

BETH EL AND CHISUK EMUNA PRESENT

SHUL OF ROCK!

A ROCK N' ROLL PURIM SPIEL

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH, 2022

6:15 "Mini-Megillah" Kids' Celebration

6:45 PURIM SPIEL

7:30 Ma'ariv & hamentashen break

7:45 Megillah Reading

ALL NIGHT: COSTUME PHOTO BOOTH!

Spiel will be held at Beth El Temple

RSVP to Patty@bethelhbg.org

*Please note that masks must be worn in the building

Calendar Highlights

Tuesday, March 1

Book Club: Joshua Greene, *Unstoppable*, on Zoom, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

Gesher "Shamor v'Zachor" services at Chisuk Emuna, no services at Beth El

Mondays, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Apr. 4
Learn Hebrew/Trope with Mandy Cheskis, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, and 22

Women of the Bible, continued, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins

Wednesday, March 16

Gesher Purim Celebration at Beth El

Thursday, March 17

Women's Megillah Reading, JCC, 9 a.m.

Friday, March 18

Purim Dinner—wear costumes! \$20/p, 7 p.m.

Saturdays, March 19 and April 2

Family Shabbat Morning at Beth El

Wednesdays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13

Rabbinic Tales of Jewish Survival in Egypt

Thursday, March 24 and Sunday, April 24

Ted Merwin programs, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Friday, April 1

Pre-Pesach Dinner, \$20/p, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 3

Breakfast and Learn, RBG's *Brave and Brilliant Women*, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 5

Book Club: Elyssa Friedland, *Last Summer at the Golden Hotel*

Thursday, April 7

Freedom Seder, 6:30 p.m. in person and on Zoom

Friday, April 8

Gesher Family Kabbalat Shabbat at Chisuk Emuna, no services at Beth El

Friday, April 15

Passover begins, 1st Seder

Wednesday, April 27 - Thursday, April 28

Reading of the Names, hosted by Beth El

Candle Lighting Times

Mar 4	5:44 p.m.	Apr 1	7:14 p.m.
Mar 11	5:52 p.m.	Apr 8	7:21 p.m.
Mar 18	6:59 p.m.	Apr 15	7:28 p.m.
Mar 25	7:06 p.m.	Apr 22	7:35 p.m.
		Apr 29	7:42 p.m.

Daily Service Times

Weekday evenings	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Friday mornings	7:00 a.m.
Friday nights	6:00 p.m.
Sundays	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.

Avadim Hayinu
"We were slaves"

Tenth Annual Freedom Seder:

"Why We Welcome Refugees"

Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in person and on Zoom

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The Freedom Seder is an interfaith event that commemorates the journey from slavery to freedom for Jews in ancient Egypt and for African-Americans in the United States. We celebrate these emancipations while acknowledging the forms of hatred and oppression that persist today, and committing to work against them together. We will sing, perform Passover rituals, share a meal, and hear stories of refugees in our neighborhood as we explore the question:

Why do we welcome refugees?

To attend in person please RSVP to Patty Brown at patty@bethelhbg.org or call 717-232-0556.

The cost to attend in person is \$18. To attend virtually please register at <https://bit.ly/3GPVGfg>

■ Rabbi's Message



וְגַר לֹא תִלְחָץ וְאַתֶּם יִדְעֶתֶם
אֶת־נַפְשׁ הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הֵייתֶם
בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 23:9)

Dear Beth El,

The Torah tells us no fewer than 36 times to “remember the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” This number 36 represents double *chai* (18, the numeric value of the Hebrew word for “life,” times two), and reminding us that doing so will bring life to ourselves and to others. The teaching is core to our understanding of what it means to be Jewish. Though we ourselves were not slaves, every Passover we are told to “see ourselves as though we too, were slaves in Egypt,” because identifying with those who experience oppression is key to being Jewish.

Recently at Beth El we have taken up this call to welcome the stranger. We have supported the resettlement of Afghan refugees in numerous ways. We have held food drives and raised money for them through our Thanksgiving bake sale. We did a drive for general housing items and ended up donating two truckloads to the International Service Center to help the refugees set up their new homes. We recently completed a clothing drive that brought in an enormous amount of clothing. Partnering with Jewish Family Service and Ohev Sholom, our staff and volunteers set up the clothing as a “store” at

which refugees could “shop,” gathering any clothing their families need for free. I have witnessed firsthand how these items have helped the refugee families, who came to this country with nothing but what they could carry, begin to build a home here.

Finally, we have begun to meet and welcome these refugee families, getting to know them and care for their situation personally. Some of you have met the Zeiaye family who live in my basement, or other families being resettled by JFS through your volunteering. I loved meeting the families at our clothing drive; so kind, warm, and grateful despite this incredibly difficult moment in their lives. This month our Gesher students listened to two young women from the Afghan community tell their stories and began to learn what it means to be a refugee.

If you haven't yet had a chance to meet some of these families, you can in April when we hold this year's Freedom Seder, the theme of which will be “Why We Welcome Refugees.” Our interfaith community will sit for dinner and seder together with refugee families who will share their stories. All are welcome to join us in person or virtually.

Welcoming the stranger does not only apply to refugees or immigrants, however. When not properly included, people in our own community can be made to feel like strangers. To counter that, we held a Disability Advocacy Shabbat in honor of February's Jewish Disability Inclusion month, and also hosted Rabbi Ruti Regan on Zoom for a talk about how to be more inclusive in our services and rituals. We hope that efforts such as these will ensure that no one in our community feels like a stranger.

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■ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 23, 2022—6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022—6:00 p.m.

■ BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 23, 2022—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022—7:00 p.m.

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■ PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



January is usually a quiet month for activities, but not at Beth El Temple. We have had a busy start. Rabbi Capptauber has made our Shabbat services wonderful with new music, interesting and informative sermons, and making the “ask” for congregants to participate in our

services. Our adult education continues to be a success, and our programming coordinated by Executive Director Bill Walter has been outstanding. Please check out Shul News each week for the latest on services, programming, and other important information.

I want to compliment our Director of Lifelong Learning, Mandy Cheskis, for her outstanding work. Not only is she teaching our young people, but she is teaching our adults as well. Mandy is ready, able, and willing to instruct congregants who would like to read Torah or chant Haftarah. I have heard rave reviews about her passion to teach. In fact, I will be one of Mandy’s students starting in the spring.

As we head toward the spring, and COVID numbers continue to drop, I am looking forward to possibly resuming more normalcy at our synagogue. Our COVID Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. I will keep you informed on what you need to know. However, in this edition of *Hashaliach*, I want to update you on security.

Although we have invested quite a bit in security over the past several years, recent events in Colleyville, Texas, have made us once again re-think our security system and processes we have in place.

In the week following the event, many of our security committee members have attended various webinars offered by organizations, summarizing what happened, who was involved, and who assisted, and providing some basics that we need to have in place. Although we have done a significant amount of upgrading to our security system, there is more that we need to do.

One of the biggest lessons learned from the unfortunate Texas event was that the Rabbi, Executive Director, and staff have had hands-on, in-person practice in these types of scenarios. Stay tuned for the latest information. There is more to come to keep you safe now and in the future.

Finally, Beth El Temple is a healthy, thriving organization, but we are constantly in need of volunteers. It is imperative that our members step up and help! Being part of a committee is a fun way to meet people, establish new friendships, and give back to the community. I hope you will consider helping out!

*Stay well, stay safe, and I hope to see you in shul,
Rick Leiner*

■ MINYAN MOMENTS

At Beth El Temple, we all count!

What’s your day to count and be counted upon?

To become a minyannaire, contact our minyan captains:

Morning minyan captain

Bob Lieberman (717-979-1634)

Evening minyan captain

Ron Lench (717-877-1892)

Shabbat minyan captain

Dale Kaplan (717-979-7787)

Sunday morning minyan captain

Ron Lench (717-877-1892)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Beth El Temple minyan family.

Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Zoom

Sunday evening - no service

Monday morning - no service

Monday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Tuesday morning 7:00 a.m. Zoom

Tuesday evening 5:30 p.m. IN PERSON

Wednesday morning - no service

Wednesday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Thursday morning - no service

Thursday evening 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Friday morning - 7:00 a.m. IN PERSON

Saturday evening - no service

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Simply shine your light on the road ahead, and you are helping others see their way out of darkness."
~ Katrina Mayer

Each December, we experience the days with the least amount of sunlight. During those darkest days of this most recent year, we reflected upon all the challenges that came with 2020/2021. There were moments when I found myself desperately trying to forget the year and a half of "darkness" – the isolation, masks, and loss. However, I found myself more often thinking about the light that surrounds this community for which I am so grateful to be part of. Over the past few months, there have been countless examples of how much light Beth El Temple shines and how bright our future looks.

- High Holiday Services with over 600 people in attendance both in person and livestreamed for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Beth El Temple Yom Kippur Food drive during which we collected over 120 bags of food for the needy
- Outdoor Friday night services with Rabbi Captauber
- Yoga for the Soul and Rocking Havdalah under the Stars was a huge success

- The incredible "Let it Glow" Hanukkah show brought smiles and entertainment to hundreds of our members
- Two incredible in-person and livestreamed Bar Mitzvahs – Matthew Roseman and Joel Zilbering
- Afghan Refugee Clothing Drive, helping new neighbors who were starting anew
- Beth El Temple Book Club Zoom with Authors averaging 45 participants per program

Our future is truly bright! During this past year and a half, I have seen the incredible value our leaders and staff place on creating a nurturing, passionate, and caring environment for our community. We have learned that our bond, that our connection, goes beyond the boundaries of the Temple property. Much like the Children of Israel, we are stronger together, and our Light does shine brighter together.

Let's continue to shine our light on each other, to share our vitality and energy with not only those in our community we know well, but also with those whom we may not know as well. I challenge you to extend yourselves and take part in a different opportunity offered here at our beloved shul and to bring someone special who may not have joined us before.

*Let's keep the light shining,
Bill Walter*



Rabbi's MESSAGE

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Sometimes remembering that we were strangers in Egypt means protecting and loving our own community in a hostile world. In January, we were shocked when a rabbi and congregants in Colleyville, Texas, were taken hostage during Shabbat services. We at Beth El are working to keep our community safe and also to battle anti-Semitism in the world. We have dedicated many efforts to remembering the Holocaust, from our Geshet 7th graders' "Shamor v'Zachor" program in which they study the Holocaust with Lillian Rappoport, to our first speaker for the Rose Blecker Memorial Breakfast and Learn, Linda (Capp) Marshak, a Holocaust survivor and my grandmother. This year Beth El will also be sponsoring the community Reading of the Names for Holocaust Memorial Day in April, and I hope you'll sign up to participate and honor the victims in this way.

Sometimes being a stranger can mean being a stranger to ourselves, as Billy Joel sang, "We all have a face/ That we hide away forever/ And we take them out and show ourselves/ When everyone has gone... They're the faces of the stranger/ But we love to try them on." This is what the holiday of Purim is all about, and on March 16, we'll come together to celebrate in costumes and masks and faces of the stranger, for megillah reading, hamentashen, and of course, our Purim Spiel! I hope you'll join us to celebrate, have fun, and explore our inner strangers.

*Looking forward to celebrating with you,
Rabbi Capptauber*



"Cultivating Tomorrow Together"

The long overdue Installation of
Rabbi Ariana Capptauber
will take place the weekend of
May 13-15, 2022
Please join us – mark your calendars now!

**BETH EL**
TEMPLE
Your Sanctuary by the River

Adult Education for Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation

Do you want to

- לִלְמַד עִבְרִית *Learn to read Hebrew?*
לְהִתְחַבֵּר *Improve your Hebrew Reading?*
לְהַחְזִיק *Learn to chant from the Torah?*

Mandy Cheskis, our Geshet Director of Lifelong Learning, will be teaching three trimesters of classes for adults.



Trimester 3

Location: Beth El Temple

Dates: Monday nights

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4

7-7:45 p.m. Hebrew

8-8:45 p.m. Torah Trope

To register for a class, please email:
patty@bethelhbg.org

For more information, please contact Mandy Cheskis
mandy.gesherdirector@gmail.com
(717) 649-4220

Beth El Temple Sisterhood

Dear Sisterhood,

Did you know that as members of Beth El Temple Sisterhood you are also a member of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism? This international organization now consists of over 400 affiliated Sisterhoods as well as many individual members.

The Women's League has grown significantly both in size and status from the original group organized by Mathilde Roth Schechter, wife of Solomon Schechter, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. In 1918, 100 women, many the wives of prominent rabbis and scholars affiliated with the Seminary, set forth a mission to "perpetuate traditional Judaism in their homes, synagogues and communities, a task for American Jewish women."

Today, the Women's League serves many functions from programming to networking to financial support for women pursuing Rabbinic and Cantorial studies. Your membership in the Beth El Sisterhood is supportive of the greater good!

If you have never looked, I encourage you to browse the Women's League website to see what it's all about: www.wlcj.org

*In Friendship,
Rachel Zilbering*

13th Annual Beth El Temple Purim Food Drive to benefit the Afghan Refugee Families

March 14 - March 18, 2022



BRING:

White long grain rice
Jam
Sugar
Loose green tea
Salt
Pita Bread
Olive oil and corn oil
Apple juice
Lentils

WHERE:

Beth El Temple Lobby
(Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm)

Thank you for your generosity!

Beth El Temple Social Action Committee

BETH EL TEMPLE PRESENTS

Family Shabbat Morning @ Beth El!

Join Rabbi Captauber, Geshet Director Mandy Cheskis & your Beth El buddies for a family-friendly Shabbat morning service with a Siddur scavenger hunt, a kid's gathering with Mandy and a chance to lead prayers on the bima!

DATES:
MARCH 19: PURIM-THEMED SHABBAT
APRIL 2: PASSOVER-THEMED SHABBAT
MAY 14: FAMILIES & RABBI'S INSTALLATION!

Celebrate Purim with us for the 11th Annual



Thursday, March 17, 2022

9:00 a.m.

**Jewish Community Center
3301 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA**

*Masks required * Costumes encouraged
Festive celebration following reading*

Celebrate with our 30 dedicated readers.

Holly Engelman Rachel Zilbering Judith Hodara
Jennifer Peisner Sally Jo Bronner Mandy Cheskis
Jenn Ross Bonnie Peisner Yasminah Huberman
Gloria Grabenstein Helene Loux Maggie Grotzinger
Sandra Schoicket Emily Peisner Ortal Klein
Eva Siegel Carol Ressler Marian Frankston
Audrey Miner Jackie Rubin Luisa Narins
Samara Sofian Rabbi Ariana Captauber
Yaffa Englander Devorah Cheskis Rena Cheskis
Vivian First Tammy Reid Lindsay Hameroff Lisa Foer

Ted Merwin Presents:

How Do You Define **Community**?

Thursday, March 24—7:00 p.m. on Zoom



We use the word “community” all the time, but what does it really mean? This lively, text-based workshop will explore the essential ingredients of community, examining how both Jewish and non-Jewish thinkers from the Talmud to the present have, in often surprising and unusual ways, defined and understood the term. Dr. Merwin will bring over two decades of experience as a professor of Jewish studies and Jewish communal leader to explore the question of what our Jewish community will look like in the wake of the pandemic and what we can do to make it more responsive to our needs. We will conclude by discussing how we can get more out of the overlapping communities to which we all belong.

Where Harry Met Sally:

The Delectable History of the New York Jewish Deli

Sunday, April 24—7:00 p.m. on Zoom



For much of the 20th century, the New York Jewish deli was an iconic institution in both Jewish and American life, a kind of homeland for the soul, with pickles on the side. As a social space, it rivaled the synagogue as the primary gathering place for the Jewish community. Today, after decades of decline, the deli is experiencing a nostalgic resurgence. In addition, delis are featured in a plethora of plays, films, TV shows, songs, and stand-up routines. From John Belushi's "Samurai Deli" skit on *SNL* to Rob Reiner's late-1980s romantic comedy, "When Harry Met Sally," the deli and its fare have been embraced by Jews and non-Jews alike as a delicious emblem of Jewish culture in America.

Ted Merwin, Ph.D. is a Senior Writer for the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA). Before coming to JFNA, he worked as AIPAC's Synagogue Initiative Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region. For many years, Ted taught Judaic studies at Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA), where he directed the Milton B. Asbell Center for Jewish Life. He is the author of *Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli*, which won a National Jewish Book Award, and *In Their Own Image: New York Jews in Jazz Age Popular Culture*. He lives in Baltimore with his wife and three daughters.

VIRTUAL GESHER LEARNING UPDATE

By Mandy Cheskis, Gesher Director of Lifelong Learning



Thank you for everyone's flexibility as we transitioned to online learning for these past few weeks. There are pros and cons to online learning.

While we look forward to returning in person to Gesher, we have noticed some wonderful benefits of virtual learning.

- Many of our students have better focus during online sessions than they do in the classrooms.
- Attendance has improved during online sessions.
- Teachers have immediate access to videos and teaching materials on the world wide web.
- To our surprise, our Gesher community has been maintained and even strengthened during online sessions.
- It has been easier to bring in guest teachers to join our sessions, and no one must drive in the bad weather!
- Students and teachers who need to quarantine and are not feeling ill can participate in virtual Gesher.
- Teachers have had the ability to break up students into small groups in breakout rooms and use wonderful online teaching resources.
- Hebrew skills have improved significantly with individual tutoring sessions with our teacher Alex Loux.
- Sessions are provided at a time that is convenient for families and students.
- Virtual Gesher connects us right into your home, and many parents have joined or peeked into the sessions to say hello.
- My favorite part of Zoom Gesher is seeing the students' and teachers' unmasked smiling faces.

While we have noticed all these benefits of virtual learning, the students truly miss being together in our beautiful synagogue classrooms and prayer spaces. We are moving to a hybrid model with Sundays in person and Wednesdays virtual. With this model, we would alternate locations of Sunday Gesher month to month to allow us to physically be in each synagogue.

Thank you for supporting Gesher.

Mandy

Gesher Students Learn About Helping the Stranger

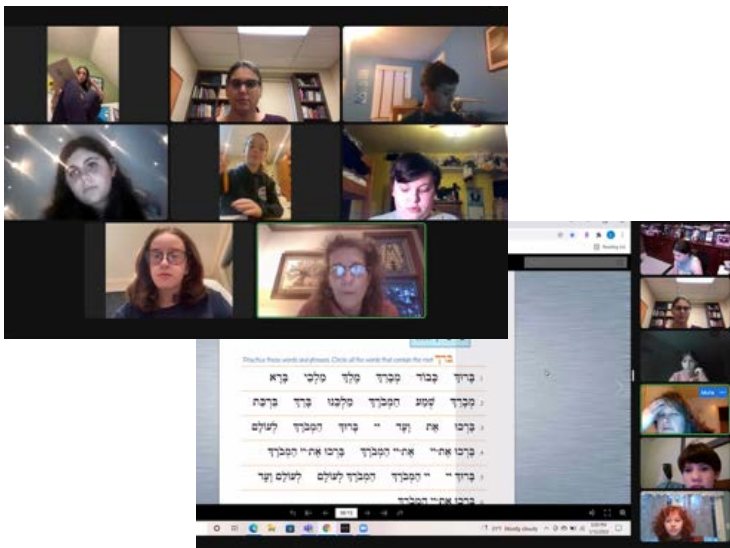
The Torah teaches, **"The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"** (Leviticus 19:33-34).

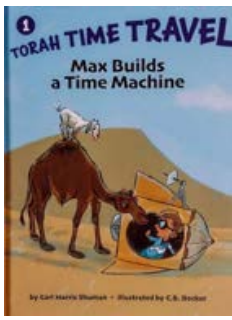


In Gesher we are teaching lessons about the mitzvah of welcoming.

Janna Match was a special guest teacher at Gesher and taught the following to our students:

What is it like to be a refugee? Many people from Afghanistan are moving into our area, and our Gesher students will be included in efforts to welcome our new neighbors. With that, On Sunday, January 30, we introduced students to some of the needs and challenges refugees face. For students in grades 2-6, we discussed the concept of **הכנסת אוֹחִים**, hospitality, and we shared the book *Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty* – written by Linda Glaser and illustrated by Claire A. Nivola – which explores Emma Lazarus' life and how her poem, "The New Colossus," became an integral part of the statue. For younger students, grades 2-4, we read *Four Feet, Two Sandals* – written by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, and illustrated by Doug Chayka – which gently explores life in an Afghan refugee camp in Peshawar, Pakistan. For older students, grades 5-6, we read and discussed an article from *News for Kids* entitled "Taliban Takes Control of Afghanistan." Plans are in the works to involve our students in meaningful ways, so they can be part of the transformative events unfolding in our community.

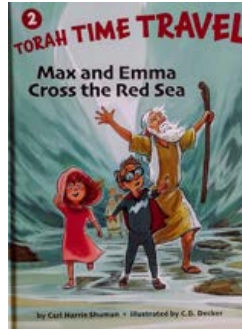




Gesher students also have the opportunity learn from our very own talented author Carl Harris Shuman as he introduces the first book in his series of “Torah Time Travel” called *Max Builds a Time Machine*. This lesson is also about the value of welcoming strangers. When Max time-travels to meet the biblical Abraham and Sarah, he learns the value of welcoming strangers – including Emma, a new girl in his class.

A Look Ahead:

Carl will be reading his second book, *Max and Emma Cross the Red Sea*, at our April 8 Gesher Family Shabbat Service.



Gesher Religious School Yellow Candle Project

Mark your calendar...

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) is commemorated in our community with the Reading of the Names. But remembering the lives lost can be our personal, at-home observance as well. You and your family represent the Yahrzeit for so many people who have no one left to remember their Yahrzeit. Gesher Religious School and congregational volunteers from both Beth El and Chisuk Emuna will be delivering yellow candles in many neighborhoods before Passover. If your neighborhood does not have a delivery volunteer, you may pick up your candle at the office.



On the night of Yom HaShoah, Wednesday, April 27, light the yellow candle that you will receive, and read the blessing and poem included with it.

Then, remember the Shoah by doing good! Gesher Religious School would appreciate your donation to support the education of our children. Return envelopes will be included with the candles. Thank you!



Gesher Family Kabbalat Shabbat Services—Friday evenings, 6:00 p.m.

As a prayer-based school, Gesher strongly encourages participation in synagogue services! We are studying the Friday night service in our Hebrew classes and we are very excited about our planned Joint Family Friday Night Shabbat Services which alternate in location between Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation. These services are designed to actively involve children and families in the service including giving students the opportunity to practice leading prayers.



March 5, 2022

Gesher Shamor V'Zachor Shabbat Services at Chisuk Emuna and a Havdalah evening service at Beth El

April 8, 2022

Gesher Family Shabbat at Chisuk Emuna (no Friday evening service at Beth El Temple)

May 13, 2022

Gesher Family Shabbat at Beth El Temple

All are welcome, kids and the young at heart!

Congratulations to Mikel Garner for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout!

Mikel is a member of Beth El Troop 1015 and a senior at Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community High School in Baltimore. Mikel sat before the New Birth of Freedom Council Board of Review on Saturday night, January 21, to discuss his Eagle project and his path to Eagle Scout. Mikel's Eagle Scout project involved fundraising, obtaining supplies, and organizing approximately 15 volunteers into groups that blazed trails at the Trails and Trees center in Mechanicsburg. Trails and Trees is home to eleven intersecting trails and two class amphitheaters that the Mechanicsburg School District uses for environmental education. Mikel chose to lead this project because he likes to hike when he gets the chance, most often at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg.



Mikel expressed to the board that his fondest memories of scouting were meeting scouts around the world by attending the National and International Jamborees, and that his favorite of his 26 merit badges were for hands-on skills like leatherwork and metalwork. Mikel, his family, and Troop 1015 are looking forward to planning his Eagle Ceremony at Beth El later this year.

B'NAI MITZVOT



David Nathaniel Spieler will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Tazria, April 2, 2022. The son of Sari Siegel Spieler and Barry Spieler (and brother to Hannah, Daniel, and Gabriel), David is also the grandson of Helene Rose Siegel (z'l), Zev Siegel (z'l), Janice Spieler (z'l), and Al Spieler (z'l).

He is a 7th grader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School and attended Geshet for two years. His hobbies include coding, video and film production, robotics, and playing the drums. Because his parsha explores issues around isolation from community, a timely theme during a pandemic, his Bar Mitzvah project is to fundraise for and participate in the "From Darkness into Light" suicide awareness walk. David's Bar Mitzvah will be held at the Historic Synagogue at 6th and I in Washington, DC, with Cantor Daniel Gale. A Zoom link will be available in the near future, and all from the Beth El community are invited to attend.



Caleb Anthony Schneider will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Mevarchim, Saturday April 30, 2022. Caleb is an 8th-grade distinguished honor roll student at Edgar Fahs Smith STEAM Academy in York, where he also plays saxophone in advanced band. In addition to

saxophone, Caleb studies piano. He also enjoys reading, scary movies, camping, and cooking (which he plans to study at the York County School of Technology in the fall). For his Bar Mitzvah project, Caleb plans to engage in outreach and advocacy for former prisoners re-entering society. Caleb is the son of proud parents Ira and Victoria Schneider, older brother to Levi, and pal to the family dog, Summer. Caleb and his family are pleased to share this special day with his Bubi Karen Schneider and his extended family and friends.

Beth El Annual Raffle — Live and In Person

by Neil Weber

The planning for the Annual Beth El Raffle scheduled for Sunday June 12, 2022, is underway. This annual event, Beth El's biggest and most important fundraiser, is being planned to return to a live in-house in-person event, with Paul Schmanske and his team providing the over-the-top spectacular brunch, accompanied by music and entertainment. The raffle program will begin at 10 a.m., and the theme this year is "Strengthening Our Community!"

The price of a ticket is once again \$100, same price as it always has been, and includes the cost of the brunch. A guest can be included for only \$20. Numerous cash and gift prizes will be awarded including \$2500 as the grand prize. Two early bird bonus prizes will be awarded for those who turn in their paid ticket(s) by Monday, May 2.

Tickets are being printed and will be available to purchase in March. Support Beth El and hopefully enjoy the return of the fun and excitement of a live in-person event with delicious food, great prizes, and wonderful personal interactions.

ANNUAL RAFFLE
Save the Date!

Date:	Sunday, June 12, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Location:	Beth El Temple Sisterhood Hall and also on Zoom.
	Brunch and Entertainment
Theme:	Strengthening our Community!
Tickets	\$100 each—includes one brunch Extra guest for brunch is \$20.00 each.

**Early Bird Drawing—
Monday, May 2, 2022**

TEST YOUR SKILLS:

Just how much do you know about Purim?

Fill In the Blanks (See answers at bottom of page):

- Who are the two heroes of the Purim holiday?
_____ and _____
- Who plotted to destroy the Jewish people?

- What does the word "Purim" mean? _____
- Where did the Jews live at the time of Esther?

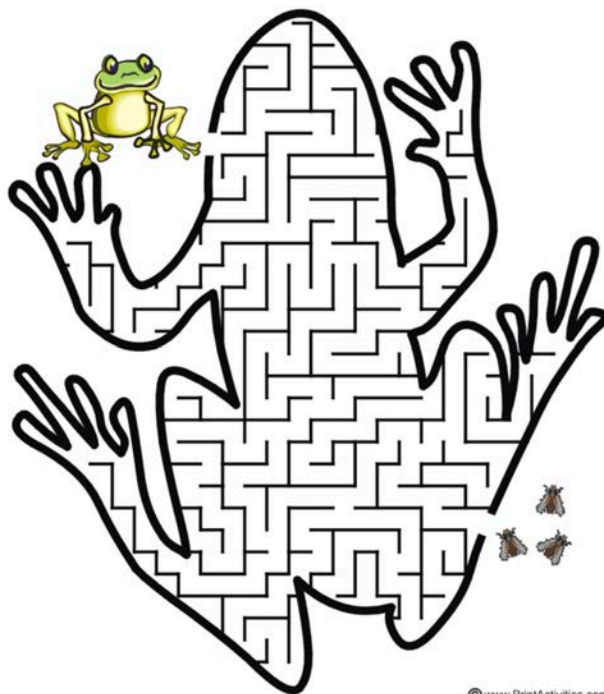
- Does the Book of Esther contain the name of G-D?

- What is the name of the scroll we read during Purim?

- Why make noise when the name "Haman" is read?

- What is the name of a common treat during Purim?

Show the frog the path through the Frog shaped maze to catch the flies.



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10 Commandments for kids

Exodus 20:1-17

#1 Love God more than you love anything else	#6 Never hurt anyone.
#2 Don't make anything in your life more important than God	#7 Always be Faithful to your Husband or Wife
#3 Always say God's name with Love and Respect	#8 Don't take anything that is not yours.
#4 Honor God by resting on the last day of the week	#9 Always tell the truth.
#5 Love, Honor and Respect your Mom and Dad	#10 Be happy with what you have and don't wish for other peoples things.

FOREST ANIMALS

Find the words below:

forest
deer
bear

fox
owl
raccoon

squirrel
rabbit
skunk

wolf
porcupine

v c o e j o t b e a r r
i x s j p w y f v n l a
m s f d o l r o d h y b
s k o y r o s x e i x b
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p k k p f f l s h z p m
w r a c c o o n t q l y

8. Hamantaschen

ANSWERS to PURIM QUIZ: 1. Esther and Mordecai; 2. Haman; 3. lots; 4. Persia; 5. No; 6. Megillah; 7. To blot out the name;



"Rabbinic Tales of Jewish Survival in Egypt"

A New Wednesday Morning Adult Education Class

Every year at the seder we celebrate our liberation from Egypt. Surprisingly, however, the seder contains very little information about what our enslavement in Egypt was like or how we managed to survive our time there.

Join Rabbi Captauber, Rabbi Muroff, and your Chisuk Emuna and Beth El learning community as we study rabbinic texts to learn about what the Jewish people endured in Egypt and the strategies they used to survive and even flourish under Egyptian rule.

Along the way we'll ask ourselves: what are the tools that enable human beings to endure oppression? What do human beings need, in times of trauma, to create meaning and even joy? What does it look like to insist on one's own humanity in a world that seeks to deny it--and what might this teach us about what it means to be human in the first place?

Dates:

Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

- **March 23, 30, April 6, 13**

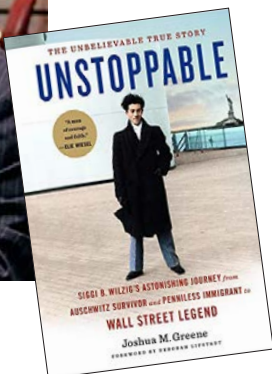
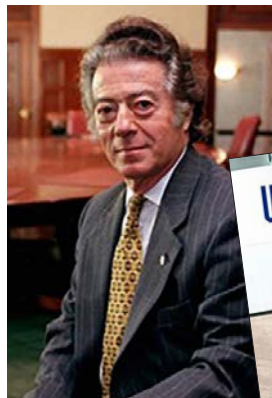
Plus live Zoom events with Rabbi Tali Adler

- **Monday, March 21 7:30-8:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, April 7 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

To register for the class, email patty@bethelhbg.org or call 717-232-0556 for more information.

This course was designed by Rabbi Tali Adler, a graduate of Yeshivat Maharat and a faculty member at Hadar.





Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

**Joshua Greene, author of
*Unstoppable***

The ultimate immigrant story of a young boy, Siggie Wilzig, who used his wits to stay alive after being deported to Auschwitz and two death marches. Working for the US Army after liberation, he gained a visa to America. Arriving penniless, he arose to become CEO of a publicly traded oil company and a bank with assets over \$4 billion. A true story of grit, cunning, and determination.

Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

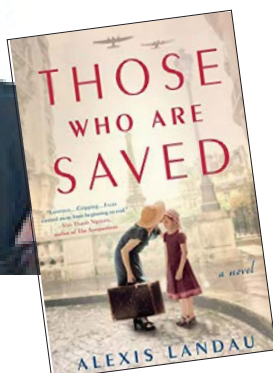
**Elyssa Friedland
*Last Summer at the Golden Hotel***

The fate of a storied Catskill hotel brings the two families who have owned it for generations old tensions and new romances. Can the nostalgia of the hotel save it, or is this the last summer? Episodes of intergenerational disconnect contrasted with unshakeable family bonds.



Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m.

**Alexis Landau
*Those Who are Saved***



A mother places her daughter in hiding as the Nazis prepare to occupy France. She doesn't realize her husband has the opportunity to go to America before they can reach their daughter. Over the years, the fate of her daughter haunts her until she is finally able to return to Paris to begin her search.

**For further information call 717-232-0556 or patty@bethelhbg.org
Free and open to the community. Forward this email to a friend!**

Women of the Bible (Re)written

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, and 22 via Zoom

The registration link for Zoom will be sent in Beth El weekly emails.

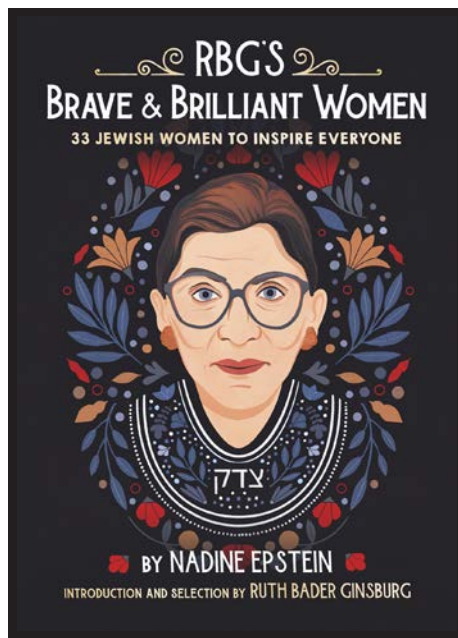
Join Rabbi Captauber to learn about lesser known women of biblical stories like Delilah, Deborah, Tamar, and others. We will do close readings of these stories and ponder their original meaning and context. Then we will look at some contemporary art based on these women and finally, spend some time writing our own takes on these stories, our own "Torah with a twist."

All are welcome—those who have read these stories and those who are new to them, experienced writers and novices, and people of all gender identities. This course is inspired by the course "Femme Fatale or Fierce Woman Warrior," taught by Sivan Rotholz of Ritualwell.



ROSE BLECKER BREAKFAST AND LEARN PRESENTS

Live Event • April 3, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.



Nadine will be sharing memories and stories about her experience writing this book with Justice Ginsburg

Breakfast by Paul Schmanske and Team

- All vaccine-eligible individuals (anyone 12 and up) will need to be vaccinated in order to eat in our building.
- Masks must always be worn unless you are actively eating (masks must be worn while getting food and when finished eating)

A contribution for breakfast will be greatly appreciated.

Nadine Epstein is the editor-in-chief and CEO of *Moment Magazine*, which was originally co-founded by Elie Wiesel and Leonard Fein, and which she has transformed into a multimedia publication that seeks to transcend contemporary political and religious polarization and into a home for a range of creative projects. She is the author of many books, including the intergenerational book *RBG's Brave and Brilliant Women: 33 Jewish Women to Inspire Everyone*, which was recently released by Random House, and editor of *Elie Wiesel: An Extraordinary Life and Legacy*. To learn more about her award-winning journalism, her artwork, and her other projects, visit nadineepstein.com.



Do You Suffer INDIGESTION OF THE SOUL?

By Ember S. Jandebeur

Well, let's take stock... Your shul, Beth El, offers a tremendous variety of programs – in the past 12 months, there have been over 40! The highlights include *Leadership in a Time of Crisis*, *The Arc of Justice*, *Talmudic Personalities: Get to Know the Rabbis*, *Rocking Havdalah Under the Stars*, *Yoga for the Soul*, *Loneliness and Love: A Jewish Mindfulness Workshop*, and *The Five Senses: Immersive Torah*. Also, we have provided joint programs and services with Chisuk Emuna, Temple Ohev Sholom, and JFS. Did you attend a program? More than one? If not, why? Is there something you want to explore, study, or learn about? Tell the shul – we would like your advice and thoughts.

Are you looking for deeper spirituality? Beth El Temple provides various avenues to enhance, explore, deepen, and grow your spirituality. There are daily minyans and Shabbat services with myriad prayers to cultivate your spiritual journey. Within our services are the Torah portion, a reminder of the tribulations of our forebears, the Haftarah, and the D'var Torah. Each supports our understanding of Jewish values and history. Services can provide the foundation of your Judaism and offer ever deepening levels of spirituality based on your needs.

One of the loveliest aspects of services is the singing. Singing lets your soul relax and allows a gentleness to come over oneself. Overarching the lessons, the spirituality, and the singing, is the sense of community. In these pandemic days, each of us needs safe, communal interactions. Beth El Temple realized early on the dangers of the pandemic and established a COVID Advisory Committee, which strives for the safest interactions possible. You can access services in person, via livestream, and on Zoom, as listed in the weekly Shul News emails.

If you have children, we offer the benefits of the Gesher Religious School, the "Today's Kids" pages in *Hashaliach*, Havdalah pajama parties, Family Shabbat services, and other programs throughout the year designed for children and young adults.

Beth El has a newly organized Green Team guiding us to more environmentally sound practices, developing a garden on site, and engaging with the surrounding community on similar efforts. Beth El is also deeply committed to social justice within the Harrisburg Jewish Community and others, including our efforts to support the Afghani refugee families.

You can choose to remain on the periphery, or you can jump in with both feet and participate in some of the unique opportunities Beth El provides. Get more from your membership. Be involved. The Beth El leadership, the Board of Directors, and volunteers are here to help you. Just call. Beth El needs and wants you!

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Passover Service Schedule 5782 / 2022

Thursday, April 14	10:00 a.m. – Deadline for the sale of Hametz
Friday, April 15	7:00 a.m. Service
Erev Pesach	First Seder
	NO Evening Service at Beth El
	7:28 p.m. Candle Lighting
Saturday, April 16	9:30 a.m. – Shabbat Morning Services
Pesach Day 1	Second Seder
	NO Evening Service at Beth El
	8:30 p.m. Candle Lighting
Sunday, April 17	9:00 a.m. Service
Pesach Day 2	NO Gesher Religious School
	NO Evening Service at Beth El
Monday, April 18	5:30 p.m. Service
Pesach Day 3	
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 a.m. Service
Pesach Day 4	5:30 p.m. Service
Wednesday, April 20	5:30 p.m. Service
Pesach Day 5	NO Gesher Religious School
Thursday, April 21	5:30 p.m. Service
Pesach Day 6	
Friday, April 22	7:00 a.m. Service
Pesach Day 7	6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services
	7:35 p.m. Candle Lighting
Saturday, April 23	10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services
Pesach Day 8	Yizkor
	NO Evening Service

MechiRat Hametz (Sale of Hametz)

Because of the unique laws of Passover, it is necessary for each of us to remove all hametz food items and utensils from our possession. This is done by thoroughly cleaning our home, by performing the Bedikat Hametz, and by giving the power of attorney to the Rabbi to sell any other hametz or non-passover utensils to a non-Jew. This agreement is strictly legal and binding throughout Passover, and is accompanied by a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

If you would like the Rabbi to sell your hametz, please fill out and sign the form below and return it to the Rabbi immediately at Beth El Temple, 2637 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

(Deadline Thursday, April 14, 2022.)

Minimum contribution \$15.00

Make check payable to Beth El Temple Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

I/We hereby authorize Rabbi Ariana Capptauber to sell my/our hametz and utensils of hametz as required by Jewish law as of Thursday, April 14, 2022

(13 Nissan 5782).

Signature _____

Address(es) _____

Maot Hittim (The Matzah Fund)

It is also a long-standing custom to make a special solicitation of funds before Pesach to assist those in need of financial support in their Passover preparations. We continue this custom by asking members of our congregation to contribute money that will enable others to celebrate Passover in a manner befitting one who is no longer enslaved. I/We include my/our contribution to the Maot Hittim Fund at Beth El Temple (check should be made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.)

Signature _____

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Beth El Temple warmly welcomes Stephanie and Jason Morrow and their daughter Abigail



Stephanie, Jason, and Abigail Morrow have lived in the Harrisburg area for more than 15 years. Stephanie teaches in the Communications

Department at Penn State Harrisburg, and Jason is a systems engineer and manager at DHL Logistics in Palmyra. Abbi has three older, adult brothers and is a seventh grader at Central Dauphin Middle School. She is currently studying for her Bat Mitzvah this fall. The Morrows love to travel and will be visiting Israel over the 2022 holidays with family. They love going to concerts, and they also have two additional family members that were welcomed last year – their two loving pit bulls, Finnegan and Gilligan.

On behalf of the congregation, we want to thank our new members for finding a spiritual home at Beth El. We value their membership and look forward to joining them in prayer and at social and educational programs at Beth El.

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to **Neil Bernstein and Renee Singer** on the marriage of their granddaughter Rachel Pavlakovic to David Lance on December 5, 2021, in Columbus, Ohio. Rachel is the daughter of Sarah Bernstein and Dan Pavlakovic of Chicago.

Mazal Tov to Beth El Temple members **David Tepper and Emma Lowe** on the birth of their daughter, Talia Nora Tepper, born January 24, 2022, weighing 8 pounds, 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Rick Lowe and Margie McAboy of Media, PA, and Rick and Ellen Tepper of Dresher, PA.

Mazal Tov to **Ed Rothman** on his 92nd birthday on January 29, 2022.

Mazal Tov to proud grandmother **Patsy Dunn** on the birth of her grandson, Maverick Myles Hardcastle on February 17, 2022. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz and is 21 inches long. Proud parents are Alexandria and David Hardcastle.

YOM HASHOAH –

2022 Reading of the Names Program

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, to Thursday, April 28, 2022

The 2022 Reading of the Names Program commemorating Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) will take place on Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28, 2022. This year the program will be hosted by Beth El Temple and will be a combination of live in person and virtual. Daytime hours will be in person: Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 28, 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Overnight hours will be on Zoom: Wednesday, April 27, 10:00 p.m. – Thursday, April 28, 6:00 a.m.



“Unto Every Person There is a Name” seeks to dignify the memories of victims of the Shoah by reading their names aloud. These victims were stripped of their names by their oppressors and tattooed with numbers. Through the public reading of the names of Holocaust victims, this program strives to restore a portion of their humanity and to retrieve them from the lost depths of anonymity.

Beth El Temple reading time slots are Thursday, April 28, 1:30 am – 3:00 am on Zoom and 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm in person at Beth El Temple.

If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Beth El Temple coordinator Madelaine N. Weinstock at mweinstock@comcast.net or (717) 329-6809 or Patty Brown at the Temple, patty@bethelhb.org or 717-232-0556.

Once your time to read is assigned, you will receive the Zoom link for the overnight time slots, or you will come in person for the afternoon time slots to participate in the Reading of the Names.

Everyone may attend the ceremony at any time as a witness to the trauma of the Holocaust.

The opening ceremony begins on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth El Temple.

SAVE THE PEWS

Would you like a beautiful bench that was crafted in 1926 for your entry? Does your mudroom or garage need a place to pause and sit? Have you always wanted a breakfast nook? Would your business or waiting room make good use of solid hardwood seating from an old-growth forest? Do you want a garden bench? Would you cherish a piece of Beth El's 96-year-old history?

Beth El's Green Team has partnered with the Chapel Renovation Committee to Save the Pews. There are seven pews – six are still available – ready to start a new life in a new location. If you would like to have one reserved for you, contact Carol Ressler at cjressler6559@gmail.com or 717-395-7903.

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The congregation extends condolences to

- the Baturin family; wife Kickan; children Madelaine (Jason) Weinstock, Monica (Kevin) Lutkins, Mia (Henry) Baturin, Harry (Rachael) Baturin; and many grandchildren on the passing of husband, father, and grandfather Floyd M. Baturin.
- the Pompian family; wife Myra; son Shawn Pompian of Washington, D.C., and his nieces and nephews and their children on the passing of husband and father Neil M. Pompian.
- the Levin and Goldsmith families; four children and spouses; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren on the passing of Sylvia Smith Levin, mother of Faith (Davy) Goldsmith.
- the Spieler family; children Barry, Amy, Karen, and Elliot; and thirteen grandchildren on the passing of mother and grandmother Janice Spieler.
- the Peisner family on the passing of David's brother Allen Peisner in Southfield, Michigan, on January 12, 2022.
- the Abel-Millman family; children Debby Abel (Josh Millman) and David (Tonya) Abel; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren on the passing of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Dorothy G. Abel.

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