

"Cultivate Tomorrow Together"

Installation Shabbat Weekend of Rabbi Ariana Capptauber

Food for the weekend will be prepared by
our own Paul Schmanske

Friday, May 13, 2022
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service
Weekend Musical Guest
Deborah Sacks Mintz



Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service & Installation
Special Guest Speaker Rabbi Gordon Tucker
Vice Chancellor for Religious Life and Engagement



8:15 p.m. Dessert Cocktail Hour*
9:00 p.m. Havdalah & Concert*
*Cocktail Attire

Sunday, May 15, 2022
10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting & Program

Please consider making a donation in Honor of Rabbi Capptauber.

We have established a "Green Initiative Fund" to help her
"Cultivate Tomorrow Together."

This will be used to assist with her passion to help make our community green
and sustainable into the future.

Checks payable Beth El Temple, 2637 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110



Calendar Highlights

Wednesdays, April 27 and May 4
Making Time: Creating New Jewish Holidays,
with Rabbis Capptauber and Muroff, on Zoom,
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 1
Sisterhood Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 3
Zoom with Authors: Alexis Landau, *Those Who
are Saved*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 7
Sisterhood Shabbat

Tuesdays, May 10 - August 30
Miller Intro to Judaism Program, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11
Gesher Graduation at Chisuk Emuna

Friday, May 13 - Sunday, May 15
Installation of Rabbi Capptauber Weekend

Sunday, May 15
Beth El Temple Annual Meeting and Brunch,
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 18
Lag Ba'Omer Family Fun Night, 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays, May 28 and June 4 and 11
Summer Learning Series with Rabbi
Capptauber, Unit 1, at services

**Sundays, May 29, June 26, July 31,
and August 21**
Natural Wonders: Torah Out of Doors, 3 p.m.

June 1, 4, and 8
Adult Ed Class: Rabbi Akiva & The Light
Through Torah in Dark Times

Saturday, June 4
Torah Under The Stars: A Shavuot Celebration
For All Ages at Chisuk Emuna, begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7
Zoom with Authors: Jean Hanff Korelitz,
The Plot, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 12
Beth El Annual Raffle, 10 a.m.

Friday, June 17
Congregational Dinner, 7 p.m., following services

Sunday, June 26
Breakfast and Learn: Update on Ukraine, 10 a.m.

Candle Lighting Times

May 6	7:50 p.m.	Jun 3	8:14 p.m.
May 13	7:56 p.m.	Jun 10	8:18 p.m.
May 20	8:03 p.m.	Jun 17	8:21 p.m.
May 27	8:09 p.m.	Jun 24	8:23 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.



Spring is a time for rebirth and renewal. This is the theme we celebrate in the Jewish holiday cycle of Passover and Shavuot. On Passover, we celebrate spring with eggs and green sprigs of parsley on our seder plate, remembering how the Israelites were reborn as free people through the canal of the Red

Sea. Then we count seven weeks of the Omer, to the time when the reborn people developed enough to receive the Torah. Shavuot is a kind of b'nei mitzvah for b'nei yisrael, as they receive the Torah and take responsibility for performing mitzvot. As modern Jews celebrating these holidays, we must see ourselves as part of this grand narrative, renewing our commitment to the Jewish people, to Torah, to mitzvot, and to the Divine.

Some of us were born into the Jewish covenant and became Jewish adults at age 13. Others of us were reborn into the Jewish covenant and began living as Jewish adults only later in life, through conversion. Choosing Jewish covenant is a grand act, and growing into life as an observant Jew is a complex journey. On Shavuot, we honor that journey, reading the story of Ruth, the matriarch who joined our people not through birth or even marriage, but through conversion. Ruth is a Moabite who marries an Israelite man. When tragedy strikes and her husband dies, Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi tells Ruth to return to life as a Moabite. But Ruth tells Naomi that she would rather tie her fortune to that of the Jewish people. "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go...your people shall be my people, and your God my God." This profound statement can inspire all of us, whether we were born Jewish or converted, to renew our dedication to Judaism and our commitment to the covenant.

In May and June, we will celebrate the new and renewed Jewish commitments of several Beth El community members. We have several conversion candidates who will, God willing, mark the completion of their conversion journeys with *beit din* and *mikvah* ceremonies. Our Gesher students will have their last day of Hebrew school, and our 7th graders, Joel Zilbering, Eliza Nurick, and Caleb Schneider will graduate Gesher on May 11. Then, on erev Shavuot, we will hear Torah reading from members who have spent the past year working on their Hebrew and Trope skills with Mandy Cheskis. Whether through Gesher, conversion, or Hebrew study, this fabulous group of people have deepened their Jewish knowledge and renewed their commitment to Judaism. I can't wait to celebrate them together, and I hope their achievement inspires you to deepen your connection to Judaism, too.

There will be several excellent opportunities to do so in the coming months. I will be holding a "Live and Learn: How to Do Jewish" class series during Shabbat services, dinners, and lunches, where we will dive deeper into the core Jewish practices of prayer, observing Shabbat, and kashrut. See page 11 for information about topics and dates.

Another opportunity to learn will be through the Miller Intro to Judaism course that I will be teaching again this summer, weekly on Tuesdays over Zoom, starting in May. I taught this course last year, and it attracted many of the wonderful people who have joined our community this year. Yet this class is not for conversion candidates alone: the Miller course is an excellent way to get a birds-eye view of our religion and its many complex facets – history, holidays, halacha, and more. All are welcome to join, whether in Harrisburg or remote; feel free to join yourself or refer family and friends.

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■ PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Finally, we are back in our synagogue full-time. We have reduced our COVID restrictions, and, dare I say, we are getting back to normal. A special todah rabah to our COVID Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Since returning to "Your Sanctuary By The River," I have sensed a new energy that I hope will be contagious amongst all of us. Services are being conducted by more and more congregants. More and more of our members are taking an active role in our programming, and I have sensed a new energy for learning. Bottom line, we are doing a great job participating in all aspects of synagogue life at Beth El Temple.

Please keep up the great work. Remember, this is YOUR synagogue. YOUR participation will keep us strong and vibrant. My thanks to Rabbi Capptauber and Bill Walter who have both done a superior job keeping our shul running smoothly like a well-oiled machine during the pandemic.

I have more reasons why the energy at Beth El Temple is growing:

We are currently preparing for our Annual Raffle, Beth El Temple's major fundraiser. I need 100% participation. The more tickets purchased, the more revenue raised for the synagogue. Please show your generosity. We will have a brunch prepared by Chef Paul Schmanske and staff,

entertainment, and most important, we will be together to celebrate each other's company. As I write this message, our ticket sales are very encouraging.

In addition, we are preparing to renovate the Chapel and build a brand-new pavilion. Details are being finalized, and I hope to have more for you in the next issue of *Hashaliach*.

Our Green Team has been getting their hands dirty beautifying the exterior of the synagogue, and our Security Committee continues to work hard to keep us safe. I think the picture is crystal clear! The energy generated by you is inspiring. Thank you!

As my time (eight years) as your president comes to a close, I want to reiterate that you are always encouraged to provide your ideas, suggestions, and feedback to anyone on the Beth El Temple Board of Directors. Remember, I want and need your participation, ideas, and expertise to make things happen! If you have questions or ideas on how you can best participate, please let us know.

My mother and father, both of blessed memory, always said to my brother and me, "You can never tell those you love you love them enough." I want to say from the bottom of my heart that I truly love all of you for the support and trust you have shown me as president of this special congregation.

*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



The installation ceremony of our Rabbi is a moment of celebration and new beginnings. It is an opportunity for both Beth El Temple and Rabbi Capptauber to define not only how we view the role of our Rabbi in the religious and social life of our congregation, but also in the Jewish

community and the community at large.

As much has been postponed in our lives, our Rabbi's installation is no different. Once I got to thinking about this celebration having to be delayed, the old adage popped into my mind—"Good things come to those who wait."

Well, waiting is not necessarily in my nature. I have always been a man of action, and as Executive Director, I really need to be. As we began brainstorming ideas for the installation, I quickly realized how very fortunate we are as a congregation to have been able to get to know Ariana. Through every phase of planning, I continued to see how very special and unique this installation is for our Rabbi, and, in turn, for all of us.

Special and unique...our beloved Rabbi is quite deserving of special and unique. But I feel like that just falls

short of what I truly mean and what she truly deserves, so I looked up synonyms for special and unique, and I found several that I find are far more fitting: *distinctive, original, inimitable, extraordinary*, and *personal*. However, the one that captured my attention most is this: ***belonging or connected to (a particular person, group, or place)***.

I also did a little research on that old adage that kept playing over and over in my mind. I learned that the first known written reference of that quote is from a poem by Lady Montgomerie, who wrote under the pseudonym, Violet Fane. She wrote, "*All hoped-for things will come to you who have the strength to watch and wait...*"

It has taken strength to be patient, yet in our watching and our waiting, we have gotten to know Rabbi Capptauber. We have learned that her words, her actions, and her choices are distinctive, original, inimitable, extraordinary, and personal. Most of all, we have witnessed how she belongs and is connected to each of us as individuals, to our congregation collectively, and to our beloved Beth El Temple.

Worth the Wait!

Bill Walter

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, May 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to our Beth El Temple Annual Meeting and Brunch on **Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in person in Sisterhood Hall**. We will recap the many highlights of this past year, discuss where we are headed, and examine some of the challenges we will face going forward. Brunch will be served.

I am convinced that no challenge is too great for this congregation; challenges provide opportunities for us to grow stronger together. During the 2022 Annual Meeting, we will thank Board Members who have completed their terms of service, welcome our new President and Vice-President, and nominate new Board Members.

As my fifth year as your Executive Director draws to a close, I will tell you that it has been my great pleasure to work with such a dedicated, knowledgeable, hardworking, and collaborative group of lay and professional leaders in this synagogue. I am continually heartened by the sense of community we experience in all facets of our congregational programs and services.

We hope to see you in person on May 15! Please remember to RSVP for the Annual Meeting. You can use the reply card enclosed with your invitation to the Rabbi Capptauber Installation Weekend or email patty@bethelhbg.org.

L'shalom,
Bill Walter
Executive Director

Rabbi's MESSAGE

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Finally, there will be monthly Sunday “Torah Out of Doors” outdoor learning experiences, where we will hike, picnic, and do yoga outside after looking at a text that teaches us about the Jewish connection to the trees, the planets, and natural phenomena. Come experience wonder, wisdom, and community together with us one Sunday per month. See page 9 for more information.

In this season of rebirth and renewal, I hope you will each take to heart the message of Ruth and figure out how to more deeply link your life to that of the Jewish people. I look forward to seeing you at services and classes, in and out of doors, as we connect, learn, and live Jewishly together.

*Sincerely,
Rabbi Capptauber*

LAG BA'OMER

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for an evening of relays, field games, and sweet treats in celebration of Lag Ba'Omer on the grounds of the new Alexander Grass Campus For Jewish Life!

Lag Ba'omer is a celebration that happens on the 33rd day of the Omer, the period between Passover and Shavuot. It's a special day when we take a break from the serious tone of the Omer, and traditionally do things like lighting bonfires, getting haircuts, and playing field games!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 | 5:45 – 7PM

GRASS CAMPUS (2986 N 2ND ST) | \$10/FAMILY

REGISTER AT JEWISHHARRISBURG.ORG/FAMILY-FUN-NIGHT



Dear Sisterhood,

I have been so happy to see so many of you in person again, filling in the seats of our vibrant synagogue. Although we've been a bit dormant during this latest stretch of Covid, we're excited to get back to some in-person activities.

On May 1, we'll be having our first annual meeting in person since 2019. I'm hoping we can use this as a chance to re-energize and re-organize for the coming year.

On May 7, just one week later, we'll have the latest installment of our Sisterhood Shabbat. I am so pleased to have so many of our Sisterhood members participating in the service, and there is always room for one more, so if you would like to participate, please let me know. Just a warning, it's better to volunteer ahead of time or I will simply ask you that morning!

I am so grateful for all of your friendships and look forward to the upcoming spring and summer season.

*In Friendship,
Rachel Zilbering*

2022-2023 Beth El Temple Sisterhood Calendar

What do you reach for on a daily basis that helps to simplify your life? That's right, the Beth El Temple Sisterhood Calendar! The calendar is a collaborative effort between the professional staff of the synagogue and your own Sisterhood. It is a one stop, preassembled reference to everything going on at the synagogue.

The calendar is only a success because of the people in the congregation who support it. It is time again to consider becoming a Platinum, Gold, or Silver Sponsor for the 2022-2023 calendar.

Watch your mail for the Calendar Sponsor letter coming soon!

ROSE BLECKER BREAKFAST AND LEARN PRESENTS

"Update on Ukraine"

**In Person at Beth El
June 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**



Dr. Alan G. Stolberg will describe the current military and political situation framing the Russian invasion of Ukraine. He will also address Russia's rationale for the attack and the impact of the attack on the overall international system.

Dr. Stolberg is the U.S. Coordinator for the Department of Defense (DoD)/NATO Defense Education Enhancement Program (DEEP) helping to coordinate and orchestrate U.S. government assistance and support to NATO partner nation professional military education (PME) institutions on a global basis. He was Associate Professor of National Security Studies, Henry L. Stimson Chair of Military Studies, and Director of the National Security Policy Program (NSPP) from 2002 thru 2013 at the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Focus areas for research have been policy & strategy making, interagency/whole of government decision making, security cooperation, and European and Eurasian studies. The author of a number of publications, his book-length work, *How Nation-States Craft their National Security Strategy Documents*, was published in 2012.

Born and raised in New York City, Dr. Stolberg was a career Army officer and served on active duty for over 30 years as an infantry officer, intelligence officer, foreign area specialist (FAO) for both Eastern and Western Europe, War College professor, and as a Designated Strategist. He is married to Dianne Aldridge Stolberg, an infectious disease control specialist from Greenville, North Carolina. They have two adult sons, Devin and Gregory, and one Australian Shepherd, Zeus.

A contribution for breakfast will be greatly appreciated.

STRENGTHENING Our Community

IN PERSON!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 10 A.M.

BETH EL TEMPLE SISTERHOOD HALL

BRUNCH, RAFFLE DRAWING, AND ENTERTAINMENT!

GRAND PRIZE \$2500 PLUS OTHER PRIZES

**TWO SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS ON *MAY 2, 2022*
GET YOUR TICKETS IN EARLY!**

Thank you for your ongoing support of Beth El Temple's Annual Raffle Fundraiser. With the generous support of our valued congregants and contributors, Beth El will be able to achieve its mission and strengthen our outreach.

Two ways you can support the Beth El Temple Raffle:

1. Purchase a raffle ticket before the June 10th deadline to be eligible for cash prize drawings. Tickets are \$100 each. Each ticket includes the brunch. The cost for an additional brunch is \$20.
2. Make a donation – If you are not able to contribute at that level, we appreciate whatever contribution you can make.

**Thank you to our sponsors
and donors!**



**Brunch generously
sponsored by:**

Patsy Dunn
Rick Leiner
Ron Lench
Alan & Caren Schein

**Entertainment will
be provided by**



GESHER LEARNING UPDATE

By Mandy Cheskis, Gesher Director of Lifelong Learning



UNROLLING THE SCROLL

Learning together this year has been amazing. I love my job as Director of Lifelong Learning! Magic happens during the reciprocal act of teaching and learning.

Every Sunday in person and Wednesdays on Zoom, sparks fly as questions are asked and answered as our Gesher students learn about Israel, Hebrew reading, prayer, song, holidays, mitzvot and values, and parsha. Here is a sampling of some of our student questions about the holiday of Passover:

Why, on all other nights, do we eat any time we choose but, on this night, we eat at a specific time?

Why, on all other nights, do we have a curfew but on this night, we stay up late?

Why, on this night, do we gather with extended family but on all other nights we eat with immediate family?

Why do we search for the Afikomen when, on all other nights, we don't scatter bread all over the house?

Why did G-d have to kill a bunch of innocent Egyptians, innocent children, for the final plague?

Why is Passover specifically 8 days? Why not 7 or 5?

Why is it blood that was spread over the doorways? Was there any other substance that could stain a door? Why blood specifically?

Why is the afikomen the dessert if it is the same thing as the other matza?

Why do we hide and find the afikomen?

Why do we hide it last and eat it last?

Why did Moses kill the Egyptian instead of asking G-d for help?

Why did G-d need us to use blood on our doorposts to know what houses are Jewish?

Why were the plagues chosen as punishment?

Why were there only 10 plagues?

Our talented Gesher religious school faculty stimulate deep thought and curiosity and utilize experiential, multisensory teaching through projects and art and song. I would like to thank our faculty members: Lynne Harlacher, Jodie Raffensperger, Alex Loux, Jason Cohen, Jenna Rappaport, and Devorah Cheskis for a year of hard work and planning of fun and engaging spaces where our Jewish children can learn together and share a palpable love of Judaism.

Please join us at our final Gesher program on May 11 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Chisuk Emuna Congregation where we will celebrate our Gesher graduates: Rena Cheskis, Yael Hodara, Julia Klein, Eliza Nurick, Caleb Schneider, and Joel Zilbering

In addition to Gesher school, it has been a complete joy to learn with the more than 25 adult learners and 11 b'nai mitzvah students from Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation. My personal passion is teaching how to chant haftarah and Torah. It is an honor and privilege to teach the skills to read the Hebrew consonants and vowels and learn the musical language of trope with multiple age groups. Getting up close and personal and demystifying the Torah scroll is necessary to truly build a relationship with our texts. Please join us on Erev Shavuot, June 4, at Chisuk Emuna Congregation when our two congregations will join for a very special program. Together we will unroll the Torah scroll entirely, and the students who have participated in the adult learning course will read and chant parts of the Torah that they selected and have studied. This will be a very moving program that you will not want to miss.

Finally, I am grateful to Beth El Temple and Chisuk Emuna Congregation for supporting my professional development. I have been awarded the Senior Educator Learning Fellowship with the Pardes Institute for Jewish Learning. This exclusive 11-month fellowship is designed to inspire senior congregational school educators with ongoing Jewish learning and equip them with new approaches for engaging with real-world challenges using Jewish texts. I will begin this program in July with a three-week in-person learning-intensive at Pardes in Jerusalem.

The learning-intensive will include a course on multiple-perspective-focused text study. This approach aims to equip participants with valuable life skills for today's polarized world and to empower them to bring this approach into their classrooms and school communities.

The fellowship will continue in the fall, winter, and spring with monthly webinars. Additionally, each fellow will work with an expert mentor on crafting, designing, and implementing a project for our Gesher school. Seed funding of up to \$2,000 will be available for the project. In May 2023, I will meet again with my cohort members (on the East Coast of the US) for a final two-day fellowship convening and graduation.

May we all be inspired to keep learning and growing each day!



Good Luck to Our High School Seniors

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors! As you go off to pursue your dreams and goals next year, the Beth El Temple family wishes you the very best of success. Be sure to come back and visit us, and often.

Alex Loux	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Hannah Adler	DICKINSON COLLEGE
Linnea Weinstock	TBA

BETH EL TEMPLE PRESENTS



Family Shabbat Morning @ Beth El!

Join Rabbi Captauber, Gesher 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!

MAY 14: FAMILIES & RABBI'S INSTALLATION!

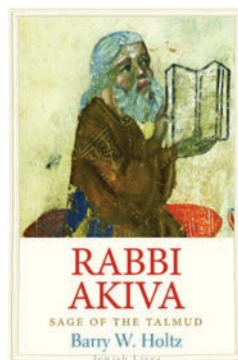


Adult Education Classes

Marking Time: Creating New Jewish Holidays

The Shoah and the establishment of the State of Israel challenged Jews to mark these transformative experiences in our Jewish calendar. Please join Rabbis Captauber and Muroff in exploring poems, prayers, and rituals which have become part of our observances of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day) and Yom Haatzmaut (Israel's Independence Day).

Wednesdays, April 27 and May 4
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on Zoom



Rabbi Akiva & The Light Through Torah in Dark Times

Get to know one of the most important of our early rabbis: R. Akiva. An innovator of unique and stunning insights who began learning at age 40 and was ultimately martyred by the Romans, the stories of Rabbi Akiva's life can teach us what it means to find strength and resilience through Torah in dark times. We will study the stories of his life in three separate units, one before, one during, and one after Shavuot. Please see below for dates and times, and contact patty@bethelhb.org or 717-232-0556 to register.

Class 1: Wednesday, June 1 at 11 a.m.
Akiva's Humble Beginnings, on Zoom

Class 2: Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 p.m. on Shavuot
Akiva and Rachel, his secret supporter, in person at Chisuk Emuna

Class 3: Wednesday, June 8 at 11 a.m.
Innovation, Optimism, and Martyrdom, on Zoom

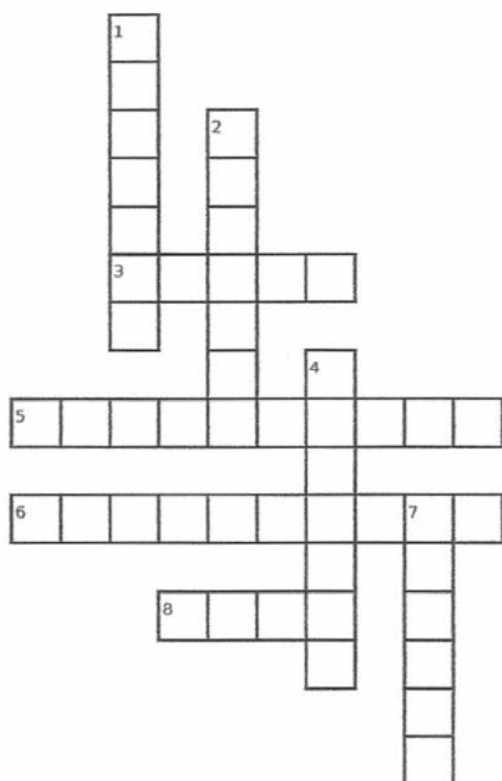
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Giving of the Torah



Down:

1. Small meal after service
2. Giving of the Torah
4. Jewish teachings
7. Jewish Law

Across:

3. Shavuot happens _____ weeks after passover
5. Where G-d gave Moses the commandments
6. Book read on Shavuot
8. Hassidic _____

Summer Learning Series



“Live and Learn” How To Do Jewish: An In-Person Class

Unit 1: Prayer

Why do we pray the way we do? Why do we pray at all? What makes it meaningful? And what is the meaning of the words we say? Dive into the form and function of prayer, both in general and specific prayers like the Shema, Amidah, Aleinu and more with Rabbi Capptauber. Learn from biblical stories and modern commentaries to add meaning and depth to your prayer life and synagogue experience.

Saturdays at Services, May 28, June 4 and June 11



Unit 2: Shabbat



Why do we rest on the seventh day? What exactly are we supposed to do and not do on Shabbat? What is counter cultural about Shabbat? And what makes these sometimes difficult practices meaningful? Learn more about the practice of Shabbat in the home and synagogue with Rabbi Capptauber over Friday night dinner and a Shabbat lunch. Consider different perspectives on the meaning of Sabbath rituals and prohibitions, from the Torah and our sages. Find your own sense of Shabbat.

Friday Dinner June 17 and Saturday Kiddush June 25

Unit 3: Kashrut

Why is keeping kosher important? What exactly are we supposed to eat or not eat, and why? Why might keeping kosher be part of what has sustained the Jewish people over all these centuries? How do you kasher your kitchen? Tour the Beth El kitchen and ask anything you ever wanted to know about weird Jewish food rituals. We'll discuss everything from the details to the big questions with Rabbi Capptauber over a Shabbat lunch and a Sunday breakfast in late July. Dates TBD.



Torah Under The Stars: A Shavuot Celebration For All Ages

Erev Shavuot, Saturday, June 4, 2022 at
Chisuk Emuna Congregation

Please join Beth El and Chisuk Emuna in a celebration of Torah—beginning with a family event at 6:30 p.m. Everyone will have the opportunity to see the entire Torah unrolled and explore some special passages. This festive family program will include Torah-themed learning, songs, and refreshments.

Following Mincha, Mandy Cheskis, our Gesher Director of Lifelong Learning, and her students invite you to the culmination of their year of learning to read Torah as they chant selected parts aloud and share reflections. What an awesome way to usher in the holiday of Shavuot—the time of the giving of the Torah.

Our Shavuot celebration will continue with refreshments, Maariv, and additional Torah study.

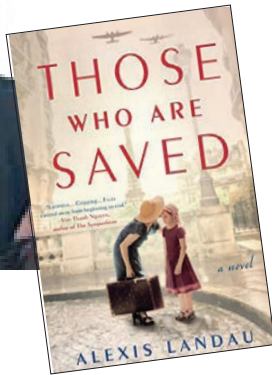
Schedule:

6:30 p.m. - A Family Shavuot Program

7:00 p.m. - Mincha/Shabbat Afternoon Service

7:30 p.m. - Unroll the Scroll with Reflections and Readings
by Members of Torah Reading Class
Followed by Refreshments

9:15 p.m. - Maariv/Festival Evening Service and then
Torah Study Under the Stars



Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m.

Alexis Landau

Those Who are Saved

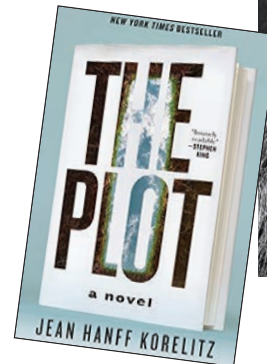
A mother places her daughter in hiding as the Nazis prepare to occupy France. She doesn't realize her husband has the opportunity to go to America before they can reach their daughter. Over the years, the fate of her daughter haunts her until she is finally able to return to Paris to begin her search.

Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Jean Hanff Korelitz

The Plot

Jake Bonner, a once-promising young author, is teaching MFA seminars at an obscure university and barely making ends meet when an abrasive Evan Parker arrives in Jake's class with a one-of-a-kind plot he's confident will bring him stardom. Jake hears that story and knows Evan is right. But Evan doesn't publish that book—Jake Bonner does. And someone knows whose plot he stole.



Korelitz is also the author of *You Should Have Known* (The Undoing on HBO).

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

NATURAL WONDERS: Torah Out of Doors

Sundays: May 29, June 26, July 31, and August 21

3:00 p.m., Outdoor location TBD

Join us this summer, one Sunday per month, for an outdoor experience of nature and learning. Each experience will bring us in touch with an aspect of nature: plants, animals, the sky and planets, the elements, and more, all through the lens of Torah. We will look at a piece of text that teaches us about the Jewish connection to the trees, the planets, and natural phenomena, and shares some of the wisdom of Torah on how to relate to them. Come experience wonder, wisdom, and community together with us one Sunday per month from May through August.



BETH EL'S GREEN TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Beth El has a new committee — The Green Team. It's not easy being green, but Beth El's Green Team is working hard to reduce waste; recycle paper, glass, and plastic; and incorporate energy-efficient practices throughout our shul.

The Green Team has partnered with Hazon's Seal of Sustainability program. Hazon embodies Jewish values and is anchored in Jewish wisdom and tradition. Renewing Jewish life using food and land, story and song, prayer and meditation, text and ritual, Shabbat and holidays, the arts, and more, the Jewish Lab for Sustainability values the connection between *adam* and *adamah*, people and Earth. Beth El's Green Team was created to embody and inspire the practice of environmental sustainability and justice by focusing on the fundamental elements of life while connecting people to nature.

One effort of the Green Team involves planting herb and pollinator gardens to increase the productivity of, and add beauty to, Beth El's riverside sanctuary. The Green Team will be preparing the gardens for planting on Sunday, May 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and planting on Sunday, May 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to connect (literally) to the Earth in May, come join us to cultivate and plant. If you are interested in joining the Green Team, please contact Ember Jandebaur or Assaf Zilbering.



The FLAVORS of Tzedakah

by Patsy Dunn

Tzedakah is a Hebrew word meaning "righteousness," but is commonly used to signify charity. This concept of "charity" differs from the modern Western understanding of "charity." The latter is typically understood as a spontaneous act of goodwill and a marker of generosity, an ethical obligation. Many people associate tzedakah with the money placed in their tzedakah box, but tzedakah doesn't necessarily have to be money. There are many other things and ways you can give that are considered tzedakah: your plurality of food, clothes, furniture, and time...like visiting and volunteering.

Let's talk about volunteering. Most people want to share their skills, time, or money, but struggle finding a perfect fit!

I'm excited to share how Beth El Temple's Kitchen Committee has something for everyone! You don't cook? No problem! We have ways to volunteer that fit everyone's skill level and comfort level, time, and budget! You can be alone or work with others. Whether it is one hour once a month or once a week, Beth El's Kitchen Committee has a place for you!

Volunteering is an excellent way to provide community service...tzedakah! Here are some examples:

- On a Thursday evening, you could help shop for the kiddish groceries. It only takes about 30 minutes!
- On Friday, if you have 45 minutes to an hour, you could help assemble the food that is going to be set out for the kiddish on Shabbat.
- If you attend services on Shabbat, and have 5 to 7 minutes to give, you could help set out the food that was prepared the night before.
- After kiddish, if you aren't quite ready to have your time with friends come to an end, together you can help clear tables and properly store the leftovers.

You don't have the time, but you would like to be involved in a different way? Great! Consider sponsorship one of the elements of the kiddish!

- Sponsor the egg salad ingredients for 4 kiddishim.
- Sponsor the coffee creamer for a month.
- Sponsor the bagels for a quarter...and ask a friend if they'll sponsor the cream cheese!

These are just a few of the ways you can provide tzedakah and much-needed help to visitors, friends, and your Beth El Family! The Kitchen Committee will work with your budget and calendar and make sure there is a place for your tzedakah!

Please email Patsy Dunn at PatsyChef@msn.com with your interest. If you'd like to discuss your participation, feel free to call Patsy at 717-679-1229 Monday through Friday after 4:00 p.m. or Sundays after 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Friday, June 17

Services 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Adults \$20

Children 16 and under are no charge

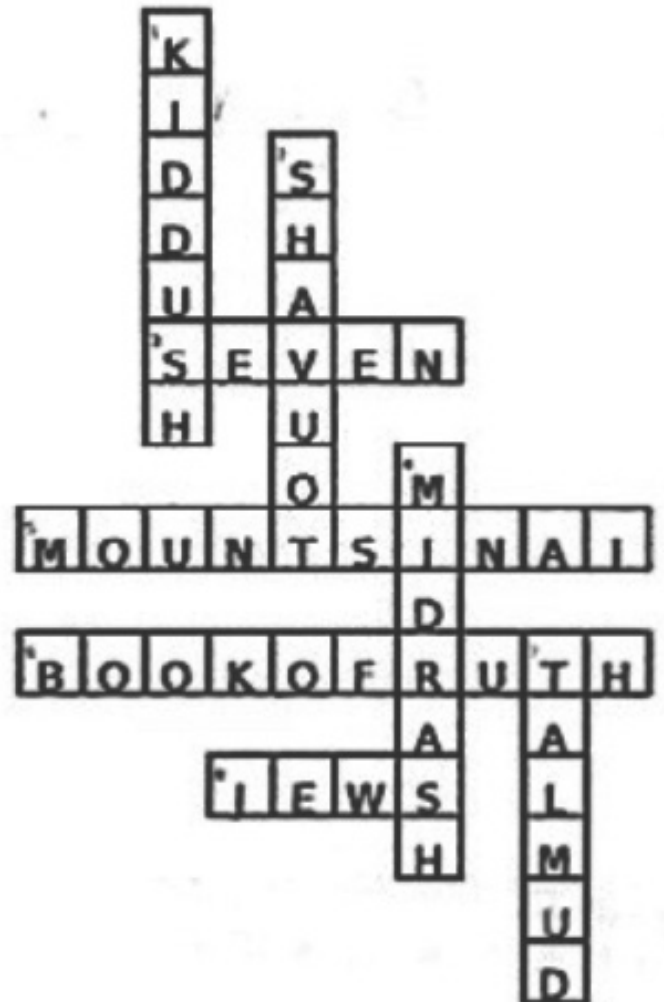
Menu to be announced

RSVP by Wednesday, June 15



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Please RSVP to Patty at Beth El Temple 717-232-0556 or patty@bethelhbg.org

***DATES: May 10 through August 30, 2022
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Beth El Temple warmly welcomes

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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.

■ Condolences

The congregation extends condolences to

- the Lipsett family; son Yale (Brochi) Lipsett; daughters Beth Lipsett and Julie Lipsett (David) Singer; grandchildren and great-grandchildren on the passing of father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and Beth El Temple Life Member Norman Lipsett.
- the Adlestein family; beloved wife Doris Goldenson Adlestein; daughters Danielle (Chris) Bussell, Diane Adlestein (Michael Priester), Lori Hirsh, and Amy Hirsh (Gene Reilly); and seven grandchildren on the passing of husband, father, and grandfather Alan L. Adlestein.
- the Cahall and Brenner families; beloved wife Marcy Brenner; daughter Alex Cahall; grandson Jayden Cahall; mother-in-law Janis Brenner; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Roy and Jen Brenner and Terry and Rich Rapagnani; and lifelong friends Greg Crosson and John Laboshowsky on the passing of husband, father, and grandfather Alan Cahall.

ENGRAVE A LEAF TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL EVENTS

THE DEFINITION OF THE WORD "SIMCHA" IS A JOYFUL OCCASION OR FESTIVITY. AT SOME TIME DURING OUR LIVES WE ALL EXPERIENCE SOME TYPE OF "SIMCHA," WHETHER IT IS THE BIRTH OF A CHILD OR GRANDCHILD, A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR BIRTHDAY, A BAR OR BAT MITZVAH, A WEDDING, A NEW HOME OR JOB. ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SPECIAL "SIMCHA" BY ENGRAVING A LEAF ON THE TREE OF LIFE.

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