



Congregation Beth El Bulletin



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Presents



Monte Carlo Night

October 28, 2017

7:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Ticket price: \$50 person

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

Open bar, \$5000 in play chips, DJ

Extra \$5000 vouchers will be sold that evening at \$25 each

*50/50 Raffle

*Silent Auction

*Many wonderful prizes will be given away

Sponsorship opportunities

Diamond Sponsor - \$5,000 includes 10 tickets

Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500 includes 10 tickets

Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 includes 8 tickets

Silver Sponsor - \$750 includes 6 tickets

Bronze Sponsor - \$500 includes 4 tickets

Gaming table sponsor - \$300 includes 2 tickets

To RSVP or for questions,
please call the Beth El office
at 625-7821 or Alex
Pomerantz at 472-9054.



Clouds of Worry to Clouds of Glory

This year, as I think about the temporary homelessness of living in the sukkah for a week, the idea of homelessness seems a bit more real. After seeing the devastation wrought by hurricanes Harvey and Irma and how fickle fate can be when it comes to our simplest needs like clean drinking water, electricity and shelter, the sukkah's message seems just a bit more real, as does its message.

We often describe the sukkah as representing the huts we dwelt in while wandering in the desert, the opinion of Rabbi Eliezer. Rabbi Akiva, however, gives the more whimsical explanation that the sukkah represents the "clouds of glory" that protected us while we wandered in the desert. Rabbi Eliezer's explanation seems simple enough, so where does Rabbi Akiva get his notion that the sukkah represents clouds? Well first of all, the Torah does not describe the Israelites dwellings in the desert as sukkot, or huts; it describes them as ohelim, or tents. So, if the purpose of the dwelling is to remind us of how we lived in the desert, wouldn't they be tents?

Furthermore, when describing the mitzvah of dwelling in a sukkah in Leviticus the Torah says, "so that they will know that I caused them to dwell in sukkot." What does it mean, "...caused them to dwell?" It is grammatically strange. It should say something like, "...that they dwelt in sukkot." On a few rare occasions, the Torah does use the word "sukkot" to mean clouds, and so Rabbi Akiva deduces that the sukkah that Leviticus is referring to are the clouds of glory that God used to protect the Israelites in the desert. These clouds provided shade, protection and sanctuary.

Seeing the destructive force of the swirling, violent clouds a few weeks ago, it is funny to think of clouds as a protective shelter – and that's exactly the idea. When we leave our big permanent homes to "dwell" in the sukkah for a week, we are giving ourselves a powerful visceral reminder of a truth we work hard to avoid all the time - all shelter is temporary. Permanence is a notion that we accept to comfort ourselves, but nothing lasts forever – except God. When we move into the sukkah, we remind ourselves just how lucky we are that we do not have to live that way all year round, and we remind ourselves that so many others, sadly, do. For one week we literally put ourselves in to the shelter of God's clouds, and pray that he replace the anxiety we too often feel as dark clouds gather, with the confidence we feel under His care.

Of course, our mission as Jews is not just to leave these things in God's hands, but to partner with God in repairing this world. And so the sukkah inspires us. It inspires us to help shelter those in need in the Houston area and South Florida with donations of time, money and needed goods, to shelter our local at-risk population by hosting NEST and donating to the JFS food pantry, to shelter those in mourning by committing to attend morning or afternoon minyan once a week or month so they can say Kaddish and to shelter each other by building a strong, vibrant caring community right here at Beth El.

This Sukkot, we will have our usual series of fun events in the sukkah – a Family Friday Night Dinner, Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah, The Sisterhood Tapas and Wine Tasting – and we should enjoy them all, but let's not forget the underlying message of this holiday. Fate is fickle, but the hand of God is steady. If we allow it, if we try hard enough, we can be the tool in that steady hand, helping those who most need it to feel sheltered in His clouds of glory.



Rabbi Jeffrey M. Arnowitz

A Note from Cantor Wendi

Dear Beth El family,

Upon receiving this bulletin we will be in the middle of our holiday season. There are so many exciting events, classes, and services coming up this year! One of them that I am looking forward to is our adult B'nai Mitzvah class. This starts on Sunday morning, October 29th at 10am. This class is for anyone who has always wanted to have a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah but **a)** never had the opportunity **b)** felt the Bat Mitzvah they had was too “girly” **c)** feel that they weren't able to achieve the kind of knowledge/skill that they would have liked. It is also for people who just converted and want the next step and/or people who just want to attain a deeper level of knowledge about our prayers, etc.



Training our youth (mostly) for their big day is a huge part of my job and one that I enjoy immensely! To take someone through their journey and witness the growth as they take the bimah and lead the congregation with confidence is pure joy for me. I am there to guide families through this time, however, what I have noticed, is that it is often different when dealing with one's own family, particularly when they are halfway around the world. At the end of October after the holidays, I will be going to Israel with my family to celebrate THE FIRST Bar Mitzvah in this generation of Fried kids. This is a very personal and exciting time for all of us!

In talking with my sister-in-law over the past year, and helping them process this experience, I began to understand that while there are similarities to this process no matter where you are from, there are huge cultural differences that make some of the differences very apparent. Let me explore some of them with you. Keep in mind, this has NO bearing on EVERY Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience in Israel or America but are just observations from my own experiences.

FACT #1: Niv, my nephew, will be a boy of 13 upon his Bar Mitzvah.

Similarity - Just like our kids here, he is full of energy and has a beautiful heart. Is he ready to be an adult? No way. However, he is ready to start his journey to adulthood...to making the right decisions, to being more responsible for his actions. This is what we ask of our children too. Difference - While we talk to our B'nai Mitzvah about taking on new responsibilities within our community, we mean by participating in minyan and visiting the sick. Niv understands this religious responsibility because he has been surrounded by it...but he and his friends will have to act on real responsibility sooner than our children generally need to. Niv will have to join the army in a few years and then that responsibility for his people and their safety will be his to take on. Because of this reality and what he experiences culturally every day, Niv understands much more about the value of life and loss than many of our American Jewish youth do. He lives in a country actively engaged in survival and the fight for legitimacy. This is his reality...and while he is still young in many ways, and while this is his norm, there is no doubt that he understands what it means to be responsible for another in a way that our children may not.

FACT #2: This life cycle event is important.

Similarity - Niv's family is not observant...they would call themselves *chiloni* (secular.) However, though they do not go to shul on a regular basis, this event is important to them. When I asked why, they said “What do you mean? We are part of the Jewish people and this is a rite of passage...it is what a Jewish boy does at 13.” This, like the *Brit Milah*, and for them, like the entrance into the army, etc. this is part of the link in the chain. This is what we do.

Difference - While this marks a milestone in Niv's life, for my family and many *chiloni* Israelis, it is not a religious ceremony per se. It is cultural as much as anything. Also, it is still not something that is popular for Jewish girls to take on. The Jews in Israel live a Jewish life because the calendar they follow is the lunar/Jewish calendar. They are steeped in our traditions because they get all of the Jewish holidays off...a majority of families have Rosh Hashanah dinner, they know the basic prayers, and know what all the holidays are about. They learn the history biblically and from what they see around them. This is what it means to live in a Jewish state.

FACT #3: Bnai Mitzvah must prepare for this event.

Similarities - All of our kids prepare in some way for this day. Most of them have an Aliyah, read from the Torah, and do a speech of some kind about the parsha, its lessons, and how it links to their lives.

Differences - In Israel, our tefillah language is their *s'fat eim*...their mother tongue. They understand all the prayers and most of the Torah as well (although biblical Hebrew is slightly different.) As they have this advantage, they generally do not have as long of a preparation time as our youth do.

FACT #4: Celebration! This is a time to Celebrate! Who doesn't want a good party or trip?

What is the point of this compare and contrast? Regardless of where we live, we are Jews and this rite of passage that consumes much of my time, is meaningful! It is a badge of honor, it is a part of our heritage, it is a commonality that we share with our fellow Jew. Through this experience, **no matter what age it is attained**, we learn life lessons of goal fulfillment, accomplishment of difficult tasks, time management, and responsibility of being part of a community.

SO if you would like to take part in our Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, we would LOVE to have you! Please look for more details in the emails... Until then, we look forward to seeing you for the rest of the holiday season! *B'shalom uvracha*, Cantor Wendi

High Holiday Schedule 5778 – 2017

EREV SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 4th

Mincha-maariv 5:45 pm

SUKKOT

Thursday, October 5th

First Day Sukkot

Festival service 9:15 am

Children's program 11:00 am

Mincha-maariv 7:00 pm

Friday, October 6th

Second Day Sukkot

Festival service 9:15 am

Children's program 11:00 am

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm

EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday, October 11th

Mincha-maariv 5:45 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Thursday, October 12th

Festival service & Yizkor 9:15 am

Yizkor – arrive by 10:45 am

Mincha immediately following the Kiddush luncheon

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 12th

Celebratory service 6:30 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 13th

Festival service 9:15 am

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 pm



Join us in welcoming Beth El's newest members!

Laura Ballance

Jeff Barr

Andrew Bernstein

Ronnie Cohen

Dr. Ronald & Beth Dozoretz

Rosalind Drucker

Rachel Ellenson

Shelley Frazier

Shari Friedman

Alek Gevirtz

Malcolm and Maida Gutterman

Ethan and Catherine Heben

Dr. Denny Jenkins & Dr. Leanne Goldstein

Aaron & Melissa Kass

Estelle Katz

Michael & Robin Katz

Leslie Klavan

Dr. Bryan & Jan Konikoff

Dr. Cynthia Levy

Sharon Lindsey

Dr. Francesca Litow

Eran Livni & Anna Mirkova

James & Dennis Noonan-Sloan

Arlene Owens

Ronald & Joan Portman

Thomas & Marcia Potts

Rhoda Sheintoch

Josh Steinfeld

John & Renee Strelitz

Jason & Pam Trompeter

David & Hillary Weller

Sukkot Programming



LET'S EAT
in the
SUKKAH!

Sukkot is right around the corner, and it is never too early to RSVP for our perennial Friday night favorite dinner and services in the sukkah on **October 6th**. Join us as we gather together to enjoy an evening of prayer, fun and food. We will have family services in the sukkah beginning at 5:45 pm (in addition to our weekly Shabbat services in the chapel) followed by a dinner at 6:30 pm.

Dinner is open to everyone but **SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

RSVP by October 2nd to the office at 625-7821.

Adults: \$18

Children: \$10 (ages 3-12)

Scotch Tasting and Steak Dinner in the Sukkah Sunday, October 8th

After six sold-out years, this is the event that no longer needs any introduction. Join Rabbi Arnowitz on a tour through some great scotches, enjoy a thick steak expertly prepared by our Men's Club chefs and hang around for a (very brief) bit of learning and a cigar (if that's your thing).

6:15 pm - Scotch tasting and schmooze

6:45 pm - Steak, potatoes, salad and dessert in the sukkah

7:45 pm - Torah discussion (with cigars if you bring them.)

Cost - \$40, (*Men's Club Member*) includes scotch and steak dinner.
(\$45 non Men's Club members)

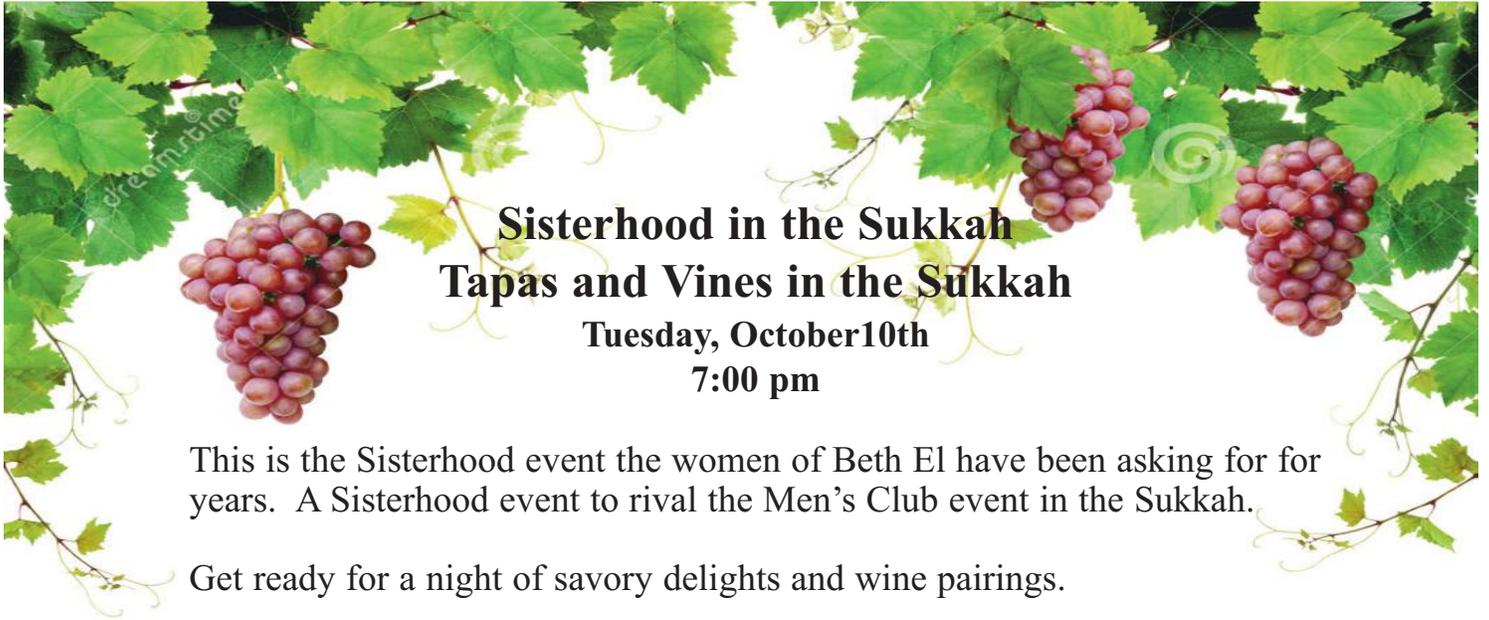
RSVP - We must receive your check no later than **Tuesday, October 3rd**.

No walk-ins will be accepted.

Your check is your reservation (Made out to Men's Club)

Thank you to the Men's Club for sponsoring this "Men Only" sukkah event.





Sisterhood in the Sukkah Tapas and Vines in the Sukkah

**Tuesday, October 10th
7:00 pm**

This is the Sisterhood event the women of Beth El have been asking for for years. A Sisterhood event to rival the Men's Club event in the Sukkah.

Get ready for a night of savory delights and wine pairings.

Cost: \$30 for Sisterhood members
\$35 for non-Sisterhood members

RSVP - We must receive your check no later than **October 2nd.**

Your check is your reservation (Made out to Beth El Sisterhood)

LULAV AND ETROG ORDER FOR SUKKOT

Beth El will be ordering lulavim and etrogim for use on the holiday of Sukkot which will begin on Wednesday, October 4th. More and more American Jews are rediscovering the beauty of Sukkot and are putting up a sukkah at home. The other characteristic Sukkot observance is the waving of etrog and lulav. Lulavim and etrogim can be used at religious services in the synagogue, and at home every day except Shabbat. Those who wish to purchase individual lulav and etrog sets for family use should call the office and arrange for theirs to be picked up immediately before the holiday. The cost is \$36.00 for regular, \$40.00 for prime and \$43.00 for deluxe.



Simchat Torah Celebrations

Thursday evening, October 12th at 6:30 pm

Our annual family-friendly, flag waving,
Torah dancing party.

Special treats for all!
Hershey bars and apples.

LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesdays

October 11th (in the sukkah)

October 18th and 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th

All are welcome as we kick off our Lunch and Learn season on Wednesday, October 11th in the sukkah.

Beth El Lunch and Learn is a vibrant group of fressers (eaters) and learners who come together weekly for good food and stand alone discussions led by Rabbi Arnowitz, Rabbi Ruberg, and Cantor Wendi. We meet every Wednesday from noon to 1:30 pm.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Coming in December or January - Rabbis Ruberg's ever-popular Pirkei Avot class from 11-noon prior to Lunch and Learn. Keep your eyes peeled for more information as it approaches.

Torah on Tap is Coming Back!

People keep asking,
when is Torah on
Tap going to be
held again?

Alright already!
We hear you.



Where: Tuesday, November 7th

Where: Bob Lehman's home, 1345 Carolyn Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Time: 7:00 pm

Simchat Torah Day at Beth El

Honoring our Beth Sholom Volunteers

October 6th at Morning Services (9:15 start, honors starting at around 11)

Ben Kozak - Hattan Torah * Marti Azimi - Kallat Bereshit * Vergie McCall - Kallat Bereshit

Every year on Simchat Torah morning it is our pleasure to host several friends from the Beth Sholom Village for our services and celebration of the Torah. As most of you know, Beth Sholom Village provides an incredible service in our community, insuring that our people are cared for and treated with dignity even as their ability to live independently wanes. Beth Sholom also provides an amazing spiritual program for its residents, under the ever-impressive leadership of our own Cantor Elihu Flax.

Cantor Flax manages a whole cadre of volunteers, some of whom attend to the spiritual needs of the residents all day and others who come in to help lead services for Shabbat and weekdays. This year it is our great pleasure to honor those volunteers who so beautifully and profoundly fulfill the Torah value of Kavod P'nei Zaken, honoring our elders, with the special Torah honors on Simchat Torah.

At services we will honor the lead volunteers, Ben Kozak, Marti Azimi and Vergie McCall the honors of Hattan Torah and Kallot Bereshit. We will also honor the many other Beth Sholom volunteers with a special group aliyah to the Torah.

Mazal Tov to them and thank you to all of our Gomley Chesed-Beth El members!



A huge welcome to our new friends at Park Place School who have moved into the Sunday school wing during the week days. The Park Place School provides a nurturing environment for students who are at risk and had been falling through the cracks in Norfolk public schools.

The smaller classes of Park Place School provide intensive teaching to prepare the students in second through sixth grade for a more successful future.

And, WE CAN HELP! These students will benefit immensely from the one-on-one contact with caring adults. This is where Beth El congregants have an opportunity to make a difference.

You can volunteer in any number of ways. Be a mentor/tutor by joining Beth El's Be A Reader (BEAR) team! Or share your hobby (chess, board games, jewelry making, knitting, ballroom dancing, paper crafts) with the kids - anything that will provide enrichment.

Most importantly, we all need to feel that others care about us, especially a child. So easy to do and so rewarding.

Call or email Nancy Bangel at 393-4362, njbangel@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.



**Sunday, November 12 from 1:00-5:00 pm at the Simon Family JCC
Tidewater Limmud**

**in coordination with Global Day of Jewish Learning and the
Simon Family JCC's Lee & Bernard Jaffe* Family Jewish Book Festival
in partnership with the Board of Rabbis and Cantors of Hampton Roads**

*Of blessed memory

Bringing people together of all backgrounds and ages to help nurture, mentor, and celebrate Jewish life and learning for an afternoon is the goal of Tidewater Limmud.

Open to the entire community regardless of religious affiliation, Tidewater Limmud offers in addition to interactive breakout sessions led by community members and professional educators alike, discussions by Rabbi Michael Panitz, author Ezra Gliner, and Rabbi Barry Schwartz, the director of The Jewish Publication Society.

Join the journey with Tidewater Limmud—after all, everyone has something to learn and something to share.

\$18 to attend or present as Limmud's success depends on its band of presenters; indeed, without presenters there would be no Limmud!

Contact Melissa Eichelbaum at meichelbaum@ujft.org for more information, or visit <http://www.simonfamilyjcc.org/limmud>

A Call for Presenters: Tidewater Limmud

Based on the concept that everyone should be a student and that anyone can be a teacher, Tidewater Limmud offers an opportunity for community members near and far to teach a workshop on any and all areas of Jewish content. Take part in this festival of Jewish culture through shared learning by teaching about a favorite Jewish topic, such as Jewish art, texts, food, literature or Israeli politics, technology, culture, or any other Jewish or Israel-related topic.

Since diversity is a core principal of Tidewater Limmud, the workshop can be presented in a variety of ways (lecture, workshop, film, panel, or debate, for example). Presenters of all backgrounds and ages are welcome.

For more information on becoming a presenter, contact Melissa Eichelbaum at meichelbaum@ujft.org. In Limmud, all are equal, and presenters also register and pay \$18 to attend. Presenters are not paid.

Sisterhood in the sukkah - Our first social event of the year is “Tapas and Vines in the Sukkah”, Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 pm. Come join us for a fun girls’ night out, enjoying tasty bites with wine pairings, and a little wine education thrown in as well. It’s \$30 for Sisterhood members and \$35 for potential members. Your check made out to Beth El Sisterhood is your RSVP and needs to be received in the office no later than Monday, October 2nd. Seating is limited and this event is sure to sell out.

Membership - We get questions about who is Sisterhood and what do they do? Giving scholarships to Beth El youth to attend Jewish camps, sponsoring the weekly Shabbat kiddush, and supporting the synagogue where needed is just part of who we are. We are a diverse inter-generational group of women who enjoy a wide variety of activities, from social events to fundraising to volunteering as members of Beth El, as well as supporting the Jewish community of Hampton Roads. Our focus is building Sisterhood among the women of Beth El and having a lot of fun. Dues are \$35 a year. If you are interested in joining us or getting more information about who we are and what we do, please feel free to contact: Shelley Frazier at 3fraziers@verizon.net; Carol Smith at carolss629@gmail.com; Sharon Debb at sdebb030609@gmail.com or Ashley Zittrain at aaszittrain@yahoo.com.

TORAH FUND

Our Torah Fund campaign is just beginning and we are proud to announce we have one new Guardian, Mona Flax and one new Benefactor, Vivian Turok. Thank you for joining us!

This year the beautiful gold and silver pin is titled “Mah Tovu” which means “how good”.

The pin, featuring the number 100 in raised letters and encased in a silver frame, is a treasured keepsake of the Women's League centennial celebration to wear with pride.

We will continue to contact our previous contributors, but hope you will call us to become a Torah Fund contributor for 5778. Benefactors are \$180; Guardians are \$300; Associate Patrons are \$600. You have until May 15, 2018 to pay your pledge. You may pay it by check (made out to TORAH FUND) in one lump sum or throughout the year. You can also put it on your credit card so you can accumulate those points! (We take VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER and AMERICAN EXPRESS.)

We look forward to seeing our Beth El women wearing their new Torah Fund pins during the High Holidays.

Barbara Abraham & Ina Mirman Leiderman, Torah Fund Co-Chairwomen



Gift Shop

Important Message to the Congregation

Thank you for your patronage.

The Beth El Gift Shop, managed by the Sisterhood, continues to be a service to the congregants, providing a beautiful selection of Judaica.

We are grateful to our patrons for choosing to shop at the Gift Shop, rather than other retail shops, or online.

Your money is well spent! All proceeds of the Gift Shop benefit many projects at Beth El.

We look forward to seeing you in the Shop. Happy Shopping!

Gift shop hours - Wednesdays 11:30 to 1:30

Sunday 9:30 to 12:30

Check the weekly e-bulletin for special sales and discounts

NEXT UP:

Scotch and steak in the sukkah: 6:15 p.m. Sunday, October 8th at Beth El (chaired by Norman Soroko with grill-masters Ron Gladstone and Brad Klavan) - The firm, final RSVP deadline for this typically sold-out annual event is Tuesday, October 3rd. There will be NO WALK-INS. Steaks will be purchased strictly based on signups. Cost is \$40 for Men's Club members, \$45 for non-members. Your check mailed to the synagogue office is your reservation. Due to the expense of ordering kosher steaks, those who make reservations will be charged whether they are able to make it or not.

Two speakers: Dates to be announced at Beth El (chaired by Howard Horwitz) - As part of our educational mandate, the Men's Club is planning two special upcoming speaker events.

A HUGE TODA RABAH

**TO NORMAN SOROKO FOR
THE VERY GENEROUS GIFT
OF 2 TVS FOR THE
EDUCATION WING.**

AND...

**TO THE MEN'S CLUB FOR
THE DONATION OF
EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE
THE GORDON EDUCATION
WING.**



MILESTONES IN THE BETH EL FAMILY

Norma Bailey Rabin is the cutest grandbaby ever! She was born last month but great grandmother, Lil Kozak was left off the announcement.





THE SUNDAY SESSIONS

This year we are continuing our Sunday Sessions for Adults on Sunday mornings. We have created a great line-up of learning experiences. Check it out!

Creative Morning Services with Cantor Wendi, Rabbi Arnowitz and Rabbi Panitz.

In this learning-style service, adults will join our oldest Beit Sefer Shalom school students as we sing many of the prayers aloud and dig deeper into each one to unlock their spiritual and personal meanings. All are welcome and the teaching includes something for prayer explorers of every skill level. The service will meet every Sunday morning when there is Sunday School from 9:15-10 am in the chapel.

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Join us for our first adult bar and bat mitzvah course in years. This is an opportunity for students of all ages to experience the bar/bat mitzvah process and have their moment in front of the Torah. Whether you never had the opportunity to celebrate your own simcha or if you think doing it now will have a different meaning for you now than it did then, this class is for you.

The class will include two sessions, one in the Fall/Winter and one in the Winter/Spring.

All classes will meet Sunday mornings from 10-11:

Class 1: Jewish Literacy – Knowing the Texts that Define Judaism

10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Class 2: Bar/Bat Mitzvah – What the Ritual Means and Acquiring the Skills

1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11

The class will culminate on Shavuot with a celebratory dinner and “Learn-In” on Saturday evening, May 19th and our participants being called to the Torah on Sunday morning, May 20th!

Hebrew with Miriam

Miriam Brunn Ruberg, our master-teacher in residence, will again be offering an adult Hebrew reading class on Sunday mornings from 11-noon. This year, instruction will start on Sunday, November 5th and follow the schedule above for adult bar/bat mitzvah. We hope that those students will take the class, and it is also open to anyone who is interested in learning

Hebrew. If you have questions about reading levels and such, please contact Miriam at

mbrunnruberg@gmail.com.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Corner



Lilia Myers will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on October 21st. Lilia is the daughter of Joseph Myers and Anna Myers and the sister of Ethan Myers. She attends The Williams

School in Norfolk, where she found her love of reading, math and languages. In her spare time, Lilia plays the clarinet, volunteers for charities (especially helping animals), and loves to bake.



Brayden Chase Dobrinsky is celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on November 9th. Brayden is the son of Robby and Tracy Dobrinsky and the grandson of Larry and Judy Dobrinsky and Bill and Ruth Whiting. Brayden is the brother of Ryan Hunter. Brayden attends Great Neck Middle School and plays the viola in the school's orchestra. In his spare time, Brayden enjoys playing sports

including baseball, basketball, running, golf, tennis, and surfing. He was a team captain on his Great Neck recreational baseball All-Stars 12 team and his Great Neck Academy 12 travel baseball team that went to Cooperstown, New York the past summer to play at Cooperstown Dreams Park. This Fall, Brayden is volunteering to be a buddy for the Great Neck Baseball Champion's League, which is a league that provides the opportunity for children with special needs to pursue their dreams of team sports in America's favorite pastime. He is also volunteering one day a week before school at his previous elementary school, John B Dey, as a classroom and library helper. Brayden chose to collect food for Jewish Family Services of Tidewater as his Mitzvah project. Food collected will be donated to both the JFS Food Closet, which provides emergency groceries for individuals and families who might otherwise go hungry, and the JFS Milk and Honey Food Assistance Program, which subsidizes local Jewish households who are in chronic need of financial assistance and allows clients the opportunity to shop in the Milk & Honey Food Room during set distribution dates and in times of immediate need.



Caleb Davis Peck celebrates his Bar Mitzvah on November 4th. He is the son of Paul and Stephanie Peck and the younger brother of Jonathan and Audrey Peck. Caleb is a high honor roll 7th grader at Norfolk Academy where he plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse.



Liora Kaplan will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on November 18th. Liora is the daughter of Scott and Erica Kaplan. Her younger sister, Eden is in 4th grade at Hebrew Academy of Tidewater

(HAT). Liora and her family moved to Virginia Beach from Massachusetts while she was in the 4th grade. She graduated from HAT and currently attends Kempsville Middle School where she is in the 7th grade. In her spare time she likes drama/theater, debate team, ice skating and playing with her dog Brady. She still roots for the Boston sports teams.





Emergency Plan for vulnerable Beth El congregants

It has come to our attention that some of our congregants may be particularly vulnerable were our area to be hit by a major storm. If you do not have family to help you in an emergency situation, please let Pam know.

Just as importantly, if you have a generator and would be willing to share your home with a Beth El congregant until power is restored, please let Pam know. It would certainly be a mitzvah.

Thank you, Betsy Karotkin, President

KICK-OFF EVENT FOR KADIMAH

For all kids grades 6-8: Come Join us for our kick-off event, **October 8th, at 12:00** for lunch and fun! We're taking a tour through Israel with ice cream!

Dress for mess! 🌟 See you there!

KADIMA

It's where you want to be!

Kadima is the international youth organization for Jewish pre-teens. Sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Kadima offers programs through your local Conservative congregation.

Kadima Activities Include:

- Games • Sports • Israel • Arts & Crafts • Conventions
- Holiday Celebrations • Cultural Activities • Social Action Projects • Yad B'Yad* Tzedakah Program

* Yad B'Yad, the Kadima tzedakah program, teaches Kadima members to be more aware and sensitive towards people who have learning disabilities or other special needs.

KADIMA

is about ...

- friends and fun
- social action
- great Jewish experiences
- leadership
- sharing and laughter
- reaching out to others

KADIMA does the things you like to do!

Join the Fun and Excitement!

We are grateful for the generous contributions of those who support Beth El

by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones.

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Jack & Carol Galvin (S)

Howard Laderberg

Frances Bangel (S)

Herbert & Carolyn Bangel (B)

Stanley Legum

Larry & Judy Dobrinsky**

Mannie & Judy Smith*

Barrie Weber (B)

Shirley Macon

Paula Eisen

Tamra Kruger

Bert & Joyce Legum*

Jeff & Lynn Sachs

Larry & Natalie Saunders (B)

Florence Samuels

Marc Samuels

Faye Silverman's Uncle

Jeff & Lynn Sachs

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Alan & Helen Gamsey*

Linwood & Ros Gamsey*

Marcia Zedd's Parents

Harold Zedd*

IN HONOR OF

**Jerry & Millie Cohen's 50th
anniversary**

Harvey & Harriet Eluto

Judi Cytron's birthday

Larry & Judy Dobrinsky

**Larry & Judy Dobrinsky's
anniversary**

Mannie & Judy Smith (S)

**Ed & Betsy Karotkin's service to
Beth El**

Howard & Susan Howritz*

The bat mitzvah of Barry & Kay

Kesser's granddaughter, Alivia

Nick & Estie Cohen*

Larry & Judy Dobrinsky*

Ed & Betsy Karotkin**

Stanley & Linda Samuels*

Mannie & Judy Smith*

The bat mitzvah of Stephen &

Ronnie-Jane Konikoff's

**granddaughter, Sasha, & wishing a
speedy recovery to Ronnie-Jane**

Eric & Joan Joffe**

The birth of Sean & Meryl

Mulligan's son, Asher

Felix & Erinn Portnoy*

The bat mitzvah of Stanley &

Linda Samuels' granddaughter,

Abigail

Larry & Judy Dobrinsky**

Arnold & Miriam Hoffman*

Brenda Shapiro's birthday

Arthur & Emmy Lou Kreger

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Debra Aleck

Ilene Putterman

Judy Dobrinsky

Arnold & Miriam Hoffman*

Cantor Elihu Flax

Howard & Susan Horwitz*

Paula Goodman

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Ronnie-Jane Konikoff

Burt & Patsy Barr

Jordan Rosenblum

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Alvan Tall

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Carol Waranch

Alan & Norma Jaffe**

IN HONOR OF

The bat mitzvah of Barry & Kay

Kesser's granddaughter, Alivia

Ron & Dorothy Spitalney*

David & DeVera Nachman's

anniversary

Ron & Dorothy Spitalney (B)

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Jordan Rosenblum

Ron & Dorothy Spitalney

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Shirley Macon

Allen & Barbara Gordon

Erik & Sam Gordon

IN HONOR OF

Allan Gordon's birthday

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SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

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Albert & Wendy Konikoff, thank

**you for inviting me to your break
fast**

Sonia Land

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Mark & Betty Greenspan*

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Albert & Wendy Konikoff

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**William Laderberg on
the loss of his father,
Howard Laderberg of
blessed memory.**

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October - November Yahrzeits

*We record the sacred memory of the following departed members
of the families of our congregation on the occasion of yahrzeit.
The names of our beloved departed are read from the pulpit at each evening minyan.*

NOVEMBER 1

Samuel Aftel
Shirley Bierman
Ann Levy
Anne Orloff
Pauline Porter
Sarah Staub
Fannie Terkeltaub

NOVEMBER 2

Mary Barker
Freda Coan
Sam Goldstein
Reuben Polis
Craig Schwartz
Belle Strauss

NOVEMBER 3

Molly Goldsticker
Isaac Gordon
Melvyn Penson
Rose Thomashefsky

NOVEMBER 4

Julius Barker
Bessie Kruger
Shirley Zilber

NOVEMBER 5

Lewis Bress
Beulah Cohen
Barnett Colton
Celia Friedberg
Elsie Rowe

NOVEMBER 6

Sarah Applebaum
Sophia Arenstein
Anna Berg
Louis Coplon
Joseph Lavine
Irvin Levin
Dora Michaels
David Nesson
Rebecca Robbins

NOVEMBER 7

Jennie Berman
Fannie Caplan
Ann Lewis
Abraham Massey
Marguerite Permutt
Hilton Rubin
Jerry Shine
Selma Sobel
Lena Tish

NOVEMBER 8

Leon Cardon
Ethel Holzswieg
Murray Kossman
Albert Lazernick
Bonnie Reshefsky
Rebecca Reshefsky
Isaiah Sobel

NOVEMBER 9

Sarah Cytron
Melvin Friedman
Cecilia Joffe
Bernard Katz
Barbara Kreiger
Lillie Lobe
Rosa Salsbury
Gaston Soussan
Ida Steingold

NOVEMBER 10

Tilton Coplon
David Krell
Melvin Marcus
Eva Michaels
Ben Salsbury
Edward Saunders
Jake Soroko
Yedidia Soroko
Lena Tumin
Annie Weisberg

OCTOBER 11

Charles Cohen
Leon Fine
Irwin Frieden
Sol Friedman
Esther Goldstein
Bernard Grossberg
Lillian Kaplan
Joseph Kruger

OCTOBER 12

Mary Banks
Abraham Baum
Louis Broudy
Louis Goldman
Eve Hurwitz
Harry January
Rose Kanter
Melvin Legum
Metta Loewenbach
Moses Mizroch
Herman Simon

OCTOBER 13

Eliot Blumberg
Mark Fleishman
Esther Gould
Samuel Handel
Coleman Kluft
Morris Krampf
Joseph Kroskin
Lizzie Kurtzwile
Abe Rosenblatt
Theodore Rosenblum
Louis Schlain

OCTOBER 14

Aaron Brewer
Edward Carreiro
Jeanette Friedman
Leon Hecht
Sarah Levine
Steven Margulies

OCTOBER 15

Jean Bennett
Joseph Coplon
Rose Finestone
Ida Glick
Jack Kan
Sidney Orlins
Sarah Sears

OCTOBER 16

Loretta Bateman
Ida Behrman
Fannie Cohen
Leon Ganderson
Evelyn Hassett
Herman Herz
Harry Kittner
Bezalel Myers
Ida Parker
Ruth Pollack

OCTOBER 17

Sidney Aron
Samuel Ehrenworth
Ruth Goodman
Jacob Kress
Edna Krukin
Sol Laderberg

OCTOBER 18

Sondra Bress
Cecilia Caplan
Alex Davis
Ruth Kreger
Faye Schulwolf
Joseph Sod
William Walner
Jack Warsaw

OCTOBER 19

Phillip Bress
Bernard Cohen
Geoff Cuthbert
Rena Fivel
Edna Rubin

OCTOBER 20

Leon Chenman
Louis Feldman
Florence Garfin
Allan Goldberg
Miriam Hecht
Sarah Jacobson
Michael Kaplan
Louis Kayer
Sol Petock
Fannie Rosenfeld
Myron Zimmerman

OCTOBER 21

Bessie Beck
Betty Berg
Abraham Berman
Goldie Davis
Bessie Finkelstein
Irving Hecht
Sol Holzswieg
Sarah Jacobson
Sarah Kaplowitz
Rachel Kurtz
Ruth Miller
Joseph Morris
Jack Newman
Kathy Rosenbach
Rose Silverstein

OCTOBER 22

Hannah Aron
Freda Aron
Chana Avittan
Jacob Berg
Bessie Chapel
Rachel Chenman
Joseph Keller
Rachel Levin
Max Levin
Hannah Lubschutz
Jack Lyons
Dave Rauch
Sarah Waranch
Sarah Wax

OCTOBER 23

Louis Altschul
Joe Arogeti
Joseph Clemans
Rita Kootner
Jacob Kopelove
Edith Lipson
Benjamin Sneider
Morris Stoop

OCTOBER 24

Florence Bangel
Roselia Curras
Helen Drexler
Julius Higger
Sara Kobrin
Abraham Rosen
Paul Shapiro
Jane Tapper
Simon Weiss

OCTOBER 25

Pearl Aleck
Ruth Bensley
Ruth Berger
Armond Caplan
Louise Carreiro
Nathan Fried
Simon Jacobs
Flora Kozak
Harry Levine
Mollie Richels
Bernice Rosenblum
Hyman Sears
David Wolman

OCTOBER 26

Hy Blumenthal
Claire Chesler
Kate Clark
Irving Davis
Freda Gordon
Tillie Stark
Sarah Teitelbaum
Herman Wallenstein

OCTOBER 27

Abraham Albert
Philip Bress
Michael Brownstein
Jacob Goldman
Nathan Gottlieb
Lillian Juren
Ruthi Kroskin
Rebecca Krukin
Dora Laderberg
Harry Rosen
Mary Rosenbaum
Gerald Stein

OCTOBER 28

David Barr
Harry Berg
Blanche Glickman
David Havelock
Bennie Jacobson
Ben Lander
Sol Lasting
Julius Myers
Stanley Polis
Harry Rosenblatt
Louis Simons

OCTOBER 29

Bessie Clark
Zishe Drucker
Harris Griff
Jack Hodor
Charles Krochmal
Rosalie Littman
Sam Samuels
Eli Simons
Sylvan Weinstein

OCTOBER 30

Joseph Friedman
Stuart Ganz
Lilly Gorn
Max Holtzman
Helen Hirsch
Ronald Hyman
Jack Kesser
Celia Krichman
Jess Mack
Frieda Morris
Samuel Wasserman
Mildred Zeitman

OCTOBER 31

Isadore Bernstein
Rene Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Kenneth Edelson
Julia Mantinband
Anna Ruden

NOVEMBER 1

Sally Ambrose
Ida Caplan
Ben Gordon
James London
Annette Stein

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Samuel Aks
Justin Bangel
Max Colodne
Sara Davis
Carl Janow
Harry Leibowitz
Ralph Max
Jesse Rafelman
Bete Turok

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Harris Crockin
Fannie Davis
Lena Goodman
Rosa Hyman
Barry Jacobson
Rae Kesser
Sol Laderberg
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Erwin Michaels
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David Waranch

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Celia Cohen
Joseph Eichelbaum
Fred Kalish
Manuel Robbins
Sarah Shersheff

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Pearl Brown
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Isaac Lubschutz
Norman Perlun
Susan Rosenblatt
Mae Schilansky
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Louis Fine
Edith Laderberg
William Leiderman
Ruth Levinson
Morris Myers

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Fannie Liebman
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Fred Richter
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Solomon Jaffe
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Norman Nathan
Herman Rosenberg
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Regina Tessler
Fred Warner
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Samuel Birshtein
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Rosa Legum
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Harvey Glick
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Morris Krukin
Irvin Marcus
Flora Rubin
Isaac Satsky
Sarah Yaffey

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Maurice Bierman
Mollie Peltz
Howard Rait
Maurice Sherman

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Hirsch Cohen
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