



As the summer weather begins to cool, and the rhythm of life changes, September ushers in a new year. Our hallways buzz with chatter and laughter from our Aleph Preschool students as they embark on a new year of learning. Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of 5783 bring new opportunities to gather and engage together with our Beth El community. We look forward to spending time together with each of you in the year ahead as we create Home @ Beth El!



# Home Sweet Home

By Rabbi Davis and Cantor Tisser

We often describe certain holidays as home-based or shul-based. Pesach, for example, is very much a home-based holiday. The elaborate rituals of the seder happen at home. By contrast, the High Holy Days are shul-based. Yes, we have meals at home with family and friends. But the High Holy Days center around the pageantry and poetry of synagogue rituals like blowing the shofar, bowing to the ground in the Aleinu Hagadol, and the stirring chanting of Kol Nidrei. Our machzor reinforces this vision. Among the hundreds of pages of synagogue prayers, a mere 10 pages are devoted to “Rosh Hashana at Home” and “Erev Yom Kippur at Home.”

This year we are thinking differently about this simple division of home vs. shul. True, there are customs and traditions unique to each, but we want to suggest that in some ways our homes are our shuls, and our shuls are our homes.

That is the underlying message of a famous passage in the Talmud. We read in the Book of Psalms, “Adonai, You have been our refuge (“ma’on”) in each generation” (90:1). The rabbis debate that word refuge. Rabbi Yitzchak says it refers to our synagogues whereas Rabbi Elazar says it refers to our houses (Megillah 29a).

Why did Rabbi Yitzchak find synagogues to be a refuge? Perhaps because there, he felt the comfort community, he was lifted by music, inspired by learning. And why did Rabbi Elazar suggest that our homes are our refuge? Perhaps because he felt most welcome, in control, at peace (shalom bayit).

In good Jewish fashion, we say to Rabbi Yitzchak and to Rabbi Elazar, “You’re right and you’re right.” Not shuls or homes, but both shuls *and* homes serve as refuge. Because in addition to music and peace, we find in them places where God dwells.

In the ninetieth Psalm, Moses prays for God to be a refuge “b’dor vador—in each and every generation.” In this generation, we have indeed needed such a refuge. At times this past year it felt as if life was spinning out of control. In a world beset by rapid changes and enormous challenges, we have needed our homes and our shuls more than ever. We have needed family and community, time to be alone as well as opportunities to gather, moments of quiet reflection and of joyous celebration. We have needed a refuge.

But don’t misunderstand us. The Torah commands us to respond to the brokenness of the world—to repair it, not to hide from it. By inhabiting a refuge where we feel safe and whole, where we can be who we are, we experience renewal that energizes us and centers us. That is our hope these High Holy Days, in our houses and in our synagogues. In making time and creating space where God dwells, may we know sweetness of the places we call home.

Shana Tova U’metuka—We wish you a Good, Sweet New Year

# Welcome Home

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By Sally Forbes Friedman, Beth El President



As I embark upon the early days of my term as President of Beth El Synagogue, I am filled with a sense of responsibility, duty, commitment, as well as with endless questions as I begin to navigate the role. I am appreciative of the confidence that our congregation has shown in my leadership and the bar has been set very high by those who have led our congregation before me. I am personally grateful for the outpouring of support from our remarkable and dedicated group of Beth El's Past Presidents.

I am particularly grateful for the outstanding leadership of Alan Yousha who led us, along with our Clergy, Professional and Lay Leadership, through the trials, tribulations and impact that Covid and the ensuing pandemic had on our congregation. Our community and congregation pivoted to an online presence so that we could retain our connections and remain safe.

I am proud and honored to commence my term with a mix of emotions, including gratitude, concern, appreciation, respect, and the recognition of the limits of the 24 hours in each and every day.

Each and every time as I walk through the front doors of our Beth El, I feel a sense of calm. The exterior walls of the structure of our building form the house, but it is what is inside that creates the home. Our clergy lead us through a spiritual journey with prayer, thoughtful and inspiring sermons, music to lift our souls, and our community embraces all of us with comfort, meaning and encouragement.

We are able, either in person or via ZOOM, to visually and audibly experience the joy of being together. And, what we can't see, but can feel, is the continuing efforts and commitment of our professional staff and volunteers who ensure that our home is safe and secure for all of us.

How many times have you seen the lawn signs "House for Sale" or heard someone say, "I bought a house!" But it isn't until the house is occupied that the transformation from house to a home happens. The change happens slowly with the placement of furniture, then builds with the careful addition of framed photos and personal items and the noticeable and palpable transformation occurs.

Like a residence which has been transformed into a home, there are responsibilities to maintain the home, to secure the space, and to make sure the structure remains stable and safe. So, too, our Beth El requires attention and commitment to maintain the structure which is our home.

Many of you responded to the survey distributed by CCS regarding the feasibility of embarking upon a campaign. One of the universal comments was that Beth El is a home, a spiritual and safe home. We, our Beth El Synagogue community, have created the home and we, the Beth El community, have the continuing obligation to maintain our home.

As we launch into the New Year, I'd like to welcome all of you home. From my home and family to you and yours, our best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful 5783.





# Building Community at Home

By Matt Walzer, Managing Director

Statistics show moving as one of the most stressful things people go through. Perhaps, the eleven moves in my lifetime (eight of which happened over the course of fifteen years) helped prepare me for other stressors in life. As I reflect on each move taking me from one place to the next, I certainly can remember the stress of the moment – even to the point of some very specific memories. Still, what I recall the most are the experiences once reaching the new destination.

The thing I find in common with each experience is the need to feel at home. Finding this feeling was sort of like searching for love – you can look up the definition, and still it's more of a gutfeel once you've found it. There have definitely been enjoyable moments in each location my family and I have lived in. Of course, we've had all sorts of other emotions, too. In hindsight, there were clear times when we felt at home and then when we didn't.

Home is not just where I live. For me, community is home. It's for this reason I consider Beth El my home. From celebrating and mourning life cycles across the spectrum, to sharing values, and supporting each other in times of need – Beth El is frequently at the heart.

The last two-years have been nothing less than bizarre. Navigating how to nurture community has been at-best challenging; and yet, here we are again, together – at home.

Like our personal homes, there's a lot to take care of at Beth El – some more obvious than others – and not all exciting things to invest in. I feel fortunate that we've been able to make several meaningful investments impacting our ability to serve you with programs and services. As we continue to settle into life together back at shul, more investments will be needed to ensure we have a healthy home. I thank you in advance for the role you will play.

Shanah Tovah to each of you. And welcome home.

L'Shalom,

Matt

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# New Members

## PLEASE WELCOME

Jennifer Nimerick & David Ellenbogen  
with Annabelle, Marc and Alexandra

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Robert Winnig

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Jill & Richard Levin  
with Daniel



Carolyn & Ross Teichner  
with Maximus and Ezra



Laura & Bradley  
Liszt



Hannah & Daniel Baxter  
with Julia and Isaac



Rachel Levine with  
Giuseppe Levine-Joslin

*New Members welcomed as of July 1, 2022*

# Home Wasn't Built in a Day

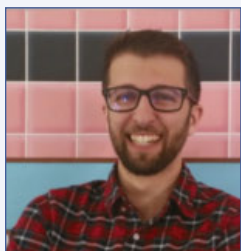
By Matt Goldberg, Rabbinic Intern

וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכָם

*v'asu li mikdash v'shakhanti b'tokham*

They shall build for me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8



Over the last few weeks, I have been busy working not only at Beth El but working to set up my new home in St Louis Park. I have spent time and energy purchasing and building furniture, then arranging it and rearranging it...and rearranging it some more.

As I was moving the same bookshelf into its seventh potential location in the living room, one of my favorite verses from *Sefer Shemot* (the Book of Exodus) came to mind. In the verse above, God tells the People of Israel to build a holy physical space (the *Mishkan*), but at the same time promises to come down from the heavens and live among the people.

This verse is one of *those* moments. Grand, exciting; a real showstopper.

The chapter begins with God speaking to Moshe, saying “tell the Israelites to bring me gifts” with which they’ll build the *Mishkan*. The list goes on and on, and includes everything from gold and silver, to ram skins and acacia wood.

God pauses in the middle of this seemingly never-ending list to say “they shall build for me a sanctuary, and I will dwell among them.” And then immediately back to the seemingly never-ending list of tools and measurements for the *Mishkan*.

This chapter of the Torah is the quintessential definition of building a home.

The vast majority of the work that goes into building a home is not those big, earth-moving, revelatory moments; in fact, building a home is mostly mundane. It’s cooking dinner, watching a movie together, and forgetting which light switches are for which lights. And as a result of the time we spend together and the effort we put into these everyday tasks, we may eventually merit to experience something amazing, and deeply moving.

I am thrilled to be part of the Beth El team. I’ve felt very welcomed by everyone I’ve met and spoken with, and I am so impressed with what this community has built and what it has to offer.

Building this kind of spiritual home is mostly not big, earth-moving, revelatory moments. It’s coming to minyan, setting up chairs for events, telling our friends about youth group programs. It’s sending emails asking for RSVPs.

Without the mundane, there is no holy. We put in the time and effort every day so that eventually we will merit to experience something amazing together.

In her book *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker writes that sometimes we don’t even know why we are getting together. She explains that we should keep asking ourselves why we gather, and if we keep drilling deeper and asking why, we will hit a shared core belief or value.

This is what “home” means to me.

Home means each of us putting in the time and effort every day – reading chapters and chapters of specific, repetitive instructions and measurements for the *Mishkan* – so that we can identify our shared values, and ultimately merit to feel God’s presence dwelling among us.

I look forward to continuing to figure out which light switches turn on which lights, and schmoozing at kiddush, and setting up chairs: participating in the day-to-day of the synagogue.

At the same time, I also look forward to learning what makes this community tick. What are *those* moments that drive us, that get us to show up for each other? What are our spiritual goals, and how much can we accomplish together?

Home at Beth El might look different to each of us, but it’s the culmination of all the individual thoughts, ideas, and programs that makes this house of worship a home.

I look forward to praying, eating, and learning, and to continuing to build this home together. Shanah Tovah.





Dear Beth El Family,

This is my first Shofar article and thus a huge Shehecheyanu moment for me! The Shehecheyanu is my favorite prayer and we say it when we have new experiences, try new things, buy or wear something new or when we haven't done something in a long time. It keeps us mindful and I look for opportunities to say it as often as I can! My family and I have had a lot of shehecheyanu moments recently. Moving to Minneapolis, coming to Beth El for the first time all together, exploring the area and all the new parks, and finally moving into our new home are just a few.

When I think of home, I think of roots, shorashim. Being an army brat early on in life, we moved all over! I have lived many places in my life from Colorado to Germany, St Louis to Houston, Israel twice, New York, Maryland, Virginia and now Minnesota! My parents are from New England so we have always gone up there and to Maine in the summers (and rooted for all the New England teams as well of course!) I have traveled throughout Europe, the Middle East and even Thailand and the one thing I have learned in all my travels is as much as we think of our roots and home as a physical place, for me it's the people in my life who have truly been my shorashim and my home!

Beth El is now my new home. Although it is truly beautiful, protects us from the elements, and holds our most precious ritual objects, that is not what makes it home to me. It is all the beautiful souls that I have met since I've been here that make it the amazing home that it is becoming for my family and I.

I have asked many people in preparing to write this article what Beth El means to them. So many have talked about the majesty of the sanctuary or the beauty of the Learning Center but when it comes right down to it they will say that what makes them keep coming back is their family friends, their meaningful, deep connections, and the lively and caring community.

They spoke about how wonderful it feels when they are welcomed by Pam, the Shabbat security team, and the welcoming team that greet them as they come in the door. Yes, I also got comments about the ambiance and the delicious food. But more often than not, it was how much they learn and are inspired by the Rabbi and his teaching, how beautiful and soulful the Cantor's davening is, how much they love our lay leaders, Torah readers, and Karen and the Aleph Preschool teachers. It is how they feel they are treated when Anna, Matt, Jill, Corinne, Avi, or Liz answers the phone or email with joy, respect, and love for what they do and for the members they serve. And it is also about how our Facilities staff are always willing to help with a smile and can do attitude!

This is what I've experienced in my new home... a sense of love, safety, respect, harmony, support, sustenance, and joy. This is what makes Beth El a home to all of our community and I pray that it shall always be so. We don't practice the value of hachnasat orchim (welcoming of guests) here because there are no guests. We practice hachnasat mishpacha! (Welcoming of family!)

My door is always open and I am beyond excited to meet each and every one of you! Come home to Beth El! We look forward to seeing you soon!

B'ahava rabah,  
Cantor Wendi

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# Aleph Preschool is Home at Beth El

By Karen Burton, Aleph Preschool Director of Early Childhood Education

When Aleph Preschool closed its physical doors to all our students on March 13, 2020, our families and staff had the longest six months we have ever experienced. So many unknowns and the pandemic was only in its infancy. That did not prevent us from making a shift from our daily preschool space, to online learning. Our physical “home” had changed, but the engagement and learning continued in our new educational “home”.

Today, over two and a half years later, we reflect on where we were, where we went and where we are now. Aleph Preschool has thrived throughout the pandemic. Our doors have remained open since September of 2020, welcoming children into our beloved preschool, we all refer to as our **“home away from home.”** Our dedicated teachers have opened up a world of wonder and learning for our students and created a warm, nurturing and engaging environment for our children. They never lost their Emunah (Faith) and their strength and passion for teaching was clearly evident in the eyes of our students, who arrived at school each morning, with eagerness and excitement to start their day.

From a humble beginning of 38 students back in September 2020, to increasing numbers as each new month arrived. We have completed an amazing preschool year, graduating 28 Pre-K students, in a ceremony that was both beautiful and emotional this past May. These graduates, our covid babies, are now ready to enter kindergarten and begin a new educational journey. They are leaving their Aleph Preschool home in a physical sense, all the while knowing our Beth El Kehilla (community) will always be their home and their Mishpacha (Family,) waiting with outstretched arms to return to, throughout their lives.

Today, with vaccinations now available for our youngest learners, we finally see the light at the end of this very dark tunnel and we welcome current students and new students to our Aleph Preschool home for the new school year in September.

We have experienced an extraordinary few years, and, as we anticipate a new normal (post-covid) we are excited to see where this will take us. As we celebrate the Chagim together, Rosh Hashanah, the New Year will truly be a “new year.” One we eagerly look forward to. A new beginning, bringing us even closer together. We teach our children many Jewish values including, Tikkun Olam (Improving/repairing the world), Eretz Yisrael (Unity of the Jewish people), and Kavod (Respect for people, God, the environment and community). We learn these values through experiences in our classrooms, empowering our children to be kind (Chessed), considerate and loving towards one another.

The sounds, smells and experiences of our childhoods are unique to all of us, and are remembered in so many varying ways. Where we feel comfortable and at home, where we feel loved and listened to, where we feel safe and supported. For so many of us, our memories return to our school days, where making those special warm memories of our “home away from home” began.

Wishing you all Shanah Tovah. A sweet and happy New Year.







# Creating Home at Beth El

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By Avi Aharoni, Director of Youth Engagement,  
Enrichment, and Informal Education

I spent several years in my early 20's living out of my backpack, sleeping on couches and floors, and travelling to see as much of the world as possible. It was an memorable period of my life that forever changed how I saw the world, how I viewed myself, and connected with my identity. For as obsessed as I was (*am!*) with adventure, I found that visiting home proved as beneficial to my growth as an adult. Just as a sunny day means nothing were it to never rain, the thrill of adventure means nothing without the calm support of home.

As someone who prides themselves on being the furthest thing from homebody, often spending anywhere between 12-18 hours out of the house most days of the week, I have recently come to understand the serene joy of feeling at home. Home means different things to different people, but at the end of the day, it is a place where we can slow down, relax, and recharge ourselves for the outside world. How is one expected to survive, let alone thrive, without that feeling of being grounded, cared for, and loved in a place they call home? It is something we often take for granted. As so many people in this country are without such a privilege, here at Beth El we are fortunate to, not only have our individual homes, have this space. This building. This community.

I have many ideas of which I'm excited to share with the community. For instance, with our incoming USY Advisor, Dov Katz, and our teen co-Presidents, Rebekah Gendler and Henry Salita, I believe we can once again reign as USY International Chapter of the Year! Not only does our USY youth group have incredible teen board members who are eager and excited to lead, we have some very exciting programming coming together for our teens as well as our younger children. A few of these programs include:

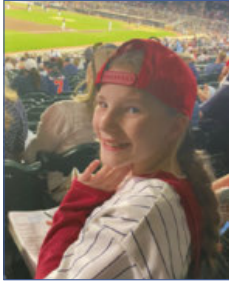
- A reimagined Heschel Society and Mitzvah Corps focused on philanthropy.
- A Teen Scholar Circle that fosters a love for Judaic learning while socializing with friends.
- A reinvigorated and exciting BESTY program for children in Kindergarten – grade 4 on Shabbat mornings.
- Regular Lounge Nights where teens can literally hang out with friends in their Beth El home and more!

There are so many beautiful ideas and opportunities to build community and I am beyond excited to help our younger generation create their home and find their community at Beth El.

Shanah Tovah!

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# B'nai Mitzvah



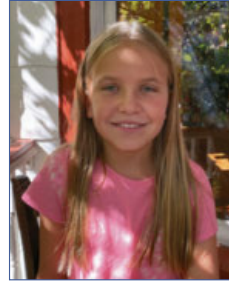
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Vaetchanan

**SIERRA JAYNE SCHUSTER**

שושנה בת דוד ומלכה

Marnie & David Schuster

*Sierra has embraced her bat mitzvah studies with persistence and determination, and we are proud of all she has accomplished.*



**August 27, 2022 / 30 Av 5782**

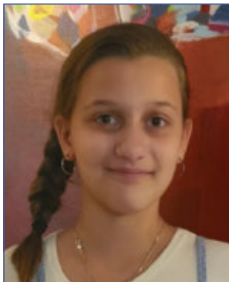
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**YLISA FAYE MELENDEZ**

צפורה בת שושנה

Shana & Michel Melendez

*Isa's drive and support from her family and community brought her to this important milestone. We are so proud of her!*



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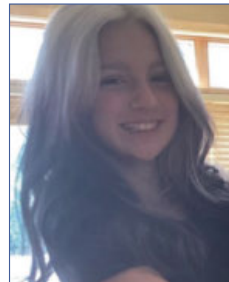
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בלע ליאת בת פנחס ומרים אסתר

Justin & Elanna Kaufman

*Rayna is a wonderful, confident, and kind young woman who embraces her Jewish heritage. We could not be more proud as she becomes a bat mitzvah.*



**September 10, 2022 / 14 Elul 5782**

Ki Teitzei

**JOSELYN ROSE BAKER**

חדוה בת ברוך וחווה

Stacy & Barry Baker

*Josie is a loving and kind person. We think of her as the total package with so much to offer the world. We couldn't be prouder as she continues on her path to Jewish adulthood.*



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Ha'Azinu

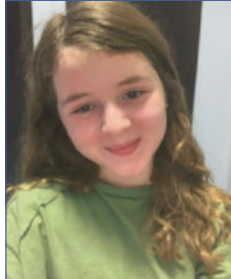
**SASCHA LOYD MOLDOW**

מתתיהו בן ארן ואביגיל

Son of Owen & Abigail Moldow

*We are so proud of Sascha. His sense of curiosity and sunny personality will serve him well as he grows into becoming a Jewish adult.*

# B'nai Mitzvah



October 22, 2022 / 27 Tishrei 5783

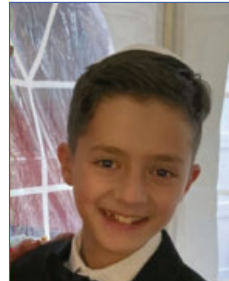
Bereshit

## ALIZA SHOSHANA OLITZKY

עליזה שושנה בת הרב אבי שמואל ושרה אידל

Dr. Sarah Olitzky and  
Rabbi Avi Olitzky & Zoe Stern

*Aliza is caring and compassionate. She loves learning new things and cares a lot about working hard at school. She's very competitive and likes reading and playing sports. She's excited to become a bat mitzvah and take on the responsibility of Jewish adulthood.*



October 22, 2022 / 27 Tishrei 5783

Bereshit

## AKIVA MENACHEM OLITZKY

עקיבא מנחם בן הרב אבי שמואל ושרה אידל

Dr. Sarah Olitzky and  
Rabbi Avi Olitzky & Zoe Stern

*Akiva cares a lot about the people around him. He is creative and funny, and he feels at home on an ice rink playing hockey. Akiva enjoys playing Nintendo with his brother, watching the New York Rangers play and spending his summers at Ramah Wisconsin. He can't believe he is finally becoming a bar mitzvah and looks forward to continuing his Jewish education.*



October 29, 2022 / 4 Cheshvan 5783

Noach

## ANDREW JACOB GALE

אשר בן דוד ושלמית

Francie & David Gale

*Andrew takes great pride in his Judaism and enjoyed learning more about it as he prepared for his bar mitzvah. We are so proud of his continuously positive attitude, especially during these difficult and unpredictable times, and look forward to celebrating with him as he becomes a Jewish adult.*



October 29, 2022 / 4 Cheshvan 5783

Noach

## ISABELLA ROSE HERMAN

אהבה בת רענן ויהודית

Judy & Ryan Herman

*Isabella embraced her bat mitzvah studies from the beginning. She takes pride in being Jewish and learning all about it. I cannot wait to see her role as a Jewish adult in the years to come.*



November 5, 2022 / 11 Cheshvan 5783

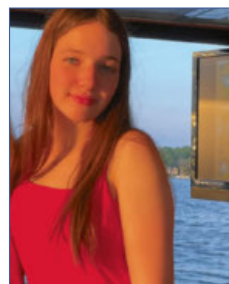
Lech L'cha

## AL ROBERT KLARFELD

אליעזר בן אהרן וגייטל

Adam Klarfeld & Michelle Horovitz

*Al diligently approached his bar mitzvah studies with the same gritty dedication with which he approaches life. He cares so much about his friends and family, and we are so proud of him.*



November 5, 2022 / 11 Cheshvan 5783

Vayera

## MIA PHYLLIS WOLFE

מיה בת ירדן ויפה

Jill & Yarden Wolfe

*Mia is a kind, hardworking and loving daughter. She loves to make people happy. Mia is creative, artistic and curious. She took her bat mitzvah preparation very seriously and we are all very proud of her!*



# B'nai Mitzvah



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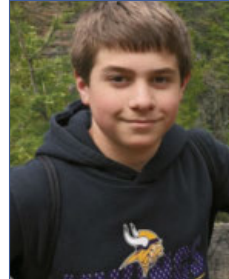
Chayei Sarah

**NEEV ABRAHAM BENJAMIN-FINK**

ניב בן חיים וניקול

Nicole & Ken Benjamin-Fink

*Neev is a loving, bright, and caring young man. He is an inspiration to his sisters and friends. We are very proud of his accomplishments. May HaShem always shine his light on Neev and guide him from strength to strength.*



**December 3, 2022 / 9 Kislev 5783**

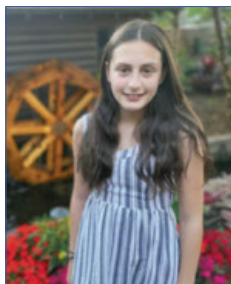
Vayetze

**JACOB BENNETT MOREIMI**

יעקב בן אהרן וחייה

Jen & Mark Moreimi

*Jacob has worked hard preparing for his bar mitzvah and looks forward to continuing his Jewish education at Talmud Torah.*



**December 10, 2022 / 16 Kislev 5783**

Vayishlach

**MIRELE TZIPPORAH FISHER**

מרים בת יצחק ונעמי

Julian Fisher & Naomi Zuk-Fisher

*Mirele has a passion for Jewish learning and community. She has enjoyed challenging herself to lead all the different parts of the Shabbat service.*

*Mazal Tov!*

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*With heavy hearts we mourn the loss of these loved ones within our community. This reflects the losses in our community through July 22, 2022.*

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Mazal Tov Sara Lederman and Josh Katz on their engagement. Mazal Tov to proud parents Lynn Lederman & Ken Raskin

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Mazal Tov to Alana Weiser on being elected to the EMTZA Region USY Board as Religion Education Vice President.

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Mazal Tov to Jack Mosow on celebrating his 100th birthday!

Mazal Tov to Taubie Sanders on receiving the 2022 Howie Stillman award.

Mazal Tov to Jacey & Aaron Siedband on the birth of their daughter, Anna Brooke, born on May 6.

Mazal Tov to Kerry & Michael Gershon on the birth of their son, Max, born on May 11.

Mazal Tov to Naomi Konikoff & Craig Byer on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Malka born on May 23. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents Sid & Anita Konikoff.

Mazal Tov to Noah Marell on receiving the Martin & Esther Capp Community Leadership Award from Minnesota Hillel.

Mazal Tov to Justin & Allison Sweet on the birth of their son, Evan Marcell, born on June 21. Mazal Tov to proud grandparents, Geri Serber Sweet & Jeff Sweet and to proud great, great grandmother Kaye Goldberg.

Mazal Tov to Daffy & Ryan Shapin on the birth of their son born on July 11.

Mazal Tov to Stephanie & Steve Sworak on the birth of their son, William Walter, born on July 7.

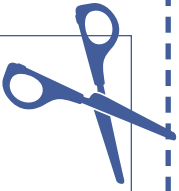
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*We brought the summer to a close with an epic End of Summer Picnic! It was so wonderful to gather as a community under clear blue skies and enjoy an evening full of fun with our Beth El family.*





# UPCOMING AT BETH EL

Below is a sampling of only some of the upcoming events at the synagogue. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Look for more details in future *Hakol* and *Kesher* publications, and as always, feel free to call the Welcome Desk at 952.873.7300 for additional information.

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September 26-27	Rosh Hashanah
OCTOBER	
October 5	Yom Kippur – Yizkor Recited
October 10-11	Sukkot
October 17	Shmini Atzeret – Yizkor Recited
October 18	Simchat Torah
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# Special Kristallnacht Commemoration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

## AN EVENING WITH **NICK WINTON**



As a part of this commemoration, we welcome Nick Winton in from England as he shares the story of his father, Sir Nicholas George Winton, a British humanitarian credited with organizing the escape of 669 mostly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II. What made 29-year-old Winton give up his skiing holiday to rescue these children from the Nazis and how did he do it? Winton's son Nick will tell his father's inspiring story about the life-changing events that transformed the destiny of so many.

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