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B E T H E L C O N G R E G A T I O N

## SHAVUOT FARMER'S MARKET

Sunday, May 16, 2021 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



**FAMILY ACTIVITIES, FOOD, VENDORS, SOCIAL ACTION, BEWL, AND MORE!**

Join us for an outdoor farmer's market and vendor fair celebrating the last day of Talmud Torah and the beginning of the Shavuot festival.

**Admission is \$5 per family (includes 1 personal pizza per family)**

### Food Vendors

- Brad's Mobile Pizza Oven on site
  - \$7 per personal pizza (cash, Venmo, or Zelle accepted)
- USY Café Kehillah a la carte
- Gourmet Touch
- AZ Pops
- Blue Sky Farms

### Entertainment

- Pirates and Princesses characters
- Ventriloquist Show with Bobbi Rubin

### Activities

- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Butter Making
- Cookie Decorating
- Krav Maga Demonstrations
- Corn Hole
- Social Action Water Bottle Drive
- BEWL Art project: vase painting
- Cub Scouts Activity
- Vendors
- 50/50 Raffle

**THIS EVENT IS FUNDED IN PART THANKS TO A GRANT FROM USCJ'S PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION.**



## Beth El Services

### SERVICES

#### Emor

##### Saturday, May 1

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
 7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
 7:43 pm Havdalah  
 8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
 (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or  
 Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### B'har + B'hukkotai Shabbat Mevarkhim Hahodesh Saturday, May 8

Birthday Shabbat  
 9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
 7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
 7:48 pm Havdalah  
 8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
 (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or  
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#### B'midbar Saturday, May 15

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
 7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
 7:53 pm Havdalah  
 8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
 (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or  
 Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### Erev Shavuot Sunday, May 16

5:45 pm Minyan  
 7:00 pm - 12:00 am Valley wide ONLINE  
 Tikkun Leil Shavuot (see page 8)

#### Shavuot - Day 1 Monday, May 17

9:30 am Shavuot Service\*\*  
 8:00 pm Ma'ariv  
 (In-person and Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### Shavuot - Day 2 - YIZKOR Tuesday, May 18

9:30 am Shavuot Service (Virtual only)  
 8:00 pm Ma'ariv  
 (Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### Naso

##### Saturday, May 22

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
 7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
 7:58 pm Havdalah  
 8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
 (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or  
 Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### B'ha-alot'kha Saturday, May 29

Anniversary Shabbat  
 9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit\*\*  
 7:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week  
 8:03 pm Havdalah  
 8:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah  
 (zoom.us/j/92408568672 or  
 Facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)



#### Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm

#### Candlelighting times:

Friday, May 7 | 6:58 pm

Friday, May 14 | 7:03 pm

Friday, May 21 | 7:08 pm

Friday, May 28 | 7:13 pm

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

#### Shabbat Shaharit Saturdays | 9:30 am

\*\*Live and limited in-person.

Sign up on the website at:

<https://www.bethelphoenix.com/form/Shabbat-registration>

OR virtual access through Beth El's Facebook page at: [facebook.com/bethel.phoenix](https://facebook.com/bethel.phoenix)

#### 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 for Daily Minyan & YOM TOV Services:

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

#### MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Wednesday, May 12

7:00 am (Rosh Hodesh Sivan)

Monday & Tuesday, May 17 & 18

9:30 am Service | 8:00 pm Ma'ariv (Shavuot)

Monday, May 31

8:15 am Minyan (Memorial Day)

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# May

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or call (602) 944-3359

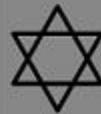
5/3 & 5/24

**Hebrew 101**  
Mondays @ 6:30 PM



Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/659102971](https://zoom.us/j/659102971)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833

5/4 & 5/11



**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](http://www.bethelphoenix.com/event/intro-to-judaism)

5/5

**Valley Beit Midrash Virtual Panel**  
Wednesday | 1:00 pm

Rabbi Stein Kokin is a panelist for this discussion.  
Register at:  
<https://www.valleybeitmidrash.org/event/the-most-urgent-agenda-for-the-american-jewish-community/>

5/5



**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 *The Lost Shtetl* by Max Gross

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

5/6, 5/13 & 5/20

**Talmud: Suggiyot Every Jew Should Know**

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin  
Email [rabbi@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:rabbi@bethelphoenix.com) to register and receive source sheets.

Meeting link: [zoom.us/j/92408568672](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833



**Thursdays @ 8:00 am**

5/9 & 5/23



**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](https://zoom.us/j/92408568672)  
Call in: (669) 900-6833



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin  
Rabbi

### Peak Experience

*The spring comes to its climax, hovers on the edge of summer. The world is perfect: warm but not hot, ripe but not rotting. Those who had just given birth to a new self at Pesach have now matured their new identities, are ready to meet and encounter one another. The weddings that have been delayed all spring can now be celebrated. Both anxiety and hope are swallowed up in the moment of meeting.*

*So now comes the moment of the great Meeting, the great Marriage, with the Infinite Other. The people of Israel, on the trek from slavery, meet at the mountain - meet the Voice that becomes visible, meet the universe that sheds its silence and begins to Speak. The weeks of tension end in the Festival of Weeks - Shavuot.*

*(Arthur Waskow - Seasons of our Joy, p. 185)*

Dear Chaverim,

As I write these lines, we are about to open our doors for in-person Shabbat morning services for the first time in over a year. The excitement is mixed with some anxiety: how will it be to come back from a year physically apart? Hopefully the ongoing vaccinations will succeed in outrunning the pandemic's newest wave of dangerous variants and we will be able to keep our doors open, while at the same time maintaining the virtual world as an ongoing meeting place. Indeed, of the two events this May that I am particularly excited about, one, our Shavuot Farmers Market, will be in-person, while the other, the *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* evening of learning, will be virtual.

At Shavuot we finally want to celebrate! On the eve of the holiday, Sunday, May 16, and in the spirit of the biblical harvest festival, we want to get together in a wonderful outdoor market/carnival and holiday celebration for all ages (see the details of all the planned activities at the festival in our ads). And at night, after we light the candles, we will join together with synagogues from all over the Valley and even across Arizona, in a night of Torah learning.

Both events have the potential to create an experience of community for us that can give us tremendous joy! A peak experience of our journey through and navigating the pandemic in the last 18 months.

Coming that Sunday morning to the parking lot - even with your mask on and physically distanced - can remind us just how many faces our own community has at Beth El and give us an opportunity to reconnect spontaneously, which wasn't possible for most of the time be-

hind our screens. Just thinking about it already fills me with reinvigorating energy. A "Great Meeting" as Rabbi Waskow puts it!

When we will return to our screens in the evening as we bring in the holiday - learning together through the night (7:00 pm until midnight) we will partner with other synagogues all over the Valley and Arizona - joining together in celebration and community of another kind: creating a sacred spiritual learning community beyond spatial distance! From Flagstaff to Tucson, Arizona Jews will be able to unite in learning opportunities offered by clergy across the state. This will truly be one of the positive innovations this pandemic has brought to fruition. Who would have thought, two years ago, that we could all pray and learn together? This is truly inspiring to me as well. Another "Great Meeting!"

So before we go into the summer break - let's embrace the joy of coming together - whether in real space or in cyberspace.

Chag Sameach!  
Rabbi Stein Kokin

## SHAVUOT RECIPES



Pictured above: **Sefer Torah Franks 'n Blanks**  
The recipe can be found at:  
<https://estherodesign.com/blogs/esther-o-design/16051892-sefer-torah-franks-n-blanks>



Pictured above: **Torah Cannoli**  
The recipe can be found at:  
<https://www.busyinbrooklyn.com/torah-cannoli/>



Jonathan Angress  
Cantor

## Dear Friends,

As we begin to venture into the summer, we start to look ahead in the liturgical calendar to the last of the *Shalosh Regalim* - the Three Festivals during the Jewish year: *Shavuot*. *Shavuot* is known as the Feast of Weeks where biblically, we marked the wheat harvest in the land of Israel.

It also commemorates the giving of the *Aseret Hadibrot* - the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

In the past, I have taught about the special piece of liturgy we recite on Shavuot, the *Akdamut* prayer as part of the opening of the Torah service. I have spoken and written about how *Akdamut* has a very special melody attributed to it, a melody we also use for the Evening Kiddush during the Three Festivals. This melody, which has origins in Eastern Europe, is what is known to most American Jews today. However, as with most prayers and elements of Jewish music, there is almost always more than one melody for a given piece of text. And *Akdamut* is no different.

Throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have had the opportunity to view the live streams of many other synagogues throughout the country and even throughout the world. My mentor and colleague in Los Angeles, Hazzan Lance Tapper, introduced me to the live stream of the services from the Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue in Berlin, Germany. This style of service and it's musical offerings (which includes organ accompaniment) hold a very special place in my heart, not only because of the high brow caliber of the music but also because the majority of the music is what my family grew up hearing in shul, first in Germany and then later on in Chicago. One element of the services at Pestalozzistrasse is what is known as the organ prelude and postlude. The prelude is played by the organist in the minutes leading up to the official start of the service, usually while the congregation is taking their seats and settling in (pre-COVID-19). The postlude is played while the congregation exits the sanctuary.

The 19th century German Jewish composer, Louis Lewandowski, who's synagogue compositions comprise the majority of the services at Pestalozzistrasse, composed a selection of 5 organ preludes for the festivals: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot. Each prelude utilizes musical themes and motifs that are specific to the holiday. The Rosh Hashanah prelude uses the High Holy Day ma'ariv motif, the Yom Kippur prelude uses the Kol Nidrei melody, the Sukkot prelude uses the musical theme of the *na'anu'im* (the waving of the lulav and etrog), and the Passover prelude uses the melody of Adir Hu from the seder. The Shavuot prelude uses a musical motif that

is specific to only Shavuot. The melody for *Akdamut*, however, it is not the melody that I mentioned above and that we in the United States already know. In Western Europe, particularly in Germany, the *Akdamut* melody is different and is even more melodious than the Eastern European version which is more chant-like. Lewandowski uses this Western European - German *Akdamut* melody as the musical theme of his Shavuot prelude.

Due to the pandemic, synagogues all over the world have created online content, not just live streamed services, but pre-recorded videos of content that their community offers. Pestalozzistrasse is no exception, having released many videos of their community's musical traditions. One of these videos is of the Lewandowski Shavuot organ prelude being played on the organ of the Pestalozzistrasse Synagogue. This video can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/5DxPooUqZ7A>

It is my hope that during Shavuot this year, I may be able to incorporate this wonderful Western European German *Akdamut* melody along with the Eastern European version we all know and love. And hopefully these two melodies together will help uplift and inspire us during this year's Shavuot celebration.

Todah V'Zimrah,  
Cantor Jonathan Angress

**Transition to Hybrid Services**

Register to attend an upcoming Shabbat morning service in person  
(Reservations are limited!)

<https://www.bethelphoenix.com/form/Shabbat-registration>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

**COVID-19 Vaccine Help**

Need help getting a vaccine appointment?  
Need a ride to your vaccine appointment?

Contact Wendy Rozov at  
[wrozov@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:wrozov@bethelphoenix.com) for assistance!

**Please note:** Once you are fully vaccinated, any Staples location will laminate your vaccination record at no charge.

Contact any Staples store for details.



**Gregory Harris**  
**Board President**

Always, in your wildest dreams.

Every year, on the first Sunday of May, Beth El begins a new chapter. Our bylaws call upon the congregation to gather, not to hear the sound of the shofar, but to answer the call to make our voices heard in the annual election to lead us onward, forward and into the future. Like last year, we expect to be gathering on Zoom. But next year, *in person!*

Beth El's place in the community is secured by the strength and commitment of its members to make this congregation strong. This can be seen in our mission statement:

*We are a multifaceted, intergenerational community devoted to helping our community find joy through Torah and the traditions of the Jewish people . . . . Our goal is to foster individual and collective spiritual and intellectual growth in a warm atmosphere of friendship and community – In a Jewish home in which all feel welcome to join and participate, and in which we care for each other and share prayer, lifecycle events, social action, and other experiences.*

Of course none of us can achieve these goals or ideals alone. And luckily, we do not have to get the job done on our own. We have each other. Which is good news because the work of Beth El cannot be accomplished by one person or without the willing and energetic contributions of time, spirit and enthusiasm of our members who serve as volunteers - including as volunteer members of the Board.

Every year is a turning point of one sort or another. Some years more than others. And this year, in the lifetimes of many of us, that truth is especially the case. Life offers us a series of chances to prove that we have what it takes both as individuals and as members of this community to prevail. The pandemic has made this point particularly true. We've been hunkering down, sheltering in place, keeping our distance, zooming in and out of meetings, and trying to play it safe for well over a year now. As we prepare for the arrival of the new post-COVID-19 normal, we will face demands, some familiar and some yet to be identified, and through it all, we will continue to be strong.

The nominating committee has selected a talented group of members to serve the community and to help keep us all moving forward and in the right direction. This group includes Barry Becker, Herb Dreiseszun, Charleen Holt, Kim Mertens, David Siroky, José Tafla, and Sara Zilversmit. Please lift your voices, cast your ballot, and if you can, pitch in on Beth El's election day so you can help Beth El - and yourself - to make sure that we work together to help Beth El deliver what we need and want. Remember, there is no time like the present - to spur us on to achieve our wildest dreams.

One for all and all for one!

L'shalom, Greg Harris



### **GIFT SHOP NEWS**

Think of Beth El for any simcha - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, housewarming gifts, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs! We have beautiful jewelry and mezzuzahs.

Always available are Shabbat candles and candlesticks, Kiddush cups, Havdalah candles, memorial candles and holders, tallit sets and Kippot both for ladies and gentlemen.

#### Reasons to shop at Beth El Gift Shop:

1. Supports YOUR Beth El
2. NO sales tax
3. Convenient
4. Custom orders offered for all Judaica.

No walk-ins at this time. Please contact Charleen at [cholt@bethelphoenix.com](mailto:cholt@bethelphoenix.com) or 602-695-6462 to arrange an appointment.

**BETH EL BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday, May 5 | 6:30 pm**

May Book: The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross

Email Wendy Rozov to RSVP at [wrozov@cox.net](mailto:wrozov@cox.net)  
<https://zoom.us/j/948321834> | Meeting ID: 948 321 834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

**Blanket Boosters**

VOLUNTEER CROCHET AND KNITTING CLUB

SUNDAYS, MAY 9 & 23 | 1:00 PM

If you need Zoom login information or supplies, please contact [ssandy6807@gmail.com](mailto:ssandy6807@gmail.com). She will make arrangements for you to pick them up from Beth El.

All blankets created are donated to help people in need.

*Happy Mishabeirach's*

**SHARE YOUR HAPPY OCCASIONS WITH YOUR BETH EL FRIENDS**

Send us your good news at [rabbielphoenix.com](http://rabbielphoenix.com) or (602) 944-3559



## Dear Friends,

It is approaching our fiscal year-end, and we are preparing to renew memberships, plan for next year's budget, and reconcile all of this year's financial records. If you have any questions about your account, billing, or membership, please contact our Controller, Nina, or me at (602) 944-3359 so that we can resolve anything outstanding before

**Alicia Moskowitz**  
**Executive**  
**Director**

the new fiscal year begins on June 1, 2021.

Some things to consider:

1. Have you logged in to your online portal to view your account information? If not, please visit our website to learn how at [www.bethelphoenix.com/shul-cloud-faq](http://www.bethelphoenix.com/shul-cloud-faq) or give the office a call and we will help you connect.
2. Do you have any outstanding items on your bill for this year? If so, please make a payment or let us know if you need more time to pay.
3. You will be mailed a statement in mid-May that will contain the new year's membership and security fees. Dues and rates will stay the same as this current year.
4. If you are experiencing financial hardship or your budget has changed for this year, please let me know so that we can work with you to keep your membership active and up-to-date. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated and we want to make sure you are supported in every way possible.

I also want to share the good news that Beth El was the recipient of a United Synagogue Pacific Southwest Region Stimulus Program Grant. We will be using this grant to host a Shavuot Farmer's Market on Sunday, May 16 at 11:00 am. This event will be a fun way to reconnect as a community. The morning will start off with the Talmud Torah's end-of-year celebration (10:30 am) and transition into the farmer's market which will feature kids activities, a petting zoo, live music, pirate and princess characters, USY Café, Women's League art project, Social Action Water Drive, music, puppet show, AZ Pops, BlueSky Farms, and a lot more! The cost to attend is subsidized at \$5 per family which includes a food ticket to redeem at Brad's Kosher Pizza Oven for a personal-size pizza. This fun event is open to the public so please feel free to invite your friends and family who may be interested in learning more about our community. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

L'Shalom,

Alicia Moskowitz

# BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

## Be Well with BEWL - Beth El Women's League

BEWL members really are terrific! Despite it being a crazy year, a multitude of people have stepped up to make sure that we reached our Torah Fund commitment for 2020-2021. We haven't included the money in Torah Fund tzedakah boxes yet so our total will still go up. If you have a tzedakah box, please drop it off at Beth El by the middle of May so we can include it in our total.

Jan Freedman, Torah Fund Director, and I want to thank the following people who have contributed to Torah Fund:

Rose Hirsch	Judith Zola
Kathleen Kahn	Deborah Wolfe
Risa Mallin	Linda Barzilai
Joan Mattisinko	Joan Rothfeld
Bernice Rozov	Herman Charlip
Cynthia Serbin-DuBrow	Leah Pallin-Hill
Terry Tourine	Irwin Battock
Sara Ziskin	Mort Sitver
Alicia Moskowitz	Patti Dreiseszun

Many of these people can now proudly wear this year's pin "B'Yachad," which means "together." If I have failed to include your name as a donor, I apologize. We have three gentlemen among our donors this year proving that supporting our five seminaries through Torah Fund is important to all of us. Anyone who wants to contribute online, please go to <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund>.

BEWL is going to have a table at the Shavuot Farmer's Market on May 16. We will supply glass vases, patterns, and paint markers so you can decorate your own vase and take it home filled with festive paper flowers. Also, if you are a BEWL member and you haven't picked up your insignia tote bag, be sure to stop by and get one.

The BEWL Board resumed meeting in person on April 14 after a year's hiatus and although we wore masks, it was great to see everyone. I hope to see many of you on May 16.

Eileen Bloom  
President, BEWL



## Dear Friends,

On the second day of Passover, we begin counting the days until we reach seven weeks, or 49 days. Then, on the 50th day, we celebrate the Feast of Weeks, better known to us as Shavuot.

**Nanci Siegel Manson**  
Education, Youth and  
Family Engagement  
Director

We know now that Passover and Shavuot are connected by seven weeks, but there is actually more that connects them. Both of these holidays celebrate the harvest in the Land of Israel. Passover celebrates the early spring harvest and Shavuot, the late spring harvest, also known as, “the holiday of the first fruits”.

For this was the time, in our history, when the Jewish people brought the first fruits of the harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem. And still today, on this holiday of Shavuot, synagogues and homes continue to decorate with symbols of spring, greenery, and beautiful flowers to remember the harvest in the Land of Israel.

And we should also remember that there is another very important connection between Passover and Shavuot and that is the exodus from Egypt we speak about during our Passover seders. After the people of Israel left Egypt, they journeyed in the wilderness until they came upon Mt. Sinai where something marvelous happened! There was sudden thunder and lightening and the loud blast of a horn. Then it seemed as if everything in the world came to a stop. No breeze came through, no blade of grass was stirred, it was as if the world held its breath. And then, God gave the world the Ten Commandments, and the entire Torah to the people of Israel.

Passover gave us our freedom; Shavuot gave us the Torah and through this, our people learned the true meaning of freedom.

With this in mind, please join us on Sunday morning, May 16, as we celebrate our first opportunity of “COVID freedom” in the Beth El parking lot and courtyard as our school community joins the larger community to conclude our Talmud Torah school year and welcome in summer at our Shavuot Farmers Market event. Here we will safely enjoy many of the components of Shavuot as we eat cheese pizza, kugel, cream cheese and bagels, learn to make butter, decorate vases and colorful paper flowers, taste different kinds of honey, enjoy a petting zoo, music and lots more. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration and encouraged to bring extended family, friends, and neighbors, at this masked, COVID-19 friendly event. After all, the Torah commands us to “love they neighbor as thyself.” This means that we need to be fair and kind to all people, no matter who they are – weak, rich, or poor, no matter what color, whether we know them or not. Join, us,

make a new friend, open your arms to our community, join us in celebration this holiday with a very important, and very pertinent message to our world today.

Further information can be found on our website and in marketing materials to follow. I hope to see you there.

Until next time....

**TIKKUN LEIL SHAVOT**  
Arizona's Synagogues Learning Together

Join Rabbis, Cantors,  
and Educators on Zoom  
for a night of expansive  
learning **Sunday, May 16 2021**  
**7 PM to Midnight**

Register in advance for  
this session:  
<https://tinyurl.com/y84h6hhy>

**TIKKUN Leil Shavuot**

**Sunday, May 16 | 7:00 pm - 12:00 am (Zoom)**

**Join your friends from other congregations for an evening of Torah, community and revelation from synagogues all over the Valley and beyond.**

**The evening commences with musical traditions and ends with a reading of the 10 commandments at midnight. Throughout the night there will be multiple 45 min sessions to choose from varied learning opportunities. This evening will highlight both the unity and the diversity of our Phoenix (and beyond) Jewish community. Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/y84h6hhy>**

**7:00 - 7:30 pm | Opening Ceremony**  
**7:30 - 11:30 pm | Learning Sessions (multiple, parallel sessions)**  
**11:30 pm - 12:00 am | Closing Ritual**



## Preschool News

**Joanie Charnow**  
**Preschool Director**

The month of May means a lot of different things to different people. For us, it means the end of the school year and graduation for our “seniors,” the Pre-K students. This year’s graduation will be different from the past as we still have all our COVID-19 protocols in place. We will allow two adults per child to attend and watch in a socially distanced way in the Schurgin Center. In addition, we will stream it on Zoom for family members and friends who cannot attend but will be able to watch.

It’s hard to believe that the 2020-2021 school year is coming to a close. When we re-opened in June, we didn’t know how long we would be able to stay open and if we would be able to complete the school year. There were so many uncertainties and I am so proud of our staff that has met all the challenges we faced. They wore masks all day every day and worked hard at not only educating the children but also keeping them safe and healthy. We did not allow any other adults into our building and had to adapt our special programs accordingly. Because we couldn’t have tours, we posted a virtual tour on our website. Parents who wanted to see the school were able to meet with me after school closed at 5:30 pm. I took them outside around the back of the building to see the classrooms.

I would like also to pay special tribute to our amazing parents who have been so cooperative the entire year. They were accepting and gracious about every rule and protocol that we issued and always had a mask on when they dropped off and picked up their children.

Thankfully we have had minimum COVID-19 exposure and cases.

We will honor our teachers with a special luncheon later this month as well as Ros, our Office Manager, who is retiring after 25 years.

It is time to get ready for the start of camp. This year our camp is going to explore the oceans, lakes, and waterways. The children will keep cool under our playground misters and enjoy our regular water days. They will make waterways in the sand and explore lakes and oceans on YouTube and in books.

We’ve changed the gates on our playground so that we can have access to the side yard where the children can use the garden boxes to grow summer vegetables.

I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer.

B’Shalom,

Joanie Charnow





## Beth El Announcements

### Yom Huledet Same'ach to our May Birthdays

#### Date

- 1 GiGi Brzycki
- 3 Paul Levine  
Susan Finks
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### Birthday Shabbat is May 8

### We Remember:

Former longtime member Nancy Fordonski.



### Mazal Tov to our May Anniversaries

Date	Years Married
4 Corey & Jerry Goldstein	6
12 Carol & Paul Sacks	30
13 Mai & Ethan Bindelglas	9
15 Wendy & Wayne Laskin	44
16 Christie & Harold Walzer	39
17 Phyllis & Nick Fotinos	40
Julie & Daniel Witenstein	34
27 Barbara & Mathis Becker	34
Martha & Craig Rozen	42
28 Jerilyn & Joseph Portnoy	55

### Anniversary Shabbat is May 29

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

### Mazal Tov to:

Jan Freedman on the birth of her new granddaughter, Isea Rose, born March 16. Parents are Joel & Jenna Freedman of Glendale, AZ.

David Goldfarb and his son Josh on their soccer team winning a Championship!

Salome Stein Kokin and her soccer team for winning the Inferno Cup!

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# May 2021 19 Iyar 5781 - 20 Sivan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <small>19 IYAR</small> Emor Shabbat Ends: 7:43 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Hybrid) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
<b>2</b> <small>20 IYAR</small> 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 9:00am-12:00pm Talmud Torah In Session (Zoom) 9:00-10:00am Annual Meeting (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>3</b> <small>21 IYAR</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	<b>4</b> <small>22 IYAR</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	<b>5</b> <small>23 IYAR</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 1-2pm VBM Panel (Zoom) 4-6pm CSA Pickup 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6-7pm Social Action Committee Meeting (Zoom) 6:30-8pm Book Group (Zoom) 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting (Hybrid)	<b>6</b> <small>24 IYAR</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>7</b> <small>25 IYAR</small> <b>6:58pm</b> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 11:00-11:45am JFCS Welcome Shabbat for Seniors (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	<b>8</b> <small>26 IYAR</small> Behar - Bechukosai Shabbat Ends: 7:48 Birthday Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Hybrid) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
<b>9</b> <small>27 IYAR</small> Mother's Day 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 1:00-3:00pm Blanket Boosters (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>10</b> <small>28 IYAR</small> Yom Yerushalayim 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>11</b> <small>29 IYAR</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00-9:00pm Intro to Judaism (Zoom)	<b>12</b> <small>1 SIVAN</small> Rosh Chodesh Sivan 7:00am Minyan (Zoom) 10:00am BEWL Board Meeting (H/H) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup 4:15-6:30pm Talmud Torah in Session (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>13</b> <small>2 SIVAN</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>14</b> <small>3 SIVAN</small> <b>7:03pm</b> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	<b>15</b> <small>4 SIVAN</small> Bamidbar Shabbat Ends: 7:53 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Hybrid) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
<b>16</b> <small>5 SIVAN</small> <b>7:05pm</b> Erev Shavuot 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 10:30am-1:00pm TT Year End Student Event and Shavuot Farmer's Market 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 7:00pm-12:00am Valley wide Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study (ONLINE)	<b>17</b> <small>6 SIVAN</small> Shavuot - Day 1 First Day Yom Tov Ends: 8:14pm OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am-12:00pm Shavuot Service (Hybrid) 7:55pm Candlelighting 8:00pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>18</b> <small>7 SIVAN</small> Shavuot - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:14pm OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am-12:00pm Shavuot Service with YIZKOR (Hybrid) 7:55pm Candlelighting 8:00pm Minyan	<b>19</b> <small>8 SIVAN</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30pm Board Meeting (Hybrid)	<b>20</b> <small>9 SIVAN</small> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 8:00am Talmud Suggiyot - Talmud Every Jew Should Know (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>21</b> <small>10 SIVAN</small> <b>7:08pm</b> 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) Last Day of P/S - Noon Dismissal 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	<b>22</b> <small>11 SIVAN</small> Nasso Shabbat Ends: 7:58 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Hybrid) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
<b>23</b> <small>12 SIVAN</small> 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 1:00-3:00pm Blanket Boosters (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>24</b> <small>13 SIVAN</small> PRESCHOOL CLOSED 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom) 6:30-8:00pm Hebrew 101 (Zoom)	<b>25</b> <small>14 SIVAN</small> P/S CAMP OPEN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>26</b> <small>15 SIVAN</small> P/S CAMP OPEN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 4:00-6:00pm CSA Pickup 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>27</b> <small>16 SIVAN</small> P/S CAMP OPEN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>28</b> <small>17 SIVAN</small> <b>7:13pm</b> P/S CAMP OPEN 7:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat (Zoom)	<b>29</b> <small>18 SIVAN</small> Beha'aloscha Shabbat Ends: 8:03 Anniversary Shabbat 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service (Hybrid) 7:30pm Zoomdalah 8:00pm Musical Ma'ariv and Havdalah
<b>30</b> <small>19 SIVAN</small> 8:15am Minyan (Zoom) 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)	<b>31</b> <small>20 SIVAN</small> Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 8:15am Minyan 5:45pm Minyan (Zoom)					

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