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Beth El Services

SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE: In light of the ever-changing circumstances, details concerning services may change during the month. Please consult our weekly Shabbat email for the most current information. When in doubt, please call the office.

Yitro

Birkat Hahodesh

Saturday, February 6

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^{ri}t Live Streaming at Facebook*

6:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

6:33 pm Havdalah

7:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or

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Shabbat Rosh Hodesh

Mishpatim - Shabbat Sh'kalim

Saturday, February 13

Birthday Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^{ri}t Live Streaming at Facebook*

6:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

6:40 pm Havdalah

7:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

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T'rumah - Shabbat Zakhor

Saturday, February 20

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^{ri}t Live Streaming at Facebook*

6:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

6:46 pm Havdalah

7:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

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Purim

Thursday, February 25

6:30 pm Parking Lot Megillah Reading (FB*)

+ Mishloach Manot pickup

Purim Day

Friday, February 26

7:00 am Shaha^{ri}t with Megillah reading on Zoom

(zoom.us/j/92408568672)

T'tzavveh - Shushan Purim

Saturday, February 27

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^{ri}t Live Streaming at Facebook*

6:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

6:52 pm Havdalah

7:00 pm Havdalah Service with clergy

(zoom.us/j/92408568672 or

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Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at

5:45 pm

Candlelighting times:

Friday, February 5 | 5:43 pm

Friday, February 12 | 5:49 pm

Friday, February 19 | 5:56 pm

Friday, February 26 | 6:02 pm



HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaha^{ri}t

Saturdays | 9:30 am

*Access our Facebook page at:

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Daily Minyan and Kabbalat Shabbat*

Monday - Friday 7:15 am and 5:45 pm

Sunday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm

Join us on your computer, tablet, or cellphone at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92408568672>

ZOOM information:

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

*MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Friday, February 12 | 7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh)

Monday, February 15 | 8:15 am (President's Day)

Friday, February 26 | 7:00 am (Purim)

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February

Programming

Register at bethelphoenix.com
or call (602) 944-3359

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 & 2/23



Intro to Judaism

Tuesdays @ 7:00 -9:00 PM



Learn the basics of Judaism with Rabbi Stein Kokin

Register at www.bethelphoenix.com/event/intro-to-judaism

2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25

Talmud: Suggiyot Every Jew Should Know

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin

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and receive source sheets.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672

Call in: (669) 900-6833



Thursdays @ 8:00 am

2/4, 2/11 & 2/18



THE ETHICAL LIFE

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm



Grapple with today's most pressing ethical dilemmas with a curriculum
from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Register through the BJE at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y2b4f7an>

2/7

Chai Tea Women's Study Group

Sundays @ 12:30 pm



Discuss ethical issues from a Jewish woman's
perspective. Study topics include personalities from
ancient times to the modern day.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834

Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/8 & 2/22

Hebrew 101

Mondays @ 6:30 PM



Meeting link: zoom.us/j/659102971

Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/10



Beth El Book Club

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Love reading? Love schmoozing? Join us with a glass of wine
(or your favorite refreshment) as we discuss On Division by
Goldie Goldbloom

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/14 & 2/28



Blanket Boosters

Sundays @ 1:00 pm



Volunteer crochet and knitting club! All blankets created
are donated to those in need.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672

Call in: (669) 900-6833

2/18

LUNCH & LEARN: A TASTE OF HESCHEL

THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM



Join Wendy Rozov and your Beth El friends with your lunch
for a virtual learning session. Study the theological works and
ideas of Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/881238825 | Call in: (669) 900-6833



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Is there a Jewish obligation to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Dear Chaverim,

In the past months, we have taken major precautions to keep our community safe from the risk of getting infected with COVID-19. As you know, we moved all our programs and services to online, drive-through or socially-distanced outdoor formats. We have done so following the recommendations of the CDC and the medically-trained members of our own COVID-19 Task Force, as well as core Jewish principles and halakhic obligations that I base my decisions on as rabbi of our community alongside the scientific research.

When the pandemic first struck and we started to understand its deadly force, *Pikuah Nefesh* - the Mitzvah of saving a life - was one of the central and most-quoted principles that moved us to adopt distance learning and online prayer, allowing the counting of a Minyan through Zoom, for example, which otherwise we would not have done. But our Torah and rabbinic literature have quite a number of additional concepts to take into account, as I will share below. This is to show that our own Jewish heritage and tradition speaks clearly as to how we should conduct ourselves even in these unprecedented times.

The summary I am sharing below shows the importance of preventive measures we should take as Jews if there is a danger to life. Both guarding and preserving our own individual health as well as the well being of others are core Jewish obligations. The quote I bring stems from the discussion of a new question that arises among Jewish communities now that the vaccine becomes gradually available to people: **Is there a Jewish obligation to be vaccinated?**

This quote is taken from the responsum (rabbinical answer/halakhic decision) written by Rabbi Micah Peltz and approved unanimously on January 1, 2021 by the Committee of Jewish Laws and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly (the guiding authority in questions of Jewish law for our movement):

“Question: Now that vaccines for COVID-19 are available, is there an obligation to be vaccinated?
[...]

Response: The Torah commands us to “Be careful and watch yourselves,” (Deuteronomy 4:9) which is understood by the Talmud to mean that we should avoid danger whenever possible (Talmud B’rakhot 32b). Elsewhere in Deuteronomy, we find the mitzvah of placing a parapet, or guardrail, around one’s roof (22:8). **This is understood to mean that we should actively take steps to protect ourselves and others.** (Maimonides, *Hilkhot Rotzeah* 11:5-6) As Rabbi Moses Isserles clearly articulates in the Shulchan Arukh, “one should avoid all things that endan-

ger oneself, as we treat physical dangers more stringently than ritual prohibitions.” (Shulchan Arukh, Yoreh Deah 116:5) **The Torah emphasizes that we need to take responsibility for the well-being of those around us when it says, “Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor.”** (Leviticus 19:16) This is understood to mean that we do everything we can to safeguard the health of others. This is a short summary of the many sources that make it clear that taking preventative measures during this time of pandemic, like wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining physical distancing, are not just recommended **but are obligated by halakha, Jewish law.**¹

Going back to the idea of protecting our own health I’d like to also quote the guiding Conservative *Posek* (authority of Jewish law) in Israel, Rabbi Dr. David Golinkin:

“It is said in the book of Deuteronomy (4:9) “But guard yourself and guard your soul very much” and a few verses later (4:15): “and you shall guard your souls very much”. According to the simple meaning, these verses warn against forgetting the Torah (v. 9) and against idol worship (v. 15, as emphasized by the Maharsha to *Be-rakhot* 32b s.v. ketiv), but the Sages wove them into an Aggadic passage which deals with physical danger to say: A Jew must guard his physical health (see *Berakhot* 32b at bottom). Maimonides also saw in these verses a warning against physical dangers. After warning a person to make a cover for his pit and the like he goes on to say (*Hilkhot Rotzeah* 11:4): “And so too every stumbling block which is liable to kill, **it’s a positive commandment to remove it and to guard against it and to be very, very careful**, at it is said, “But guard yourself and guard your soul”.”²

Reading through these *responsa*, it becomes very clear that also from a Jewish perspective we should do everything in our power as individuals as well as a community to protect our own health and the health of others.

Both of these *responsa* are available online and we will publish a link to them on our website, for those of you who would like to study these issues in depth. If you are interested or have questions, I am available and always happy to study and discuss the sources together.

Stay safe!
Rabbi Stein Kokin

¹The emphasis is mine. This responsum including a more detailed discussion of the issues and concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccinations can be found online at: <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/Vaccination%20and%20Ethical%20Questions%20Posed%20by%20COVID-19%20Vaccines%20-%20Final.pdf>

²This quote can be found online in Rabbi Golinkin’s responsum on the question: Does Halakha require vaccination against dangerous diseases such as measles, rubella, polio and COVID-19? <https://schechter.edu/does-halakha-require-vaccination/>



Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

“Paul Schoeffler has created a villain so large, so funny and so flamboyant that whenever he is on stage – to expound, to exhort or to tango – your eyes never want to leave him for fear you’ll miss something. His expressions, his menace, his really cool costumes. Sure, Rigby has that flying thing. But Schoeffler has to transport us by standing on the ground. He doesn’t even make it look hard.”

- Orange County Register Los Angeles, on Paul Schoeffler as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*

“She’s part Mary Martin, Lucille Ball, Kristen Wiig and [fill in the blank] with your favorite opera star because Molina has one of the most powerful and flexible voices in the annals of Broadway.”

- Harvard Review, on Lauren Molina

“Charlotte Maltby (daughter of acclaimed Broadway writer/director Richard Maltby Jr.) provides a winning and guileless Maria. She puts her clear soprano to excellent use throughout the evening, but her youthful exuberance is especially effective in songs such as ‘Do-Re-Mi’ and ‘The Lonely Goatherd.’”

- USA Today, on Charlotte Maltby as Maria in the National Tour of *The Sound Of Music*

“The stories of Sholom Aleichem, and ‘Fiddler on the Roof’, have put food on my family’s table for generations. Even if I never sang one note of ‘Fiddler,’ this show is responsible for my survival – it’s responsible for my life.”

- The New York Times, on Michael Bernardi as Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*

As we continue to heal and process from the social, political, and medical turmoil our lives have seen in recent weeks, let us take a moment to escape into another world. Perhaps we will visit a far off place where it is forbidden to grow up. Maybe we will see London during the Victorian era or stop by Austria during the 1940’s. Or best yet, we might take a stroll down memory lane to visit our ancestors in the shtetl. Whichever we may choose will provide for us, an escape from reality which theatre is ultimately about.

This month will afford us the opportunity to see and hear not one, not two, not even three, but four Broadway stars come together for our annual musical celebration, *A Jewish Night On Broadway Live! on Zoom* which will take place on Sunday February 28 at 6:30 pm. Taking from the stylings of our favorite late night talk show hosts, we will get to hear behind the scenes stories, anecdotes, and experiences of life on Broadway as well as what the future of Broadway might bring dur-

ing these tumultuous times. And of course, there will be a song or two in between! If the above reviews are any indication of what’s to come, then we are in for a real treat!

Even though we are a few weeks away from the program, there are a few people we would like to acknowledge in anticipation of our event. First, we would like to thank all of those who helped sponsor and underwrite *JNOB* this year. Without your support and generosity, *JNOB* would not be the success that it has become and will continue to be. Next, we would like to acknowledge one of our board members, Charleen Holt, who normally chairs our concert volunteer committee. Due to COVID we were unable to have our volunteers present, but you were able to help in other ways that made sure everything went smoothly. And of course we would like to thank our very own Rabbi Stein Kokin and our Board of Directors for always supporting us and the music we try to bring to our Beth El community.

We would be remiss if we did not give a very special thank you to our *JNOB* “partner-in-crime”, our Executive Director Alicia Moskowitz. Without you and the tireless work you put into this program and assisting us, *JNOB* would not be able to happen. So to you and to everyone else that are mentioned above, we give our heartfelt thanks.

And finally, we would like to thank all of you, our wonderful Beth El community, for continually supporting the music of Beth El and specifically the *A Jewish Night On Broadway* program. Especially this year, whether you choose to fly towards the second star to the right, receive a shave and haircut on Fleet Street, practice Do-Re-Mi on the streets of Salzburg, or dance with a bottle on your head at a wedding, *A Jewish Night On Broadway* will always be there to provide the joy and escape that only theatre can provide, and that we all so desperately need.

Todah V’zimrah,
Cantor Jonathan Angress, Paul Schoeffler, Lauren Molina, Charlotte Maltby, and Michael Bernardi





Tikkun Olam means getting Vaccinated

Not so long ago, or so it seems, the Beatles asked the question about whether we wanted a Revolution. In the refrain, they acknowledged a truth that “we all want to change the world.”

Gregory Harris
Board President

We all do want to change the world, and for the better. Our admonition to engage in *Tikkun Olam* is all about change - to repair the world. In every age and every time, we are never done. When times are good, and when all is well, the duty remains ever present. In our community, we always have members, family, neighbors and friends in need of something. A warm greeting. A welcome visit. A kind word. A comforting meal. Gathering as a community. Assistance with matters routine and not so routine, whether due to fire, flood, pestilence or pandemic. This truth remains the case when we encounter turbulence, and this is surely one of those times.

But we have choices and we have the tools to advance the cause and to move us toward that better world. We find ourselves at a time and place in which scientific advances allow us to know more, do more, understand more, achieve more than ever before in our history. A year ago, pandemic was the subject of B-movies, and the kind of fantasy that could make for an entertaining science fiction escape. No more. We see what our forebears saw all too often.

But the scientific and technological advances aren't free and using them requires commitment and action. As we move from the time-tested - mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and staying home when we're sick - we must be prepared to adopt the new. The wonder of the COVID vaccine is upon us. When your turn arrives, for your sake, for our community's sake and for the sake of our congregation, please get those two shots. The miracle of modern science is best realized when we take advantage of the opportunities that our mastery of the wonders of the universe makes possible. I must wait my turn for the vaccine, but when my turn comes, I will be there to do my part to help us come back together as a community, as we anticipate that when a sufficient number of us have been vaccinated, we will be able to plan to come together for in-person events!

Please continue join us in our work on each of the pillars we have established - Social Action, Ritual and Outreach. If you have ideas or suggestions, please reach out to me, to our Rabbi or Cantor, or to our wonderful Executive Director.

לכ לארשי סיברע אז הזל
One for all and all for one!

L'shalom,
Greg Harris



GIFT SHOP NEWS

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Warm Clothing Donation Drive

Thank you for all your donations
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You helped clothe homeless people
in our community
with the items below!



Gloves
Mittens

Hats/Beanies
Scarfs

Blankets
Socks

Donations to the
Tzedekah Fund were
also used to purchase
items!

The Social Action Committee
greatly appreciates your
assistance with this Mitzvah!



Dear Friends,

Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

As you know, this year started off with a bang on January 6, 2021, when the U.S. Capitol was stormed, temporarily shutting down our sacred democratic process. The scenes recorded of this breach of the Capitol are reminiscent of the destruction of our own Temples in Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and then by the Romans in 70

CE with rioters destroying and stealing property, breaking into Congress Members' offices, and planting incendiary devices at the Democratic and Republican party offices.

As our spirits are still healing from this terrible incident, from an ongoing pandemic lifestyle, and from actual physical illnesses (COVID-19 and others), I want to offer Debbie Friedman's *Mishebeirach* to all of us and a glimmer of hope that we are starting to face the light at the end of the tunnel.

Mishebeirach Prayer

May the source of strength, Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, And let us say, Amen.

Bless those in need of healing, with r'fuach sh'leimah, The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, And let us say, Amen.

As for that glimmer of hope, the COVID vaccine rollout in Arizona, as of my writing, has moved from Phase 1a to Phase 1b. Phase 1b includes our own Beth El Early Childhood Center teachers and staff who have carefully and tirelessly worked throughout the majority of the pandemic to care for our community's youngest members. These teachers and staff will receive their vaccines as soon as possible so that they can continue their good work. The rest of our Beth El staff looks forward to getting the vaccine when our turn comes.

Receiving the vaccine offers a ray of hope to those of us who want to leave isolation and return to a more normal way of life. To find out when you will be eligible to receive the vaccine, go here:

www.maricopa.gov/5641/COVID-19-Vaccine. Whichever Phase you fall into, we at Beth El urge you to get the vaccine to protect yourself, your family, and the community at large. If you need help accessing information about the vaccine, please let me know so that I can connect you with the proper resources. I can be reached at amoskowitz@bethelphoenix.com or (602) 944-3359 ext. 109.

May the coming months be filled with healing for our minds, bodies, and spirits.

L'Shalom,
Alicia Moskowitz

Be Well with BEWL - Beth El Women's League

What a difference a year makes! Last February we had a BEWL Board meeting at Beth El, enjoyed the Cantor's Jewish Night on Broadway in person, and had services and events without zoom. I traveled to California to help my son Eric rehab from shoulder surgery and enjoyed the Phoenix Art Museum car exhibit and the Desert Botanical Gardens with my son Andrew who flew in for his birthday.

COVID-19 has changed the landscape of our community and how we live, but this situation is temporary. Try to focus on the positive, instead of the negative which is easy to let happen during difficult times. Today's technology allows for news access 24 hours a day/7 days a week, having the potential to create undue stress. Limit your screen time to trusted sources, like Beth El Congregation's Facebook page, or Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), or American Jewish University. AJU offers immersive digital learning from AJU faculty and guests. It convenes a diverse, inclusive community to advance ideas. On February 2, they are presenting *Behind City of a Thousand Gates*, with author Rebecca Sacks. You could check out a program with Andre Gregory on February 8 and hear about his experiences as a director, actor and writer from war-time Paris to Hollywood. Learn more about these programs at aju.edu/byachad-together.

Today Rabah to Judy Zola, our Education Director, for organizing the Women's League Shabbat on January 23. Thanks also to Rabbi Stein Kokin and Debbie Goldich, Linda Barzilai, and Ann Polunsky for reading Torah and Bracha Etgar for reading the Haftarah. If your name isn't mentioned as a participant, it's because this article is being written prior to the final Aliyot list. Thank you all for stepping up. Next year we should be together in the sanctuary instead of our computer screens. One positive of zoom services is my office chair is more comfortable than the synagogue pews and it has wheels. I'm willing to give that up if our BEWL community can meet in person safely.

February 2021 still offers many reasons to celebrate. Sign up and plan to attend Cantor Angress' concert: A Jewish Night on Broadway Live! On Zoom, Sunday, February 28 at 6:30 pm. Don't forget to get your groggers and costumes out for Purim on February 25. The month will bring us Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day and the Super Bowl. Not too bad for the shortest month of the year.

Eileen Bloom
President, BEWL



Nanci Siegel Manson
Education, Youth and
Family Engagement
Director

Dear Friends,

Purim is no doubt the most rollicking holiday of the Jewish calendar and it marks the day when Queen Esther, along with Mordecai, foil Haman's plans of killing each and every Jew in the kingdom. This day falls on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. With this year being a huge challenge of gathering safely with our friends and families to celebrate in others homes, the syna-

gogue, or other, places of celebration, I encourage you to read the below ideas as to how you can safely enjoy the fun this holiday brings.

1. Pick the day and time you will be celebrating and consider sending out Zoom invitations to those you'd like to join you on this virtual platform.
2. Suggest that your "guests" dress up like Queen Esther, Mordecai, Vashti, Hamen, or any other character they choose.
3. Consider arranging for breakout rooms to offer appropriate age games, activities, art, cooking, etc. to include everyone's interests. You can purchase small prizes, and or gift cards ahead of time to mail out or safely drop off to any game winners following your "gathering."
4. Bake Hamantaschen cookies as an activity. You can pre-package all the ingredients and have guests come by and pick up their ingredients or send out the ingredient list and directions ahead of time and guests can purchase on their own. You can lead this activity in a group or in one of the breakout rooms
5. Assemble Mishloach manot bags and drop them at one and others' homes, safely, as Purim is a time of gift giving to friends, teachers, and relatives.
6. Conclude your evening by reading the book of Esther, also known as the Megillah. While reading the book, shake groggers, and make noise, whenever Hamen's name is read in the text. You can also suggest that your guests "boo" when they hear his name.

Yes, Purim might be celebrated a little differently this year due to the COVID-19 and our need to stay safe, healthy, and socially distanced but the holiday doesn't have to be forgotten.

Included below is a recipe for hamentaschen you can make in the safety of your own home. It's simple, easy and truly delicious!

With the COVID-19 vaccine soon becoming more available to all of us, let's hope that it won't be long until we are all in a position where we can safely return to Beth El and celebrate together in the coming year.

Very Delicious Hamantaschen Dough

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tbs orange juice
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsps baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

1. Cream the margarine with the rind and sugar
2. Add the egg and orange juice. Mix well.
3. Slowly and thoroughly mix in the dry ingredients
4. Dust with flour and chill until very firm
5. Roll dough on a floured board and cut into circles with a round cookie cutter or glass
6. Fill with your favorite filling and fold into a triangle shape. Pinch the corners together firmly.
7. Bake for about 12 minutes in a 375 degree oven.

Until next time...



Pictured above:
Menorahs made by Isaac Berrett in the Preschool.

Happy Mishabeirach's

SHARE YOUR HAPPY OCCASIONS WITH YOUR BETH EL FRIENDS

Send us your good news at rabbi@bethelphoenix.com or (602) 944-3359



Preschool News

After a fun-filled winter camp, our second semester started on January 4. We had two new infants start, and another three are starting in February and March. After a slow start, our baby room is now full!

Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

The weather has been great, and the children have been able to spend more time outside. On Fridays, Cantor Angress leads Shabbat for the children outside on our “stage” - they love it as is evidenced by all the singing and dancing.

The classes have been planting seeds in our garden and we hope to have the vegetables ready for Passover. The children get so excited as they watch the progress.

During January, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat with all kinds of activities. We planted, decorated trees, made Tu B'Shevat headbands, danced around the trees, enjoyed music with the Cantor and ate different kinds of fruit to celebrate.

As childcare workers we are recognized as essential workers, therefore we had priority in receiving the vaccine. A number of our staff have already received the first dose and we're looking forward to returning to (near) normal in the future.

As our enrollment grows, we are looking for more teachers. If you know of anyone that would be suitable, please have them call or email us.

With Purim being at the end of the month we will start talking to the children about the story. They learn of the city of Shushan and try to make it using cardboard boxes building a place to the classes can act out the story. This is the holiday when we can dress up in costumes. They dress up as kings and queens, Haman with his three-cornered hat, and beautiful Esther. The children love to perform in front of the class. We may even try to do it on Zoom! It is a tradition that we ask parents for boxes of macaroni and cheese that their child(ren) can use as a grogger. After our parade the class will walk to the synagogue building and put the boxes in the food donation box.

I hope everyone is safe, healthy and getting their vaccine!

L'Shalom

Joanie





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our February Birthdays

Date

- 1 Cynthia Faber
- 2 Michael Kornreich
Arlene Loewy
- 3 Shimon Zilversmit
- 4 Charles Meinstein
Wendy Laskin
- 5 Janice Freedman
Rona Green
- 6 Morris Kaplan
- 8 Lara Serbin
Sam Goldman
- 9 Sharon Cohn
- 10 Jeffrey Hill
- 13 William Wolf
- 15 Sheldon Roth
- 21 Leah Wiesen
Janet Meinstein
Connie Zilversmit
- 22 Alan Finks
Phillip Paress
- 23 Morris Stein
Wayne Lipovitch
Sanders Switzer
- 24 Froma Allen
- 25 Carolyn Friedman
Esther Zlochower

Birthday Shabbat is February 13

We Remember:

Lillian (Leah) Brandfon Linsky, mother of Ellen Brandfon Riech.

Arnold Wininger



Mazal Tov to our February Anniversaries

Date

Years Married

1	Maddy & Sheldon Roth	18
5	Iris & A. David Silverman	49
9	Susan & Greg Harris	36
10	Connie & Shimon Zilversmit	40
12	Beth & Neil Shernoff	43
14	Suzanne & Carl Fuchs Laura & Rick Nicholson	40 23
17	Alicia & Aaron Moskowitz	13
25	Lisa & Alan Chaiken	14
26	Rochelle & Irwin Battock	66

Anniversary Shabbat is February 27

Please note: If your name is not listed, please contact us so that we can update your information in our database.

Mazal Tov to:

Erez Kessler, who became a U.S. Citizen on January 12, 2021.



Wendy Rozov as she welcomes her new granddaughter! Zeri Kochavit Sager was born January 7. Parents are Mira Lynn and Jacob Sager in Austin, TX, and she joins her 2 brothers and 1 sister.



**Thank you for the following
Beth El Contributions:**

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7 25 SHEVAT 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 9:00-10:30am B'nai Mitzvah Cohort / World Wide Wrap (Zoom) 12:30-1:30pm Chai Tea (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	8 26 SHEVAT 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	9 27 SHEVAT 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	10 28 SHEVAT 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 10:00-11:00am BEWL Board meeting (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:30pm Book Group (Zoom)	11 29 SHEVAT 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00-9:00am Talmud - Suggiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-7:45pm The Ethical Life (Zoom)	12 30 SHEVAT  Rosh Hodesh Adar - Day 1  5:49pm 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Family Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	13 1 ADAR  Rosh Hodesh Adar - Day 2  Mishpatim  Parshas Shekalim  Shabbat Ends: 6:40 Birthday Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Facebook) 6:30pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 7:00pm Havdalah Service (Zoom)
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21 9 ADAR JCC Purim Carnival LIMMUD AZ 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) NO TALMUD TORAH 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	22 10 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	23 11 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	24 12 ADAR 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4-6:00pm CSA Pickup (DAIRY KITCHEN) 4:30-6:00pm Talmud Torah Purim Holiday Fun (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	25 13 ADAR  Fast of Esther 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00-9:00am Talmud - Suggiyot Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30pm Purim Parking Lot Celebration (Facebook)	26 14 ADAR  Purim  6:02pm 7:00am Minyan - includes Megillah reading (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	27 15 ADAR  Shushan Purim  Tetzaveh  Shabbat Ends: 6:52 Anniversary Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Facebook) 6:30pm Zoomdalah (Zoom) 7:00pm Havdalah Service (Zoom)
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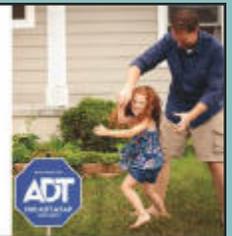
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