

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE SHOFAR

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Congregational Eastern Europe Tour Informational Meeting

Saturday, June 1 | 12:30 p.m. (following services) in the Learning Center

Learn more about this unique, moving and uplifting trip from trip leaders, Cantor Abrams and Dana Yugend-Pepper. If you cannot make this meeting but have an interest, please contact either Cantor Audrey Abrams at aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org or Dana at danabyp@aol.com. See informational flyer in this *Shofar* issue.

Shabbat in the Summer

Shabbat Mornings: Come Learn From Our Summer Darshanim

*Throughout the summer
Beth El congregants
share their insights on the Torah:*

June 14	Sam Gordon	July 26	Richard Spiegel
June 21	Pastor Amy Orstad	August 2	Abbe Payton
June 28	Joey Abramson	August 9	Darcy Gilbert Burke
July 5	Steve Moldo	August 16	Todd Sandler
July 12	Jeff Estrin	August 23	Yoni Binus
July 19	Jessica Koolick	August 30	Marsha Freeman



Save the Date
for our annual
Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Tuesday Night
"Beth El Eats: The Last Course"
June 3

Learning and Desserts under the Stars
More information to follow
REMINDER: Yizkor is Thursday, June 5
during services

Beth El EATS!

Notable Times

חידקנת נרות

May 2	8:04 p.m.
May 9	8:12 p.m.
May 16	8:20 p.m.
May 23	8:28 p.m.
May 30	8:35 p.m.

הבדלה

May 3	9:05 p.m.
May 10	9:13 p.m.
May 17	9:22 p.m.
May 24	9:29 p.m.
May 31	9:36 p.m.

תפילהות

ערב שבת
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

שבת טהרה

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Minha 5:45 p.m.

Minyan מניין

Sunday
9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Daily
7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

General Information

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Sundays.....9:00 a.m.-Noon

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מהビימה a view from the bimah



Rainbows and Slaughtered Meat

by Rabbi Avi S. Olitzky

The 33rd day of the counting of the Omer (Lag Ba'Omer) falls during the month of May this year. Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai (Rashbi) died on Lag Ba'Omer, and it is taught that on the day of his death, Rashbi revealed deep mystical secrets which formed the basis of the Zohar and Kabbalah.

We also learn from our midrashic tradition that during Rashbi's lifetime, rainbows never appeared. The Torah teaches us that rainbows first appeared after the Flood when God promised never to destroy the world again. The rainbow is an upside-down bow (as in, bow and arrow), indicating that God turned the Divine weapon upward instead of pointing it down below at us.

The rainbow thus becomes a sign of this promise, even when we perhaps deserve the destruction. Our midrash teaches that when Rashbi lived, his wisdom and merit were so abounding that they protected the world—there was no need for such rainbows. And therefore, throughout the generations, children were compelled to play with toy bows and arrows on Lag Ba'Omer.

I wasn't allowed to play with guns, or GI Joes, or swords or any toy weapons when I was a child. My parents wanted the pain and reality of a world that necessitates such tools of defense and offense to stay outside the doors of our home. Instead, they raised me on a diet of peace and harmony—even calling me “Rainbow Boy” as a child. Granted, I inherited stubbornness from both my parents, but my parents – my teachers – taught me to go out into the world and pursue peace.

For my mother, peace often found its beginnings around the dining room table. On occasion, people would be invited over for dinner to work out disagreements. And more recently, my mother founded the non-profit Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom – with many conversations taking place over holiday meals and traditions – in order to build strong relationships between Muslim and Jewish women. All of this based on developing trust and respect and ending anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish sentiment.

One week before Lag Ba'Omer this year, we are fortunate to have Cornell Food Science Professor Joe Regenstein as our Stillman Torah Scholar in Residence (May 9th-10th). Not only will Professor Regenstein share with us the fascinating story of how he helped Oreos become kosher, but he will also touch upon his mission to work with the Muslim Community to address anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in Europe, as well as how our communities can come together over our mutual understandings of Kosher and Halal practices. What better year than during Beth El Eats to focus on Food Science as a vehicle for peace and understanding!

The mystical message of the period of the counting of the Omer is not only spiritual introspection and reflection, but a renewed commitment to working toward peace between all peoples. This is the valley we pass through as we climb the mountain toward Shavu'ot, ready and willing to embrace and accept God's Torah. And if we're successful, perhaps we will one day merit a world without rainbows too.



May 10, 2014 • 10 Iyar 5774

Behar

BAILEY YABLONSKY

ברוך בן מאיר וטשעראַן

Son of Rich & Susie Yablonsky

Honoring Bailey on his bar mitzvah, his parents, Rich & Susie Yablonsky, are sponsoring the kiddush.

Mitzvah Program: It's important to me to know that no one ever goes hungry. This is why one of my favorite mitzvot has been going to Feed My Starving Children and helping to pack meals for those in need. I am planning on not only donating more time to pack more meals, but also donating a portion of the money that I receive for my bar mitzvah to this organization. I have also made a donation to Headway Emotional Health Services to help children who don't have money for shoes, clothing and other basic supplies to purchase those things so that they can go to school to learn.



May 24, 2014 • 24 Iyar 5774

Bemidbar

YONAH DAVIS

יונה שי בן הרב אלכסנדר הכהן ואסתר מריאם

Son of Rabbi Alexander Davis & Esther Goldberg-Davis

Honoring Yonah on his bar mitzvah, his parents, Rabbi Alexander Davis & Esther Goldberg-Davis, are sponsoring the kiddush & congregational Shabbat luncheon.

Mitzvah Program: Ma'akhil Re'eivim – feeding the hungry – is an important mitzvah for me. I am bothered that people go hungry and I believe it is our responsibility to look out for one another. To help, I have volunteered at STEP, Second Harvest Heartland and Kids Against Hunger. When in Israel, I helped an organization called Leket collect tomatoes left in the field. I have also volunteered with NCJW Stuff for Schools – a program that helps kids who are homeless or poor by providing them with new school supplies. Hunger and homelessness are pressing issues, and I plan to donate a portion of my bar mitzvah gifts to those causes.



May 17, 2014 • 17 Iyar 5774

Behukotai

JOSEPH RENDLEMAN

יחיאל מרדכי בן בן-ציוון טבע וחוה מלכה

Son of Tyler & Kathy Rendleman

Honoring Joseph on his bar mitzvah, his parents, Tyler & Kathy Rendleman, are sponsoring the kiddush & congregational Shabbat luncheon.

Mitzvah Program: My family and I have done many mitzvot over the years, but I will be performing a mitzvah this summer that I will always remember. I am going to be partnering with Appetite for Change to build a green house. Appetite for Change is a non-profit organization located in North Minneapolis that teaches kids to make healthy, inexpensive meals to help their family bond and eat more nutritiously. We will work side by side with them to put up an insulated greenhouse so that they can continue to grow fresh vegetables in the harsh conditions of the Minnesota winter.



May 31, 2014 • 2 Sivan 5774

Naso

ARI SMOLEN

שמחה ריביד בן צבי יוסף וצביה יוספה

Son of Howard & Robin Smolen

Honoring Ari on his bar mitzvah, his parents, Howard & Robin Smolen, are sponsoring the kiddush & congregational Shabbat luncheon.

Mitzvah Program: Helping animals has always been a big part of my life. I love animals so, every year my family always gives money to the American Humane Society and when I have the time I visit the nearest AHS and look at the animals and show them that they are loved. I also donated to the World Wildlife Fund and even "adopted" a tiger which meant that I donated to help tigers and they gave me a picture of a tiger that I had saved and that was very exciting because I knew that the tiger will be safe and will not be killed. I am so glad that I can help animals that are injured with just a couple of dollars and that I can visit those animals and show that they are loved and everything will be alright.

As part of the Beth El family, Rabbi Davis and Esther Goldberg invite you to celebrate their son's Bar Mitzvah with them.



באורשר וכבלב מלא אהבה אנו מזמיניםכם להשתתף

בשמחת בר מצווה של בנינו

יונה שי

כ"ד אירן תשע"ד ♦ ל"ט בעומר
פרשת במדבר

Share in our joy as our son

YONAH SHAI

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Morning Parshat Bamidbar

24 May 2014 ♦ 24 Iyyar 5774

9:00 am

Beth El Synagogue

5225 Barry Street West

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Congregational lunch following tefilot

Esther Goldberg-Davis & Alexander Davis



Son of Capital Campaign

By John Orenstein, Beth El President

We are just too good.

We raised a lot of money – that is, you contributed a lot of money – toward reconstructing our building, and what happened? We ended up with a magnificent building.

We spent lots of time and energy on the Aleph Preschool, and what happened? Suddenly everyone wants to send their kids there. In five years, enrollment almost doubled, from 65 to over 120, and we're expecting over 130 next year. We hoped we'd have growth, but we didn't think it would happen this fast. And more Aleph Preschool kids means more b'nai mitzvah students down the road; even now, there are a lot of future b'nai mitzvah waiting in the wings (as you know if you've tried to reserve a date).

In other words, as great as our building has become, it's already bursting at the seams. We are the victims of our own success.

What do we do about it?

I'm happy to say the board has approved a plan – a combination of three construction projects. These won't expand the building, but they'll make much better use of what we have. The three pieces go like this:

Aleph Preschool. Two of the previously unrenovated rooms on the second level, past the office, will be turned into new preschool classrooms. By the time you read this, that part of our project will already be well under way, in order to be ready for the 2014-15 school year. One of the new classrooms will be entirely underwritten by the Marlys and Elliott Badzin National Speaker Series.

Stage. This is the least used part of our building today: it has become a storage area rather than a performance venue. You may have noticed that when we have Bemah coffeehouses and other performances in the social hall, we usually build a stage in front of the stage; and in that case, you may wonder why we need a stage at all. To be brutally honest, we don't. The current stage therefore will become two new areas: a hall and a meeting room. The new hall will extend the current social hall but also be separate from it as needed; so it will be a place for a private reception or dinner, but it will also open up more seating for our often sold out speaker events. Above the hall, on the second floor, there will be an all-purpose meeting and education room, an improvement on the Bright Board Room (which will be lost as we create the new classrooms in that spot).

Chapel. The chapel will be renovated. This one, I know, is a little surprising. We all have a lot of memories tied up in the Fiterman Chapel; it's a space that means something to many of our members. Its configuration, though, allows for very limited use. It can't effectively house our Apples and Honey service, which regularly attracts 75 people trying to sit in the round on the floor with toddlers. It can't effectively accommodate study groups that overflow from the Learning Center. It doesn't allow for alternatives in seating or for placement of musical instruments, innovations that congregations all over the country, in the decades since the chapel was built, have used to make Shabbat and weekday services more engaging for more people. And with the displacement of TaRBut students from upstairs classrooms, we'll need additional space for b'nai mitzvah training. The plan, then, is to replace the current pews with flexible (but comfortable!) seating, without disturbing the warm, intimate feeling that many of us find in the chapel today. It will be a much more usable space, more what a large, diverse congregation in the 21st century needs.

How are we going to pay for it?

We're in discussions with a number of our members who understand that as successful as our big reconstruction was, it isn't quite finished. And they understand Beth El needs to do more than meet the needs of the moment; we have to provide for growth. It may seem strange to say that in an era when Jewish communities, and synagogues in particular, are worried about surviving to the next generation at all. But the fact is, we have a vital, vibrant Beth El community, and we're reaching out to new people – through the preschool, through our clergy team, and otherwise – all the time. It isn't just about space: it's about giving our rabbis, our cantor, and our teachers the tools to make Beth El a place that engages people who want to make Judaism a part of their lives and the lives of their families. That's how you survive, and thrive, for the next generation. We're lucky to have people in our congregation who share this vision and are willing to be very generous to help us get there.

I know you'll have questions, more than I can answer in a column in the Shofar. Please ask by e-mailing me at jorenstein@rossbizlaw.com, or ask the rabbis, Cantor Abrams or Linda Goldberg. We'll be glad to hear from you. (And if you want to help, we'll be happy to hear from you too.)

In the meantime, let's be grateful that we have the best problem there is: what to do in the face of success.

We Hope You Received Our Passover Phone Greeting

In the week leading up to Pesah, a team of 18 amazing volunteers called every member household in our Beth El family. The goal for the call was heartfelt and simple -- to deliver a “Hag Sameiah” message and to say “thank you for being part of our congregation”.

If you did not receive a phone call or message from us, we want to hear from you; it might be due to not having your updated contact information. Please contact Abbe Payton, Director of Engagement and Outreach, at apayton@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7300, to provide your best phone numbers(s) and updated email.

Many members whom we reached in person were thrilled to receive the phone call. Here are some of their appreciative comments:

“What a wonderful call.”
 “This has never happened to me before;
 thank you.”
 “What a pleasure...very sweet of you.”
 “You made me smile.”
 “This is such a nice idea!”
 “What a lovely surprise!”

Special thanks to Alan Yousha and Bonnie Bongard Goldish who led this *Calling All Members* effort, part of our synagogue-wide Warm and Welcoming initiative.



We Got Daveners, Yes We Do, We Got Daveners, How about You?

by Cantor Abrams

One of the things that makes me so proud to be part of Beth El Synagogue - and one of the main reasons I moved to Minneapolis in the first place - is the competency of this community/congregation in their ability to lead services. We have so many men and women who willingly and regularly lead our daily and Shabbat services. We whole-heartedly thank them for their dedication and service.

I want to especially highlight those youth who have participated these past four months when we have not had any b’nai mitzvah. These kids, may not have led services since their bar/bat mitzvah, but they stepped up to lead all parts of the services. They led Kabbalat Shabbat, Shaharit, Torah Service, Hallel, Ashrei, Musaf, and Kiddush. Many more read Torah (some even got up Monday and Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. to read), Haftarah, Megillat Esther and Shir Hashirim. I couldn’t be prouder of their commitment and abilities. It is my hope that these kids, and many more, cherish these skills as a meaningful and important part of their lives. May they deepen their spirituality and continue to serve in whatever communities in which they eventually settle.

Special shout-outs to our teenage services leaders and Torah/Haftarah/Megillah readers: Benjamin Aronow, Shira Aronow, Lilyanne Bernard, Talor Blustein, Josh Borkon, Tomer Bundt, Ezra Cohen, Anthony David, Kobi Davis, Micah Davis, Yonah Davis, Emma Feinberg, Ethan Feldman, Shayan Gilbert Burke, Isaac Gittleman, Sam Gittleman, Hannah Goldenberg, Sophie Goldenberg, Jamie Halper, Josh Halper, Maya Halpern, Sasha Hausman, Gigi Herman, Sam Herman, Brianna Johnson, Ivy Kaplan, Lilly Kaufman, Lily Kivens, Lee Lehman, Isabel Leviton, Ilana Meisler, Dani Orloff, Sam Orloff, Hannah Parnes, Sarah Parnes, Ari Pepper, Lucy Rendleman, Danielle Rosen, Jocelyn Rosen, Emma Seymour, Jenna Simon, Maya Slovut, Haley Warren, Ari Weinstein, Eitan Weinstein, Ilana Weinstein, Andy Weisman, Olivia Weitz, Mira Wolfe, Abby Yousha, Sarah Yousha.



Please join us on Shabbat Morning, May 17, as we honor our outgoing Youth Director, Mollie Feldman, and wish her well onto her Graduate Studies.

Beth El Book Club

May 20 | 6:30 p.m.

Leslie Levine Adler and Meryll Levine Page | *Jewish Luck*

Meryll Page will be there to discuss the book. *Jewish Luck* recounts the intertwined stories of two women who - in their struggles against the anti-Semitism and patriarchy of the Soviet regime and the rebranded "New" Russia - succeed by creating their own luck.

June 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Please join us to help suggest books for our 2014-2015 reading list. Men are welcome, too.

Book Club questions? Please contact Debby Deutsch at debdeutsch11@gmail.com or 612-718-6250.



Thanks to all the families who offered to open their homes to folks in need of a place at a seder table. Your generosity and warmth is much appreciated by your congregation -- as well as those with whom you shared the holiday.

Student Scholarship Recipients

This year, 42 of our youth are recipients of Beth El scholarship funds which will enable them to attend Jewish summer camp programs or Israel programs. We are delighted to grant these scholarships on the basis of service to our synagogue. These monies are made possible by the generosity of our members and the many endowment funds which they have established. We are grateful to all those who have endowed these funds in the past. Research has shown that Jewish summer camping and Israel trips are vital in ensuring the strengthening of Jewish identity. If you are interested in endowing such a fund, please contact Susan Lieberman, Foundation Director, sieberman@bethelsynagogue.org, 952-873-7309, or Rabbi Davis at the synagogue. The following students have received camp and Israel scholarships:

Camps

92nd Street Y –	Ramah
Passport NYC	Izabelle Gilbert Burke
Sasha Hausman	Shayan Gilbert Burke
Camp Chi	Josh Halper
Max Seffren	Jordan Klein
Herzl Camp	Josh Livon
Joshua Borkon	Dena Rosen
Ezra Cohen	Elliot Schochet
Emma Feinberg	
Adam Friedman	
Jillian Greenberg	
Max Haskovitz	
Gabrielle Herman	
Zollie Kaplan	<u>Israel Programs</u>
Lilly Kaufman	BBYO-Passport
Lily Kivens	Delia Koolick
Lee Lehman	
Isabel Leviton	USY – Israel
Sydney Pomish	Hannah Goldenberg
Jenna Simon	Jamie Halper
Maya Slovut	Kyla Kristal
Lily Smith	Polly Lehman
Jordyn Stillman	Shoshana Leviton
Elana Warren	Daniel Marschinke
Haley Warren	Hannah Segelbaum
Ilana Weinstein	Jacob Smith
Andy Weisman	AJ Yablonsky
Mira Wolfe	
Abigail Yousha	

Todah Rabah to all our Teachers and Mazal Tov to our Youth

The following teachers, who serve in our Fiterman B'nai Mitzvah Program on Shabbat and Sunday mornings, as well as our Shorashim teachers and childcare program staff, will be honored on Shabbat morning, May 17th, as we celebrate Shabbat Hinukh Education Shabbat. Graduates from HMJDS and Talmud Torah Middle School & Beit HaMidrash will also be recognized. We say todah rabah to all of our teachers for their wonderful work and dedication. To our graduates and their families, we commend you on your commitment to continued Jewish education and learning. Mazal toy on reaching this milestone.

TEACHERS	11th Grade Staff	Shorashim Staff
TaRBuT Master Teachers	Annie Birnberg	Amanda Awend, Head Teacher
Sam Blustein	Ivy Kaplan	Margie Goldfine, Teacher
Talia Levin	Abigail Klugman	Sydney Katz, Volunteer
Noah Marell	Zoe Mosow	
Rebecca Reich	Hannah Slovut	
Elaine Sadoff	Tracey Warsett	Sha'ar & Babysitting Staff
Brenda Schwartzberg	Isabella Weisman	Deena Livon-Shragg, Teacher
Cantor Jennifer Seeger, <i>Torah Trope teacher</i>	12th Grade Staff	Bridget Resig, Teacher
Bill Torodor	Kaynan Appelbaum	Jane Shkolnik, Teacher
Testers	Abbey Derechin	Sheryl Sue Warren, Teacher
Ethan Friedman	Ethan Friedman	Jordan Klein, Volunteer
Zackary Gilbert Burke, <i>College Age Staff</i>	Molly Galinson	
Age Staff	Ari Pepper	GRADUATES
Ari Pepper	Braden Spencer	Talmud Torah of Minneapolis- Middle School (8th Grade)
Jacob Walder, <i>College Age Staff</i>	Ari Weinstein	Carly Bass
9th Grade Staff	Rimonim Graduates (some of whom have already joined staff)	Jake Birnberg
Adam Friedman	Josh Borkon	Avinoam Bundt
Sam Herman	Adam Friedman	Emma Feinberg
Brianna Johnson	Sasha Hausman	Ethan Feldman
Zollie Kaplan	Zollie Kaplan	Lillette Kaufman
Lily Kivens	Lilly Kaufman	Sydney Neuman
Lee Lehman	Lee Lehman	Jacob Ratner
Josh Livon	Josh Livon	Dena Rosen
Sarah Parnes	Charles Rendleman	Leo Schlaifer
Jordyn Stillman	Jenna Simon	Elizabeth Shapiro
Elana Warren	Maya Slovut	Jenna Simon
Haley Warren	Noah Smith	Maya Slovut
Ilana Weinstein	Jordyn Stillman	Lily Smith
Mira Wolfe	Elana Warren	Andy Weisman
10th Grade Staff	Haley Warren	Amos and Celia Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School (8th Grade)
Talor Blustein	Ilana Weinstein	Samuel Birnberg
Shayan Gilbert Burke	Mira Wolfe	Josh Halper
Sam Gittleman	TaRBuT Parent Volunteers	Jordan Kaplan
Hannah Goldenberg	Barry Nash	Isabel Leviton
Ellie Goldfarb	Howard Sadoff	Ilana Meisler
Jamie Halper	Haftarah Program Teachers	Jessie Rudin
Delia Koolick	Jill Blustein	Elliot Schochet
Kyla Kristal	Zackary Gilbert Burke	Arielle Vlodaver
Polly Lehman	Risa Kessler	Amanda Weinberg
Shoshana Leviton	Randi Rose	Isaac Wert
Aleeza Mandel	Amy Shapiro	Talmud Torah of Minneapolis- Beit Hamidrash (12th Grade)
Daniel Marschinke	Dana Shapiro	Mia Berman
Evan Pomish	Cindy Witkin	Ethan Friedman
Sydney Pomish	Sunday Torah Plus Teachers	Noah Kupritz
Jocelyn Rosen	Jenny Hage	Tim Prohofsky
Max Seffren	Rachel Klein	Ariel Weinstein
Hannah Segelbaum	Sheryl Sue Warren	
Jacob Smith	Dana Yugend-Pepper	
A.J. Yablonsky	Dan Weiss	

Target Field

by Barbara Bach

Take me out to the ball game. Forget the peanuts and Cracker Jack. Buy me a kosher hot dog.

Yes, Target Field has kosher hot dogs again this year brought to you through the efforts of none other than our vegetarian rabbi, Rabbi Avi Olitzky.

In 2011 Rabbi Olitzky met with the members of the food service commissary at Target Field to discuss the possibility of setting up a kosher hot dog stand at the field. Rabbi Olitzky, through MSPKosher, had already certified several local food establishments, and he was eager to extend the kosher eating options available in the Twin Cities.

One of the first things Rabbi Olitzky discussed with the food service people was the need to purchase a new grill to be used exclusively for kosher hot dogs. Along with a new grill, he added, the kosher hot dog stand would also need all new utensils. In order to insure the kashrut of the equipment, when the grill and utensils would not be in use, everything would have to be kept under lock and key. All the food items that accompany hot dogs --- the buns, the soda, the condiments, and the snacks had to be hechshered, that is, certified kosher, and parve. If the certified supply of food products ran out during a game, no substitutions were allowed. If it were possible, Rabbi Olitzky asked that the kosher hot dogs cost the same as the non kosher hot dogs sold at the ballpark. Finally, to insure that everything was always kosher, the hot dog stand would need on-site rabbinic supervision. The Target Field people listened, understood, and agreed.

There was still one major problem to be solved. A question arose about what to do when games were played on Shabbat or Yom Tov. Rabbi Olitzky pointed out that on those days, no rabbinic kashrut supervision would be available. Target Field's commissary said it could not afford financially to shut down the hot dog stand on those days so Rabbi Olitzky and the food service people worked out an arrangement. On game days when a trained Jewish supervisor could not be present, the kosher hot dog stand would be supervised by

members of the commissary staff who would do their best to see that the rules of kashrut were observed. The dates that the kosher hot dog stand has rabbinic supervision and the dates that it does not have rabbinic supervision are posted on the hot dog stand and on the MSPKosher website.

After a Shabbat or Yom Tov game and before the next non-Shabbat/Yom Tov game, a rabbinic supervisor comes to Target Field early in the morning to re-kasher the stand and make doubly sure that everything is still kosher. The rabbinic supervisor opens the refrigerator to check that only the approved kosher and parve foods are in it. The supervisor checks the basket of utensils to make sure that it contains only the kosher utensils. He/she wipes off the grill and the edges of the utensils to clean them, then takes a blowtorch to heat the surface of the grill and the utensils until they reach a temperature higher than any food would be cooked. (On one Sunday morning the blowtorch set off Target Field's smoke alarm. There was no fire, just smoke, but fire trucks came to the scene. Since then, the rabbinic supervisors use a smaller blowtorch.) Neither Rabbi Olitzky, the on-site supervisors, or the blow torch operator are paid for their services.

So why did a rabbi who is a vegetarian donate his time to negotiate for and supervise a kosher hot dog stand at Target Field? Rabbi Olitzky says, "Providing Kosher options in the community is the goal, even if I can't be the one to partake of them. [Hopefully] kosher hot dogs [will] lead to other kosher options in the community...vegetarian, milchig and fleishig alike."

The kosher hot dog stand, "Kosher Dogs", is between sections 113 and 114 of Target Field.

For more information about the Target Field Kosher hot dog stand and the other Twin City establishments certified by Rabbi Olitzky see MSPKosher.org.

Beth El EATS!



Beth El partnered with Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School (HMJDS) last month to help support our adopted MN National Guard unit. The three-prong support included 1. students writing more than 150 letters and notes, which were sent to soldiers with nearly 1000 highly-coveted powdered drink packets. 2. students making over 351 rubber band bracelets in the unit's colors for ALL the troops' family members. 3. Beth El arranging for National Guard representatives to visit HMJDS twice, to educate the students about the power and appreciation of their support of soldiers and their families.

Military Support Committee Update



Thank you to all who helped fulfill the special request from a Minnesota National Guard Chaplain overseas for feminine hygiene products. They were received with "profound appreciation".

Our current adopted unit, the 849th MAC, will be home this summer. We have been asked to stop sending packages to them for now. We are working on lining up our next unit.

We continue to collect items that soldiers request: beef jerky, beef sticks, protein bars, powdered drink mixes, tuna in pouches, trail mix, sunflower seeds, dried fruit, foot powder, shaving supplies, word puzzle books, and card games. Visit <http://beth-el-synagogue-gemilat-hesed.webnode.com/national-guard/> to sign up to donate an item once or on a monthly basis. Please consider bringing something each time you come to Beth El to put in our National Guard boxes located by the Welcome Desk. Monetary donations are also accepted to help with shipping costs. Please make your check out to Beth El with Military Support in the memo. Thank you in advance for your support.

There are currently no packing dates scheduled at this time. Please watch the *Kesher* and *Hakol* for future packing dates.

Contact Co-Chairs of the Military Support Committee if you have any questions or to find out how you can help: Rachel Parnes at rachelparnes@comcast.net 763-519-1370 or Cindy Amberger at cindy.amberger@gmail.com 952-200-1699.

IT'S DELIGHTFUL, IT'S DELICIOUS, IT'S D LEVEY CHEESE CAKES!

Danny Levey, former owner of D Levey Cheese Cake Company is baking cheesecakes for your Shavuot celebration in the Beth El kitchen as a fundraiser for the Gemilat Hesed Committee. Nine inch traditional cheesecake for \$15. 50 limited edition cakes available. Order early. First come, first serve. Pick up Sunday, June 1 from 9 a.m. – noon. Order at www.besyn.org/cheesecake. You may also contact Jeanne Kaufman at jeannekaufman@comcast.net or 763-533-1888.



Yom Kippur Food Drive Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Learning Center**

We are about to plan the biggest food drive in Beth El history. We will be building on the success of last year's drive when we donated 10,000 pounds of food to STEP. This is a fun committee that only meets twice a year and everyone's input is important. Feel free to bring your friends who may be interested in handing out bags, stapling, and publicity. The need for food is greater than ever! This year the committee will be co-chaired by Robin Estrin and Len Zeff.

Why Call the Congregational Nurse?

by Jan Hamilton, RN



This month I'm sending you some thoughts on how I can be helpful to you.

Care conferences when being discharged from a healthcare facility, and often doctor's appointments, are times when it's advisable to have someone with you. What if a family member isn't available? Another pair of ears to hear, another voice to ask questions, and support can be very helpful. **Give the Congregational Nurse a call.**

Finding your way through what is sometimes referred to as "the eldercare maze" can be daunting. It can help to talk to someone who has familiarity with the issues, can answer some questions, and refer you to appropriate resources. It helps to simply talk about the issues. **Give the Congregational Nurse a call.**

Do you have questions about advance care directives? Would you like to know the latest language and protocol? Do you need some clarification on the choices you have? **Give the Congregational Nurse a call.**

Are you undergoing a life transition or feeling overwhelmed by life's present challenge? A confidential, non-judgmental listening ear is available. **Give the Congregational Nurse a call.**

Are you a caregiver who is feeling stretched and depleted, needing more information about resources? Could you use the support of others? **Give the Congregational Nurse a call.**

I do like hearing from you.

Jan Hamilton
jhamilton@bethelsynagogue.org
 952-873-7356

Caring Volunteer Drivers Wanted

We are looking for congregants to help fulfill a great and important need:

- **provide rides to minyan for mourners, so they can say kaddish**
- **provide Shabbat service rides for members that have limited mobility or transportation**

If you are available to share your time and "pay forward" acts of kindness within our Beth El family, please email Jo Ann Gruesner directly at jgruesner@gmail.com, or call 952-873-7300. The Yad'v'lev (Helping Hands, Helping Hearts) Committee would be honored to add your name to our congregation's network of helpers.

Gmilat Hesed Volunteer Opportunities**Second Harvest Heartland**

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

For More Info Contact: Norma Kaplan
schaplan6@comcast.net.

Loaves and Fishes

May 27, 2014

September 23, 2014

November 25, 2014

Cooking, serving, cleaning

For More Info Contact: Diana Rosen
rose0392@umn.edu.

Ronald McDonald House

First Sunday morning of each month

Cook in advance, cook/serve 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For More Info Contact: Sarah Gruesner
smg7381@gmail.com.

Yad V'Lev Committee

Join the YVL committee and receive e-mails for your opportunity to help and comfort members of the Beth El family who are experiencing challenging times. This is accomplished by reaching out with "yad v'lev" open hands and hearts to perform gemilat hesed (acts of kindness). Email: jgruesner@gmail.com.

Shabbat Transportation Service

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation to Beth El from Knollwood Place. Contact Margie Goldfine at smmaahome@aol.com.

**We Need Your Help**

HIPPA laws now prohibit hospitals and nursing homes from releasing names to us. We want to know when you or a loved one are hospitalized or in need of help. Please contact the clergy or our congregational nurse, Jan Hamilton at jhamilton@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7356, who would like to reach out to you and your loved one.



Youth Department Updates: USY Board Elections and Final Banquet

Mollie Feldman, Youth Director

Last month, BERUSY attended Spring Kallah for the final EMTZA Region Convention of the year and also participated in Saturday Night Lights: Twin Cities Jewish Prom. The prom raised \$1500 for local charities and was a great community event. This month, BERUSY will elect its 2014-2015 general and executive board and welcome 8th graders into BERUSY during the final programs of the year and the USY Final Banquet. Please see below for full details:

Magical Mystery Tour and Elections, May 10-11, 9:30 p.m.-10:30 a.m.: Save the date for BERUSY's final program and lock-in! The evening will include mystery bus adventures and an unforgettable night. Elections for the 2014-2015 BERUSY Board will be held during this event, and all 8-12th graders are encouraged to attend.

USY Final Banquet, May 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.: All 8-12th graders and families are invited to the USY Final Banquet. At the banquet, we will recognize outgoing seniors, welcoming incoming freshmen, and install the 2014-2015 USY Board.



**BERUSY seniors enjoy the final
USY Lounge Night of the year.**

**From left: Ari Weinstein, Phoebe Cohen,
Ari Pepper, Rebecca Greenberg, Ethan Friedman,
Josh Scal**

Valleyfair, May 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: 7-12th graders from all Twin Cities Jewish youth groups are heading to Valleyfair! Cost for this event is \$30, including admission ticket and transportation. Please register in advance at besyn.org/valleyfair.

YOW 2014, Aug 29-31: Now in it's 7th year, (Y)outh (O)utreach (W)eekend is an incredible opportunity for Beth El 9-12th graders. This fun and meaningful weekend is completely subsidized and at no cost to participants thanks in part to a generous gift from the Seth Foundation, in loving memory of Seth Karon Z"ל by his parents and brother, Stefanie, Bob, and Jason. YOW is a unique chance to get to know the members of our chapter and enjoy a weekend away. YOW 2014 will be held Aug. 29 - Aug. 31 at the Perlstein Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Registration is now open and spots are limited, so sign-up now at besyn.org/yow!

**Contact Mollie Feldman at 952-873-7330 or
mollie@bethelusy.org with any questions.**

***check the BERUSY website at besyn.org/berusy for additional events and details, and you may view a full calendar online at besyn.org/berusy/calendar**





A Message from the Director

*Karen Burton,
Director of Early Childhood Education, Aleph Preschool*

We had a terrific month of April at Aleph Preschool with all the Passover activities that included a visit to the Shalom Home, Living Legacy Matzah Factory, PreK Passover play, mock Seders and learning all about the holiday. Our annual Pasta Party and Silent Auction was a huge success and we thank everyone for your support. Children and parents enjoyed the evening with dancing to the DJ, face painting and an all you can eat buffet, while finding time to bid on some of the fabulous auction items.

As we move into May we take time to look back over the past year and marvel at how our children have grown and matured. We look forward to our PreK graduating classes. Graduation is a huge milestone and I fondly remember these children as this was the group that started at the preschool just as I began my position as Aleph Preschool Director. Please join us for this special Graduation Ceremony on May 29th at 7:00 p.m.

This month we will celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Lag B'Omer and our Family Spring Shabbat Dinner, honoring our PreK Graduates on May 16. To make a reservation, register online at: www.besyn.org/young-families-shabbat-dinner-spring

Summer is fast approaching and we are preparing for camp, Chaverim B'Shemish. It promises to be a fun filled summer, with field trips, cook-outs, swimming at the Sabes JCC, visit from the Israeli Scouts and so much more. It's not too late to register for the summer and for fall. Register online at: http://bethelsynagogue.org/aleph_preschool/

Please stop by for a visit to see our children in action.

Karen Burton & Sam Gordon

Making Matzah at the Matzah Factory



Visit to the Sholom Home

New Member Family Photos

In the spirit of welcoming families to the congregation – so everyone can put names with faces – we are now offering new families the opportunity to place their photo in the *Shofar*. If you have joined Beth El in the past year, please email apayton@bethelsynagogue.org with a family picture. It is our goal to feature as many photos of new families as possible!



Natasha and Alex Karchevsky with Anya and Deana



Amanda Schwartz and Bryan Savage
at their wedding. Recently the couple
welcomed baby Noah.



Amanda and Greg Simpson with Ben



Shanna and David Jadwin

tributes

Beth El Endowments and Program Funds provide an important source of income, enabling the synagogue to offer added services and programs and to make improvements to the facility. You can honor or remember family members and friends or special events with contributions to any of the Beth El Endowment Funds or Program Funds. Send donations to: Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry Street West, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Indicate the fund to which you want to contribute, the purpose of the contribution, and to whom you would like an acknowledgement sent. A complete listing of funds are available by calling the front desk at 952-873-7300 or donate online at www.bethelsynagogue.org (click on "Donate"). If you would like to establish a new fund in your name or in the name of a loved one, please contact Susan Lieberman, Foundation Director, 952-873-7309.

Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions This list reflects donations made to funds from March 5, 2014 - April 9, 2014. Contributions received after April 9, 2014 will be listed in the June/July 2014 issue of the Shofar. If you **do not** want your name listed, please include a note when you make your contribution.

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Amanda & Berek Awend

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Aleph Preschool Staff

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In Memory Of Anita Walensky Silbert Deikel

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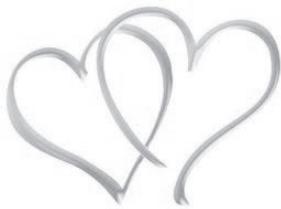
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May Anniversaries

Robert & Susan Yost	
May 8	10th
Marshall & Paula Lehman	
May 13	30th
Scott & Andrea Harris	
May 16	15th
Joel & Barbara Handler	
May 20	35th
Michael & Ellyn Marell	
May 20	30th
Lev & Dina Buslovich	
May 22	20th
Bruce & Sandra Metchnek	
May 22	20th
Harrison & Rebecca Malinoff	
May 24	5th
Paul & Pam Bernstein	
May 28	20th
Todd & Deborah Lehman	
May 29	20th
Charles & Amy Segelbaum	
May 29	20th
Bruce Fraser & Michelle Bigelow	
May 30	10th
Travis & Chera Engstrom	
May 30	10th
Sheldon & Helen Resig	
May 31	55th

Condolences to *(members in bold)*...

- **Maraline and Brian Slovut** on the loss of their husband and father, **Gordon Slovut**
- **Susan Melnick** on the loss of her father, Herbert A. Chernoff
- **Naomi Oxman** on the loss of her father, Rabbi David Younger
- **Barb Weil**, a member of our Aleph Preschool family, on the loss of her mother, Naomi R. Salloway
- **Ron Burton** on the loss of his mother, Dorothy Burton
- Friends and family on the loss of **Ruth Atkin**
- **Harriette Burstein** on the loss of her brother, Alvin Goldstein
- Friends and family on the loss of **Anita Silbert Deikel**
- **Jan Hamilton** on the loss of her sister, Lorraine Hertwig

We welcome our newest members!

B'rukhim Habaim!

Missy and Leonard Blum
with **Eleanor (gr 11), Gabriel (gr 9), Anderson (gr 6),**
and Julia (gr 4)

Trish and Steve Mintz
with **Molly (gr 11) , Sophie, (gr 9) Heidi, (gr 4)**
and Jack (gr 3)

Amanda Schwartz and Bryan Savage
with **Noah (2 months)**

Jennifer and Daniel Spiller
with **Tobin (gr 4) and Abbott (gr 2)**

Welcome New Young Adult Members!

Michelle Kornblit

Debbie Serber

Mazal Tov to...

- The Lehman family on Elaine's 80th birthday.
- Judy Goulin and Elaine Lehman on the birth of her great-grandson born on April 19, Aiden Gene Kealy.
- Reida Lazer-Chein and David Chein and Nessa Lee Laiderman on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Henry Robert Lazer, born March 11 in Silver Spring, MD to parents Grant and Sarah Lazer.
- Bradley Ingber and Rachel Dvorkin on their engagement and to their parents, Diane and Irwin Ingber and Rima and Mike Dvorkin.
- Daphne and Aaron Gaghagen on the birth of their baby boy, Jordan Isaac, on April 9, at 11:09 p.m.
- Jessica Jordani and Ben Feldman on their engagement.
- Amanda and Berek Awend on the birth of their baby girl, Mila Rose, on May 5.
- Dan Gelfand and Katie Amundson on the birth of their little girl, Ruby Ella, on May 3.
- Michael and Andrea Ruby on the birth of their baby boy, David Geoffrey.
- Seth Ozer and his wife Jessica Grodin on the birth of their baby girl on May 8. Grandparents are Annette and Richard Ozer and Elaine Niman.

If you would like to ensure that your or your loved ones' milestone, simha or other celebration are acknowledged in future publications, please contact Abbe Payton, Director of Engagement and Outreach, at 952-873-7303 or apayton@bethelsynagogue.org. Abbe can also provide you with information about how to mark your "mazel tov" with the purchase of an acorn, leaf or dove on our beautiful Simha Tree.



It's Time For You To Strike It Rich!



Join the BETHELDERS and their guests,
the B'nai B'rith-ers & Adath Super Seniors
on a "lots o' winners" trip to:

**Treasure Island Casino
Red Wing, MN
Sunday, June 22, 2014**

10:30 a.m. Departure

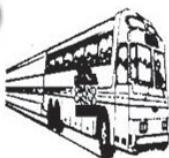
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- Play bus BINGO with hostess, Lori.

→ Receive two free \$25 tickets per household to a Minnesota Lynx basketball game, courtesy of Flip Saunders and Glen Taylor. The ladies won the championship last year.



Bus leaves Beth El Parking lot, West 26th Street, between Raleigh and Salem, at 10:30 a.m. and returns about 5:30 p.m. We only have to stay 4 hours. Reservations are due by June 18, 2014. There are no refunds after that date. Before you mail, call Jerry Bronstien at 952-920-4908 for a space. Book early! There are only 52 seats on the bus and they fill up FAST. This event is open to the general public.

Proceeds from these trips enable the Bethelders to charge less for other events.

Next Event: Lake Minnetonka Boat Ride on Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Mail this form with your \$6 per person check made out to "Bethelders," and an \$18 per person check made out to "Best Bet Tours" to Jerry Bronstien, Bethelders, 4908 Morningside Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Invite your spouse, relatives or friends for June 22. Cash can be paid on day of trip.

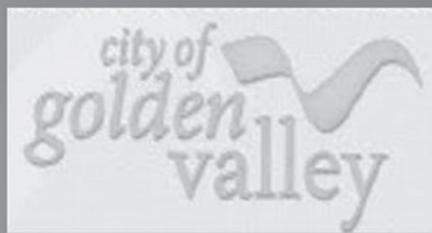
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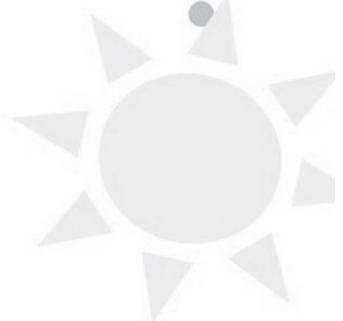
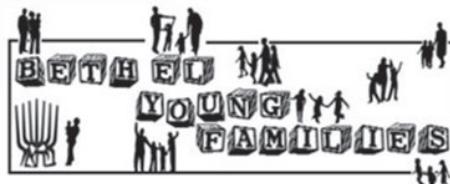
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Internal flights from Budapest to Prague is included in land cost.

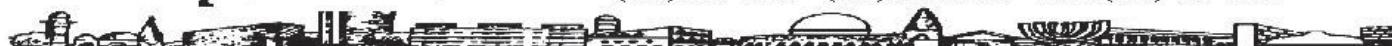
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Sharing with another registrant (registering separately)? Please note name here: _____

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Shabbat Morning | June 7



The entire congregation is invited to honor the youth we have watched grow up and those who will follow in their footsteps.

Parents of all babies born between May 1, 2013 and May 1, 2014 are invited to celebrate at our annual Tiny Treasures Shabbat. The youngest members of our Beth El family will be honored on the bimah - along with their proud parents and siblings - with a special blessing. After services, young families will enjoy a special "Animal Cracker Kiddush."

To ensure that your child or grandchild is on the Tiny Treasures list, please contact Abbe Payton, Engagement and Outreach Director, apayton@bethsynagogue.org or 952-873-7303, to provide your child's Hebrew and English names and birth date.

Parents of high school graduates: Please save the morning of June 7 as well, and plan to attend Shabbat services with your senior. We will wish the graduates L'hitraot (see you real soon) with a special blessing, as they head off to their next endeavors.

Grandparents, extended family and friends are of course MORE than welcome to attend to celebrate!