesh, led by Hazzan Asa Fradkin and Hazzenet Hinda Eisen Labovitz

Questions: 301.652.2606 | [info@bethelmc.org](mailto:info@bethelmc.org)

### Shalom: Jewish Mindfulness

Saturday, September 9, 3:00 pm

at Greenwich Park, 8400 Old Georgetown Road



Pause, take a deep breath, and lay the groundwork for truly meaningful and fulfilling High Holy Days. Join Hazzan Asa Fradkin as he leads "Day of Awe/some", a special outdoor meditation designed to deepen our connection to the fall Jewish holidays.

### Second Day Sukkot Deli Lunch

Friday, October 6, following the 9:30 am morning service.



Our now-traditional deli lunch continues this year, thanks to the ongoing generosity of David and Jackie Levine.

### Lulav and Etrog Order Form

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

- Standard \$55
- Quality \$68

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



Please make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it with this form to the office.

Orders must be placed by Tuesday, September 19.

Orders may be picked up on Tuesday, October 3, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, or Wednesday, October 4, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

# High Holidays

## Yom Kippur Then and Now

BY ELLIOT WILNER

Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, is a Jewish holy day rooted in antiquity... right? Jews and their Israelite forbears have observed Yom Kippur since forever... haven't they? Well, that might be true if "forever" dates back to the era of the Second Temple, but it might not be true if we seek to date Yom Kippur any earlier. The laws and rituals that govern our observance of Yom Kippur today can probably be dated only to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. The *observance* of Yom Kippur prior to that time, when the Temple stood and sacrificial offerings were the principal feature of the service, was fundamentally different. The people came to the Temple to *observe* the High Priest performing the rituals of Yom Kippur as prescribed in the Torah. It was the High Priest who offered sacrifices and entreaties to God while the people stood outside the Temple and passively observed.

### Acting for the People

The rituals of Yom Kippur are spelled out in Leviticus 16:1-34 (although, curiously, no specific reference to a Day of Atonement appears anywhere in these verses). The High Priest works in solitude: he brings incense into the Holy of Holies, then he offers animal sacrifices and sprinkles the animals' blood upon the Holy Ark and upon the altar, seeking to purify the Tabernacle and obtain atonement for himself and his household, all members of the priesthood, and the entire Assembly of Israel. The key passages for the Israelites are Lev. 16:21 and 16:31: first, "And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat (the "scapegoat"), and confess over him all the iniquities of the Children of Israel, and all their transgressions and sins, and shall send him away into the wilderness." And later, "It is a Sabbath of solemn rest unto you, and you shall afflict yourselves..."

From the Torah passages quoted above, it is clear that it was the sole responsibility of the High Priest to confess the sins of the people and to seek expiation on their behalf. The people, collectively or individually, neither confess nor ask for expiation, although they are commanded to abstain from work and to "afflict" themselves on that day. In what manner should they afflict themselves? The Torah does not specify. In the Mishnah, tractate Yoma, we learn more details about the High Priest's preparation for and conduct of the service on Yom Kippur. There we also learn the rabbis' interpretation of "afflict," particularly regarding the daylong fast that was to

be the principal rite associated with Yom Kippur.

### Missing from Later Books

Astonishingly, in none of the other books of the Hebrew Bible (which record the history of the Israelite people up to the death of Nehemiah in 413 B.C.E.) do we find any mention of a Yom Kippur. In I Kings and II Chronicles we read of the dedication of the First Temple by Solomon: he decrees a 14-day celebration in the month of Tishrei, encompassing the entire seven-day festival of Sukkot plus the seven days preceding Sukkot. Thus the celebration would have commenced on 8 Tishrei and ended on 22 Tishrei, necessarily including Yom Kippur on 10 Tishrei. The accounts in Kings and Chronicles, however, make no mention whatsoever of Yom Kippur; either Solomon chose to ignore that holy day or, more likely, that holy day simply did not yet exist! The prophet Ezekiel, living among the exiles in Babylonia, prophesies a return to Zion and the rebuilding of the Temple and the renewal of holy day observances but similarly makes no mention of Yom Kippur.

Likewise, when the prophet Zechariah, who did return to Zion in the late sixth century B.C.E., instructs his fellow Jews concerning the proper observance of fast days, he neglects to mention Yom Kippur. And when Ezra, in the middle of the fifth century, reads aloud from the Torah on Rosh Hashanah and instructs the people to prepare for Sukkot, he fails to give any instruction about the observance of Yom Kippur. It is fair to assume that Yom Kippur did not exist during the era of the First Temple, nor did it come into existence in the Second Temple era until approximately 400 B.C.E. (after Ezra and Nehemiah). As for the passages in the Torah that describe the role of the High Priest on Yom Kippur, it is plausible to imagine that these were retroactively inserted into the text by priests who served in the Second Temple.

### Atonement Today

We observe Yom Kippur today without depending on the intercession of priests or any intermediaries. We confess our sins directly to God, and we seek atonement not through the sacrifice of animals but through prayer. ■

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# Youth Activities

## New Year, New Youth Department

BY ADAM ZEREN

Shana Tova from the Youth Department. On behalf of my youth advisors and myself, we all wish you a happy and healthy new year.

One of the things I get from the new year is a feeling of renewal. I am renewed personally and spiritually. I also come back from a quiet summer with a renewed sense of purpose. The holidays remind me why I am in the career that I chose. I am the youth director because I love the chance to connect your kids to Judaism. I hope and pray that we as a youth department do that better than ever this school year.

For starters, we've got a brand new Machar (third through fifth grades) advisor. She may be familiar to some of you at Beth El. Hannah Jerison's family have been long-time members of the synagogue. Hannah was once a Beth El USY president. She currently attends the University of Maryland and is a member of the senior staff at Capital Camps in the summer. Hannah is so excited to be working with your kids this school year.

We are also renewing our commitment to advanced Israel education for our teens. All summer, I have been working with our Education Director Elisha Frumkin, Assistant

Education Director Rabbi Max Nissen, and a group of congregants on the Israel Education Fellowship. The program will be open to Beth El ninth through 12th graders. The goal is to strengthen the connection those students feel to the state, land, and people of Israel and show them how Israel is relevant to them. Look for the application to get your teen involved.

We are also renewing our "Shevat Achim: It's a Guy's Thing" program for this year. We're looking for eighth grade boys who want to have fun while talking about topics that aren't always easy to discuss. Our trial session is coming up on Sunday evening, September 17.

And for all of the youth groups, we've spent the summer refreshing some of our programs. Your kids won't want to miss the amazing new ideas coming up this school year. If you haven't signed your children up for a Beth El youth group, now is the time to renew your commitment to the exciting times ahead.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Email me at [azeren@bethelmc.org](mailto:azeren@bethelmc.org). I can't wait to see you all in the year ahead. ■

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## Keys to a Strong Character

BY ELLEN LEVIN, JSSA LIAISON

"Good parents give their children roots and wings. Roots to know where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught them." – Hodding Carter, *Where Main Street Meets the River*

Beth El's liaison to the Jewish Social Service Agency offers eight keys to building children's character:

- 1. Know when to insist on independence.** Committing to your child's growth and development means having the courage not to pamper or overprotect even though he or she may sometimes feel uncomfortable, unhappy, or even scared.
- 2. Get children in the habit of solving their own problems.** Be a coach, not a rescuer. Give your child time to come up with solutions to various situations before rushing in to help.
- 3. Give children the chance to exercise the divine gift of free will.** Allowing children to make their own choices does not mean being permissive. It means letting them sometimes make the wrong one and so that they can learn from their mistakes.
- 4. Model the courage to accept imperfection.** By demonstrating that you are tolerant of failure, your child will learn that mistakes are an opportunity to learn rather than bad or unforgivable actions. It is much easier to take responsibility for a mistake when it is a learning opportunity.
- 5. Let children experience the world, warts and all.** If you protect your child from everything that is different, inappropriate, or even challenging, he or she will become trapped in your fears. Rather than shielding them from every hazard, teach your child how to manage risks on their own.
- 6. Allow children to experience "ordinary unhappiness."** One measurement of resiliency is the ability to tolerate emotional distress. When parents rush to shield their children from the pain of "ordinary unhappiness" – sadness, anger, disappointment, frustration, fear – children miss the opportunity to learn that they can suffer and recover on their own.

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# Rabbi Nissen Joins Religious School Team

BY PARKER O'SHEA

In becoming Beth El Religious School's new assistant education director, Rabbi Max Nissen is returning to his roots. This Montgomery County native attended the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Capital Camps, and Camp Ramah.

Rabbi Max comes to Beth El straight from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he was ordained and received a master's degree in Jewish education. He was seeking an education position in a synagogue that he would like to attend himself; friends in the area gave Beth El high marks. For Rabbi Max, Beth El's attraction is its strong leadership and sense of community among those who work here.

## Experiential Education

Growing up, Rabbi Max attended Shaare Torah in Gaithersburg as well as Jewish camps. "My mom worked in the Jewish camping world, so my siblings and I went to camp where she worked," he explains. He was also involved with Kadima and BBYO and traveled to Israel with peers. "These taught me the power of experiential education," Rabbi Max says. "They also taught me how important the social dimension in education is. As a result, my goal as an educator is never to just teach learners ideas or skills. I want to help them build strong and healthy relationships with their peers and, with our tradition, that will help them be more thoughtful, happy, and resilient people."

Rabbi Max graduated from Colgate University, where he majored in international relations with a focus on the Middle East. He took multiple trips to Israel, including a summer working at a day camp for at-risk youth. During his junior year, he decided to pursue the rabbinate. "I'd thought about becoming a rabbi since I was young – I've always loved learning, big questions, and connecting with people," and while he considered law school for a time, he realized "how much of my passion was connected to Jewish learning, communal work, and Israel. At the end of the day, I could not imagine doing anything else with my life."



At the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Max feels lucky to have had as mentor Rabbi Carie Carter, who guided him through his one-year internship at Park Slope Jewish Center in Brooklyn. Rabbi Carter encouraged Rabbi Max to pursue a career in Jewish education.

During his last year at JTS, Rabbi Max completed his student teaching at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. "As a teacher, I worked with very bright youngsters and interacted with their parents who were all very engaged, all qualities that I value and which I also found at Beth El," he says.

## Music and Learning

Rabbi Max also brings a love of music and some guitar skills to Beth El. "I believe that music touches our very souls, it helps me relate to all my students, and it helps them," he explains. "Not all youngsters learn easily nor in the same way. However, all students relate to music. Music is an added window of learning about Israeli culture, beyond just reading about it."

At Beth El, he plans his first year on the job to be mostly one of observation while seeking the guidance of Elisha Frumkin, education director. He hopes to help Beth El stu-

dents connect with one another and come to understand the importance of being a part of the worldwide Jewish community. Rabbi Max hopes also to experience parenthood this year. He and his wife, Joy, are expecting a baby in December. ■

## Nissen Knowledge

**Hometown:** North Potomac, Md.

**Met Spouse:** at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

**Favorite Food:** Anything Mediterranean or Chinese

**Favorite Sports Team:** Washington Redskins

**Hobbies:** Music (listening and playing) and reading

**Currently Reading:** *The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader* by Arthur Hertzberg.

Beginning an attempt to read *Rambam's Mishneh Torah* cover to cover.

## Attention Parents of College Students! Looking for a way to keep your college student connected to Beth El?

Send current email and mailing addresses and name of school with expected graduation date to [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org) by **Friday, September 8**, and your college student will receive regular email messages from the rabbi and special holiday packages filled with greetings and goodies.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: To keep our database current, this information needs to be updated each year.**

reason it works for me.” Hazzan Fradkin likes to sing opera and to listen to classical and “ethnic” music, including kirtan (Hindu call-and-response chant), African, Peruvian, and folk compositions.

His early ashram experiences sparked his interest in Jewish music with Near Eastern influence “in the style of ecstatic chant,” he said, and in Jewish meditation. He plans to hold bimonthly classes in meditation at Beth El.

In the fall, he plans to teach a Scolnic Institute course on the history of Jewish music, part of which will cover the history of the cantorate and how hazzanut developed. “A lot of people view old time cantors as failed opera singers,” he said. “Actually, the art of the cantorate is one of great accomplishment.” He hopes that by explaining the context of prayer melodies, members will come to a greater understanding of what the composer was trying to achieve. “It’s

sort of like when somebody hands you an obscure piece of poetry, like Chaucer written in Middle English. Once it’s explained to you, then it starts to make sense, and you can appreciate it,” he said.

Hazzan Fradkin’s primary focus in the coming year will be to “get to know Beth El, to make this my shul.” He hopes to introduce congregants to a variety of Jewish music, including classical, contemporary, Hasidic, and ethnic (think Ladino and Yiddish) music, as well as hazzanut. He said he is also excited to share this music with the adult, teen, and youth choirs.

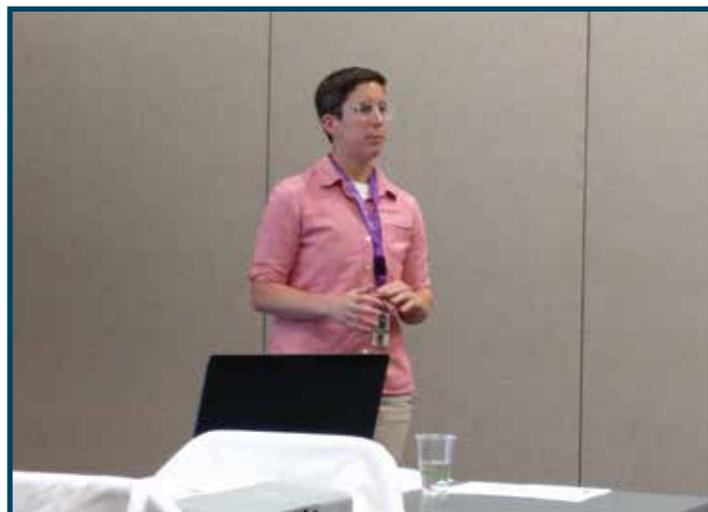
He will work to stress the importance of Jewish music. “All of these art forms are available for us now,” Hazzan Fradkin said. “My role is to help the community pick what works. It should be what transcends ourselves and lifts us up. We can use music as a way of connecting with God.” ■

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**7. Teach children not to overreact.** Children model their own level of upset on their parents’ reactions to situations. By treating your child’s daily distresses, expected and nonthreatening, as just a part of life you can effectively discourage them from turning small difficulties into big dramas.

**8. Raise your children to leave you.** A gardener in a hothouse prepares his plants for the outdoors by gradually exposing them to additional hot and cold temperatures. Similarly, you can prepare your children for the real world by progressively teaching them to tolerate some stress and discomfort on their own.

To discuss more ways that you can develop confidence and character in your child, please contact Ellen Levin, LC-SW-C, at 301-610-8332 or [elevin@jssa.org](mailto:elevin@jssa.org). ■



MIRA MENDICK, COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR FOR MARYLAND AT LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES, PRESENTS GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAINING IN JUNE. MEMBERS OF BETH EL, BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AND SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOINED TO LEARN ABOUT SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

If you are looking for fun...  
If you are looking for adventure...  
If you want to make some new friends...  
And if you are willing to get a little dirty, then

**Join Jewish Boy Scouts Troop 1800**

Open to boys starting in sixth grade. Enjoy backpacking trips, hiking, overnight camping trips, and movie nights. Learn wilderness survival, independence, and responsibility. Earn badges and advancement.

Troop 1800 meets at Beth El Monday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm during the school year, except on holidays. Kosher meals are served on all camping trips. You do not need to be Jewish to join the troop. For more information, contact Marsha Liss, or just come check us out.

**Mitzvah Day is Coming!**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 29, to participate in Beth El’s annual day of community service. A full list of new and returning projects will be available on the Beth El website and in the October issue of the *Scroll*. All are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Donna Shimshi at [dhshim001@yahoo.com](mailto:dhshim001@yahoo.com) or Jon Polon at [jonpolon@hotmail.com](mailto:jonpolon@hotmail.com).

## The Refugees at Rick's: *Casablanca* Turns 75

BY ROBIN JACOBSON

Seventy-five years ago this fall, the beloved Hollywood classic, *Casablanca*, first lit up American movie screens. *Casablanca* has enthralled generations of viewers with its stellar performances (by Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains), iconic lines (“Round up the usual suspects,” “Here’s looking at you, kid,” “We’ll always have Paris”), glamorous Moroccan setting at Rick’s Café Américain, and suspenseful love triangle (will Ilsa stay with soulmate Rick or leave Casablanca with husband Victor?).

Beneath the romance and intrigue, *Casablanca* is a story about frightened refugees. Sadly, that story feels especially relevant in 2017, as countless Syrians and others search for safe havens. Refugees are the focus of a new, fascinating film history, *We’ll Always Have Casablanca*, by Noah Isenberg, director of screen studies and professor of culture and media at the New School. Moreover, the book is a treasure trove of *Casablanca* lore, perfect for film fans.

### The Inspiration for *Casablanca*

As Isenberg recounts, *Casablanca* was rooted in the perils faced by Jews in Nazi-occupied countries. In the summer of 1938, a young American Jewish couple, Murray and Frances Burnett, visited relatives in Belgium. Murray, a high school teacher, was also an aspiring playwright. The couple’s pleasure trip transformed into a risky mission when their relatives asked them to smuggle family money and precious items out of Austria, which had been annexed by the Nazis earlier that year.

Protected only by an American flag in Murray’s lapel, the Burnetts went to Vienna and collected the valuables. Flagrantly violating Nazi prohibitions against removing Jewish property, the couple departed Austria with Murray wearing diamond rings on every finger and Frances wrapped in a fur coat in August. After safely reaching the South of France, the Burnetts celebrated their derring-do at a nightclub near Nice. The patrons, a mix of refugees and military officers, spoke in a babble of foreign languages while an African American piano player from Chicago crooned jazz tunes. Taking in the exotic scene, Murray turned to Frances and exclaimed, “What a setting for a play!”

Two years later, Murray Burnett and co-author Joan Ali-

son wrote *Everybody Comes to Rick’s*. The play was about a cynical American who owns a nightclub in Casablanca populated by refugees fleeing the Nazis. Unable to find a producer for the play, the writers’ agent sent it to Hollywood.

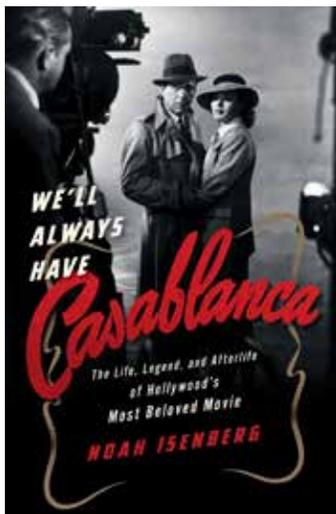
With perfect timing, the play arrived at Warner Brothers on December 8, 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack. Recognizing the play’s potential as a war picture, the studio bought it, retitling it *Casablanca*.

### The Émigré Movie Team

Although inspired by the plight of European Jews, *Casablanca* did not address Jewish persecution directly. Says Isenberg, “[O]n the Hollywood screen in 1942 . . . refugees would have to be stripped of any obvious ethnic or religious affiliations.” Nonetheless, the film was infused with the real life experiences of director Michael Curtiz, a Hungarian Jew who had relatives stranded in Europe, and

the large émigré cast, including Jews and others who had personally experienced Nazi horrors.

During the famous scene in which freedom fighter Victor Lazlo leads the café patrons in a rousing rendition of the “Marseillaise,” the French national anthem, to drown out the German song of the Nazi officers, one American bit actor noticed tears streaming down the faces of the other actors. He recalled later, “I suddenly realized that they were all real refugees.” They brought a raw emotion and urgency to *Casablanca* that still feels like a call to action 75 years later. ■



## Beth El Book Chat

First Book Chat of the New Year  
Sunday, September 24, 11:00 am-noon



Join us to discuss *In the Unlikely Event*, by Judy Blume, a novel set in Elizabeth, N.J., in the 1950s during a period of actual, multiple airplane crashes in the town. For more information, contact Margery London or Robin Jacobson.

## ISRAEL NEEDS US WE NEED ISRAEL

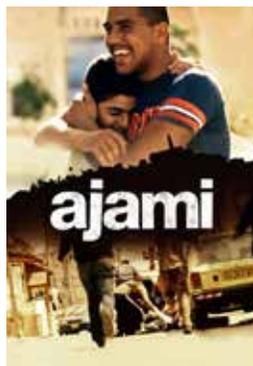
The approaching High Holidays are a time when we think about promises. On Rosh Hashanah, many Jews make “New Year’s” resolutions, vowing to change something in our lives, to make a new start. On the evening of Yom Kippur, we begin our prayers by reciting Kol Nidre, acknowledging the vows that we made but did not keep and seeking forgiveness. This year, let’s make sure to include Israel on our list of promises to be kept.

**VOW** to do at least one thing (hopefully many more) to strengthen the State of Israel and enhance the well-being of our Israeli brothers and sisters. There are an almost infinite variety of things that we can do to help Israel. In the spiritual realm, we can pray for the safety and security

of all who live there and for the wisdom of its leaders and advisors, as we do each Shabbat. In our daily lives, we can publicly defend Israel in electronic and social media against bias and slanderous allegations. In the material realm, we can support Israel by buying Israel Bonds, purchasing products made in Israel, or making charitable donations to any of the thousands of nongovernmental entities and charitable organizations in Israel. We can travel to Israel as it celebrates the 70th anniversary of its independence as a modern State and experience its complexity, its beauty and its successes, its trials, and its imperfections.

**KEEP** the vows we make regarding Israel.

### Israel Media Series: Save the Dates



The Israel Media Series will begin the new season on October 21. It’s a great way to begin the new year and to come together with old and new friends. As always, the charge will be only \$5 for the movie and unlimited refreshments. You won’t find a better bargain anywhere. Our first film will be *Ajami*. *Ajami* explores five different stories set in an impoverished Christian

and Muslim Arab neighborhood of Tel Aviv. *Ajami* won the Ophir Award for Best Film of 2009 and was the first predominantly Arabic-language film submitted by Israel for the American Academy Awards. More information about the film and the starting time will be appearing in the Shabbat bulletin and The Week Ahead.

Mark your calendar for October 21 as well as the following dates: November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21.

### From the B’ruchim Habaim Committee

Beth El is committed to being a fully inclusive synagogue. To that end, we want to accommodate anyone with a disability or unique or special need so they can access religious services, educational, or social events. We need to hear from you so we can do a better job of providing accommodations to meet your needs.

Please email Andrea Golden, chair of B’ruchim Habaim, the inclusion committee.

### Beth El Goes to Argentina, June 2018

**Registration is still open**

**Nonrefundable deposit \$200 per person  
due Monday, October 16 (New Deadline)**

**Estimated cost of trip per person \$3,200 ± \$500**

**Includes hotels, breakfast, ground transportation,  
flights to Iguazu, guided tours, tango show**

**DOES NOT INCLUDE FLIGHT TO AND  
FROM ARGENTINA**



#### Tentative Schedule

- Wednesday, June 20, Departure
- Thursday, Arrival in Argentina, afternoon city presentation and dinner (not included)
- Friday, Plaza de Mayo, Cabildo, Catedral. Lunch in La Boca
- Shabbat/Saturday, Tango night
- Sunday, San Telmo, Puerto Madero, free afternoon
- Monday, Polo or Tigre
- Tuesday, Flight to Iguazu (Brazilian side)
- Wednesday, Iguazu
- Thursday, Morning flight to Buenos Aires, afternoon Jewish Buenos Aires, free night
- Friday, Colon Opera Theater
- Shabbat/Saturday night free
- Sunday, July 1, Evening return to U.S.

**To register, contact Ricardo Munster at [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org).**

# Sanctuary and Security at Beth El

BY SHEILA BELLACK

In the context of a synagogue, the word “sanctuary” is generally associated with the space where services take place. At Beth El, we often refer to the “sanctuary service” in contrast to services in the chapel or elsewhere in the building. However, what else can sanctuary mean? The dictionary offers, among several possibilities, “a place of refuge and protection.” We hope that, when people come to Beth El for whatever reason, they feel protected and secure, and that they have found sanctuary.

How can that be accomplished in today’s world? While Beth El has never received any kind of threat, security is a daily concern. We want Beth El to be a welcoming place to gather, a place that provides a sense of calm, and a place that is as secure as possible given today’s reality.

Beth El’s Security Committee discussed how to achieve this goal. They engaged an independent security consultant who evaluated the building and surroundings, learned about the different types of activities that take place at Beth El, and met with our leadership. After reviewing the security expert’s recommendations, the committee developed a path forward that works to balance the competing needs of maintaining our open environment while improving security.

These enhancements will be funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Montgomery County, together with the yearly security assessments paid by congregants as well as non-members who have children in Beth El’s Preschool or Religious School. We have just recently received final approval from DHS that allows us to proceed with our plan.

## Next Steps

By the time you receive this issue of the *Scroll*, work will have started. We anticipate completion by late October or early November. Some of the changes will be obvious, e.g., upgraded parking lot lighting, new security cameras, and an access control system, while others, by design, will be less visible (in order to remain secure). The introduction of an access control system will impact everyone entering the building except at designated times (such as Shabbat and Jewish holidays). Once implemented, there will be two options to enter the building. Congregants will be able to enter using a fingerprint reader at the front door. Everyone choosing this will need to come to the synagogue office and have their fingerprint registered. This will be a system similar to that at many government buildings. Congregants who do not wish to use the finger print entry will receive a “fob” that they can swipe at the front door. There will be times, in addition to Shabbat and Jewish holidays, when the

doors will be unlocked; we are in the process of determining what that schedule will be. There will also be a plan that allows entry for non-members who may be attending a weekday minyan or other program.

Be assured that more detailed information will be provided prior to activation of the entry system.

Unrelated to this infrastructure but still part of our security plan is to have a Montgomery County police presence on many Shabbat mornings. On other Saturdays, we will continue to have a security guard on duty.

As we strive to make Beth El more secure while maintaining our welcoming environment, your understanding and cooperation will be most appreciated. If you have any questions about the infrastructure being installed or about anything else related to security at Beth El, please feel free to contact Sheila Bellack at [sbellack@bethelmc.org](mailto:sbellack@bethelmc.org) or 301-652-8569, ext. 306. Most importantly if, at any time you are at Beth El and you see something that doesn’t seem quite right, speak up. **If you see something, say something.** ■



## New Outreach for Seniors

What can we do for our older members who are able to come to Beth El less frequently than before? One answer is “Beth El in the Neighborhood,” a new endeavor of outreach to senior Beth El members.

The first six sessions of “Beth El in the Neighborhood” have been a rousing success. Adjunct Rabbi David Abramson has met monthly with Beth El members (and others) at the Promenade and at Maplewood Park Place.

The group has decided to join Rabbi Abramson in an exploration of rabbinic midrashim, Talmudic legends that are interesting, engaging, and inspiring. No previous background in Hebrew or rabbinics is required. Since we read and discuss a different midrash each month, participants are free to join us from time to time or at every session.

“Beth El in the Neighborhood” will continue monthly, alternating between the Promenade and Maplewood Park Place. Though this program is primarily for Beth El members, others are welcome as well. If you’re interested in joining the group, contact Ricardo Munster at [rmunster@bethelmc.org](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org) or Rabbi Abramson. ■

# Men's Club

## UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 9:00-11:00 AM** Volunteering at Manna Food Center

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:30 PM** Hearing Men's Voices, Howard Feibus will lead a discussion on "If the Personal God of the Bible Doesn't Exist, What is the Meaning of Prayer?"

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 10:00 AM** Dr. Michael Salamon of the U.S. Department of Energy will discuss "Gravitational Waves," ripples in the curvature of spacetime that propagate as waves.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17; 10:00 AM** Ken Feigenbaum, professor at UMUC and congegant, will discuss the complicated relationship between Spinoza and the Jewish community of Amsterdam.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** No program, Fast of Gedaliah



LARRY BOTTINICK, SENIOR POLICY OFFICER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, SPOKE IN JULY ABOUT ISRAEL'S OWN REFUGEE CRISIS. THE TALK WAS SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB IN COOPERATION WITH THE AM YISRAEL CHAI COMMITTEE. BOTTINICK, A NATIVE OF BETHESDA, IS CURRENTLY STATIONED IN TEL AVIV.



AFTER STARTING WITH A WINNING RECORD IN APRIL, THE BETH EL SOFTBALL TEAM FADED LATER TO FINISH THE SPRING SEASON WITH SEVEN WINS AND 12 LOSSES, ITS WORST RECORD IN AT LEAST 15 YEARS. BUT THE PLAYERS AGREED IT WAS ANOTHER SEASON OF ENJOYMENT AND CAMARADERIE. STEVE STRAUSS LED THE TEAM IN RUNS AND BATTING AVERAGES, RICHARD KLEIN IN TRIPLES, HOME RUNS, AND SLUGGING AVERAGE, AND JASON WEINGARDT IN HITS, DOUBLES, AND TOTAL BASES. RICHARD KLEIN AND DAVID SCHOENHOLTZ TIED FOR THE MOST RBI'S.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FRONT ROW (KNEELING AND SITTING): JASON WEINGARDT, DANNY MILLS, DAVID SCHOENHOLTZ, STEVE TEITELBAUM, STEVE AISENBERG, STEVE STRAUSS, RICHARD KLEIN. BACK ROW (STANDING): JOE MARTIN, KEN LEVINE, DON SILVERSTEIN, GREG KLEIN, LARRY BRUSER, BRENT BERGER, ARYEH PORTNOY, DAVID MILLS

## UPCOMING AFFINITY GROUP MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:30 AM** The Mental Health Professionals Affinity Group will meet for breakfast at Beth El. Rabbis Harris will join the group for a discussion on a topic TBA.

**OCTOBER 17, 8:00 AM** All real estate professionals are invited to the next Real Estate Affinity Breakfast. This is a great opportunity for networking and Jewish learning with the clergy. Thank you to Mark Levitt and the Nellis Corporation for hosting (7811 Montrose Road, Suite 420, Potomac). Breakfast will be available at 8:00 am and the discussion will begin at 8:30 am.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 8:00 AM** All lawyers are welcome to join Rabbi Harris and fellow Beth El lawyers for a morning of learning and community building. Doors open at 8:00 am for breakfast and schmoozing and the discussion beginning at 8:30 am. At the law offices of Offit Kurman (4800 Montgomery Lane, 9th Floor, Bethesda). Special thanks to congegant Ed Bloom for hosting.

To participate in any of the affinity group breakfasts, please RSVP to Geryl Baer at [gbaer@bethelmc.org](mailto:gbaer@bethelmc.org) or 301-652-2606, ext. 352.

# Sisterhood

## Women's Shabbaton Planned for November

Pray, eat, learn, and play with Beth El women of all ages as we celebrate Shabbat together on Saturday, November 11, at Beth El from 9:30 am until 7:00 pm. Spend a spiritual Shabbat exploring your connection to the most important Jewish holiday.

Sponsored by Sisterhood and Zhava, all Beth El women are invited to attend this Shabbaton. 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 day will start with lay-led, creative morning services and will conclude with Havdalah and wine and cheese. In between, interactive learning sessions will challenge your mind and stretch your beliefs. A delicious luncheon will feature Israeli foods in honor of Beth El's theme for this year. Relax with an optional afternoon walk or yoga class, or simply engage in conversation and coffee with new and old acquaintances.

Registration opens on September 1 for this Shabbat away from home yet close to home. Go to the Sisterhood page on the Beth El website <https://www.bethelmc.org/groups/sisterhood/> to complete the online registration form or print it out and mail it to the synagogue.

If you have questions, please contact Shabbat in the 'Hood co-chairs, Susan Jerison or Michelle Hainbach. ■

### 30 Minutes and a Smile



*30 Minutes and a Smile* is all it takes for one of the happiest mitzvot at Beth El. Serve the kiddush luncheon after services on Shabbat and make sure every congregant, family member, and guest gets a warm "Shabbat Shalom" with their delicious food. Men, women, and children 12 and over are welcome to serve. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.bethelmc.org/groups/sisterhood/kiddush-volunteer](http://www.bethelmc.org/groups/sisterhood/kiddush-volunteer).

### UPCOMING SISTERHOOD/ZHAVA EVENTS

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, AND 26, 6:30 PM Mah Jongg  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 9:00 AM-NOON Welcome Coffee  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:30 PM Keshet Nashim Dinner Night Out  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, Zhava Discussion with Rabbi Rudolph and Gail Fribush  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 11 AM-NOON Book Chat (jointly with the Library Committee), *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7:30 PM Evening in the Sukkah

### Coffee, Conversation, and a Nosh

Sunday, September 10, 9:00 am-noon

Come sample some recipes from the upcoming Beth El cookbook and hear what Sisterhood/Zhava has to offer in the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact Sharon Zissman or Linda Herman at [sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org](mailto:sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org).



### Sisterhood Night in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 pm



Please join Sisterhood members for our annual Night in the Sukkah.

Enjoy refreshments and shmooze with our new hazzan, Asa Fradkin.

RSVP by Friday, October 6, to Margi Kramer and Wynne Sitrin at [sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org](mailto:sisterhoodevent@bethelmc.org).

### Beth El Judaica & Gifts

The Gift Shop is making room for new merchandise with a one-of-a-kind sales event on **Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 am**. Many items are available at a deep discount. Find the perfect bar/bat mitzvah gift, special birthday present, a lovely hostess gift, or that distinctive piece of Judaica that would make a holiday table perfect.

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.*

# Torah With Marilyn Fine: It Says, They Say, We Say

We Jews have been studying Torah for millennia. Its words form the very core of our system of beliefs and practices. So it should be no surprise that our Sages, both ancient and modern, have analyzed the text closely, probing choice of words and subtle nuance in their efforts to guide the Jewish people.

Most Thursday mornings during the school year, a group of eager adults gathers to continue the ages-old practice of studying Torah, with the focus on the Parashat Hashavuah, the weekly Torah portion. The teacher is scholar and Beth El Religious School teacher Marilyn Fine. Some participants read and understand Hebrew, while others are more comfortable with the English translation. Some have been learning for many years; others are newcomers to the endeavor. Everyone is welcome.

Our study begins with a general overview of the entire portion, not limited by the triennial cycle. The discussion then moves to a specific passage or topic contained in the portion. What does the Torah itself say? This may seem simple at first, but since a single word may often be understood in multiple ways, simple translations do not do justice to the beauty and intricacy of the Torah's language. That's where



the fun begins: Our attention turns to commentators on the Torah from throughout time and across the Jewish spectrum, and how they interpreted those words. Like mirrors in a kaleidoscope, the insights of commentary turn basic text into a myriad of beautiful and meaningful ideas and lessons.

While many of the commentaries that we consider are written by contemporary scholars, the study of Torah would not be complete without considering how the Torah's words impact our own lives and experiences. Thus, part of each week's discussion turns to the participants' own understanding of the words and how they might affect our own conduct and world views. These lively discussions engage the hearts and minds of all present and move the study from an academic exercise to a tool for meaningful living.

We invite new participants to join the class, which meets on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:05 am in the Haifa classroom upstairs in the Religious School wing. A small fee is charged. For questions, please contact Pat Danoff or Marilyn Fine. ■

## Scolnic Institute Fall 2017

The Rabbi Samuel Scolnic Adult Institute was founded in 1977 in memory of Saul Bendit and renamed in honor of Rabbi Samuel Scolnic in 2013. The Scolnic Institute is now in its 40th year and it has received national and international recognition. It continues to be one of the leading synagogue-based adult education programs in the Washington, D.C., area. The Fall program, running for six weeks, comprises 11 courses offered Wednesday evenings beginning October 18 and four classes offered Tuesday mornings beginning October 17. Look for the brochure in your mail and be sure to sign up for classes as soon as possible. The deadline for the early-bird discount is October 3.

### TUESDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

WITH REFRESHMENT BREAK FROM 10:50-11:10 AM

10:00 - 10:50 AM

**The World of Yiddish Folksong**  
Hazzan Emeritus Abraham Lubin

11:10 AM - NOON

**Star Trek: "To Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before"**  
Adjunct Rabbi David L. Abramson

**Scholarly Shenanigans – The Saga of the Dead Sea Scrolls**  
Rabbi Steven M. Glazer

**Covenants in the Bible**  
Gideon Amir

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

WITH MINYAN/REFRESHMENT BREAK FROM 8:20-8:40 PM

7:30 - 8:20 PM

**Innovative Jewish Thinkers Honored in the Streets of Jerusalem**

Rabbi Gregory Harris

8:40 - 9:30 PM

**Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet**

Rabbi Fabián Werbin

**He Said, She Said: Two Rabbis Discuss Gender in Torah Commentaries**

Rabbi Emeritus William D. Rudolph and  
Adjunct Rabbi Mindy Avra Portnoy

**Surveying the History of Jewish Music**

Hazzan Asa Fradkin

**The World of Yiddish Folksong**

Hazzan Emeritus Abraham Lubin

**After the Holocaust:**

**What Was Lost, What Remains**

Guest Speakers

**Scholarly Shenanigans – The Saga of the Dead Sea Scrolls**

Rabbi Steven M. Glazer

**History of Israel from Independence Through Camp David**

Eric Gartman

**Joy in Judaism, from Sinai to Shoah**

Adjunct Rabbi Evan Krame

**Star Trek: "To Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before"**

Adjunct Rabbi David L. Abramson

**Covenants in the Bible**

Gideon Amir

## Sisterhood's Tallit Workshop Returns

Opening Session Thursday, November 30, 7:00 pm

Group shopping trip Sunday, December 3

All Thursday work sessions 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25  
February 1, snow make-up date

No cost for Sisterhood and Zhava members  
\$50 fee for non-members

For questions and to sign up, contact Holly Stein.

## New Support Group for Caregivers

Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 pm

Being a caregiver is a hard job. Join our new support group for caregivers on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 pm. The group will discuss topics such as coping with your parents' changes in housing, family dynamics, health, and estate, while maintaining your own life and wellbeing. The support group is led by congregant Tricia Sachs, a social worker with nearly 30 years' experience with individual and couples therapy and leading support groups on the challenges of different life stages. If interested, please RSVP to Tricia Sachs, plsachs@starpower.net.

Age & Stage Presents

## Parenting without Power Struggles

October 26, 7:30 pm

With JSSA Synagogue Liaison Ellen Levin, LCSW-C, LICSW  
Parenting can feel like one big power struggle. What fuels the power struggle and how do we deal with them? At this workshop, parents can discuss the power struggles they are experiencing and learn how to minimize and prevent them. RSVP to Geryl Baer at gbaer@bethelmc.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LUCY OZARIN, WHO CELEBRATED WITH FRIENDS AT THE SENIOR CAUCUS LUNCHEON ON AUGUST 17. LUCY TURNED 103 ON AUGUST 18.

# Contributions

*Donations from June 5 to July 27*

### Beth El Forest

#### IN MEMORY OF:

David Michael Maites by Barbara Werner  
Manuel Rothberg by Janet White  
Sonja Schultz by Julia Copperman

### Beth El Israel Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Michael Shevin by Marilyn, Frans and Michelle Shevin-Coetzee  
Sonja Schultz, wife of David Schultz, by Donna Vogel and David Margulies

### Dorothy Beverly Kitchen Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Marcia Belton by Michael and Shoshannah Freilich

Please remember that contributions can be made easily, quickly, and securely via our webpage – [www.bethelmc.org](http://www.bethelmc.org)

### David and Harriet Brooks Senior Adult Fund

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Sarah Kalser's birthday by Nettie Kitzes and Julie and Don Herr

#### IN MEMORY OF:

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Hazzan Matthew Klein by Craig Yokum  
Hazzan Lubin's moving eulogy at Sonja Schultz's funeral service by David Schultz  
Laurence Kirsch's birthday by Ginny Karabell

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Archie Preston, beloved brother, by Sabina Shalom

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### **Chevra Kadisha Fund**

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Joseph Hyman Liss by Marsha Liss

Ruth Kay by Alan and Debra Birnkrant

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Harold Douglas, my beloved father, by Howard and Susan D. Feibus

Jennie Barr by Solomon and Rita Barr

### **Disabled Access Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

The marriage of Melissa Zissman and Avi Golub by Stefanie and Michael Levy

### **Fine Arts Fund**

#### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Helen Mae Diamond Margolis, beloved mother and grandmother, by Dov and Sharon Margolis Apfel

### **General Fund**

#### **IN HONOR OF:**

Ali Weisz and David Weisbrot's wedding by Roy and Julie Eskow

Aufruf of Renee Kramer by Gary and Linda Kramer

Aufruf of Ryan Appel by Gary and Linda Kramer

The Beth El clergy for recognizing my milestone birthday by Lewis Winarsky

The birth of Talia Eve Niedermayer, granddaughter of Gail Ross and Roy Niedermayer, and daughter of Aaron and Keren, by Beth El Opera Havurah

Brent and Carolyn Berger by Jonathan and Eileen Kay

Dan Margulies' smicha by Craig Yokum

Hazzan and Rabbi Austerklein by James and Leslie Dellon

Hazzan Matthew Klein by Rosalie Sporn

Hazzan Matthew Klein, thanks for all the memories, by Herbert Tanenbaum

Ian Weisz and Michele Udin's upcoming wedding by Roy and Julie Eskow

Judy Marcus' new apartment and for her work on the Israel Media Series by Esther and Jack Kranton

Karen Lipkind's milestone birthday by James and Leslie Dellon

My aliyah by Howie and Holly Stein

Nancy Salwin's milestone birthday by James and Leslie Dellon

Rabbi Rudolph receiving the JCRC Distinguished Service Award by James and Leslie Dellon

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Oscar Olchyk by Samuel and Debra Olchyk  
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#### IN HONOR OF:

Daniel Kopin, who graduated from University of Vermont with highest honors and awards with his interest in the environment, by Irwin and Rita Kopin

### Groner Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

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The birth of Madden Lessans by the Solomons and Goldfarbs

#### IN MEMORY OF:

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

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Sheldon M. Geller by Bruce and Suzanne Strauss

Shmuel Goldring, son-in-law of Phil and Hope Borish, by Rosalie Sporn

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### Nitzanim Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

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### Prayer Book Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

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### Rabbi's Fund

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Jack Minker's 90th birthday by Jack Minker and Johanna Weinstein

Jonny Carlisle's bar mitzvah by the Carlisle Family and Lisa Sorkin

Michael and Jo-Ann Harrison's 50th wedding anniversary by Dr. Judith Greenberg and Yael Greenberg

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The 50th anniversary of Jo-Ann and Michael Harrison by Donna Vogel and David Margulies

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### Transportation Fund

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

Carolyn Shapiro by Debby (Wolf) Shoham

Minna Williamowsky by Menachem and Debby Shoham

### World Jewry-Kostroma

#### IN MEMORY OF:

Sybil Shields by Jon Shields

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## Condolences to

The family of **Marcia Belton**, a longtime member of Beth El's kitchen staff, on her death

**Phil and Hope Borish** on the death of their son-in-law, **Shmuel Goldring**

**Janine Daub and Jonathan Cohen** and **Melanie Daub and Marc Sickel** on the death of Janine and Melanie's father, **Ronald Blair Daub**

**Gregg Elias and Mindy Ginsburg** on the death of Gregg's mother, **Marilyn Elias**

**Lois Fried** on the death of her father, **David Fried**

**Borys Gendelman and Rita Gendelman and James**

**Altman** on the death of Borys's wife and Rita's mother,

**Dora Gendelman**, grandmother of **Jeremiah** and **Deborah Altman**

**Gene and Amy Gooft** on the death of Gene's mother, **Sylvia Blousman Gooft**

The family of **Ruth Kay** on her death

**Rita Kopin** on the death of her husband, **Irv (Irwin) Kopin**, cousin of **Michael Mandel**

**Adam and Harriet Kuhn** on the death of Adam's father, **Lionel Kuhn**, grandfather of **Abe** and **Jacob Kuhn**

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### Mazal Tov to

**Zachary and Stacey Lipson** on the birth of their daughter, **Elle Sylvie Lipson**, granddaughter of **Ace and Linda Lipson**

**David Margulies and Donna Vogel** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Eve Maayan Margulies**, daughter of **Dan and Ilana Margulies**

**Gail Ross and Roy Neidermayer and Gladys Ross** on the birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, **Talia Eve Neidermayer**. Parents are **Aaron Neidermayer and Keren Mizrahi**, and proud big sister is **Maya Lily Neidermayer**.

**Bernard and Janyse Weisz** on the marriage of their daughter, **Ali**, to **David Weisbrot** on June 18

**Neil Schechter** on winning the gold medal for masters tennis at the Maccabiah Games in Israel

### Condolences (continued from page 19)

**Mark Levitt and Kay Klass and Randy Levitt and Johanna Chanin** on the death of Mark and Randy's father, **Richard S. Levitt**, grandfather of **Elliot, Max, and Joel Levitt**, and **Rachel Federowicz**, and great-grandfather of **David and Lila Federowicz**

**Phyllis Michaels** on the death of her mother, **Elizabeth Michaels**, grandmother of **Rachel Loewy**

The family of **Twila Nattel** on her death

**Phil Ochs and Sheila Cohen** on the death of Phil's father, **Norman Ochs**, grandfather of **Jackie Williamowsky, David Ochs, and Jonathan Ochs**, and great-grandfather of **Eli, Gabriella, Jordan, and Arielle Williamowsky**

**Aryeh Portnoy and Alison Baraf** on the death of Aryeh's father, **Rabbi Hershel Portnoy**, grandfather of **Max, Brandon, and Tyler Portnoy**

**Lori and Steve Ross** on the death of Lori's father, **Howard Linwood**

**Eric Schlesinger** on the death of his wife, **Sharyn Schlesinger David Schultz** on the death of his wife, **Sonja Schultz**, mother of **Jonathan, Benjamin, and Joseph Schultz**

**Hattie Ulan and Mark Milner** on the death of Hattie's mother, **Libby Ulan**

### Noteworthy

**Roundtable with the Rabbi, Wednesday, September 6, 2:00 pm.** Join us to celebrate September 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.

**Senior Caucus Brown Bag Lunch, Thursdays, September 7 and 14, noon.** Come and socialize with your friends and enjoy refreshments and dessert.

**Senior Caucus Luncheon Program.** Due to the High Holidays, there will be **NO Senior Caucus luncheon in September.**

**Bridge – the greatest game ever!** Join us on Monday, September 11 and 18, as well as on Thursday, September 7 and 14, from noon to 3 p.m. 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](mailto:rmunster@bethelmc.org).