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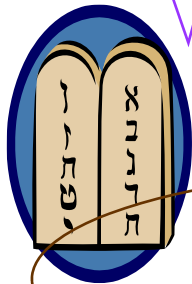


CHANUKAH



FIRST FRIDAYS

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CoLeL
Community of Lifelong Learning
at Congregation Beth El



WEDNESDAY
MORNING MINYAN

SUNDAY IN
THE PARK



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
FAMILY B'YACHADS



CONFIRMATION
CLASS TRIP



TORAH
TALK



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Allen Wilen

Fall is here and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are past, this is the time of year that I love the most. The leaves begin to turn, the kids are back in school and the lists of things happening at Beth El are endless. One look at the calendar for the month of October's list of things and you realize how much programming we have here at Beth El. When a congregant says they don't feel connected to Beth El, I have a hard time understanding why. We have something going on every day, whether it is a Mommy and Me class, morning minyan, religious school, Torah on Tap, an adult education class, the list is endless. Please take advantage of all the opportunities for both

social and educational programming here at Beth El.

I would be remiss in announcing Roselee Redelheim's retirement after this school year. She and her late husband Phil have been an integral part of the Beth El family for over 30 years. Roselee will be around through the beginning of the next school year to aid in transition to our future Early Childhood Director. I am excited that Sandy Brown and Stephanie Blackman will be leading a search committee to find the best suited Early Childhood Director in the country.

See you in shul!

First Fridays at Beth El



Join congregants & clergy for a new
Beth El tradition

An evening of Shabbat togetherness for all ages

5:45pm Snacks for the Kids

6:00pm Family Evening Services

6:45pm Community Dinner

First Friday of every month. Open to the community.

For more information please contact Mike Blum at
michaelblum@bethelsnj.org



Membership Welcomes

our newest members:

Jason and Alicia Harding
Rabbi Micha and Deborah Liben
Steven and Nitza Goldfrad
Jason and Lisa Ravitz
Michael and Toby Miller
Amir and Virginia Friedman
William and Debbie Morowitz
Kevin and Bobbie Cherkas
Michael and Deena Neuwirth
Lewis Silverman
Theodore and Bernice Pearlman
Linda Markoff
Jeffrey and Lisa Edna

And the Beat Goes On....



JOIN US

for



Wednesday Morning Minyan

7:30am

Pray, schmooze, nosh, learn

Sponsored by Beth El Sisterhood

RABBI NOAH ARNOW**Wednesday Minyan**

I hope the holidays this year were meaningful and holy and a productive time for focusing on self-improvement. Here at the synagogue, we are constantly striving to create more and deeper moments of meaning and connection - to God and community.

One success of the past two years at Beth El has been breakfast and study following Wednesday morning minyan. After praying together, we come together for food and conversation, led by a rotation of teachers, including Hazzan Pomerantz-Boro, Helene Krupnick, Hedda Morton and myself. This year, we will be trying to focus our study on the holidays and seasons as they arrive and especially on the prayers and liturgy unique to each holiday and season. We'll try to demystify some of the prayers that are added to the service for special days, whether for *Rosh Hodesh* (the new month), the winter, Hanukkah, Purim or Pesach.

Additionally, we are adding a new element to the Wednesday morning minyan experience. Each Wednesday morning, one of the clergy will lead the *tefillot* (prayers). On Wednesdays, we will not repeat the *Amidah* (standing prayer), and we will use the extra time simply to *daven* (pray) a little slower, with a little more singing. Other days we will use the extra time for some learning or study in the midst of the *tefillot*. Perhaps we'll look at the *Shema* for a moment or two and explore its central messages before proceeding to actually recite and pray the *Shema*.

Our hope is that Wednesday mornings will become even more of a special time for learning, praying and community. Minyan Wednesday mornings begin at 7:30am and breakfast and study run from about 8:25-9:00am. We hope you will come one day and even make it a regular part of your week.

Wednesday morning is not the only day for prayer, study and community though! Our robust Thursday morning minyan always features Torah reading (we read Torah twice on Shabbat, as well as on Monday and Thursday mornings), a bagel and lox breakfast and a short but always lively *d'var Torah*, usually from Rabbi Krupnick, about the week's *parasha* (Torah reading). Again - all are invited - just show up on a Thursday morning for minyan at 7:15am (Torah reading takes a few extra minutes, so we start a little early) and breakfast at about 8:25am.

We recognize that not everyone is able to attend minyan in the mornings and that is why we hope in the spring to offer a short series, one evening a week for four weeks, doing a similar kind of service and study session afterwards with *mincha/maariv* (the afternoon and evening services). Stay tuned for more details about this and if you are interested, be in touch with me!

Both prayer and study require a kind of discipline. One might hit a home run or sink a three pointer once in a while through sheer luck, but without practice and discipline, the odds of success are low. Coming to minyan is a way of staying in practice for praying and for studying Torah. As Rabbi Krupnick has said, "No one ever looked back on their life and said, 'I wish I had prayed *less*, I wish I had gone to synagogue *less*, I wish I had studied *less* Torah.'"

We'd love to see you at minyan - and we'll save you a bagel!

BETH EL FAMILY

(as of September 16, 2011)

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Andrea Morris, Jackie Pearson

B'NAI MITZVOT:

Annielaurie & Bruce Barrish on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Ashley

Pat & Jules Cwanger on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Jordan Ichilov

Jill & Barry Dubrow on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jesse

Nancy & Ed Jaffee on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Hannah Manders

Bonnie Richman on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Aaron Silverberg

Ronda & Steven Manders on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah Manders

Heidi & Daniel Silverberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron Silverberg

Tami & Roy Steinberg on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Avital and Nadiv in Israel

Judy & Merrick Wetzler on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Carly Wetzler

BIRTHS:Staci & Jeff Cedar on the birth of their daughter, Brianna Leigh
Barbra & Steve Davidoff on the birth of their grandsons, Zachary Drew Davidoff and Seth Benjamin Davidoff, cousins

Charles & Brenda Driben on the birth of their granddaughter, Maxine Cameron Driben

Dorothy & Sam Feigenbaum on the birth of their granddaughter, Brianna Leigh Cedar

Sandy & Don Levenson on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruth Emily Levenson

Harris Leventhal on the birth of two grandchildren, Jack Samson Pearstein and Emily Weiner

Eva & Marvin Schlanger on the birth of their grandson, Jack Philip Schlanger

ENGAGEMENTS/MARRIAGES:

Barbra & Steve Davidoff on the marriage of their son, Brett to Julie Friedman

Barbara & Eric Frantz on the marriage of their daughter, Felicia to Andrew Hurwitz

Marla & Steven Gerber on the marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline to Zachary Lebowh

Peggy & Lou Gold on the marriage of their son, Richard to Micaela Concool

Sue & Larry Handman on the engagement of their son, David to Joanna Bleckier

Terry & Nathan Herskowitz on the marriage of their grandson, Matt Wizmur to Rochelle Manelis

Sylvia Lande on the marriage of her granddaughter, Felicia Frantz to Andrew Hurwitz

Ronni & Mark Reiner on the marriage of their daughter, Dari to Alex Lesser

Robin & Josh Schwartz on the marriage of their son, Andrew "Avi" to Ruthie Newman

Hon. Judith & Leonard Wizmur on the marriage of their son, Matt to Rochelle Manelis

Eileen & Bernie Yaffa on the marriage of their daughter, Susie to Jim Zaslavsky

Shirley Yaffa on the marriage of her grandson, Sholom Yaffa to Julie Ast

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IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

JUDITH LEPOW

Wife of Norman Lepow
Mother of Jennifer (Jeffrey) Appel

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

CECELE GRADINGER

Mother of Samson Gradinger
Mother of Lynne Besen

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

DR. DAVID REDLUS

May his memory be for a blessing

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

ANN EMDUR

Beloved wife of Jerry Emdur

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

JACK SINGER

Beloved husband of Janet Singer

BETH EL FAMILY

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CONDOLENCES TO:

Gloria Andersen on the loss of her mother, Sarah Schor
Lynne Gradinger Besen on the loss of her mother, Cecele Gradinger
Jerry Emdur on the loss of his wife, Ann Emdur
Dr. Samson Gradinger on the loss of his wife, Cecele Gradinger
Norma Kamis on the loss of her aunt, Evelyn Kerzner
Oren Klein on the loss of his grandmother, Chana Yudkovich
Debbie Silver on the loss of her mother, Ruth Davis
Janet Singer on the loss of her husband, Jack Singer
Jerilyn Turoff on the loss of her mother, Theda Kessler
Sharon Usdin on the loss of her mother, Shirley Lieberman
Barbara & Joe Walkes on the loss of their son-in-law,
William J. Pfeiffenberger

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

RONNI REINER

Mother of Bernice Cohen

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

THEDA KESSLER

Mother of Jeri (Allen) Turoff

IN MEMORIAM

The Beth El Family mourns the passing of

BLUHMA SILVERMAN

Mother of Dr. Larry Cohen



HABONIM

(the antidote to an empty nest)

Order your Thanksgiving Pies
made by Diane's Patisserie
from Beth El's Habonim



PIES

Choose from 10" apple, pumpkin,
blueberry, or cherry

\$12 per pie.

All pies are pareve



Order by: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Pick up: Tuesday, November 22

10am to 7:30pm

Please make check payable to Beth El Habonim
Give/send to Margie in the Beth El Office.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pie Choices: _____ Apple _____ Pumpkin
_____ Blueberry _____ Cherry

Attached is a check for \$_____

HAZAK

November 15

1PM

Our Very Special Guest
Rabbi Noah Arnow

Enjoy refreshments as you sit back
& relax with new & old friends.



December 20

1PM

Chanukah "Big Surprise" Bazaar & Meeting

Door prizes & refreshments

For information or questions,
please call Isabel Rudolph (856) 751-2086



Thank you...

We'd like to express our appreciation to
Bonnie & David Gold (Bonel) for their generous
contribution of medical supplies to our shul.
Thanks to them for their many years of kindness.



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER EVENTS

November 6 & 20, December 4 & 11
9AM Chapel & Sanctuary A

RABBI'S SUNDAY MORNING NOSH & DROSH

Innovation in Jewish Law:

Insights into the Wisdom of Rabbi Elliot Dorff

Join in Sunday morning minyan. Have breakfast with your fellow "daveners" & enjoy learning with Rabbi Krupnick on the teachings of Rabbi Elliot Dorff, the premier scholar on innovations in Jewish Law.

Nov. 16: At the home of Rabbi Aaron Krupnick

Nov. 30: At the home of Hazzan Alisa Promerantz-Boro

New Member Class: Navigating Your Jewish Journey

Spend two (2) evenings with our Clergy as they share the vision, values and ideals that guide our congregation.

November 22 & 29, December 6 & 13, January 3, 10, 17, 24

Read Hebrew in 8 Weeks - Yaffa Fuchs

7PM - \$36

Crash course in Hebrew reading. Basics of the alphabet, vowels and vocabulary.

November 24 & 16, January 18, February 15, March 28,

May 16 & June 12

Torah on Tap - Rabbi Noah Arnow

8:30PM - \$\$ TBD

Enjoy lively conversation about Torah while drinking a cold one.

November 30, December 7 & 14, January 4 & 11

Pirkei Avot: Timeless Wisdom for the Modern Age IV

12 NOON - \$36

The cornerstone of Jewish Ethics from the Talmudic Age gives advice you can use everyday.

December 1, January 12, March 15

Cooking with Chef Louis: A Taste of the Mediterranean

Master Chef Louis Ruttenber

7PM - \$25 per session

If you love to cook and eat, then you don't want to miss this series.

BETH EL WELCOMES BACK CONGREGANTS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISRAEL



Jonathan Dubrow

Jillian Finkelstein

Judy & Donald Love

Eva and Marv Schlanger

If you have recently returned from a trip to Israel, please let our office know! Email Bhirn@bethelsnj.org or call 856-675-1166 x407



Sisterhood

PLEASE JOIN SISTERHOOD FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Paid Up Membership Dinner

Helene Krupnick Presents: My Jewish Experience
Around the World - 4 Months on the Road

November 29, 2011

6:30 PM

**FREE to Paid Up Sisterhood Members!
MUST RSVP by November 22nd**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Manicures, Martinis & Mitzvah

Join Z'hava (Young Women's Division of Sisterhood) for a fun night of friends, food and pampering. Come meet other young women from Beth El and spend time with friends you have already. Bring beauty products (shampoo, conditioner, soap) to donate to JFCS's Project Sarah.

December 8th

7:00 PM

\$18.00 and will include 2 beauty services
(manicure, pedicure or facial)

Rizzieri (Voorhees Town Center)

Contact: Robyn Greenberg, rgreenberg@yesbank.com

Please make your check out to Beth El Sisterhood

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____



The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El offers programming for women of all ages and stages of the life cycle.

We offer:

Z'havah programs for women in their 30's and 40's

Educational Programming

Social Action

Game/Bingo nights

Rosh Hodesh Study and Yoga

Fundraising for our shul

(Hanukah Bazaar, Art Auction, Party Showcase)

Torah Fund Brunch/Cards

(support the Jewish Theological Seminary)

And so much more....



Please join Sisterhood today!

Sisterhood Member

\$45

Senior Member (Age 65 or older)

\$36

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch



For over 60 years, the **Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism** has ensured that Conservative Judaism lives & thrives.

Torah Fund provides students with places to live, study & worship in the colleges and universities that educate our future Jewish clergy, scholars, educators & leaders. Funds raised help to support the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles & the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. **Our own Rabbis and Hazzan are products of JTS.**

The women of Beth El's Sisterhood can play a role in Women's League's ongoing commitment to the future of Conservative Judaism by participating in **Torah Fund** in many ways. Donations start at \$18. A Special Gift Donation of \$180 takes you to the Benefactor level & entitles you to this year's beautiful **Torah Fund** pin and 36 special occasion **Torah Fund** cards. You can contact Illene Rubin at illenerubin@aol.com for information on becoming a Benefactor and Ann Miller at ALM4SP@aol.com or Barbara Sharofsky at BTSEPA@aol.com for all other donations or information.

Torah Fund cards are perfect for any occasion & can be purchased for \$4 each throughout the year at our Gift Shop or by contacting one of our **Torah Fund** Secretaries:

Melody Taylor- #795-0767, cht1947@comcast.net

Amy Rossano- #428-0309, amyrossano@gmail.com

Robin Rutberg- #482-0696, jeliro@comcast.net

Your support of **Torah Fund** helps to preserve & promote a strong future for Conservative Judaism by ensuring its future leaders.

Do you have a few hours of week to help out Sisterhood?

We need volunteers to work in the **Judaically Yours Gift Shop.**

Please contact Linda Lazarow at:
(856) 424-3893 or llazarow@msn.com



Caring for Mourners Committee **Nihum Avelim**, needs volunteers as well. If you are interested in assisting Beth El members with their shiva needs (setting up for shiva, clean up, bringing meals, etc), please contact Barb Collik: (856) 321-1415 or bcbg21@comcast.net



Mitzvah Mobile

Can you give a fellow congregant a ride to services or a Beth El event? If so, please contact Lynne Weinstein at lcw@juno.com





COMMUNITY life / Youth groups

Michael Blum, Director of Community Life



A Message to our Young Families

At Beth El we want to continue to welcome and introduce families with young children to the richness of synagogue life. Through our programs, we increase the knowledge base of our parents, thereby promoting Jewish values and practice within the home. Our goals include creating a sense of community and connectedness among our families, both to Beth El and to each other, with the ultimate hope of strengthening a life-long commitment to and love of, Judaism.

Beth El's youth groups are a terrific opportunity for kids to explore being Jewish in dynamic, fun and zany ways with their peers, led by our top-notch youth group advisors. Our kids need their own communities and space to build their Jewish identities and nothing makes being Jewish cooler than doing Jewish with other kids.

We encourage you to join us for a Shabbat family program, youth group event or Congregational Dinner. If there is an idea you would like to share, something you believe would be a great fit for Beth El, please, do not hesitate to be in touch. For more information on any of the Young Family programming, please contact Mike Blum at 856-675-1166 x418.

Stay tuned for more Young Family Programming coming in 2012, including:

How to Make NO Mean NO: A Class for Parents

Young Family Shabbat - Saturday, May 12, 2012

Kid-friendly Family Mitzvah/Tzedakah Project

Wine & Why: A Pre-Passover Wine Tasting & Q&A with Rabbi Noah Arnow

We hope to see you soon!

Mike Blum & Rabbi Noah Arnow

November Calendar

- 11/4 First Friday Dinner & Services
- 11/5 Junior Congregation, Minyan Katan, Tot Shabbat
USY Movie Night
- 11/6 Family B'yachad - 4th grade
- 11/12 Junior Congregation
- 11/16 Torah on Tap, 8:30pm - New Members Class
- 11/18 USY Fall Convention
- 11/19 Junior Congregation, Minyan Katan, Tot Shabbat
- 11/20 Family B'yachad - 5th grade
Sundays in the Park with Dad, 9:30am
Parents' Sunday Brunch (6th Grade), 12:pm
Machar/Chaverim Candy Bingo! 12:00pm
- 11/23 USY Turkey Trot
- 11/26 Junior Congregation
- 11/30 New Members Class

December Calendar

- 12/2 First Friday Dinner & Services
- 12/3 Junior Congregation, Minyan Katan, Tot Shabbat
- 12/10 Junior Congregation
- 12/11 Family B'yachad - 3rd grade,
Parents' Sunday Lunch (1st Grade),
Machar/Chaverim Hanukkah Mitzvah Day
- 12/16 Hanukkah Dinner
- 12/17 Junior Congregation, Minyan Katan, Tot Shabbat
- 12/18 Sundays in the Park with Dad, 9:30am
- 12/24 Junior Congregation
- 12/25 USY Int'l Convention in Philly
- 12/31 Junior Congregation

SINGLES SHABBAT SERVICE

Come One, Come All

Singles, Divorced, Widows and Widowers
Join us for **Shabbat Services at Beth El**



Friday
November 18
8 PM

Friday
December 16
8 PM

in the Chapel - FOLLOWED BY AN ONEG

Meet *singles* from NJ, PA and Delaware.
No Synagogue Affiliation is needed.



This service is open to **ALL** single persons of **ALL** ages.
No reservations are required.

For info. contact: Norma Kamis (856) 662-7916

normatrack@verizon.net

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Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah of the Month

- Marlee & Phillip Lakernick - November 5
- Emma Poulshock - November 5
- Zachary Apell - November 12
- Alexis Miller - November 19
- Danielle Schweitzer - November 19
- Daniel Noah - December 3
- Rebecca Dubin - December 10
- Hannah Yankowitz - December 10
- Noah Shalit - December 17

The Main Street Journal

Ways & Means You Can Support Beth El



THE TREE OF LIFE

LEAF: Purchasing a leaf on Beth El's Tree of Life, which is located inside the Shabbat and Holiday entrance to our building, is the perfect way to commemorate a significant life-cycle event.

Remember your wedding, birthday, anniversary, or your children's B'nai Mitzvah or other accomplishment by having a leaf custom engraved for \$216 (12 times Chai).

STONE: For a more significant addition to the Tree of Life, please consider the purchase of a stone to adorn the bottom of the artwork. Each stone is custom engraved onto an all natural surface and promises to be a source of great family pride for years to come. The cost for each stone is \$500.

To order the leaf or stone, please phone the Beth El office.



BECOME A JACOB'S LADDER MEMBER

Help your Shul by becoming a member of **Jacob's Ladder**.

For an annual contribution of \$1,000, you will be entitled to premium seating at fund raisers, membership in one of our arms (Men's Club, Sisterhood, etc.), waiver of participation in the scrip program, and recognition on a special plaque. Phone the Beth El office for more information.



Memorial Room

Honor your loved ones by purchasing a plaque (\$500) in our Memorial Room

Additionally, the names and yahrzeit dates will appear on the digital screen, scrolling during the yahrzeit week, high holidays and other haggim. Phone the Beth El office for more information.

Beth El is now a member of the

"Jewish National Fund Affiliate Program"

There is **NO** easier way to earn money for Beth El & support Israel at the same time.

The procedure is as simple as a CLICK!

Go to OUR website: www.bethelsnj.org

Click on "support us"/"shop here" and then Jewish National Fund to make your purchase/donation.

Tell all your friends, families & other congregants. Congregation Beth El will reap the rewards.

Plant Trees in Israel, Greeting Cards, Water Certificates, Honor Book Certificates, etc.

Every order placed, Beth El gets 20% commission.

For questions, call
Debbie Drachman at 856-719-9485



Scrip



Chanukah and Thanksgiving are fast approaching. What better time to stock up on SCRIP GIFT CARDS? The SCRIP program is vital to our synagogue. With the cost of everything going up, SCRIP fundraising helps to modify dues increases. It doesn't cost anymore to use SCRIP & Beth El gets a percentage of the card's value.

SCRIP for Shoprite, AMC, Bed Bath & Beyond, Cheesecake Factory, Macy's, Paneras, Starbucks, Kohl's, Bloomingdales, Lands End and UNO'S are just a few available in the BE office.

All SCRIP can be ordered through the synagogue office, or go to the SCRIP web site: www.glscrip.com for a complete list of retailers.

SCRIP is sold Monday through Thursday 10am- 4pm, Friday 10am to 2pm.

Sundays ONLY when religious school is in session.

Visa, Mastercard and Discover Cards are accepted, but checks are preferred to reduce costs.

If you are unable to come to office, WE DELIVER!!!!

To volunteer in this vital program, contact David Lieberman at david.lieberman@dechert.com

WE WISH ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING & HAPPY CHANUKAH.

And Remember.....

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT SCRIP

HELP RAISE MONEY

Congregation Beth El (code:Q2)

Visit your local **TD Bank** to become a member of this program

AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Open an account at **TD Bank** & we'll make a contribution to your organization. **TD Bank** will make an annual contribution based on the average balance in all members' accounts. Checking, Savings, Money Market, CD & Retirement accounts are all included.

Contributions are calculated at 1/2% on Checking balances & 1/4% on Savings, Money Market, CD & IRA balances. Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution & are kept confidential.

If you are already a TD Bank customer, visit any TD Bank location and ask to have your balances included as part of your organization's Affinity Membership Program.



Congregation Beth El is an Amazon Affiliate

Purchases generate a 4% Rebate

Use the *Congregation Beth El* website:

<http://www.bethelsnj.org> as the portal

Click on "Support us" and then on Amazon

Entry to the Amazon site will follow automatically

We have seen more activity in our account with the recent purchases of iPods and TV's, in addition to books and other items. Beth El reaps more income with MORE volume in sales. *It is really simple...give it a try*



DOUBLE DIP!!

Use **Amazon** gift cards (scrip) to pay for your purchase. **One Purchase = Two Rewards.**

Tell your friends!

****** Please note that you MUST enter through the Beth El portal first - EVEN TO BROWSE - for Beth El to receive the rebate.**

Questions: Please contact Mort at Kanovsky@verizon.net



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Go to www.bethelptg.com and you will be re-directed to the ECC's nanosnap page.

The ECC receives a portion of EVERY sale!



1. Go to www.goodsearch.com
2. Enter Early Childhood Center of Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, NJ as your charity
3. The ECC earns \$\$ for every search!
4. ALSO... Shop through GoodShop... The ECC will earn up to 30% of every purchase!

Congregation Beth El ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Giving Today to Secure Tomorrow

Making a commitment to Beth El's Endowment Fund will help ensure that funding will always be available to support & enhance the many important, religious, educational & communal services that Beth El provides to its members & community. There are many ways to participate. You may: Make an immediate contribution of cash, appreciated securities, real estate, art work or other collectibles; Include a bequest to Beth El in your Will; Designate Beth El as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy; Establish a Donor Advised Fund dedicated to the support of Beth El; Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

For more information as to how you can participate in building Beth El's Endowment for the Future please complete this coupon & return it via 1st class mail or e-mail.



Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send me information on participating through:
 Bequests Life Insurance
 Donor Advised Fund Charitable Gift Annuities
 Charitable Remainder Trust
 Immediate Gift of Cash or Appreciated Assets

I have already included Beth El in my estate plans.
 Please let me know how my plan can be included as part of Beth El's **ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE.**

Return to: Congregation Beth El
 Endowment for the Future
 8000 Main Street
 Voorhees, NJ 08043
 E-mail: Endowment@bethelsnj.org

Kiddush Fund

Support our
Shabbat & Holiday Kiddush
*Pay tribute to aliyahs, yahrzeits
 & torah/kimah honors*

(contributions help offset the cost of the weekly Kiddush)

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
 (www.bethelsnj.org),

BY PHONE (856-675-1166)

OR BY MAIL

8000 Main Street, Voorhees, NJ 08043





BETH EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yaffa Fuchs, Educational Director



Award Winning Family B'Yachad Programs in November and December



Shema is for Living Daled (4th Grade)

Family B'Yachad - Sunday, November 6, 10:15

The B'Yachad program is designed to enable children & parents to learn together in a fun, interactive, hands-on manner. In addition, the B'Yachad program will include a beautiful art project that can be the beginning of a family heirloom collection.

Shema is for Living will incorporate the important concepts of the *Shema* prayer into our families' daily lives.

We expect all our parents to attend, but should you not be able, please arrange for your child to be 'adopted' by another family.

"Tzitzit; The Ties that Bind Us,"

Hey (5th Grade) Family B'Yachad Program

Sunday, November 20, 10:15AM

Students & their parents will learn about the concept & importance of the mitzvah of *Tzitzit*. They will learn that it's a mitzvah found in the *Vayomer* prayer, the third paragraph of the *Shema*. They will have fun with *gematria* & learn how to actually tie the intricate knots of the *tzitzit*. The program will take place at 10:15 AM. Parents should make every effort to attend this worthwhile program.

Gimmel (3rd Grade)

Family B'Yachad: My Siddur

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 AM

3rd Graders and their parents will learn about the Siddur, the prayer book that our children receive during their *Chag Hasidur and Consecration Service, Friday, March 2, 2012*. They will also have an opportunity to create a special Siddur cover for the occasion. Each Siddur cover will be unique with the child's Hebrew name on it including a design of their choosing.

Parents should make every effort of attending this program with their child or make arrangements to have their child 'adopted' by another family. (Details will be forthcoming.)

Everyone Has a Name

A Gan (K) Family Project

At BERS we refer to our children by their Hebrew name, the name they received at their Brit or Baby Naming. Our Gan children, with the help of their parents research their Hebrew name in an interactive project. They discover for whom they were named as well as a bit of family history and then present it with their parent(s) to the rest of the class on two Sundays during school. (November 6 & 20)

Secret Shop

December 4th - Religious School Hours

December 5th for ECC

The Religious School Board has gone shopping! Wait till you see the little gifts your children will be able to buy for Chanukah this year.



Bon Voyage...

Confirmation Class will be on their Israel Pilgrimage

Sunday, December 18 – January 1

Say Tzeytchem L'Shalom (Go in Peace)

Shabbat Aliyah – December 17th

REMINDERS:

- November 8: Religious School & Hebrew High School Closed Election Day**
- November 10: Hebrew High School Closed NJEA convention**
- November 13: Religious School Closed NJEA convention**
- November 22 & 24: Hebrew High School Closed Thanksgiving weekend**
- November 23 & 27: Religious School Closed Thanksgiving weekend**
- December 20 - January 1: Religious School & Hebrew High School Closed Winter Break**



News from the Early Childhood Center

(winner of the Solomon Schechter Gold Award)
Roselee Redelheim, Director



September 26, 2011

Dear Friends,

Ten years ago I joined the Beth El staff as Director of the Early Childhood Center and they have been great years indeed. I have worked with some marvelous teachers, gotten to know so many wonderful and supportive parents and most importantly, nurtured and loved hundreds of children as they developed and matured throughout the years.

However, it is now the time in my life when I want to have more time to focus on my children and grandchildren and do some of the things I have been too busy to do during my full time career.

Therefore, after a lot of soul searching, I have made the very difficult decision to retire in approximately 18 months.

In order to assure that the best person is chosen to build on what we have already accomplished and to lead Beth El's ECC into the future, the following plans are under way:

1. A national search for a new Director will begin immediately. The goal is to have the new person begin sometime in the summer of 2012.

2. The new Director will take over the leadership of our school from the outset, but he/she and I will work together from August through the end of November to assure that the transition runs as smoothly as possible for parents, students and faculty. From December 2012 through February 2013, I will be available as a consultant for the ECC program and its Director.

Please know that I am still here giving 110% of my energies, making sure that your children get the very best education and experience. Over the next eighteen months I will continue to work with our staff to bring fresh ideas and renewed vision to our program so that the next Director will have an even higher starting point from which to grow and develop our program.

As always, I am grateful for the support all of you have shown me over the years and I am looking forward to making my final year here a most successful and enriching one for all of us.

Fondly,
Roselee

Roselee Redelheim
Early Childhood Director



**Registration Is Coming Soon....
for September 2012**

Beth El members are invited to enroll their children in advance of everyone else:

January 3 & 4 - at the ECC office

Currently Enrolled Families register **January 5**

Registration is open to the Community on January 9

To make an appointment to discuss class options and to take a tour of the school,
call Roselee Redelheim at 675-1166 ext.420.



BELL LIBRARY NEWS

Amy Kaplan - Congregation Librarian



If it isn't on your calendar yet, now's the time to take note: The annual **Festival of Arts, Books and Culture** opens **Sunday, Nov. 13** at the Katz JCC. This is our community's premier cultural event each year, featuring authors and entertainers. Some highlights of this year's Festival are:

Sunday, Nov. 13, 10:00 AM: Senator Joseph Lieberman

Sunday, Nov. 13, 7:00 PM: Henry Winkler and Marlee Matlin

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 9:30 AM: Haley Tanner, author of the acclaimed novel **Vaclav and Lena**, a novel about two Russian immigrants who meet as children in Brighton Beach and seem destined for each other. This debut novel has received wide acclaim.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 11:00 AM: Amy Ephron, bestselling author of novels and magazine pieces. One of the famous Ephron sisters (including writers Nora, Hallie and Delia) her new book is **Loose Diamonds...and Other Things I've Lost (and Found) Along the Way**. This often-humorous memoir celebrates women's friendships and the enduring effects of parental wisdom, while candidly sharing the author's ups and downs in love, marriage, and life.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 9:30 AM: Katharine Weber, author of the memoir **The Memory of All That: George Gershwin, Kay Swift and My Family's Legacy of Infidelities**. The author's maternal grandmother, Kay Swift, was known for her own music and for her 10-year romance with George Gershwin. The love affair began during Swift's marriage to James Paul Warburg, the banker/economist who advised FDR. This is a candid and insightful insider's view of some very famous and influential figures.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:00 PM: Charles Fox, author of **Killing Me Softly: My Life in Music**. Remember the musical themes to "The Love Boat," "Happy Days," "Laverne & Shirley"? Fox wrote them – and dozens of others. He also wrote "Killing Me Softly," which topped the charts when Roberta Flack recorded it. Fox knows some of the greatest names in the entertainment, film, television and recording industries and in this memoir he reflects on the highlights of his career.

These are just a few of the many programs you'll enjoy during the **Festival of Arts, Books, and Culture**. Be sure to buy tickets now; call the Katz JCC (424-4444). See you at the **Festival!**



In this age of tell-all, show-all, there's not much left to the imagination. Privacy and secrecy are scarce commodities. Even so, there are some areas where the public has limited access and business is conducted among insiders only. One of the last bastions of such commerce is the

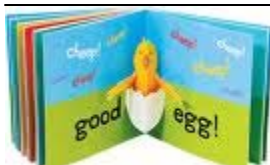
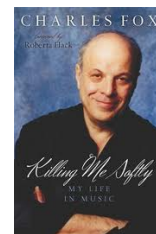
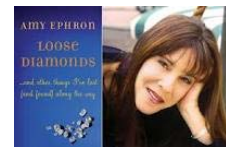
diamond industry. Diamonds may be forever, but exactly how they are mined, cut, brokered and sold is not generally known. In her new book **Precious Objects**,

Alison Oltuski, daughter and granddaughter of diamond dealers lifts the veil of secrecy to take readers inside the closed doors of New York City's 47th Street Diamond District. This is the world of Hasidic (and non-Hasidic) Jews, as well as newer dealers from India and other countries. We learn that deals are closed with a handshake and the word "mazal," regardless whether the seller/buyer are Jewish. Oltuski introduces us to the giants of the industry as well as some quirky dealers. The author's father, who deals primarily in antique jewelry allows her to carry a chest pack, the hidden pouch diamond merchants carry beneath their clothes to transport a fortune in diamonds from one dealer to another. Oltuski gives background information about the history and ethics of diamond mining, but it is in her portrayal of the people, often multi-generational diamond families that the book "shines". If you've ever worn a diamond, admired a diamond, or just been curious about what goes on behind those doors on 47th Street, **Precious Objects** book will fascinate.



The Library's **Short Story Discussion Group** will meet on **Thursday, November 17** and **Thursday, December 15** from 1:30 – 3:00 in the Conference Room; refreshments will be served. Our discussions are always engaging and new participants are always welcome.

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. For more information, call the Library (ext. 503).



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Chesvan - Kislev 5772

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		4 Chesvan 1 7:30PM ** KnitzVah	5 Chesvan 2 7:30AM Wednesday Morning Minyan 7:00PM Ex. Com. mtg	6 Chesvan 3	7 Chesvan 4 5:30PM First Friday	8 Chesvan 5 10:15AM Minyan Yeladim 10:15AM Torah Talk 10:30AM Teen Shabbat 11:00AM Minyan Katan USY Movie Night
	9 Chesvan 6 9:00AM Minyan Bkfst "Innovations in Jewish Law" - Men's Club 9:30AM RS 4th Grade Family B'Yachad 10:00AM Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch	10 Chesvan 7 7:00PM Men's Club Mtg 7:00PM Women's League Institute	11 Chesvan 8 Election Day Religious School & HH Closed	12 Chesvan 9 7:30AM Wednesday Morning Minyan 8:00PM Board of Trustees meeting	13 Chesvan 10 Hebrew High DC Trip HH Closed	14 Chesvan 11 Candle lighting 5:37PM
16 Chesvan 13 7:30AM Cook for a Friend 9:00AM Minyan Bkfst "Innovations in Jewish Law" - Men's Club 2:00PM Kadima program RS Closed - NJEA	17 Chesvan 14 7:00PM Men's Club Bowling and MNF	18 Chesvan 15 1:00PM HAZAK mtg 7:30PM RS Board Mtg	19 Chesvan 16 7:30AM Wednesday Morning Minyan 6:30PM Navigating Jewish Journeys- New Member Class 8:30PM **Torah on Tap	20 Chesvan 17 1:30PM Library Discussion Group	21 Chesvan 18 8:00PM Singles Service USY Fall Convention OOB Candle lighting 4:30PM	22 Chesvan 19 10:15AM Minyan Yeladim 10:15AM Torah Talk 11:00AM Minyan Katan
23 Chesvan 20 9:00AM Talit & Tefilin 9:00AM Minyan Bkfst "Innovations in Jewish Law" - Men's Club 9:30AM RS 5th Grade Family B'yachad 9:30AM Sunday in the Park 12:00PM Youth Programs 12:00PM Parent's Sunday Lunch - 6th	24 Chesvan 21 7:00PM Women's League Institute	25 Chesvan 22 7:30PM ** Colel: Knitzvah HH Closed	26 Chesvan 23 7:30AM Wednesday Morning Minyan USY Turkey Trot RS Closed	27 Chesvan 24 Closed Thanksgiving	28 Chesvan 25 Closed Thanksgiving Candle lighting 4:20PM	29 Chesvan 26 10:15AM Minyan Yeladim 10:15AM Torah Talk
1 Kislev 27 Rosh Chodesh Kislev RS Closed	1 Kislev 28 7:00PM Women's League Institute	1 Kislev 29 6:00PM Sisterhood Paid Up Member Event 7:30PM Read Heb 8wks 7:30PM **Knitzvah	1 Kislev 30 7:30AM Wednesday Morning Minyan 12:00PM **Pirke A'vot 6:30PM Navigating Jewish Journeys - New Member	** = Colel		

AM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM	Thursday	7:15 AM
Monday	7:15 AM	Friday	7:30 AM
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Saturday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	7:30 AM		

PM SERVICE SCHEDULE

Nov 1 - 3	6:00PM	Nov 12	4:35PM	Nov 19	4:30PM
Nov 4 - 5	5:40PM	Nov 11	4:30PM	Nov 20 - 24	4:40PM
Nov 6 - 10	4:50PM	Nov 12	4:35PM	Nov 25	4:20PM
Nov 11	4:30PM	Nov 13 - 17	4:45PM	Nov 26	4:25PM
		Nov 18	4:25PM	Nov 27 - Dec 1	4:35PM