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



Annual Turkey Train and Side Dish Drive

Sunday, November 21 | 11:00 am—12:15 pm

Donate frozen turkeys (non-kosher accepted) to the families of the Valencia Newcomer School and the Vista Colina Family Emergency Shelter!

Side Dish Items needed:

Cans of Yams
Boxes of Stuffing Mix
Boxes of Mashed Potatoes
Boxes of Corn Bread

Cans of Green Beans
Cans of Corn
Packets of Gravy
Boxes of Mac & Cheese

Boxes of Jell-O mix
Cans of Cranberry Sauce
Bags of Rolls/Bread
Containers of Lemonade or Fruit Drink Mix

Thank you for helping Talmud Torah and
the Social Action Committee
help those in need!



**Beth El
Services**

SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE:

In light of the everchanging circumstances, details concerning services may change during the month. Please consult our weekly Shabbat email for the most current information.

Tol'dot

Saturday, November 6

Bar Mitzvah Ari Lipshultz

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^harit**

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

6:03 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Va-yetzei

Saturday, November 13

Birthday Shabbat

Aufruf of Cantor Jonathan Angress & Mayra

Ramos

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^harit**

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:58 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Va-yishlah

Saturday, November 20

9:30 am Traditional Shabbat Shaha^harit Services**

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:54 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Va-yeishev

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Tevet

Saturday, November 27

Anniversary Shabbat

9:30 am Shabbat Shaha^harit**

5:30 pm Zoomdalah - Dance into the week

5:52 pm Havdalah

6:00 pm Musical Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Kabbalat Shabbat every Friday at 5:45 pm

Candlelighting times:

Friday, November 5 | 5:14 pm

Friday, November 12 | 5:09 pm

Friday, November 19 | 5:05 pm

Friday, November 26 | 5:02 pm

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Shabbat Shaha^hrit

Saturdays | 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**

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

ZOOM information for Daily Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

Meeting ID: 924 0856 8672

Passcode: minyan

Call in: (253) 215-8782

Call in Passcode: 649433

MINYAN TIME CHANGES:

Friday, November 5 | 7:00 am (Rosh Chodesh)
Thursday, November 11 | 8:15 am (Veteran's Day)
Thursday, November 25 | 8:15 am (Thanksgiving)
Friday, November 26 | 8:15 am (Thanksgiving)
Monday, November 29 | 7:00 am (Hanukkah)
Tuesday, November 30 | 7:00 am (Hanukkah)

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November

Adult Education &
Programming
Register at bethelphoenix.com
or call (602) 944-3359

11/1 & 11/15



Hebrew 102
Mondays | 6:30 pm



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

11/4, 11/11 & 11/18

The World of Talmud
Thursdays | 8:00 am

Learn Talmud with Rabbi Stein Kokin
Email rabbi@bethelphoenix.com to register
and receive source sheets

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

11/10



"Rabbi Reads"
Wednesday | 6:45 pm

Rabbi Stein Kokin will discuss Yossi Klein Halevi's
"Letters to my Palestinian neighbor"

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

11/11

Response to Rising Anti-Semitism



Thursday | 12:00 pm



Zoom ONLY

Learn with Paul Rockower from the JCRC and Mark Crell
from the ADL.

Meeting link: zoom.us/j/92408568672

11/14 & 11/28



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

11/18

LUNCH & LEARN: THE JUDGES
THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM



Join Wendy Rozov and your Beth El friends for a hybrid learning
session. Study the Book of Judges with us!

In person available without lunch.

Register with Wendy @ wrozov@bethelphoenix.com

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

11/21

Chai Tea Women's Study Group
Sunday | 12:30 pm



What's in Your Jewish Spiritual Toolbox?
There are many Jewish spiritual practices that allow us to open ourselves to find the
holy in our lives. Hybrid learning sessions. In-person at Beth El.

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

11/29

VBM x Beth El: Hannukah in the Bible?
Monday | 1:00 pm

Join Beth El and Valley Beit Midrash for this
co-hosted event with a presentation
by Marc Zvi Brettler.

Register with VBM: <http://tinyurl.com/yyzf8ta5>



A. Nitzan Stein Kokin
Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This month we will celebrate our Cantor Jonathan Angress and his fiancée Mayra Ramos as they tie the knot! It's been a long wait for them as they postponed their wedding for a whole year because of the pandemic. We are thrilled and excited for them, and happy that we can celebrate together as a community at their *Aufruf* on the Shabbat before the Chuppah, November 13 at 9:30 am.

Every wedding strikes an intriguing balance between the intimate commitment uniting two loving people and the communal celebration of the covenant they enter. Halachically speaking, only two witnesses are needed to render a marriage valid, but we need a public quorum - a *Minyan* - to recite the *Sheva Berachot*, the Seven Blessings, which conclude the ceremony just before the groom steps on the glass. And even more striking is the fact that the majority of the seven blessings are not even directly concerned with the couple or their wedding. Rather, they invoke some of the grand themes of Judaism: creation, peoplehood, Jerusalem, even redemption.¹ Let's take a look at these blessings in the modern translation of Gilah Langner:

Sheva Brachot

1. Blessed are you, God, who brings forth fruit from the vine.
2. Blessed are you, God, who shapes the universe. All things created speak of your glory.
3. Blessed are you, Holy One, who fashions each person.
4. We bless you, God, for forming each person in your image. You have planted within us a vision of you and given us the means that we may flourish through time. Blessed are you, Creator of humanity.
5. May Israel, once bereft of her children, now delight as they gather together in joy. Blessed are you, God, who lets Zion rejoice with her children.
6. Let these loving friends taste of the bliss you gave to the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden in the days of old. Blessed are you, the Presence, who dwells with bride and groom in delight.
7. Blessed are You, who lights the world with happiness and contentment, love and companionship, peace and friendship, bridegroom and bride. Let the mountains of

¹ cf. pp.137-144 "The Jewish Wedding Now" by Anita Diamant.

Israel dance! Let the gates of Jerusalem ring with the sounds of joy, song, merriment, and delight – the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the happy shouts of their friends and companions. We bless you, God, who brings bride and groom together to rejoice in each other.

If you read closely you noticed that only the last two blessings return to focus on the bride and groom. In the arc spanning creation and redemption, the Chuppah becomes the center point between our origins and our future. In their entirety, the seven blessings then 'place the couple under the canopy at the very center of Jewish history and belief.'²

Gilah Langner writes in the introduction to her translation: "Resonating with echoes of creation and paradise, the blessings are an astonishing mixture of public and private joy. A longing for national redemption mingles with the redemptive power of personal love. [...] Weddings are moments of fulfillment and largesse, moments when the personal love of two people expands and overflows, touching friends and family, and drawing closer the community that witnesses and participates in the wedding. When the fullness of God's blessing washes over us - in an act that perhaps God too needs - we can lift up our heads, smile within our souls, and bless God back. And so complete the circle of blessing in the world."³

Please join me in blessing Cantor Angress and Mayra Ramos that they may feel the fullness of God's blessings on their wedding day and every day of their married life together! May they return to the overflowing joy of their wedding day on days ahead that might be difficult. And as a small token of appreciation and inspiration, I would like to offer them and of all us this anonymous blessing:

May we be loving and generous with one another.

May we find strength to face life's challenges.

May we seek balance in our lives and harmony in our home.

May we always nurture each other's passions.

May we see beauty in all places and in all people.

May our lives be founded on truth and commitment to justice.

May we be fully present to each other and to the wonder of life.

Author unknown

MAZAL TOV!

Rabbi Nitzan Stein Kokin

² Ibid.

³ <http://kerem.org/a-taste-of-kerem/seven-wedding-blessings/>



Jonathan Angress
Cantor

Dear Friends,

“Ani L’dodi V’dodi Li - I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.”

This verse which comes from *Shir Hashirim* - The Song of Songs, is one that is used in Jewish weddings, commitment ceremonies, and *ketubot* (wedding contracts) all over the world.

Shir Hashirim itself is viewed as a series of love poems either between a man and a woman or between man and God. And therefore, it is only appropriate that a piece of text is taken from this *megillah* as part of the ritual and liturgy of the modern day Jewish wedding.

When recited as part of the wedding ceremony, the verse is mainly spoken and not sung. But when chanted as part of The Song of Songs, there is a special trope, or cantillation, used for the recitation of this book. The trope is also the same as used for the books of *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes) and the Book of Ruth. Motivically, the melody of these three books is very similar to the special melody that Ashkenazi communities use to chant *Shirat Hayam* - The Song of the Sea in the Torah. Musically, the melody starts out in the major mode and then weaves in and out of minor and major. Judaically, the major mode denotes majesty (as opposed to happiness in many other western cultures) whereas the minor mode denotes happiness in addition to it being one of the typical Jewish modes. One could ascertain that the cantillation is demonstrating not only the majesty and happiness that sprouts from the love between two people, but also the innate “ups and downs” that exist between relationships of all kinds, demonstrated by the modes changing between major and minor.

By the time you read this article, we will be days away from our special wedding day. Both Mayra and I want to thank you, our Beth El community, for all the love and support you have shown and given us over the past few years and we look forward to continuing to share our family, and hopefully grow our family, with you. My family in Florida which includes my parents, Mindy and Daniel, my sister Sarah, and my grandmother Florence are also very excited to come to Phoenix and celebrate this special day with us. And I know that my grandfather Irwin (z”l) and my nana Celia (z”l) will also be celebrating with us from *Olam Habah* - the world to come.

Once again, thank you all for being the dynamic and loving community that you always are.

With love,
Cantor Angress and Mayra Ramos



Bar Mitzvah

Ari David Lipschultz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 6. Ari is the son of Rabbi Jeffrey and Naomi Lipschultz. Grandparents are Charles & Shirley Grossman, Marilyn Mitchell and Donn Kessler of Phoenix.

Ari is an 8th grader at Pardes Jewish Day School. He enjoys traveling, playing piano, hanging out with his younger brothers, Alex and Asher, and playing strategic video games. He wants to be a video game designer and takes computer programming classes after school.

For his mitzvah project, Ari is volunteering with Gesher, formerly known as the Council for Jews with Special Needs. His uncle Stuart, who is deaf-blind, has been an active member of Gesher for many years.

Please consider making a donation to Gesher in honor of Ari’s Bar Mitzvah at www.gesherdr.org.



Aufruf Blessing

Mayra Ramos and Cantor Jonathan Angress will be married on Sunday, November 14. They will be called to the Torah as a bride and groom for their Aufruf blessing on Saturday, November 13 at 9:30 am, during Shabbat morning services. Mayra is the daughter of Elva and Lorenzo Camarillo and Cantor Jonathan is the son of Mindy and Daniel Angress.





Gregory Harris
Board President

Scanning the Horizon

With the High Holidays receding from view – but not from memory – and the other new year approaching, we turn our attention to the horizon, and beyond: both the places where we’re going and to the places where we’ve been. We do this for a host of reasons. To anticipate what’s next. To take stock of our goals. To make sure that we’ve done our part to involve others. To work together as a team to help make our dreams come true.

But in looking forward, we cannot make the mistake of looking only to future. The past is not just any guide. The past triggers memories which fill us with the wisdom of experience, a force which makes it possible for us recognize that when we work together, we have the means to help shape our destiny. Each of us has the power to bend the curve and chart the path to be taken in the many services, programs and mitzvot that we undertake at Beth El. Our past instructs us, it enriches us, it informs us, it comforts us – and yes, at times it torments us – but the one thing the past does not do is bind us.

Beth El’s leaders are a band, but we are not a one-person band. And yes, like others before me – and those who also will be entrusted with the responsibility to serve as Beth El’s president, embrace this role and this vision. Clearly, the responsibility for initiative and follow through falls most clearly on our leaders – to the person in charge. But this is true no matter where we are at any given moment. When we have questions about spiritual guidance and halacha, and in our most trying moments, we turn to Rabbi Stein Kokin. When we need to schedule an event, we call our Executive Director. And when we have ideas about what we’d like Beth El to achieve and how it’s going to be accomplished, we turn to our President and other lay leaders of the congregation.

Lately – now there’s an understatement – we’ve been spending a great deal of time on COVID-19. With any luck and maybe some magic, this thing will soon be a thing of the past – and that can’t come soon enough. As a team, we have worked together to anticipate and plan to make adjustments in response to this crisis. We have taken stock of our goals, developed a plan with input and contributions from others. In this, we have been fortunate to have leaders in this field to help guide us. Dr. Scott Steingard, Dr. Steve Nathan and Alana Berrett have each contributed invaluable in order to guide us through this episode. Their subject matter expertise has allowed our entire staff to raise questions and receive answers to the many questions that have come from members, visitors, and fellow employees about what we can do, what we need to do, and what we can do better to support our congregation. This is not an easy task. And because so much is at stake, opinions are diverse and emotions can run high. Through it all, Scott, Steve and Alana have been a steady presence in our midst, and together with the full membership of the COVID-19 Task Force, have kept us grounded in a reality that continues to test our resilience. We are indeed extremely appreciative beneficiaries of their devotion to Beth El and its

members.

We scan the horizon – and the news. Even if there never had been a COVID, we’d still have much to accomplish and challenges to meet. But meet them, we will. After all, a synagogue’s work is never done, and Beth El’s need for your strength, commitment and energy never wanes.

Please stay healthy!

L’shalom,
Greg Harris
President



GIFT SHOP NEWS

HANUKKAH OH HANUKKAH COME LIGHT THE MENORAH
Hanukkah starts November 28

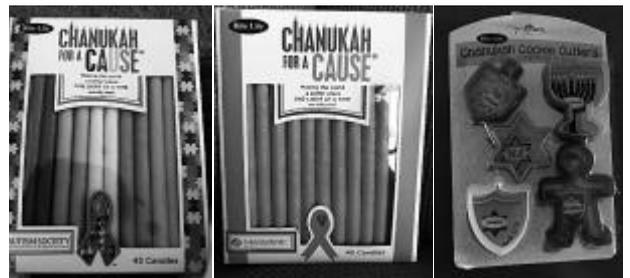
We have a wonderful variety of Hanukkiah’s - traditional, modern, electric, and oil. Do not forget the candles! We have candles from Israel and Candles for a Cause which are pink for breast cancer, multi-color for Autism, and camouflage to help provide kosher meals for our troops. Also available are dreidels, decorations, cookie cutters, and more.

We are always stocked with Shabbat candles, candlesticks, kiddush cups, challah trays, havdalah candles, memorial candles, tallit sets, and kippot.

REASONS TO SHOP AT OUR GIFT SHOP:

1. Amazing merchandise
2. Convenient
3. No sales tax
4. Support BETH EL

Gift Shop is open during Beth El’s office hours





Alicia Moskowitz
Executive
Director

Dear Friends,

November is here and it is a month that includes many collective expressions of gratitude. Gratitude is a wonderful quality to possess, practice, and experience. I highly recommend increasing the practice of gratitude in your daily routine, and there are some excellent opportunities coming up with which to begin!

The first opportunity for gratitude is Veteran’s Day which will be celebrated on Thursday, November 11. As we honor the sacrifices of those who have had the honor to serve our country, we express our gratitude to them and to their families for all they have done to keep us safe. In this spirit, Beth El’s office will be closed on Veteran’s Day.

Each year, the City of Phoenix and the Honoring America’s Veterans organization present the Veteran’s Day Parade. It begins on November 11 at 11:00 am and the parade route starts in North Central Phoenix at Montebello and Central Ave. and travels south along Central to Camelback to 7th St., ending up at the VA on 7th St. and Indian School. The Cub Scout Pack that meets at Beth El along with their Charter Organization, the Jewish War Veterans Post 210 (JWV) will be in the parade riding on a large military vehicle. Come by and wave to us as we drive by in this fun and meaningful event.

The Cub Scout Pack and JWV will also gather at the Beth El Cemetery to put flags on the graves of all the veterans who are buried there. The Scouts take their time in identifying the correct places to put the flags and to pick up anything that does not belong in the cemetery while there.

The other big holiday that gives us a chance to show how grateful we are is, of course, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a harvest festival, like Sukkot, and has origins in Judaism.

When the colonists survived crossing the great expanse of the ocean and a tough winter in their promised land, they reached into Jewish Scripture, found the harvest festival of Sukkot and created Thanksgiving. The word “turkey” comes from the Hebrew, “tuki,” (a big bird) and the focus on a family meal in which prayers of thanksgiving are offered for God’s bounty and protection during the exodus, belies its Jewish origins.

*By Rabbi Barry Silver | Sun Sentinel
November 12, 2019*

At Beth El, Thanksgiving time means mitzvah time in the form of our Annual Turkey Train and Side Dish

Drive. Our Talmud Torah is teaming up with the Social Action Committee to collect frozen turkeys and non-perishable side dishes and ingredients to donate to our friends at the Valencia Newcomer School and the Vista Colina Family Emergency Shelter. Let’s show how grateful we are by providing for others who need a helping hand.

I would like to end by mentioning the things I am most grateful for this November– my incredible family, our collective health and happiness, and our warm, caring Beth El Community.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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 New address? New phone number?
 New email address?
 Please call the office to let us know!
 (602) 944-3359

Happy Mishabeirach's
 SHARE YOUR HAPPY OCCASIONS WITH YOUR BETH EL FRIENDS
 Send us your good news at rabbiabethelphoenix.com or (602) 944-5559

LUNCH AND LEARN



THE JUDGES
 WHO WERE THE SHOFTIM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE BEFORE THE MONARCHY ROSE? THEY WERE WARRIORS, MILITARY LEADERS, PROPHETS, MEDIATORS, AND LONE VIGILANTES. THIS SEASON WE STUDY THE BOOK OF JUDGES, PART OF NEVI'IM (THE PROPHETS) THAT ENCOMPASSES THE PERIOD FROM JOSHUA'S DEATH TO THE ANOINTING OF SAUL. GET A GOOD TASTE OF WHAT A PREFERRED LEADER MAY, OR MAY NOT, BE LIKE.

THURSDAYS AT 12:00 PM
 2021 DATES: 10/21, 11/18, 12/16
 2022 DATES: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/12
 ZOOM ID: 881 238 825



Nanci Siegel Manson
Talmud Torah
Director

Dear Friends,

The B'nai Mitzvah

We celebrate our children as they begin to emerge into adulthood through the B'nai Mitzvah process. Students of our Talmud Torah learn Jewish traditions, practice reading and reciting Torah, study texts, and take their place on the stage of Jewish life. We want our

children, parents and teachers both, to love being Jewish, to feel empowered to continue their Jewish learning and to begin assembling the Jewish toolkit to live a Jewish life.

One should know that this ceremony for a child coming of age (age 12 for girls and age 13 for boys) is not required nor is the celebration an "obligation" that is automatic. But since becoming a bar/bat mitzvah is such an important milestone and joyous occasion, it's popular for families and friends to celebrate this lifecycle event together.

We are excited to have several of our students become B'nai Mitzvah this year. We hope that you check the Beth El calendar and join us in support of our students as they lead us from the Bima in prayer and more as they begin their life-long journey of Jewish learning, study and participation in the larger Jewish community.

Mazel tov to you all!

Upcoming Events

USY Social Action Meals for a Mitzvah
Sunday Nov. 7 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

USY Pottery Day
Sunday Nov. 14 | 1:00pm-3:00pm

USY Hanukkah Party
Sunday Nov. 28 | 1:00pm-4:00pm

USY Social Action Blanket Making
Sunday Dec. 5 | 1:00pm-3:00pm



Pictured above:
Talmud Torah prepares meals for asylum seekers.



Preschool News

The weather is finally cooling off enough for our classes to use the playground for an outdoor classroom as well as sports and free choice.

Joanie Charnow
Preschool Director

Our school has applied to participate in a study be done by the ASU Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

It is called the Back to ECE Safely with Sage Project. Sage features a garden-based physical activity and nutrition education that improves the ECE environment, promotes physical activity and healthy eating. It is funded by the National Institute of Health's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. This project helps the school by providing a gardening curriculum which includes basic garden maintenance (watering, identifying problems, and identifying pests) to promote sustainability of the garden. They will provide and help us set up new above-ground garden boxes as well as renovate our old ones. They will also give us \$300 to continue the upkeep and growth of the garden itself. All that this program encompasses is important to me for our children. If we are not chosen to participate in this program, we will use our own fundraising money and donations to update our current garden.

Our classes love playing outside, watering the plants, and watching them grow. They also like watching and following the bugs that visit the vegetables. In the past we have grown parsley for our class's model Passover Seder and even sent some home with the children. Right now, the garden is overgrown with mint. This program will help us learn which vegetables we should plant and when and how to care for them.

With Hanukkah so close to Thanksgiving this year we can combine important lessons like Thanksgiving, tzedakah, mitzvot, and Hanukkah - a time for remembering. It is never too early to teach our young children about ethics and values. Teaching kindness and caring are an integral part of all our early childhood curriculum. Being thankful for what we have, having respectful kindness and empathy for our family, friends, and our community is the foundation we want all children to learn.

During November, the classes will collect tzedakah for a JFCS family so they will be able to have a nice holiday. We collect food for the food banks so they will be able to feed hungry families a Thanksgiving dinner. Giving them this foundation to love to learn, to care for each other and take care of those who need help is not only important during these holidays but for every day living.





Beth El Announcements

Yom Huledet Same'ach to our November Birthdays

Date

- 1 Eric Lynn
- 2 Christie Walzer
- 5 Eileen Bloom
Erez Kessler
- 8 Linda Barzilai
- 9 Dean Behboodi
- 10 Emily Mallin
- 13 Leon Zeitzer
Daniel Witenstein
- 14 Risa Mallin
Wendy Olsen
- 15 Scott Steingard
- 20 Bithia Chavez
- 21 David Goldfarb
Phyllis Fotinos
- 22 Jeanne Milstein
- 23 Phillip Jalowiec
- 24 Steven Gelbart
Sheldon Dashefsky
Edlyn Soderman
- 25 Saul Elias
- 26 Bernard Harris
Paula Abromovitz
- 27 Lara Goldfarb
- 28 Danit Polunsky
Renee Hecht
- 29 Rhoda Morris
Myrna Ross

**Birthday Shabbat is
November 13**



Mazal Tov to our November Anniversaries

Date

Years Married

1	Naomi & Jeffrey Lipshultz	18
7	Michell & Gary Sorely	6
10	Froma & Max Allen	59
15	Cheryl & Phillip Jalowiec	41
18	Esther & Benjamin Zlochower	71
21	Carrie & David Melkin	17
22	Evie & Daniel Rosen	1
24	Rebecca & Sean Karlin	20
28	Leslie & Ben Cooper	29
30	Barbara Lewkowitz & Geoffrey Gonsler	36

**Anniversary Shabbat is
November 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:

Debbie Gordon and Michael Wheeler on the birth of their granddaughter, Audrey Iris Gordon, born on September 18. Parents are David & Jenny Gordon.



Thank you for the following
Beth El Contributions:

General Fund

A thoughtful contribution
Steven & Elaine Casselman
Michael Lewis
Michael Smith
Garik & Ester Zavlunov
Thanks for the Talmud and
Hebrew classes
Ruth Callahan
In honor of the Kever Avot
service
Gary Goodman
In appreciation of the High
Holiday honors
Rose Hirsch
For the speedy & complete
recovery of Leah Wiesen
Joan Rothfeld
For the speedy recovery of Mel
Isaac
Geraldine Travis
In memory of Shawn Naughton
Barry & Jody Aarons
In memory of Stuart Charlip
Herman Charlip
In memory of H.M. Dreiseszun
Patti & Herb Dreiseszun
In memory of Helen Ernst
Ira & Edwin Ernst
In memory of Ted Ditchek
Sissy & Burt Follman &
family
In memory of Rita Rosen
Joseph Gelb
In memory of Maurice Fischer
Maury Jessner
In memory of Bessie Lasner
Bart Lasner
In memory of Jerry Kinsler
Bart Lasner
In memory of Sam Lasner
Bart Lasner
In memory of Michelle Sydne
Newman
Marcia Newman & The
Newman Family
In memory of Leatrice Solon
Diane & Greg Posniack
In memory of Lynette Reiss
Martin Reiss
In memory of Bryna Canin
Jerry Rosen
In memory of Virginia Serbin
Cynthia Serbin-DuBrow &
Edward DuBrow
In memory of Mary Wernick
Howard & Noreen Wernick
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William Zack
In memory of Harold Ziskin
Dan Ziskin

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Harmon

Anita Griffith

Rabbi Stein Kokin's Discretionary Fund

A thoughtful contribution
Melody & Anthony Lamon
Robert & Marilyn Saretsky
In honor of Beth El's clergy for
Shabbat & Holiday
presentations
JFCS Senior Center
In appreciation of Rabbi Stein
Kokin
Cynthia Serbin DuBrow &
Edward DuBrow
In appreciation of our Torah
honor
Dan & Shelli Silver
In honor of his October
birthday
Mel Isaac
In honor of Rabbi Stein Kokin
Ron & Leisah Woldoff
In memory of Augusta
Gershman
Annette Sarrazine
In memory of Marty Friedman
Annette Sarrazine
In memory of Joan Siver
Morton Siver
In memory of Mort Weiner
Arlene Weiner
In memory of Clara Seman
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Antonowsky
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Loren Weiss

Talmud Torah Fund

In honor of Rabbi Stein Kokin
Susan Hinton

Trees for Israel

In honor of Marin Shay
Pittinsky's Bat Mitzvah
Paula & Gary Abromovitz
Merle Jeanne Milstein
In honor of Luke Nathan
Pittinsky's Bar Mitzvah
Paula & Gary Abromovitz
Merle Jeanne Milstein
In honor of Sandra Levy's
birthday
Harriet Peck
In memory of Manuel &
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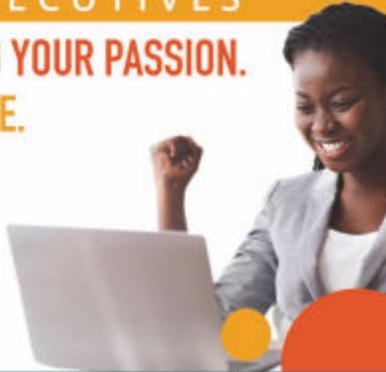
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