

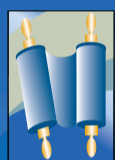
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ADULT EDUCATION AT CONGREGATION BETH EL

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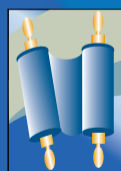
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The word CoLeL (kō'-lel) means a 'collection' or a 'gathering' and refers to a group of people who come together to study. Many who study in Kolel (a yeshiva) make it their full time job. Others find a fixed time to sit and learn on a regular basis. But whether one comes everyday or less frequently, the motivation is the same: to be a lifelong learner. That's why we have adopted this name for our own Community of Lifelong Learners. We recognize that the task of Jewish learning is never over, and the rewards of Jewish study are sweeter when we are more mature in our approach. It's never too late, nor too early to broaden the scope of our Jewish knowledge. And so we urge you to carefully consider the collection of options contained herein. Remember the words of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein who said, "When I pray I talk to Gd, but when I study Gd speaks to me."

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." (Proverbs 22:6).

This Adult Education brochure is dedicated by Brett and Joanna Greenfield in honor of their children, Blake Aston and Marley Ryan.

We are also grateful to the Ruttenberg and Sanders families for their support of our programming in memory of their parents, Sam and Shirley Lukoff, devoted members of our congregation.

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FEATURED EVENTS

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Elliot Dorff

Rector of American Jewish University,
Los Angeles, CA



One of the most influential voices in the
Conservative Movement today

Thursday, April 26 - Sunday, April 29

featured lectures

Medical Ethics for Physicians

Thursday, April 26

and

**Tradition and Change: Innovation and
Evolution in Jewish Law**

Friday, April 27 - Sunday, April 29

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NEW FOR THIS YEAR

New Members Class: Navigating Your Jewish Journey

Spend two evenings with our Clergy as they share the vision, values and ideals that guide our congregation. A chance to get to know each other in a personal setting.

November 16 at the home of Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

November 30 at the home of Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro



Living Our Faith by Helping Others

RABBI AARON KRUPNICK

Judaism equips us to be more than just a shoulder to cry on. Join Rabbi Krupnick for two 3-part series that offer practical advice for helping others through tough times.

Fall Sessions

This fall series is targeted to parents whose kids have gone to college or will in the near future.

- Session One: Helping a Friend Who is Depressed
- Session Two: Meeting the Needs of Aging Parents
- Session Three: Helping Friends When a Marriage Has Failed

Spring Sessions

The spring series is for Beth El's HaBonim Group.

- Session One: Expecting the Unexpected - Preparing for Life Altering Change
- Session Two: When You are Running on Empty
- Session Three: Helping a Friend Who is Dying

Sessions will be held in Beth El members homes. For more information, contact Shari Smith at the Beth El office.

Raising Amazing Kids: The Early Years, The Elementary School Years, The Early Teen Years

Gather with Rabbi Noah Arnow and Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro to discuss parenting skills and strategies that reflect our Jewish values.

Fall Session

Rabbi Noah Arnow

Three Sunday evenings in the fall geared for parents with young children ages 0-5.

Winter Session

Rabbi Noah Arnow

Three Sunday evenings in the winter for parents of children who are in elementary school.

Spring Session

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro

Three Sunday evenings in the spring for parents of children who are in their early teens.

Meetings will be held in homes of Beth El members. For more information, contact Rabbi Noah Arnow at narnow@bethelsnj.org

Parent Sunday Lunch: Community Building 101

Get to know the other parents in your grade in a social setting with Rabbi Arnow while your kids participate in the Beth El Youth Groups' Machar (K-3) & Chaverim (4th & 5th grade) events! Sundays immediately following Religious School

Rabbi Noah Arnow

10/16/11 - Kindergarten
11/20/11 - 6th Grade
12/11/11 - 1st Grade
1/22/12 - 3rd Grade
2/26/12 - 4th Grade
3/18/12 - 5th Grade
4/11/12 - 2nd Grade



RSVP to Rabbi Arnow at narnow@bethelsnj.org

ON-GOING

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer, Study and Song: The Wednesday Morning Minyan

7:30 AM • Chapel
RABBI NOAH ARNOW, HAZZAN ALISA POMERANTZ-BORO, HEDDA MORTON, HELENE KRUPNICK

A participatory service followed by breakfast and a lively discussion.

THURSDAYS

Beth El Adult Choir

7:00 - 8:00 PM • Social Hall C
HAZZAN ALISA POMERANTZ-BORO
Be a part of this amazing group. You don't have to read music, you just have to love to sing.



SUNDAYS

Chanter with the Cantor

11:00 AM • \$36
Weekly, when Religious School is in session
HAZZAN ALISA POMERANTZ-BORO



Learn the "trope" that represents the pattern of musical notes for chanting the Torah and become a member of the Hazzan's Frequent Reader Program.

EVERY SHABBAT

Shabbat Torah Talk

10:15 - 10:45 AM • Boardroom
RABBI NOAH ARNOW
Want to learn about the Parsha of the Week? Come to Rabbi Noah's Shabbat Torah Talk, a weekly discussion during the Torah Reading.

OCTOBER

16 SUNDAY Habonim Supper in the Sukkah

6:00 PM • \$20 (payable to Habonim)
RABBI AARON KRUPNICK
Enjoy Sukkot dinner in Beth El's Sukkah with old and new friends with guest speaker Rabbi Aaron Krupnick.

16 SUNDAY Parent Sunday Lunch: Community Building 101

12:00 Noon
10/16- K, 11/20-6th Grade, 12/11-1st Grade, 1/22- 3rd Grade, 2/26- 4th Grade, 3/18- 5th Grade, 4/22- 2nd Grade
Get to know the other parents in your grade in a social setting with Rabbi Arnow while your kids participate in the Beth El Youth Groups' Machar (K-3) & Chaverim (4th & 5th grade) events! Sundays immediately following Religious School; monthly, one grade per month.

17 MONDAY Men's Club Schnapps in the Sukkah Meets Torah on Tap

6:30 PM
RABBI NOAH ARNOW
BYOS(schnapps) to this merry gathering and learn a piece of Talmud on Sukkot.



18 TUESDAY Beth El Sisterhood in the Sukkah

6:30 PM • \$20 (payable to Sisterhood)
Learn how you can help Jewish infants and toddlers have a better start in life.

Please bring a small baby gift, such as a rattle, bib, onesie, etc. to donate to JAFCO

24 MONDAY Women's League for Conservative Judaism Presents: Great Controversies in Jewish History

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM • \$75
5 sessions: 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5
HELENE HERMAN KRUPNICK
Was there ever only one approach to Judaism? Explore the great controversies in Jewish history from ancient through modern times. Discover how the Jewish gifts of debate, diversity and creativity have become our hallmark and our greatest strength.



25 WEDNESDAY The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning - Two Wednesdays

7:00 PM
10/26 & 11/2
HELENE HERMAN KRUPNICK
How does Jewish tradition seek to bring comfort and meaning to our lives during our most difficult times?



This two session course will address the "whats", "hows and "whys" of the Jewish ritual surrounding death and mourning.

27 THURSDAY

Library Short Story Discussion Group Sessions

1:30 PM • \$18
8 sessions: 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 1/26, 2/23, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24
AMY KAPLAN
Participate in an open and engaging discussion of fascinating works, new and old.



25 TUESDAY



KNIT-zvah
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
\$25 plus Material Fees
4 sessions: 10/25, 11/1, 11/22, 11/29

SUSAN ASBELL
Learn how to knit while doing a mitzvah. Master teacher Susan Asbell will guide you step by step and help you create a hat and/or scarf to add warmth to those undergoing treatment. Material list to be provided.

30 SUNDAY Chanter with the Cantor

11:00 AM • \$36
Weekly, when Religious School is in session



HAZZAN ALISA POMERANTZ-BORO
Learn the "trope" that represents the pattern of musical notes for chanting the Torah and become a member of the Hazzan's Frequent Reader Program.

NOVEMBER

6 SUNDAY Rabbi's Sunday Morning Nosh & Drash - Innovation in Jewish Law: Insights into the Wisdom of Rabbi Elliot Dorff

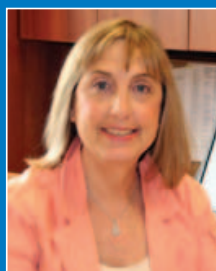
9:00 AM
Chapel and Sanctuary A
11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11
RABBI AARON KRUPNICK
Come to Sunday morning minyan, have breakfast with your fellow 'daveners' and enjoy a bit of learning with Rabbi Krupnick on the teachings of Rabbi Elliot Dorff, the premier scholar on innovations in Jewish law. (till 10:30)

16 & 30 TUESDAY A New Members Class : Navigating Your Jewish Journey

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11/30/11
At the home of Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro
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22 TUESDAY Read Hebrew in 8 Weeks

7:00 PM • \$36
8 Weeks: 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
YAFFA FUCHS
Crash course in Hebrew reading. Basics of the alphabet, vowels and vocabulary.



24 WEDNESDAY Torah on Tap

8:30 PM • TBD
5 sessions: 11/16, 1/18, 2/15, 3/28, 5/16, & Tuesday, June 12
RABBI NOAH ARNOW
Enjoy a lively conversation about Torah while drinking a cold one.



30 WEDNESDAY Pirkei Avot: Timeless Wisdom for the Modern Age IV

12:00 Noon • \$36
5 sessions: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/11
RABBI AARON KRUPNICK
The cornerstone of Jewish Ethics from the Talmudic Age gives you advice you can use all the time. Open to all.

DECEMBER

1 THURSDAY

Cooking with Chef Louis: A Taste of the Mediterranean

7:00 PM • \$25 per session

3 Sessions: 12/1, 1/12, 3/15

LOUIS RUTTENBERG

If you love to cook and eat, then you don't want to miss this series with master chef Louis Ruttenberg focusing on Mediterranean cuisine.



JANUARY

21 SATURDAY

Sisterhood Shabbaton

Join your Beth El Sisters for a Shabbat of prayers, good food and spiritual growth. All are welcome. No Fee.

FEBRUARY

5 SUNDAY

The Phil Podell Memorial- World Wide Wrap

9:00 AM

RABBI NOAH ARNOW

Join Men's Clubs around the world for a "how-to" service with Tallis and T'fillin for men and women.



26 SUNDAY

Habonim Book Club

10:00 AM

AMY KAPLAN

Join us for a lively discussion of a Jewish short story with Beth El's premiere librarian, Amy Kaplan.



MARCH

4 SUNDAY

The AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington DC

3/4, 3/5, 3/6

Join Rabbi Krupnick and other members of Beth El as we send a delegation of pro-Israel advocates to Washington to lobby our local and state congressional leaders. Learn the latest insights into the most pressing issues in large lectures and smaller workshops.

\$399 per person if you register before 12/1/11 at www.aipac.org.

Call Shari Smith for more information.



29 WEDNESDAY

Sisterhood Dine and Study

7:30 PM • Fees TBD

RABBI AARON KRUPNICK

Enjoy good food and conversation as you study with Rabbi Aaron Krupnick.

APRIL

14 SATURDAY

Men's Club Shabbat

Enjoy a Shabbat morning led by our Men's Club. Rabbi Krupnick's talk will be "Being Male Doesn't Make You a Man" - Pesach lunch to follow.

26 THURSDAY

Café 64 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

8:00 PM

A joyous evening, sponsored by Beth El's Israel Committee to celebrate the State of Israel's Independence Day.



26-29

THURSDAY - SUNDAY

Rabbi Elliot Dorff: Scholar in Residence

Spend the weekend with our Scholar in Residence, Dr. Rabbi Elliot Dorff, the Conservative Movement's premiere scholar on Jewish theology, law and ethics.

Rabbi Dorff is the Rector and Distinguished Professor of the Philosophy at the American Jewish University, the Chair of the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, served on the editorial committee of 'Etz Hayim', the new Torah commentary for the Conservative Movement, has been awarded the 'Journal of Law and Religion's' Lifetime Achievement Award, is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the Ethics Advisory Committee for the state of California on stem cell research, the author of twelve books and more than 200 articles and 'responsa' on Jewish thought law and ethics.

Thursday Night

6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Lecture
Medical Ethics for Physicians

Friday - Sunday

Tradition and Change: Innovation and Evolution in Jewish Law

**SPEND THE
WEEKEND
LEARNING**



MAY

26 SATURDAY

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Be part of the tradition; stay up late and learn at our annual Erev Shavuot Torah Study Session

JUNE

10 SUNDAY

Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Hazzan Randy Herman Live In Concert

7:00 PM • Social Hall

*Eclectic
music for
every palate...*

