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Beth El Services

R'eih

Saturday, August 7

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:53 pm Havdalah

Shof'tim / Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, August 14

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:46 pm Havdalah

Ki Tetzei

Saturday, August 21

Bar Mitzvah of Jadon Woldoff
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:38 pm Havdalah

Ki Tavo + Leil Selichot

Saturday, August 28

Anniversary Shabbat
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:00 pm Selichot Study & Musical Service
7:29 pm Havdalah

Nitzavim

Saturday, September 4

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:20 pm Havdalah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6

5:00 pm Virtual Rosh Hashanah Seder
5:45 pm Ma'ariv
6:28 pm Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
4:30 pm Tashlikh (In-Person - Sunnyslope canal)
5:45 pm Evening Service
7:16 pm Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
5:45 pm Evening Service
7:15 pm Havdalah & Ma'ariv

Va-yeilekh + Shabbat Shuva

Saturday, September 11

Birthday Shabbat
9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:11 pm Havdalah

Kever Avot Service

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am Kever Avot Prayers
Beth El Cemetery (NW section of Greenwood
Memorial Park - 2300 W. Van Buren, Phoenix)

Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre

Wednesday, September 15

5:30 pm Kol Nidre Service
6:16 Candle Lighting

Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am Yom Yippur Morning Service & Yizkor
3:45 pm Study Session (TBD)
4:45 pm Yom Kippur Mincha & Ne'ilah Services
7:15 pm Community Havdalah & Break-the-Fast

Ha'azinu

Saturday, September 18

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
7:01 pm Havdalah

Erev Sukkot

Monday, September 20

5:45 pm Evening Service
6:09 Candle Lighting

Sukkot - Day 1

Tuesday, September 21

9:30 am Sukkot Yom Tov Service
5:45 pm Ma'ariv
6:57 Candle Lighting

Sukkot - Day 2

Wednesday, September 22

9:30 am Sukkot Yom Tov Service
6:56 Havdalah
7:00 pm Ma'ariv

Sukkot / Anniversary Shabbat

Saturday, September 25

9:30 am Shabbat Shaharit**
6:51 pm Havdalah

Erev Sh'mini Atzeret

Monday, September 27

5:45 pm Sh'mini Atzeret Evening Service

Shmini Atzeret

Tuesday, September 28

9:30 am Sh'mini Atzeret Morning Service & Yizkor

Simchat Torah

Tuesday, September 28

5:30 pm Simchat Torah Dinner
6:15 pm Simchat Torah Celebration - Dancing & Service

Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 29

9:30 am Simchat Torah Morning Service
6:45 pm Simchat Torah Evening Service
6:46 pm Havdalah

Zoomdaloh & Ma'ariv in August will be @ 7:30 pm and September will be @ 7:00 pm

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaharit | 9:30 am

**Live and in-person.

Virtual access through Beth El's Facebook page at:
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

ROSH HODESH Elul & Sukkot Intermediate Days: 7:00 am on Weekdays & 8:00 am on Sunday

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672 Passcode: minyan
Call in: (253) 215-8782 Call in Passcode: 649433

August & September

8/2 & 8/9

Hebrew 101
Mondays | 6:30 pm



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

8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, & 9/23

The World of Talmud
Thursdays | 8:00 am

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin
Email rabbistein@bethelphoenix.com to register
and receive source sheets
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672
Call in: (669) 900-6833

8/11



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 book of the month.
See the enclosed flyer for August & September book titles.
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

Candlelighting times:

Friday, August 6 | 7:05 pm
Friday, August 13 | 6:58 pm
Friday, August 20 | 6:50 pm
Friday, August 27 | 6:41 pm
Friday, September 3 | 6:32 pm
Friday, September 10 | 6:23 pm
Friday, September 17 | 6:13 pm
Friday, September 24 | 6:03 pm

Adult Education & Programming

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

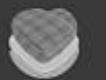
8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, & 9/14

 **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

8/8, 8/22, 9/12 & 9/26

 **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

8/25



Jewish Photographers
Wednesday | 7:00 pm



Learn about Jewish photographers
from the early days until now.
Meeting link: zoom.us/j/948321834 | Call in: (669) 900-6833

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A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Dear Chaverim,

As I write this article, I am looking forward with joyful excitement to “coming back” to rebuilding lively community engagement in person. What a journey it has been this last year and a half! But we did it! We were strong! We lived the “new normal”: we prayed and studied via Zoom, physically apart, surviving as a community through phone calls, Zoom meetings and drive-by events. Parking lot experiences to hear the Shofar and light the Hanukkah candles, stamping out Haman by honking our car horns, touching base at car windows during the donation drop-offs - we found creative ways to be a little closer while still apart. I loved the Shavuot Farmers Market, at which we finally got together as a community outside of our cars. And now I am getting excited for the start of the school year in August and the beginning of the High Holy Day season. I pray that we will be able to move ahead despite the challenges and worries the new Delta variant now poses. If you haven’t yet, please get vaccinated! Simply do it - it’s a Mitzvah - it can save you and those around you! It is that simple!

Venturing out again - into the arms of loved ones, visiting relatives and friends near and far is what we are longing for, and more and more of us are doing this. What we’ve already begun in our secular lives we are anticipating with the coming of August as a Beth El community. What we’ve begun with Shabbat morning services - venturing out into the sacred gathering spaces, meeting new and old faces, we will now broaden again. This August we plan to return to more in-person learning and celebration. Our **Beth El Women’s League** will kick-off the month on **Rosh Hodesh Elul** - Sunday August 8 - with a study and art session on *Ushpizin* - exploring women heroes in our lives, and the joy and blessing guests can bring. Sunday afternoon, August 15, our teens are invited to join us for a **pool party** at my family’s home (details to follow) - sharing summer stories while splashing around and staying cool. The following Sunday, August 22, **Talmud Torah** will return, with a first fun day of school. Alongside filling classrooms that have been too quiet for too long, meeting old and some new buddies, we will collect donations in the **Joan Sitver Memorial School Supply Drive** for other school communities in need. That bustling Sunday morning we will also offer a workshop for everyone to refresh their rusty **synagogue skills** (Wait, how do I put on a Tallit again? What do I do when I receive an Aliyah?) Everyone is welcome to come into the chapel to practice those skills and ask the questions that you always wanted to ask.

The day before, on Saturday, August 21, at our **Back to School/Shul** Shabbat morning, we will celebrate Jadon Woldoff’s Bar Mitzvah, the first Simcha with an in-person crowd since the beginning of the pandemic! Come and join us on Shabbat morning for this long-awaited Simcha!

With our **Musical Selichot** evening service, featuring our very own Cantor Angress and pianist Stephen Schermitzler - on Saturday night, August 28, and our USY Youth Group pre-Rosh HaShanah **Challah Bake** on Sunday afternoon, August 29, we’ll conclude the secular summer and move into the mindset of High Holy Day renewal, spiritual return - **Teshuva** - and reflection:

What are the life-lessons that the pandemic has taught us?

How did we serve Life/God during the time of COVID-19?

What *Teshuva* as individuals and as a community do we have to do?

One of my moral and spiritual role models and mentors Rabbi Amy Eilberg writes:

“We had to give into the reality of powerlessness and the radical uncertainty of life, like it or not. We have been drawn to reconnect with our primal connection to all of humanity, and therefore with our profound obligation to care for others, especially those with less than we have... I believe the pandemic has evoked and necessitated a practice of chesed (kindness), as the whole human race has been brought to its knees by a microscopic virus. We have been forced to practice savlanut (forbearance), bearing circumstances we could not have imagined we could tolerate... What will be our sacred service as we go forth from the constrained and frightening time of the pandemic?”

I hope we can hold open our hearts in kindness to the suffering of others, be more patient with the annoyances of life, show up for building new connections and friendships - since we can now - and let ourselves be flexible and accepting of the inherent change and unpredictability of life!

L’Shalom,
Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin



Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

As we enter into August, we here at Beth El are hard at work getting ready for the High Holy Days. Throughout the summer, the question has been circulating throughout our community about whether High Holy Days will be in person or online. I am glad to say that it will be both! By now you will have received our mailings which outline what we are planning to do: a hybrid model where we will have congregants in the sanctuary as well as watching our livestream online. And, we are planning to do certain services on Zoom as well.

While we understand that many factors and moving parts are involved in our decisions about returning in person, I would like to take a moment to highlight a section of our High Holy Days liturgy that can hopefully be a source of inspiration in your thought process about gathering safely at Beth El. Each year on Rosh Hashanah, we recite different biblical verses during the Musaf service that reflect on different themes during the Days of Awe. These sections are referred to as *Malchuyot* - verses of sovereign majesty, *Zichronot* - verses of remembrance, and *Shofrot* - verses of revelation. One of the most infamous verses is included in the *Zichronot* section, originating from the book of Jeremiah: *Zacharti Lach Chesed N'urayich, Ahavat K'lulotayich, Lechtech Acharai Bamidbar, B'eretz Lo Zerua* - *I remember your youthful devotion, the love of your betrothal, that you followed me in the wilderness through an unsown land.* (Jeremiah 2:2)

One of the most well known musical settings of this text (and my personal favorite) is composed by the 19th century German-Jewish synagogue composer Louis Lewandowski. As I have written and taught many times, we are very familiar with Lewandowski's music as his settings of *Tzadik Katamar* and the Friday evening Kidush are what we use regularly here at Beth El. The setting of *Zacharti Lach* is special due to the beauty of its melody and its ability to connect us to the text and more importantly, to the High Holy Days spirit and mood.

But in addition to the music, I would like us to also focus on the message and relevancy of the text during our second pandemic - High Holy Days season. Last year, we celebrated together (but apart) the High Holy Days online. This was a new experience for all of us, an "unsown land" of sorts. We are lucky that the community put trust in its leaders: the clergy, professional staff, and lay leadership to help guide us and follow us through "the wilderness" of online worship and engagement. And even though the pandemic is not fully over and we still must remain careful about the risks, health, and safety of others, we are beginning the process of

coming back together in person with the hopes of remembering our *Chesed N'urayich* - our youthful devotion, a devotion to Beth El and our community that can truthfully be best fulfilled together in the same room, at the same time, and in the same place. I encourage each and every one of you to consider remembering what it was like to be together during services and events at Beth El, and to use that memory to make new ones during this High Holy Days season and beyond.

May the music, liturgy, and connectedness of this coming High Holy Day season bring you the comfort, hope, and reassurance that we all so desperately need to come back together *panim el panim* - face to face, in the coming year.

From my family to yours - Mayra, Noah, and I would like to wish you a *Shanah Tovah U'Metukah* - a sweet and healthy New Year.

Shanah Tovah,
Cantor Angress



Welcome,
Roberta
Harmon!

Shalom Everyone!

I am beyond thrilled to be taking on my new position as Youth and Community Engagement Coordinator. I love working with youth - focusing on fun, friendships, Torah, and Social Action. I am very much looking forward to my first High Holy Day season with my new community at Beth El and am eager to meet each and every one of you.

My wish to each of you for the New Year is that every day be great, there be a buffet of happiness, with good health, sweet surprises, and lots of love for each other. I am so excited for a fun-filled year ahead with many enriching events as well as memories that will last a lifetime.

I can be reached by phone at (602) 944-3359, ext. 103 and by email at rharmon@bethelphoenix.com.



Gregory Harris
Board President

What a year it has been and what a year it is! Through it all, Beth El has been there for all of us. Together, we have worked to meet the challenges of everyday life, which was magnified this year by the threat of the pandemic. Yet despite all of the disruption to celebrations, or Shabbat and holiday celebrations, weddings, b'nai mitzvot, funerals, daily minyan, Talmud Torah, preschool, Chesed calls, and much, much more, Beth El has met us where we are or have been - on Zoom and on Facebook. The enforced distancing has meant that we could not be in the same room for too much of the year, but we have still been able to come together for a year of warmth and welcoming to all who entered our doors, virtual or otherwise.

The challenges that we have faced have given us the chance to shine in ways that should make us all walk a little straighter and smile a little more brightly. Why? Because of the work of our Social Action Committee. Led by Sara Ziskin, Sara Zilversmit, Barbara Lewkowitz, Debbie Gordon, and Alicia Moskowitz, we have come together as a congregation to make a positive difference in the community. Reaching back before the pandemic took hold, and extending throughout this period, they have helped us all to recognize the need to lend a hand and to practice charity, which are among our most cherished, core values. What have they done - and what have they empowered us to do? Thanks to the spark that they delivered, together as a community, we have collected and donated --

- Lunches for the homeless. Hundreds and hundreds of lunches during three separate drives.
- Snacks items for seniors.
- Personal hygiene items like soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and brushes
- Water: there's never enough, particularly during the long hot summer. We are always accepting donations of water for the homeless.
- Food and clothing drive for Nourish Phoenix (formerly ICM). On Kol Nidre, at a time of virtual services, we eclipsed earlier donation with donations totaling 2,846 pounds.
- School Supplies for local students, including backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens and pencils. This event will happen again this month at the 2nd Annual Joan Sitver School Supply Drive to be held on August 22.

Without their hard work, organization and planning, there would be needs that we could have helped to meet that remained unanswered. Rather than leave it to someone else, our Social Action Committee has demonstrated to the world beyond our campus, and to our members as well, that it is within our power to make a difference. And that there's always more that we can do. So please, the next time you have the chance, express your appreci-

ation to Barbara, Debbie, Sara, Alicia, and Sara for the gentle - or maybe not so gentle - nudge to do our part to help with portions of the community that need some healing.

L'shalom,

Greg Harris

SOCIAL ACTION

JOAN SITVER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

August 22 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

JOIN BETH EL SOCIAL ACTION FOR A SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE BENEFITTING VALENCIA NEWCOMERS SCHOOL.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE TALMUD TORAH TEACHERS!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: NOTEBOOKS, PENCILS, PENS, COLORED PENCILS, CRAYONS, TWO-POCKET FOLDERS, CHILD-SIZED SCISSORS, NOTEBOOK PAPER, GLUE STICKS, DRY ERASE MARKERS, SANITIZING WIPES, HAND SANITIZER, AND TISSUES.



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Ever think of blowing your own shofar? Our gift shop has a terrific selection of shofars to purchase. They make a great gift for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, too.

For all your High Holiday needs, we have honey dishes, candlesticks, kiddish cups, and memorial candles.

Always available are Shabbat candles, Havdalah candles, Kipot, and Tallit sets for men and women.

Reasons to shop at Beth El gift shop:

1. no sales tax
2. convenient
3. unique items
4. SUPPORTS BETH EL
5. custom orders available



Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

Dear Friends,

As we are well into the summer heat, I hope this finds you well and cool. For the staff at Beth El, summer is a time of planning and preparing for the coming High Holy Days and the rest of the year ahead. This year, it is especially challenging to plan as we want to continue our reopening in a safe manner. Our goal is to provide access to all of

Beth El's offerings - services, classes, religious school, preschool, and holiday celebrations - to as many people as possible. We will continue to make our content available on many convenient platforms while expanding the in-person offerings so that you can connect with us in the way that is most comfortable for you and your family. If you have not already, we urge you to get vaccinated to help us curb the impact the pandemic.

Beth El is blessed to have experienced and skilled office staff to serve you, and I want to introduce/re-introduce them to you as we move into the new membership year.

Our Controller, Nina Zamoshkin, is available to answer questions, make adjustments, and research all things related to billing. If you have a question with your bill, please feel free to contact her at nzamoshkin@bethelphoenix.com or (602) 944-3359 ext. 111.

Our Office Manager, Korina Springer, is in charge of our office administration, database updates, and processing payments. She also designs and mails our *echo* newsletter each month. You can contact her at kspringer@bethelphoenix.com or (602) 944-3359 ext. 106.

Our new Youth and Community Outreach Coordinator, Roberta Harmon, joined us this June and is excited to not only join the office staff, but the Talmud Torah teaching staff, and is the new Youth Advisor. She is in charge of planning events, marketing, and outreach. Please join us in welcoming her at (602) 944-3359 ext. 103, or rharmon@bethelphoenix.com.

Finally, it was brought to my attention that some attendees of the Shavuot Farmer's Market were charged \$5 per person to enter. This was an error as it was to be \$5 per family. I am very sorry for this error and want to make sure that it is corrected for those who were affected so please feel free to contact me if you would like an adjustment.

We appreciate all of your support and friendship. It is an honor to serve such a close-knit, caring community, and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

L'Shalom,
Alicia

BETH EL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monsoon rains have started, the temperatures are still high and we are quickly approaching Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I am looking forward to seeing many of you gathered to observe the New Year in person. While the Zoom platform has its advantages, nothing can compare to being present in the sanctuary and joining your voice with the congregation. The cantor can't put you on mute like he does online.

Thank you to the many ladies who have already renewed their membership in BEWL. You can mail back the green form you received with a check for \$36 or pay online at www.bethelphoenix.com/about/bewl. A big todah rabah to those who purchased packages of honey sticks from our Rosh Hashanah Fundraiser. The cut off for ordering was July 30, but if you contact me, I can let you know if we have extra bags for sale. You can pick up your honey sticks on Sunday, August 22, at the Joan Sitver Back to School Drive event. If you can't make it that day, orders will be available at "will call" at Beth El during regular office hours. Please support the Back to School event organized by our wonderful Social Action Committee and Talmud Torah, named in honor of BEWL Past President Joan Sitver. I understand they have a lot of backpacks already, so collect school supplies to be donated to the Valencia Newcomer School. Last year, we donated 250 backpacks, 35 boxes of school supplies, and \$960. Let's see if we can surpass that achievement.

The BEWL Board of Directors meets at Beth El on the second Wednesday of each month, holidays permitting. Our next board meeting is August 11 and we'd love to have you drop by. We welcome your ideas to help us plan our programs for the next year. If anyone would like to serve as Social Correspondence Secretary, please contact me.

Once we get the approval of the COVID-19 Task Force, BEWL plans to start Mahjong Meet Ups again. They used to be on the first and third Wednesday of the month, starting at 1:00 pm. We'd like to know who would be interested in coming back to in person games. Of course, there will be snacks!

Barbara Becker has agreed to offer a fused glass class at her studio to BEWL members. We have talked about making a spoon rest or a candy or olive dish — something small that can be finished in a few hours. Would you prefer a Sunday event, or one in the evening? We'd like to schedule this class this year, but haven't settled on a date yet.

Pink Shabbat, in support of breast cancer awareness, is on the calendar for October 16. If you would like to participate in the service, please contact Judy Zola at jaz4940@cox.net.

Drop me a line to let me know your opinion on Mahjong Meet Ups, scheduling the glass-fusing project, and honey stick availability. I wish you a sweet New Year.

Eileen Bloom
President, BEWL
eileenbloom@gmail.com



Nanci Siegel Manson
Religious School
Director

Dear Friends and Families,

July 1 began my 8th year serving as a Jewish educator here at Beth El and my 30th year serving as a Jewish educator here in the Valley. Wow, where has the time gone?? It has been my good fortune to have met with and worked with the many students, families, staff, and co-workers over these years, which has given me great pleasure and privileges of being part of their Jewish lives.

July 1 is also often the time in which many of my colleagues, near and far, start in new positions, renew their contracts or simply begin working in the world of Jewish education. I'm excited to announce that we have a new employee who will work both in our Talmud Torah as well as run our Youth programs. Her name is Roberta Harmon and she's already begun her work here at Beth El with great enthusiasm, ideas, and energy to bring us all together as we reopen for in-person, on-campus activities. With team work amongst our senior staff, teachers, and clergy, Sundays will be filled with student and family engagement opportunities, during and after school, with additional youth programming being planned for after Talmud Torah hours. We are also excited to announce our new approach to Sunday morning tefillah with student engagement, discussion, prayer, and songs. Parents are also encouraged to attend at the end of the school day (11:45 am - 12:15 pm). Stay for coffee and a nosh following the service as we welcome the opening of our new Sunday morning cafe. This provides for a great opportunity to get to know other members of the synagogue as well as other Talmud Torah parents.

Please mark your calendars for the first day opening kick-off event on Sunday, August 22 which will include a meet and greet and our annual Joan Siver School Supplies Drive. Feel free to invite interested families to this event to get a feel for our Talmud Torah and spend time with our staff and families of Beth El. Registration forms for the upcoming school year have been sent to your homes but can also be found on our website or by contacting me to have one emailed directly to you.

I look forward to entering my third decade into Jewish education and discovering what it will bring.

Looking forward to seeing how much your student has grown when we return to Beth El in-person learning in August.

Until next time.....



Bar Mitzvah

Jadon Michael Woldoff, son of Leisah and Ron Woldoff, will become a Bar Mitzvah on August 21, 2021.

Grandparents are Sarah Woldoff and Robert Berkovitz. Jadon is an eighth-grader at Pardes Jewish Day School.

For his mitzvah project, Jadon is coordinating a clothing drive for children at the Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter so they will have the uniforms they need for school.

To make a contribution to the clothing drive, visit bethelphoenix.com/payment.php, select "Social Action Fund" and note that it is for the Clothing Drive.

ROSH HASHANAH CHALLAH BAKE



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED CHALLAH
BAKE TO BRING IN THE SWEET NEW YEAR.

AGE: B'NEI MITZVAH AND USY
LOCATION: BETH EL PHOENIX
1118 W GLENDALE AVE
DATE AND TIME:
AUGUST 29, 2021
12:30 PM-4:00 PM
COST: \$5.00

LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED
PLEASE RSVP ONLINE



Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

Preschool News

We had a great start to school, and everyone is happy. Our Open House was a big success even though it was a little different than in years before. Everyone enjoyed coming into the school and meeting the teachers. The teachers in each classroom prepared the room as it looks every morning and had special activities, as well as a getting to know you sheet for the parent and child to fill out. All families had appointments, so the school did not have more than 40 people inside at once.

We are still doing drop off and pick up outside the glass door as it is easier for the children, teachers, and parents. We do not want a large gathering inside since we do not know who has or has not received the vaccine. We do know some parents who have not yet, and we do not want to expose our young children who cannot get the vaccine yet. We will also have our big fundraiser for adults only so please stay tuned for the date, you are all invited.

The preschool has been a safe place for families to come during this pandemic because of our dedicated staff who are working tirelessly to keep our school safe. Not letting people in the building is not to hide anything but to keep our children and staff safe. We take safety very seriously, we keep our ratios low, our staff has been vaccinated, and we sterilize our toys and equipment daily. Our teachers are all caring and nurturing adults who treat our children as if they are our own. I am very proud of our school.

We are very excited about all the wonderful activities we have planned with the children and the families this year. We will be able to bring families to all the special outside activities and some classroom ones as well. We are planning a Tomatillo Festival for March 2022. We will have a salsa-making contest that will be judged by professional chefs from around the valley. There will be food, competitions for children and adults along with special guests. There will be a silent auction so if you have anything you want to donate, please let me know. We will still have our big adult-only fundraiser in January, keep your eyes open for the date. Everyone is invited and I guarantee fun will be had by all.

I am looking forward to being able to have the holiday services in person. We will be doing a children's service that will be fun for all the young children. I hope to see you there.

L'Shalom,
Joanie





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our August Birthdays

Date

- 1 Sandra Robbins
- 2 Jerry Goldstein
Marti Nathan
- 3 Randy Dashefsky
- 4 Ellen Riech
John Wolfe
Cheryl Light
- 5 Jody Aarons
- 6 Leisah Woldoff
- 8 Barbara Lewkowitz
- 9 Carolyn Kaplan
- 11 Barbara Kluger
- 12 Herman Charlip
Gary Sorely
- 13 Betsy Hill
Emily Bogusch
- 14 Robert Kalish
- 18 Dawn Serbin
- 19 Matthew Vitoff
- 20 Stacey Kuffner
- 21 Barbara Wolff
- 25 Barbara Apfel
Maya Goldberg
Harvey Faber
David Siroky
- 28 Terry Tourine
- 30 Wendy Rozov

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our September Birthdays

Date

- 2 Cheryl Littlepage
- 4 Dan Shein
Susan Harris
- 5 Sid Greenwald
Faye Paller
- 7 Ronald Lowe
Renée Cooperman
- 8 Mark Jackson
- 9 Lenka Siroky
Sara Zilversmit
- 11 Gregory Harris
David Beyer
- 12 Preston Mayon
Rona Goldman
Avis Schlar
- 13 Howard Weinstein
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Date	Years Married	
3	Janice & Jerome Shapiro	46
4	Susan & Sid Greenwald	47
8	Barbara & Thomas Wolff	17
	Lara & David Goldfarb	22
9	Marie & William Wolf	51
11	Evelyn & Leon Zeitzer	58
14	Arlene & Richard Loewy	44
15	Lori & Marc Lee	50
	Gail & Paul Ulan	28
18	Judy & David Siegel	47
	Margot & Sheldon Levin	44
19	Rona & Sam Goldman	54
20	Barbara & Michael Apfel	43
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23	Elaine & Jerrold Weiss	63
25	Joan & Robert Kalish	58
31	Cynthia & Harvey Faber	52

Anniversary Shabbat: August 28 & September 25

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

We Remember:

Rina Freeman, wife of Michael Freeman,
Daughter-in-law of Beth El members Marvin
and Pearl Freeman.



Mazal Tov to our September Anniversaries

Date	Years Married	
1	Lisa & Gary Serbin	36
2	Leslie & Andrew Feldman	14
	Randee & Shlomo Pri-Tal	42
3	Paula & Gary Abromovitz	55
4	Barbara & Bruce Holzman	55
6	Anna & Erez Kessler	12
10	Lily & Joshua Schoen	4
13	Heather Baker-Mushkatel & Zachary Mushkatel	12
30	Nancy & Henry Markiewicz	49

Mazal Tov to:

Rich Cohen on his appointment by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a joint commission of the U.S. Department of Education and the American Dental Association, as the Chairman of the Review Committee on deciding whether to not to accredit the specialty residencies. Rich founded the Orofacial Pain specialty which is the newest in dentistry.

Ellen Goot on the birth of her new grandson, Jacob Owen Goot, born July 8 in Milwaukee. His parents are Ben and Ellen Goot.

Rabbi Stein Kokin and Alicia Moskowitz on being awarded runner up for USCJ in the Ritual category. Their Visionary Award: Shabbat at home program connecting at home Shabbat celebrations to the community's collective service. This was presented in a webinar in June for all USCJ affiliates to view.

Our Jewish News Reader's Choice Awards: Our Preschool won runner up for its Aftercare Program and our Ritual/Family Engagement won runner up for our Family Shabbat Services!

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Dear Chaverim,

Thank you very much to everyone who donated to our Father's Day Sack Lunch Drive! We beat last year's record (400 lunches) by collecting over 560 lunches. AZ Friends of the Homeless was very grateful to receive our donations and will distribute them directly into the hands of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Yasher Koach to the entire Beth El Community on this amazing mitzvah!

A special thank you to the Bar-Chaim and Shuch families who donated 54 sack lunches to this drive in memory of Batya Bar-Chaim, beloved mom, sister, and daughter; and Sandor Shuch, beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Our next social action event is the Joan Sitver School Supply Drive in memory of our beloved member, Joan Sitver, who was a retired teacher that was dedicated to social action. Donations will benefit the Valencia Newcomer School and Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter. Please bring new school supplies to our drive on Sunday, August 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Donations of school supplies will be accepted during regular business hours up until the event, and funds can be donated online at www.bethelphoenix.com/payment.php (select donation and 5SO-CACT - Social Action Fund in the Type field).

The Social Action Committee is now partnering with the Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter that houses 30 families in need of support services. A variety of events and drives will be planned to help these families progress during their time in the shelter. We look forward to making a difference in supporting these families of Vista Colina throughout this year.

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