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President Steve Silverman:
We will continue to make Beth El
Congregation a synagogue that
we can be proud of for many
generations to come.

MESSAGE FROM STEVE SILVERMAN, PRESIDENT

I am currently sitting in my office, a few days after the 2011 Annual Meeting at which I was installed as the 27th President of Beth El Congregation, and I am struck by an overwhelming sense of... for lack of a better term, "bittersweetness."

During my remarks at the installation, I spoke about the reasons why I had become involved with Beth El, going back to the summer of 2000 when my father passed away and I needed a place to say *Kaddish*. Freddy and I were not members of any *shul*, but we fell in love with Beth El and as many others have, with Rabbi Schwartz. It was during my first recitation of the *Yizkor* prayer that I decided to dedicate myself to synagogue life, emulating the example of my father who had been President of his *shul* on Long Island. Had it not been for his death, I would not have embarked upon this path. My installation is a direct result of not having him here with me, but quite honestly, I could feel his presence in the Offit Auditorium, and I know he's with me every time I step into Beth El. That was

a bittersweet moment.

I was also reminded of Rabbi Schwartz's comments during our recent dedication of a plaque outside of the Rubin Sanctuary in memory of Rabbi Jacob Agus, Rabbi Mark Loeb and Cantor Sol Hammerman. The theme of his remarks was that it was a bittersweet occasion for all of us who were affected by their spiritual, ethical and liturgical expertise in shaping the *Kehilla* that we are today, and that their spirits are with us every time we enter the Sanctuary.

Lastly, I realized that perhaps the most difficult moment of all relates to our immediate past President, Ray Kahn. As I am sure Ray experienced when he took over from Michael Steinhardt, I was very excited to assume the office of the President, but I couldn't imagine the emotions facing Ray as he left office. We have served together as officers for the past 6 years and I can say without hesitation that no one is more dedicated to Beth El than Ray Kahn. He is

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B'NAI MITZVAH FOR 2014

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee will soon be assigning dates for 2014. Parents whose children are currently enrolled in the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School do not need to contact the school office to request a date, as this will be done automatically. However, children whose parents are members of Beth El, but are enrolled in another school affiliated with the Center for Jewish Education, must request a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. The school must be of equal or greater intensity to that of the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School and all requests must be e-mailed to ellenm@bethelbalto.com or in writing to:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Committee c/o Beth El Congregation
Attention: Ellen Marks
8101 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21208

The essential requirement which must be fulfilled for any child to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at Beth

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BETH EL LIGHTS IN THE NEWS

JANE & BOB ZWEIG

Beth El members, Jane and Bob Zweig, were honored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County for their volunteer efforts and for their philanthropy at "The Event" on June 13, 2011.

Presenting the award to Jane and Bob was Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive.

Jane and Bob live in Columbia, Maryland. Sharing in their celebration were their sons, Ari and Ethan and daughter-in-law, Beth, as well as their extended families and friends.



Bob and Jane Zweig with Howard County Executive Ken Ulman

"The Event" is an annual celebration supported by the Jewish organizations and synagogues in Howard County. Four hundred people were in attendance to celebrate Jewish Howard County.

In accepting the award, each couple had to answer a question. The couple chose the question they wished to answer. That was how they were introduced by Debra Weiner, Channel11 newscaster. The Zweig's question was, "What is your biggest goal for the Jewish people and what can you and others to do make a difference?" Here is their answer:

"Now that we are in our 5,771th year, it is our fervent hope that the Jewish people will grow and prosper in the United States, in Israel and around the globe.

We believe in order for Jews to thrive we must embrace our traditions, behave in a

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Marilyn Blum on the loss of her beloved father, Hyman Ulman;
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohan on the loss of their beloved son, Alan Cohan;
 Dr. Todd Dorman on the loss of his beloved father, Jack Dorman;
 Mrs. Wendy Elover on the loss of her beloved mother, Mindy (Mindell) Laufer;
 Mrs. Carol Kleiner and Mr. Robert Steinberg on the loss of their beloved aunt, Helen Acker;
 Mrs. Ann Kurlander on the loss of her beloved husband, Marvin S. Kurlander;
 Mrs. Ellen Marmer on the loss of her beloved mother, Jane Berlin;
 Mrs. Norma Rief and Mr. Marshall Rief on the loss of their beloved husband and father, William (Billy) Simon Rief;
 Dr. Barry Schlossberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Sophie (Sally) Schlossberg;
 Mrs. Marsha Sindler on the loss of her beloved husband, Stanley Sindler;
 Mrs. Dorothy Weinstein and Mrs. Glenda Chernoff on the loss of their beloved son and brother, Larry D. Weinstein;

A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Joyce Fruman

OUR HEARTIEST MAZEL TOV TO:

Mrs. Carole Becker on the *Bar Mitzvah* of her grandson, Sean Becker;
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Berenson on the birth of their granddaughter, Phoebe Abigail Berenson;
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Berenson on the birth of their grandson, Ethan David Berenson;
 Mr. and Mrs. David Berman on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Paige; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Berman and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Litman;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Caplan on the birth of their great grandson, Noah B. Caplan;
 Mrs. Hilda Dopkin on the engagement of her granddaughter, Lauren Sarah Dopkin to Harvey Rosenberg;
 Mrs. Marilyn Dreizen on the engagement of her grandson, Brandon Kleeman to Meredith Lidard;
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fisher on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Chad Elliott Fisher;
 Mrs. Joan Flaks on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her grandson, Benjamin Flaks;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Golaner on the engagement of their daughter, Lauren to Josh Cohn;
 Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Goldberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Reese Goolsby;
 Mr. and Mrs. Ned Greenberg on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Ross Stephen Greenberg;
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira Himmel on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her granddaughter, Emma Silverman;
 Dr. and Mrs. Leon Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Paige Virginia Katz;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Miller on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarina Isobel Miller;
 Ms. Beth Raphael on the *Bat Mitzvah* of her daughter, Nicole Pysnack;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richmond on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Brandon Richmond;
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Shemer on the birth of their grandson, Dane Luca Shemer;
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Snyder on the birth of their grandson, Nathan Henry Snyder;

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Goldberg on their 70th
 Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Friedmann on their 60th
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordon on their 50th
 Dr. and Mrs. Lyndell Schwartz on their 50th
 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Silberstein on their 55th
 Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Berger on their 45th
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brooks on their 45th
 Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunovice on their 45th
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maytin on their 45th
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wagenheim on their 45th
 Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Dankner on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frank on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hankin on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Landsman on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schrum on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Steelman on their 40th
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cohen on their 35th
 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Drake on their 35th
 Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Kleiman on their 35th
 Dr. and Mrs. Robert Solof, Jr. on their 35th
 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wasserman on their 35th
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Levy on their 30th
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Thrope on their 30th
 Dr. and Mrs. Richard Manski on their 25th
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rome on their 25th
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Feit on their 20th
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zuskin on their 20th
 Dr. and Mrs. Dean Fiergang on their 15th
 Mr. and Mrs. Asher Rubin on their 15th

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Morning		Evening	
Monday –		Monday –	
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
<i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	7:45 a.m.	Friday	6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	10:00 a.m.	Saturday	sundown*
Sunday &		Sunday	5:30 p.m.
Legal Holidays	9:15 a.m.		

*Check website or call 410-580-2727



Beth El Baby

Grant Harrison Davis
 Born August 27, 2010
 Parents:
Michelle and Marshall Davis
 Brother: **Ian Collin Davis**
 Grandparents:
Marsha & Morris Saks and David & Ann Davis
 Great Grandmothers:
Rebecca Charkatz, Bluma Saks, and Shirley Goodman

Please email jpeg images – along with the name of the infant and family members and the infant's birth date – to sandi@bethelbalto.com.

BETH EL HOTLINE NUMBERS

Service Schedules: **410-580-2727**

Weather Hotline: **410-580-2720**

Congregation Closings & Program Changes:

410-580-5080

Early Childhood Education Closings &

Program Changes:

410-580-5081

Religious School Closings & Program Changes: **410-580-5082**



Beth El Congregation is on Facebook! Become a fan today to get the latest news and see the latest photos from Beth El events.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 – ROSH CHODESH AV

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:54 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Parsha of the Week – DEVARIM

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 – EREV TISHA B'AV

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EREV TISHA B'AV EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 – TISHA B'AV

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:46 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Parsha of the Week – VA'ETCHANAN

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:37 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Parsha of the Week – EKEV

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

MORNING SERVICE 8:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
CANDLE LIGHTING 7:27 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Parsha of the Week – RE'EH

MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 – ROSH CHODESH ELUL – DAY 1

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 – ROSH CHODESH ELUL – DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE 7:45 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

BAR & BAT MITZVAH



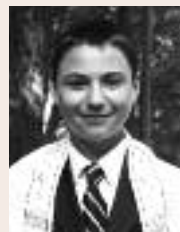
BAR MITZVAH

Chad Elliott Fisher, son of Doug and Ray Ellen Fisher will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* August 27, 2011.



BAR MITZVAH

Ross Stephen Greenberg, son of Ned and Debbie Greenberg will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* September 3, 2011.



BAR MITZVAH

Brandon Alex Richmond, son of Lynne and Stephen Richmond will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* September 3, 2011.

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH

A new Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* class will be forming in September 2011. Everyone is welcome to join. For further information, please contact **Sandy Winters** at 410-484-0411 or email sandy@bethelbalto.com.

SPONSOR A SHABBAT KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Beth El *Shabbat Kiddush* is the perfect way to celebrate a birthday, an upcoming wedding or any other *simcha*. Sponsors names are mentioned from the *bimah* when the rabbi does the weekly announcements.

Contact **Diane Cole**, Event Coordinator, at 410-484-0411 or diane@bethelbalto.com and she will help you plan your special *Kiddush*.

Summer 2011 Oneg

Friday, August 19

Please join us for our last summer *oneg*! Friday evening after services, we will have a lovely *oneg* outside under the evening sky. Come join us for chilled wines, an array of delicious appetizers and, most importantly, time to foster relationships within the Beth El community.



IN MEMORIAM

MARVIN (BUTZIE) KURLANDER
WILLIAM (BILLY) RIEF
SHIRLEY SAVAL
STANLEY SINDLER

We mourn the passing of our members and extend sincere condolences to their families.

Beth El is compiling a list of our members who would like to receive email notifications of congregational obituaries. If you wish to be added to this list, please email **Sandi Block** at sandi@bethelbalto.com.

ADULT EDUCATION
CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Nearly 300 people gathered to screen *A Film Unfinished* at Beth El. The movie features the film and the filming of a Nazi propaganda project in the Warsaw Ghetto during 1942. Rabbi Mitchell Ackerson led a special post-screening program on "Avoiding Shoah Fatigue." Partners for this program included, The American Jewish Committee, The Associated, the Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University, The Baltimore Jewish Council, and The Jewish Museum of Maryland.

CPR/AED and First Aid Training Class at Beth El

On Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. we are once again offering a CPR/AED and First Aid Training Class at Beth El. The class will run approximately 3 hours and is open to any congregant for a \$35 fee. Spaces are extremely limited. Please send your check for the \$35 to Beth El by August 15th, attention Debbie Caplan, to reserve your slot. If you have any questions, contact Debbie at 410-484-0411 or Debbie@bethelbalto.com.

IT IS RAEELY TRUE

- Did you know only 20% of the mass of an olive is currently used in olive oil production? Researchers at Ben Gurion University are finding ways to turn the waste that comes from producing olive oil into biofuel.

- The National Transplant and Organ Donations Center in Israel reported that the first half of 2011 recorded a 54% rise in organ donations, and set a new record of organ transplants. Between January and May of 2011, 105 lives were saved due to organ donation.

- A recent international poll conducted by ComScore found that the average Israeli spends almost 11 hours a month surfing social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, more than any other country in the world.



HIGH HOLIDAY COOKING CLASS
WITH MONROE ZEFFERT, ZEFFERT AND GOLD CATERING



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AT 5:30 P.M.
\$30/MEMBERS & \$35/FRIENDS

Looking for new recipes for the High Holidays? Trying to please the particular palates around your family's table? Then come join one of Baltimore's premier Kosher caterers for a special cooking demonstration.

A light dinner will be served.
Please complete and return the registration form below with your check to Beth El. Your check is your registration.
ACT NOW SPACE IS VERY LIMITED!!

Contact Diane Cole at 410-484-0411
or email diane@bethelbalto.com

Participant's Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Contact Number (daytime): _____ Contact Number (evening): _____

Please send your registration form and check to:
Beth El Congregation, Cooking Classes, 8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208

**Let Beth El Help Make It a Sweet New Year...
with a KUGEL!**

Order a kugel to have a sweet year - and to support Beth El!

Available kugels are:

Sweet Kugel \$18.00

Raisin Kugel \$18.50

Apple Kugel (sweet bread pudding) \$25.00

Peach Kugel \$18.50

All of the above come in a 9 x 13 pan, are Pareve,
and will serve 24 small pieces

Gefite fish is also available for \$25.00 for a
3 lb/10 serving container

The kugels freeze well and can also be used for break-fast. Fill out a form below and submit it with payment by **Monday, September 20, 2011.**

All orders must be picked up
Wednesday, September 28 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All kugels must be paid for when ordering
Your check is your confirmation and receipt

Please submit to the congregation office.
For more information contact Diane Cole, Event
Coordinator, at 410-484-0111.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Kugel: __ Sweet(\$18.00) __ Raisin(\$18.50) __ Apple (sweet bread pudding)(\$25.00)
__ Peach(\$18.50) __ Gefilte Fish (\$25.00)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



righteous manner, perform acts of charity and kindness and above all, engage in *Tikkum Olam*.

The concept of *Tikkum Olam*, or repairing the world, to us means getting involved in the community in any way you can.

For some it might mean volunteering your time by driving an elderly person to a doctor appointment or it might mean giving a concert at a nursing home or being a big brother or sister.

For others it could mean becoming involved in politics to help make changes that would improve life for our fellow citizens. And for others it might mean giving charitable contributions to those who are less fortunate.

For us, the survival of the State of Israel is our utmost concern.”

Jane is proud that her grandfather was one of the original Zionists - fighting with the British in Palestine in 1918 against the Turks. Her grandfather, forever a Zionist, considered Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, and Trumpeldor friends. Jane’s passion for Israel lives in her through the many stories that were told to her as a child.

Bob’s immediate family was able to escape the horrors of Nazi Germany, but other family members were not so fortunate. Bob’s mother volunteers today at the U.S. Holocaust Museum so that future generations will “never forget.”

To Bob and Jane, the survival of a Jewish Homeland in Israel is critical – Israel is the only place in the world that will take in persecuted Jews from anywhere.

“So our goal is to continue our involvement in organizations that support Israel - whether it is through giving time as volunteers or through charitable donations.

We want our children and their children to continue believing in supporting Israel and the Jewish people so that Israel is always there for us.”

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El is the successful completion of five years in a religious school program. In addition, the congregation enforces a policy that all students must be enrolled in a religious school or Confirmation program at the time of their *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* date. **Parents who wish to make special requests for dates may do so in writing no later than Tuesday, August 9.** However, such requests must have a compelling urgency to receive favorable consideration (not liking cold weather is not a compelling reason).

Simcha dates are assigned based on the sequence of birth dates and the number of children who come of age in a given calendar year. As a result, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* dates often do not coincide with birthdates and may even be several months distant. However, the committee does its best to keep the dates within reasonable proximity. The committee meeting will be held in late August and parents should receive their assigned dates in the mail by mid-September. If you have any questions, please contact **Ellen Marks** at ellenm@bethelbalto.com or **410-484-0411**.

ULPAN AT BETH EL

Baltimore Hebrew Institute of Towson University offers Biblical Hebrew and Modern Hebrew courses at Beth El Congregation. Join our outstanding instructors for an innovative, multimedia learning experience. The curriculum is designed and supervised by Ulpan Director, Dr. Eyal Bor. Levels include:

- Biblical Hebrew – Beginner
- Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Absolute Beginner
- Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Advanced Beginner
- Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Intermediate
- Modern Hebrew Ulpan – Advanced

Dates – Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 September: 14 and 21
 October: 5 and 26
 November: 2, 9, 16 and 30
 December: 7 and 14

Cost for 10 class sessions is \$180.
 (Beth El members receive a 10% discount).

For information about registration, please contact **Michelle Taylor**, **410-704-7118** or mtaylor@towson.edu.

If you have questions about the curriculum or level placement, please contact **Dr. Eyal Bor**, **410-484-4543** or eyal@bethelbalto.com.

an extremely caring individual with patience, the uncanny ability to say the right thing at the right time, and he possesses an incredible sense of humor. I know he is happy for me, but in return, I am sad for him. As I said during my speech, we do this job because we love it; when you give up that position, even though you completed it successfully, it is bittersweet.

Fortunately, Ray has graciously allowed me to keep his number on my speed dial. With his help, the hard work and dedication of my Officers and the Board of Trustees, and with the assistance of you, my fellow congregants, we will continue to make Beth El Congregation a synagogue that we can be proud of for many generations to come.

Let’s roll up our sleeves, and get to work.

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

On May 11 we had our semi-annual blood drive. We collected a total of 88 pints of blood. This is a very significant quantity for the Red Cross. To the 98 people that came to donate – **YOU ARE OUR HEROS**. Also we could not have done it without our wonderful volunteers – **YOU ARE THE BEST!!**



The Chesapeake-Potomac area uses approximately 1,200 pints of blood every day. **Our next blood drive is on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.** You must have 56 days between donations so PLEASE remember NOT to give blood after Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Thanks again!
 Jerry and Sonia Goodman

HIGH HOLIDAYS HONORS

The High Holidays are sooner than you may think! *Erev Rosh Hashanah* starts Wednesday, September 28 and *Rosh Hashanah* takes place Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30. *Yom Kippur* is Saturday, October 8.

Each year, the Religious Services Committee has the huge task of assigning honors (*aliyot*) for all services held in the Rubin Sanctuary, the Offit Auditorium, Gorn Chapel and the Myers Auditorium. As a Beth El member, you are invited to take part in the service by being honored with one of these *aliyot*. The following honors are available in each of the services:

- Reading *Aliyot*
- Opening the Ark
- Carrying the Torah
- Raising the Torah
- Dressing the Torah

Aside from being a *mitzvah*, these *aliyot* can bring additional meaning to the service for you and your family.

Please advise **Yvonne** at either Yvonne@bethelbalto.com or **410-484-0411** of your choice and for which service you would like to perform this *mitzvah*.

AGUS LIBRARY HOURS

The Agus Library is closed for the summer and will reopen September 19.
If anyone would like to borrow books during the summer, call Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844 to make an appointment.

If you wish to donate books to the Agus Library, please contact Marlene Siegel at 410-484-1844. Because of the limited space, please do not bring books to Beth El until you have spoken to Marlene Siegel.

SCHUSTER LIBRARY HOURS

Sundays:
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Beth El Campers are having a great summer! Many thanks to our wonderful camp staff for making sure that each camper has a great camp experience.

Schuster Library adds Judeo-Greek Collection

Eyal Bor is happy to announce that Lanny and Alma Schuster are sponsoring the dedication of a shelf of books, CDs and DVDs celebrating their Judeo-Greek heritage, and honoring and remembering their loving Greek family and friends. The dedication will take place this August in the Eddy Schuster Library. There will be music and a program on the new smart board that Lanny and Alma donated to the library. Dr. Bor said, "Lanny and Alma Schuster have supported the Eddy Schuster Library in its role as a vital component of Jewish learning with a warm, inviting and diverse array of Jewish culture."

"This is a wonderful and special opportunity to help the Schusters honor their loved ones by building on the library collection into yet another fascinating direction. They have been so generous and involved with the library and the school, it is very gratifying to help them on this special project...and we will all be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of this Judeo-Greek collection. The Schusters are truly an important part of the Beth El family," says Karen Delaney, librarian of the Eddy Schuster Memorial Library.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT II

Thursday, Aug 11
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Free fun for families with children ages 2-8

- ★ Eric Energy (spectacular science)
- ★ Moon Bounce
- ★ Playground
- ★ Tzedakah Project
- ★ Bubbles
- ★ Field Games and more
- ★ Pizza (\$2.00 per slice)

For more information or to RSVP, please contact **Talia Berkowitz**, talia@bethelbalto.com or 410-602-2245
Co-sponsored by Beth El Camp, Preschool and Religious School

BETH EL'S NEW FAMILY ROOM

The Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education at Beth El Congregation is going to open a room for parents with young children where they can play and socialize with other families. There will also be special programming like music classes, baby yoga, adult education, parenting classes, special holiday programs, etc. More information to come!

Please contact **Melissa Berman** at 410-602-2245 or email Melissa@bethelbalto.com with any questions.



ENROLL NOW! PRESCHOOL, MOMMY & ME, & PRE-K

- ☉ Flexible Schedule Options for Children 2 - 5
- ☉ Part-time, full-time and extended day options available
- ☉ The children enjoy our music program and physical education "Active Kids" gym classes, Hebrew language classes, Torah Stories, pre-Shabbat celebrations, arts and crafts, science, cooking, beginning reading and number skills, outside play on our playground and field, Kosher snacks, children's active games, library, field trips, and much more.
- ☉ Fall and spring MOMMY AND ME classes for 18-24 month olds and parent, grandparent, caregiver.
Please call Preschool at 410-602-2245.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

An innovative and educational advanced year with experiential and multi-sensory approaches to knowledge and education is being created for the 2011-12 school year! The excitement and energy about Jewish learning and culture in our schools will continue to build and overflow into your children's classrooms, homes and Jewish lives. It is now vitally more important than ever for your return of the 2011-2012 registration forms to be prompt.

The focus for the Berman-Lipavsky Religious School is to continue to build on the excitement and energy we have created in our students for Jewish learning and culture. We strive to ensure that each and every student is reached and touched by meaningful and lasting Jewish learning experiences. We will accomplish these goals by providing options and choices in course electives. We believe that these changes will result in our students feeling more involved, more stimulated and more interested in their academic course at Beth El Schools.

For questions please contact **Fran Davis**, Administrator, 410-484-4543 or fran@bethelbalto.com. Registration forms can be found at www.bethelbalto.com.

Registration for Confirmation & Rabbinic Conversation Group is Underway for 2011-12

REMINDER: REGISTER NOW for BETH EL'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
MONDAY EVENINGS BI-MONTHLY
SUPPER & SESSION in KOLKER
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

and for
BETH EL'S RABBINIC CONVERSATION GROUP
MONDAY EVENINGS MONTHLY
SUPPER AND SESSION in RABBI'S STUDY
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Continue your learning:

- By developing & maintaining important friendships
- By participating in activities, trips, projects and social events
- By delving deeply into arenas that are meaningful and relevant to your lives
- By examining Jewish sources and discovering its relevance in your decision making
- By examining, questioning and understanding yourselves and yourselves as Jews
- By socializing with old and new friends

For questions please contact **Fran Davis**, Administrator, 410-484-4543 or fran@bethelbalto.com. Registration forms can be found at www.bethelbalto.com.

ECE RECEIVES GARDEN GRANT

The early childhood program is blooming! Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education is one of seven recipients of the Jewish Community Gardening Collective Grant from Kayam Farm at Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center. We received \$300 to start a garden and we will participate in four seasonal trainings. We kicked off the garden at Lag B'Omer. Volunteers built three garden boxes on Memorial Day and we then planted vegetables, fruits and herbs. All members of the congregation are invited to help with the garden. For more information contact our garden captains, **Lauren Buerger** at buergerlauren@gmail.com or **Merle Intner** at MIntner@aol.com.

The garden boxes were donated by National Lumber – Kevin Fruman.

Mazel tov to all our graduates.

The following children graduated from our infant toddler program.

Jo Jo Akoamah	Julia Brown	Dylan Guss
Jake Klein	Jonah Lubek	Paige Sachs
Dov Stein	Sara Sugarman	Leah Ullman

The following children graduated from the early childhood program. Melanie Bell, Lillian Blitz, Maks Damiano, Brandon Demattos, Oliver Drachman, Jack Goldfarb, Ethan Greenberg, Charlotte Kaplan, Gage Ngo, Michael Shraibman, Lauren Sugarman, Jordan Weber, Nathan Anapolsky, Lia Basin, Ian Davis, Benjamin Engelhardt, Jacob Fruman, Lily Parks, Jacob Rogers, Tatiana Segall, Sasha Susel, Victoria Weiner, Brooke Zayonm, Noah Zayon, Ashley Dabbah, Garielle Koppel, Jacob Lenet, Samantha Lubek, Marogan Robb, Noa Rone, Lexi Silver, Kayden Smith, Dylan Winkler.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ORIENTATION

**Tuesday, September 6 &
Wednesday, September 7**

NEW TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Myers Auditorium
Optional Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Schapiro Auditorium: \$5 adult, \$3 child

- Pizza, salad, drink and dessert
- Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 31 to Fran Davis

We are so excited about our upcoming year and cannot wait to share details with you. You will meet your children's teachers, find out their class schedule and meet Rabbi Faith Cantor, our new Rabbi of Education.

While the parents are meeting the teachers and Rabbi Cantor, Jillian Book has put together youth group activities for your children, grades Aleph – Vav (second – seventh). There will be babysitting for the younger children.

Religious School Orientation will be in lieu of Religious School on September 6th and 7th.

RELIGIOUS, SUNDAY, AND
CHAVURAH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

More information to follow in registration packets.

FAMILY FRIENDLY HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES!

**1st and 2nd Days of Rosh Hashanah,
Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur
10:30 a.m. in the Myers Auditorium**

Last year our family friendly High Holiday services were a big hit. This service was created to give families with children of all ages the opportunity to pray together and spend the holidays seated next to one another. The cost is \$300 and includes both days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur. This does not include synagogue membership.

Our family friendly service will be led by Rabbi Faith Cantor, our new Rabbi of Education and Jess Minnen, Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical Student. Rabbi Cantor is an experienced and passionate educator and rabbi. Those families who have spent time with Jess before have found her to be warm and engaging.

For those with toddlers; we understand that young families need some space to move and explore therefore there will be a play area within the service for children four and under. We will also have a book cart for older children to borrow a book and read quietly in their seats.

We are excited to provide you with a meaningful and participatory High Holiday experience that you can enjoy with your family.

The first day of Rosh Hashanah is on Thursday, September 29, now is the time to reserve your seats.

For tickets please contact **Gil Kleiner, gil@bethelbalto.com** and for more information please contact **Eyal Bor, eyal@bethelbalto.com** and for membership information contact **Debbie Caplan at Debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

**INFANT & TODDLER CARE
AT BETH EL IS GROWING!**

- ✿ Programs for infants and toddlers from 3 to 24 months
- ✿ Offering full time care Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Contact **Ilene Vogelstein**, Program Director, at **410-580-2723** or **ilenev@bethelbalto.com** for more information and to arrange a tour of our infant and toddler area.



TWO VAV STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN
THE BERMAN-LIPAVSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Dr. Eyal Bor

This year two astounding students, Miller Friedman and Eva Frankle received awards in honor of their accomplishments and for being all-around great students.

Rabbi Lowenstein recommended Miller Friedman for the Dr. Eyal Bor Award. "Miller is a good friend and serious student who can balance focus and playfulness without compromising respect for others. He is always ready to participate and offer his help to other students."

Moreh Jason Creeger recommended Eva Frankle for the Mr. Lipvasky Award. She attends Hebrew school regularly, contributes to class discussion, and he believes she will use Jewish Values, as well as her own personal beliefs, in guiding her life.

"Eva is incredibly bright and very kind. She never shows off in class. She is quick to participate in class discussion, and often brings up things that she has previously learned from Hebrew school or public school, to further the discussion. Eva has a great sense of humor, but never uses it at someone else's expense."

Both of these awards are made possible thanks to Beth El Congregation's Sisterhood.

Below are letters the children received from Dr. Bor, Director of Education, furthering acknowledging their dedication and achievements.

Dear Miller,

It is such a pleasure to know that you are the recipient of the award that was established by the Sisterhood in my honor. Only one student a year receives this prestigious award. It is given to 'A' students who show serious academic achievement, who is a role model for the other students and most of all, who is a mensch. Miller, you represent all of these characteristics. After speaking to Rabbi Lee Lowenstein and your other teachers, we learned how well you did throughout the years at Beth El. They praised you both as a student and as someone who is very popular and respected among his peers. I was impressed with your performance during your Bar-Mitzvah. You demonstrated knowledge and confidence and made us all proud of you. On a personal note, I would like to add that we have the love of music in common. This made me even more honored to know you! I know your father, Bruce, who is actively involved in many of our congregation's committees. I can see the apple does not fall far from the tree and I hope that you will continue his path by serving our community in the future. Please accept my personal congratulations and a hearty Mazel Tov upon receiving this award - the Eyal Bor Educational Award for Excellence and I hope to see you continue your Jewish education in our Confirmation program.

Dear Eva,

I am pleased to inform you that you are the recipient of the Joseph Lipavsky Award for Excellence in Jewish Studies for the 2010-2011 school year. The committee that included your teacher, Jason Creeger, chose you for this award as they were very impressed with your serious demeanor, your enthusiasm for learning, your academic achievement and for contributing to meaning and insight to your classroom discussions. You are an outstanding student who always pays attention thus becoming a role model for your classmates. I am thrilled to know that your Hebrew School has a positive influence on you and hope that the values you have learned will have an impact for a long time. Your love of learning inspires your thinking and imagination.

When I spoke to your sister Sasha, she said you are very dedicated to every project you undertake and once you set your mind to something you "get the job done." I also know that you have hobbies such as reading and playing the guitar as well as sports in particular soccer.

I know that Mr. Joe Lipavsky Z"L who was the Principal of our Hebrew School for over 30 years would have been proud of you knowing that a young lady of your caliber has received the award in his honor.

Let me wish you much luck and success in the future and I hope that you will continue to pursue Jewish education by participating in our Confirmation program.

Please convey our appreciation to your parents who chose to be part of the Beth El Congregation and wish them a hearty Mazel Tov on my behalf.



Eva Frankle and Miller Friedman, posing with Dr. Eyal Bor, received awards in honor of their accomplishments and for being all-around great students.



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Charles Heyman by Mrs. Barbara Smelkinson to The Josephy Lipavsky Scholarship Fund.

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Harry Lichter by Sheryl, Stuart, Austin and Jara Title to The Prayer Book Fund.

Reenie Mainen by Alma and Lanny Schuster to The Eddy Schuster Memorial Library Fund.

Rachel Massuda by Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to The Dr. Michael I. Feinglass Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Stanley Sindler by Sandy and Don Lebowitz to The Irvn and Rose Lebowitz Memorial Sefer Torah Fund.

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Burt Wenneker by Ms. Donna Lowman and Mark to The Sylvan Dorenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund.

IN HONOR OF:

The 50th wedding anniversary of Bettye and Burton Levinson by Anne and Richard Sherman to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Ilene and Elliot Merenbloom by Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Sandy and Irv Yospa by Terry and Jerry Zimlin to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 45th wedding anniversary of Yvonne and Rene Daniel by Frida and Dr. Moises Fraiman, Margie and Ron Rubin to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Freddy and Steve Silverman by Candi and Carl Baylin, Nancy and Howard Pollinger to The Adult Choir Fund.

The 35th wedding anniversary of Barbara and Michael Steinhart by Judge Ellen and Mr. Rich Hollander to The Steinhart-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

The 30th wedding anniversary of Cantor Thom and Shazy King by The Beth El Adult Choir, Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora to The Beth El Adult Choir Fund.

The 1st wedding anniversary of Pauline and Al Auslander by The Minyan Ladies to The Prayer Book Fund.

The appointment of Judge Ellen Hollander to the Federal District Court by Beverly and Sam Penn to The Prayer Book Fund.

Mr. Ezra Salzberg receiving the Baylin Award by Marla Marder and Sons – Ryan, Kyle and Will – to The Youth Education Fund.

The baby naming of daughter Madison Beth Harris by Marilyn and Lee Harris and big brother Jayden to the Anne Offit Memorial Fund.

The baby naming of granddaughter Madison Beth Harris by Bonnie and Dr. Gerald Maggid to The Anne Offit Memorial Fund.

The Bar Mitzvah of their greatgrandson, Ross Keaton Milhiser, by Lillian and Bernard Strumwater to The Prayer Book Fund.

Judy Frumin becoming a Bat Mitzvah by Marla Marder and Sons- Ryan, Kyle and Will- to The Youth Education Fund.

The Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Honick, granddaughter of Shelley and Brian Bluefeld, by Sheila and Ivan Goldberg to The Youth Education Fund.

The birth of great grandson Noah B. Caplan, by Erma and Bernard Caplan, to The Stanley L. Becker Mishpachah Scholarship Fund.

The birth of grandson Dane Shemer to Shelley and Dr. Robert Shemer by Dr. Joseph and Linda Napora to The Prayer Book Fund.

The 90th birthday of Mr. Martin Collins by Isabel Price-Hoffman to The Mitzvah Fund.

The 70th birthday of Mrs. Linda Napora to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund by Gloryann and Lee Snyder.

The 65th birthday of Mr. Wally Kleid by Freddy and Steve Silverman to The Prayer Book Fund.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING TO JOIN A SYNAGOGUE?

Whether he/she is new to town or a native Baltimorean, and whether they are a family, a couple or single, Beth El has something to offer each and every one. Please invite them to events they might find of interest, and please contact **Debbie Caplan in the Outreach Office at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com** so she can call and invite them to Beth El.**

The 60th birthdays of Sherry and Dr. Steve Berlin by Marti and Dr. Art Kovens to The Youth Education Fund.

The 60th birthdays of Sherry and Dr. Steve Berlin by Barbara and Jeffrey Tapper to The Berlin-Norwitz Children's Choir Fund.

The 60th "birthdays" of Sherry and Dr. Steve Berlin by Marcie and David Zisow to The Mitzvah Fund.

The 60th birthday of Jamie Miller by Ellen, Myron, Michael, Jennifer and Sephy- The Asher Family to The Al Zlotowitz Chapel Maintenance Fund.

The "special birthdays" of Sherry and Dr. Steve Berlin by Roberta and Dr. Leonard Herbst to The Berlin- Norwitz Children's Choir Fund.

The "special birthdays" of Sherry and Dr. Steve Berlin by Harriet and Alan Kanter, Susan and Barry Belle to The Prayer Book Fund.

The special birthday of Jerry Cohn by Bonnie and Rob Garonzik to The Rabbi Mark G. Loeb Judaic Studies College Scholarship Fund.

The special birthday of Mr. Martin Collins by Nancy Boguslaw and Louis "Buddy" Sapolsky and Rita and Larry Silverman to The Collins Scholarship Fund.

The special birthday of Mrs. Mildred Miller by Sharon and Alan Dorenfeld to The Mark Steven Miller Audio-Visual Center.

The birthday of Dr. Arnold Feldman by Mrs. Rosalie Sellman to The Jacobo & Sara Fraiman Fund for Adult Jewish Education.

The birthday of Beverly Feldman by Roger, Cyndy, Miles and Harris Feldman to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

Lauri Caplan, obtaining her Master's Degree, by her parent's Erma and Bernard Caplan to The Stanley L. Becker Mishpachah Scholarship Fund.

The appointment of James Goldgeier, nephew of Barbara and Dr. Charles E. Silberstein, to Dean of The American University School of International Studies in Washington, D.C., to The Francus Endowment Fund.

Julia Denick's graduation by Ellen and Robert Rosen and Family to the Youth Education Fund.

Their grandchildren by Evelyn and Israel Morrison to The Prayer Book Fund.

Howard Moffet, receiving an honor by the Myerberg Senior Center, by Ann and Ira Robinson to The Daniel W. Caplan Pre-School Media Resource Fund.

The inauguration of Steve Silverman as President of Beth El Congregation by Stephanie and Ronnie Attman, Susan and Barry Belle to The Prayer Book Fund.

The induction of Steve Silverman as President of Beth El Congregation by Eunice and Sidney Friedman to The Rabbi Jacob & Miriam Agus Scholarship Fund.

Susan Hackerman and her successful completion of her term as Sisterhood President by Denise and Keith Franz to The Sisterhood Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The successful completion of the tenure of Ray Kahn as President of Beth El Congregation by Denise and Keith Franz to The Youth Education Fund.

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Rose Ageloff by Helene and Lawrence Ageloff to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Rosadean Askin by Mr. Sanford Askin to The Marilyn & Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

Charles Baumel by Mrs. Lorraine B. Baumel and his Klavans' Family to The Prayer Book Fund.

Gene Berger by Mrs. Josie Newhouse to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Melvin Berger by Mrs. Jeanne Berger to the Yahrzeit Fund.

Arnold Better by Michele and Herbert Better to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Sylvia Blum by Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to The Prayer Book Fund.

Hyman Carpman by Sandy and Marvin Glass to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Sadye Cohen Cheslock by Mr. Gilbert P. Cohen to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Mervin (Buddy) Coblenzer by Janet and Stephen Moss to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Harry Cohen by Mrs. Blanche Reicher to The Agus Library Book Dedication Fund.

Sylvia Dackman by Susan and Elliot Dackman to The Leonard & Frona Friedman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Samuel H. Davis by Mr. Richard G. Davis to The Prayer Book Fund.

Florence Epstein by Mrs. Marjorie Massing to The Israel & Rebecca Massing Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Leonard Epstein by Mrs. Marjorie Massing to The Israel & Rebecca Massing Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Beryl Frank by Dr. Lincoln Frank to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Gloria O. Frank by Dr. Lincoln Frank to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Minnie Friedman by Eunice and Sidney Friedman to The Agus Library Book Dedication Fund.

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Esther Glick by Mr. Billy Glick to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Anna Gold by Mrs. Pauline Gilden Auslander to The Adult Choir Fund.

Rona Goldstein by Gilda and Harold Resnick to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Louis Goldstein by Gilda and Harold Resnick to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Nettyle P. Gould by Mr. David P. Gould to The Ray S. and Nettyle P. Gould Scholarship Fund.

Anna Gross by Mrs. Linda Dreizen to The Agus Library Book Dedication Fund.

Ralph Herman by Mrs. Delma Silver to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Leo Jekel by Prof. Solomon Jekel to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Louise Breslow Kline by Phyllis and Dr. Richard Kline to The Adult Choir Fund.

Reba Kurtz by Marlene and Philip Feldman to the Yahrzeit Fund.

Elizabeth Lederer by Dr. Vera Pinter to The Marilyn & Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

Gyula Lederer by Dr. Vera Pinter to The Marilyn & Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

Olga Lederer by Dr. Vera Pinter to The Marilyn & Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

Edward Ralph Levenson by Mrs. Pauline Gilden Auslander to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Robert Michael Levenson by Mrs. Pauline Gilden Auslander to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Sylvia Lichter by Joy and Louis Lichter to The Harry Lichter Chesed Fund.

Dr. Charles Mailman by Nancy and Lloyd Mailman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Philip Mann by Alice and Dr. Michael Mann to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Ida Marks by Donna and Marvin Marks to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Rebecca Massing by Mrs. Marjorie Massing to The Israel & Rebecca Massing Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Nathan Miller by Eunice and Sidney Friedman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Ruben Orman by Norma and Dr. Edward Orman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Stacy Pass by Cookie Pass and Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Stacy Pass by Mrs. Shirley Whitman and Sharon and Marshall Paul to The Dr. Jerome Koepfel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Bertram Potemkin by Mrs. Anita Potemkin to The Prayer Book Fund.

Louis Resnick by Harold and Gilda Resnick to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Yetta Rosen by Mrs. Mary Shofer to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Lee Rottman by Mr. Harold Rottman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Sidney Rudman by Eileen and Don Himelfarb to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Bessie Salkin by Mr. Jay Salkin to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Esther Sandler by Sonia and Nat Sandler to the Yahrzeit Fund.

Lois Schein by Mrs. Phyllis London to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Dorothy Schuman by Rita and Lou Michaelson to The Mitzvah Fund.

Mayor Schuman by Rita and Lou Michaelson to The Mitzvah Fund.

Shelley Rose Schunick by Dr. Howard Schunick to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Harry Schwartz by Ms. Judy Schwartz to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

Edgar Seidman by Bernice and Leonard Seidman to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Albert Shillman by Mr. Norman Shillman to The Youth Education Fund.

Courtney Leigh Siegel by Faye and Harry Adler to The Marilyn & Gary Berman Family Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

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Hyman Slater by Judith and Robert Cohan to the Yahrzeit Fund.

Elsie Snyder by Faye and Harry Adler to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Jacob Tamres by Charlotte Forman and Charles Tamres to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Daniel Tannebaum by Marilyn and Bernard Weisman to The Prayer Book Fund.

Hannah Tannebaum by Cookie Pass and Family to The Yahrzeit Fund.

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Sara Uhfelder by Joan and David Uhfelder to The Hark Family Fund.

Anna Weintraub by Helen and Lawrence Ageloff to The Yahrzeit Fund.

Isaac Weisman by Marilyn and Bernard Weisman to The Prayer Book Fund.

Mary Weisman by Marilyn and Bernard Weisman to The Prayer Book Fund.

Belle Zimlin by Terry and Gerald Zimlin to The Prayer Book Fund.

IN APPRECIATION FOR:

The Aliyah given to Mr. Martin Collins upon his "special Birthday" to The Collins Scholarship Fund.

The Aliyah given to Mrs. Mary Shofer upon her 103rd Birthday to The Rabbi Jacob & Miriam Agus Scholarship Fund.

The wonderful chanting of Ezra Salzberg and his explanation of Torah at the weekday Minyan, by Sheryl Title, Bobbie Lichter and Hulane Zolet to The Prayer Book Fund.

Mr. Bernard Weisman by Mrs. Marilyn Weisman for being a wonderful husband and father and grandfather to The Mitzvah Fund.

The Officers and Clergy of Beth El Congregation recognizing her receipt of the USCJ Young Leadership Award by Tracey and Dilip Paliath to The Steinhart-Balachow Family Youth Fund.

The warmth and compassion given by Cantor Thom King to the family of the late Muriel Carton by Eileen and Larry Samberg to The Adult Choir Fund.

The presence of Cantor Thom King and his officiation at the wedding of Jeffrey Kleinberg and Krystal Nicht by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Kleinberg to The Adult Choir Fund.

The kind words given by Rabbi Schwartz along with the Aliyah to Mr. Martin Collins by Mrs. Iris and Barbara Collins to The Collins Scholarship Fund.

IN GRATITUDE FOR:

The kindness shown by Phyllis and Stuart Cutler to Mr. Larry Weinstein during his recent illness to The Youth Education Fund.

The kindness shown by Cantor Thom King for their 70th wedding anniversary by Geraldine and Sydney Cohen to The Adult Choir Fund.

The constant support of Rabbi Dana Saroken during the mourning period for Samuel Finkelstein by Dr. Patti and Mr. Ira Friedman and Family to The Youth Education Fund.

The presence of Rabbi Steven Schwartz at the baby naming of Elizabeth Horowitz by Heather and Andrew Horowitz to the Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

Rabbi Steven Schwartz conducting the memorial service for Samuel Finkelstein by Dr. Patti and Mr. Ira Friedman and grandchildren to The Rabbi Steven Schwartz Tribute Fund.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

Ina Feldman, beloved by her cousins, The Diamond, Gindin, Lipowitz and Mann Families, a Library Shelf Plaque.

IN HONOR OF:

The 50th wedding anniversary of Elaine and Bernard Goodman, June 3, 2011, an Artwork Plaque – an Etrog Holder by The Goodmans.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Freddy and Steven Silverman, June 24, 2011, by The Silverman, Kaufman, Wohl and Jacobs Families, A Leaf on The Tree of Life.

The Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Shane, son of Debbi and Michael Stern, June 19, 2010, 2 Leaves on The Tree of Life.

The Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sarah Jayne Steinberg, January 15, 2011, by Amy and Scott Steinberg, A Leaf on The Tree of Life.

**SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP:
IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING**

It is always a good time to join Beth El Sisterhood. We are a dynamic group that **meets monthly on Mondays** for general meetings and luncheons often accompanied by entertaining and informative programs. Other activities include cultural trips, a Biblio group, as well as the book reviews which occur twice a year. It is always a treat to have our Clergy, Rabbi Schwartz and Rabbi Saroken, review books they have chosen in conjunction with the book review committee. Before each review is a petite luncheon.

Biblio, Beth El Sisterhood's book review and discussion group, convenes the second Wednesday of the month in the Kolker room at noon. Some months a timely book is reviewed by a knowledgeable commentator. At other times our participants offer brief summaries of books they have enjoyed.

We welcome all to participate in a stimulating and entertaining afternoon. Please bring a kosher brown-bag lunch; a beverage will be provided. For additional information call **Rita Silverman** at 410 484-1731 or **Barbara Berkowitz** at 410 296-8424.

We have a terrific **Judaica Shop** run by our manager, Barbara Green, who is assisted by volunteers from the Sisterhood. As a Sisterhood member you are showing your support for our synagogue and our schools when you shop there. We encourage your participation and involvement in Beth El activities.

For more information please call: **Susan Hackerman**, Past President and membership liaison at 410-486-2523.

**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY-
TORAH FUND**

Next year's drive for benefactors to support The Jewish Theological Seminary, got underway on June 16 at a Benefactors' Tea. Twenty eight women attended the tea where Rabbi Saroken, a Jewish Theological Seminary graduate, spoke about her experience in becoming a Rabbi. Several of the benefactors there wrote their \$180.00 checks for next year's campaign.



The beautiful pin they will receive represents "Hiddur Mitzvah," embellishing a *mitzvah* through aesthetics. The pin is decorated with beautiful pomegranates representing a bountiful fruit in Israel. You will see many of our members wearing this lovely pin around the synagogue.

We hope all sisterhood members will contribute to the Torah Fund. For an \$18.00 donation you will receive six beautiful all occasion cards. The funds help support the Jewish Theological Seminary here and abroad. Our wonderful clergy are graduates of the seminary.

For more information contact **Jane Krosin** at 410-484-1150 or **Hilda Dopkin** at 410-486-4453.

**SUBSCRIPTION PLAN FOR
LUNCHEON MEETINGS**

Have you heard wonderful comments about Sisterhood's luncheon programs?

This is the time to subscribe to the luncheon series for the coming year. For \$75.00 you will be guaranteed a reservation for the following six dates:

November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 5, and May 9.

Please note: Subscription holders will not have to make reservations for the six meetings. There will be no refunds for missed meetings. If reserved separately, the cost of each luncheon will be \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door.

Yes, I want the Subscription Plan for the Sisterhood meetings.

Name _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please send your check for \$75.00 to:
June Sacks
4001 Old Court Road, #403
Baltimore, MD 21208

**SISTERHOOD MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

A meeting welcoming new Sisterhood members will be held in the Kolker Room at 5:30 p.m. immediately preceding the general meeting, dinner and program.

All members who have paid their dues for the 2011-2012 year are cordially invited to attend the first meeting, a dinner meeting, on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Please respond no later than Saturday, August 27.

We are delighted to have **Antero Pietila**, author of "Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City" as our guest speaker on Wednesday, September 7. In his book, Mr. Pietila describes growth and development in the city of Baltimore with a focus on discriminatory practices directed at Jews and African Americans. He covers many of the famous neighborhoods of Baltimore and describes how segregation shaped the city. Mr. Pietila chronicles the migration from white to black in many neighborhoods and how exploitation created slums in Baltimore.

**PLEASE WATCH FOR THE VOICE EACH MONTH TO SEE
UPCOMING SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.**

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA GIFTSHOP

The shop is closed the month of August. For an appointment call **Barbara Green** at 410-486-4080. The shop will be re-opening on Monday, August 29, with lots of new and fresh merchandise.

**Wednesday, September 7, SISTERHOOD PAID-UP
DUES DINNER • 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium**

I will attend the Paid-up Sisterhood Dinner

Name _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please send in your coupon for a reservation to:
Beth El Sisterhood
c/o Linda Mondell or Judy Schwartz
8101 Park Heights Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21208
or contact Linda Mondell 410-486-1542 or Judy Schwartz 410-653-9253.
Please respond no later than Saturday, August 27

**Wednesday, September 7: NEW SISTERHOOD
MEMBERS WELCOME • 5:30 p.m. in the Kolker Room**

I will attend the New Members Welcome

Name _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

For further information call Susan Hackerman at 410-486-2533, Sharon Dorenfeld at 410-486-0880 or Michelle Azwalinsky at 443-379-0110.
Please respond no later than Saturday, August 27

SISTERHOOD HAD A BUSY SPRING!



Bette Dahne was our selected honoree for the Women Who Inspire award. She has consistently demonstrated efficiency and willingness to serve in many important roles in Sisterhood. She most recently served as Co-chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, Co-chair of the Donor Committee, Treasurer, Judaica Shop Advisor, and Fundraising Event-Unique Boutique Treasurer. With her computer skills, Bette has brought our bookkeeping records into the 21st century. She has always been there to fill the need. Bette is a vital part of Sisterhood, very unassuming, low key and practical. As a long-term member Bette has always been a good advisor and mentor for Sisterhood members. She works well with others and enjoys the satisfaction of a job well done. Bette is an essential part of Sisterhood and very deserving of this award.



Our honoree, Estelle Kabik, is a deserving recipient of the Women of Valor award. Estelle has been an extremely active member of our Sisterhood during her years at Beth El Congregation. She was a former Vice President, originator of the Sisterhood page in our synagogue publication, *The Voice*, and has been the initiator of Sisterhood events in the evening such as, a dinner and an Interfaith program. Estelle has helped promote the Torah Fund for over ten years within our

Sisterhood and having activities such as a tea and a wine and cheese reception. In the past Estelle has held the position of Corresponding Secretary and been a member of the cultural trips and Adult Education committees.

Estelle has been involved with Seaboard for ten years. She is currently a Region representative and has been an Area One Torah Fund Director.

Other community activities include being an active member of Hadassah for forty years. Estelle has also been active in Brandeis National Committee and currently attends three book/discussion groups.

We are proud to have Estelle as a vital member of our Sisterhood and Seaboard.



From left to right, Joan Flaks, Carol Cummins, and Anna Faye Joffe from Sisterhood present Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education, with a check from the Biblio group.



From left to right: Co-chairs Hilda Dopkin and Jane Krosin of the Jewish Theological Seminary-Torah Fund and Rabbi Dana Saroken pose for a photo at the Benefactors' Tea.



Sisterhood took a trip to Washington, D.C. to see a new exhibit at the Holocaust Museum and then visited the Ratner Sculpture Museum.



All of the ladies gathered around for the Benefactors' Tea.

SOCIAL ACTION

F.Y.I.

What: **The Salvation Army Feed More Truck**

When: Selected Monday Evenings
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at Beth El and leave as a group

Who: Volunteers aged 13 and over

This is a program that serves meals to the needy in downtown Baltimore. The volunteers who board the bus never leave its occupancy and perform the services of serving the soup, hot drink, main meal and dessert through a window area. We are accompanied by personnel from the Salvation Army who are familiar with the clients. We follow a specified route and are welcomed wherever we go. When finished we again return as a group to the Beth El parking lot. It is only with your cooperation that we are able to make this a successful project.

For more information call **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or email **Debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

HOSTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Some may be familiar with the story of Abraham and his three visitors, but if not, here is a quick summary of what happened on that day. Abraham and his wife Sarah had a visit from three unknown persons; Abraham offered them traditional hospitality. He washed their feet and offered them food. When all was prepared, he set curds, milk and a calf before them under a tree. (Genesis 18:1-8)

The three visitors were portrayed as men at first, then as angels, recognizable by their wings. Abraham took them in when he was under the impression that they were simply strangers.

The hospitality of Abraham has been the standard for all Jews to strive toward. Let us follow Abraham's lead and continue this generous tradition. Invite those without a place for the holidays to join you and your family at your home for a *Rosh HaShanah* or *Yom Kippur* meal. If you are interested in signing up as a host family, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

If you do not have a place to go for a High Holiday meal and would like to be welcomed into someone's home, please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

GOT A FEW HOURS TO SPARE BUT DON'T WANT TO BE ON A COMMITTEE?

SOCIAL ACTION NEEDS YOUR HELP TO:

- Transport members to doctors' appointments, services and *shul* functions
- Bake or cook or serve a few times a year at Hope Lodge
- Host someone for a High Holiday meal
- Visit a homebound congregant or someone in a nursing home or assisted living for a bit of socializing

To volunteer your time please contact **Debbie Caplan** at **410-484-0411** or **Debbie@bethelbalto.com**.

May 9, 2011

Dear Susan Hackerman and Lisa Sparks,

Please convey to the membership of the Beth El Sisterhood my sincere appreciation for the contribution of \$17,700 to our school. As I said at the luncheon, your organization is strong, vital, energetic, and generous.

You should all be proud of Sisterhood and its accomplishments. Throughout the years, I have witnessed the wonderful work you do. Corporate America can learn from you as well. You care for Jewish education, you are open to new ideas, and you never let us down. It is so comforting to know that we can come to you for assistance whenever our funds are low, enrollment is slower and community money is dwindling.

Again, thank you for your continued support which we appreciate and do not take for granted. We will always try to reciprocate in any way we can.

I know you will continue to demonstrate great leadership with outstanding achievement in your future endeavors. Have a pleasant summer!

Sincerely,
Dr. Eyal Bor
Director of Education



Courtesy of Jessica Garmen



Courtesy of Ed Obsler

Unique Boutique was a wonderful success! Here are a couple of photos from the event.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

BETTY ZLOTOWITZ

1.) Why did you become involved in the Social Action Committee?

I really enjoy working with people and helping those in need. The Social Action Committee is all about taking a project or a problem, putting forth effort and reaching a solution. It is very satisfying to know that I have attempted to help people in some way or another.

2.) How long have you been involved in the Social Action Committee?

I have been working with people for as many years as I can remember, probably since I was eight or nine years old. My father was always very active in a synagogue and it is something I fell right into. I have been involved with Beth El's Social Action Committee for close to 15 years and a member at Beth El for about 35.

3.) What projects have you been involved in? Why are these projects so important to you?

When we first started the Social Action Committee years and years ago I was part of the "Moveable Feast" program. On Christmas day we would arrange for cars that usually consisted of a driver and two additional people, who would drop off food and medicine to those who were

homebound or sick.

As of now the most important aspect of the Social Action Committee for me is to assist senior citizens who are in "alone situations" or not able to make it to the synagogue as much as they used to. This particular sub-committee is called "*Bikkur Cholim*" (Visiting the Sick.) Our main goal is to keep the sick and homebound informed and in contact with people. I like to look at myself as a liaison between members of the congregation who can no longer participate and the congregation itself.

4.) How can fellow congregants contribute?

People can contribute by joining and becoming active in the committee. Learn what it is we have to offer and you will find that there is something for everyone. I am the co-chairman of the Social Action Committee with Robert Slatkin. Each activity that we have undertaken has proven to be a success. Please join us in continuing to maintain this success and in our mission to help others!



ANNUAL APPEAL DONORS 2010-2011

Donations from May 7 to June 15

Dr. Jordan & Carol Bloom
Harold & Jo Cohen
Dr. Mark Diamond
Elliot & Barbara Schlanger
Jeffrey & Nicole Schwartz
Shirley B. Snyder



New President, Steve Silverman, shakes the hand of outgoing President, Ray Kahn after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Ray felt bittersweet as his term came to an end, but feels very confident on handing the position over to Steve.



BETH EL
LEGACY SOCIETY

Beth El Legacy Society welcomes its newest member:

Gail Lipsitz

Contact **Ailene** at **410-580-5159** or **ailene@bethelbalto.com** to request a Letter of Intent. All we need to know is that you have made provision for Beth El in your Estate Planning. Not only will you be ensuring the future of our congregation, but you will be helping to ensure Judaism for generations to come.

Paper Recycling Available at Beth El

Brought to you by Beth El's Environmental Committee



Paper recycling bins are located in our back parking lot. This drop off location is open to anyone in the community. All paper products may be deposited except for food containers and cardboard. We earn money for Beth El through this program so the more you bring, the more we will earn.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH BETH EL!

Now there are two easy ways to keep in touch with Beth El between issues of *The Voice*! In addition to signing up for *E-Voice*, the complete, online version of *The Voice*, you can also sign up for our bi-weekly family update and visit us online.

- Our website can be found at **www.bethelbalto.com** and now has videos, pictures and a full calendar of events and services, dedicated pages for the schools and all the affiliates and committees and more!
- To sign up for the bi-weekly family update, which will keep you up to date on everything happening at Beth El, send your name and e-mail address to **Dora Smith** at **dora@bethelbalto.com**.
- To receive *E-Voice* in your inbox each month up to one week before everyone else receives *The Voice* in the mail, send your request to **Dora Smith** at **dora@bethelbalto.com**. You must indicate if you want to receive both *E-Voice* and *The Voice*.
- Now you can follow us on Facebook too.



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GIFTS OF STOCK

Even though capital gains tax rates are at an historic 15% low, individuals and charities receive significant benefits when individuals make gifts of stock.

For example, if a person sells a share of stock and then writes a check to a charity, the person must pay capital gains tax. Only the amount after paying the capital gains tax will then be available for a gift to charity.

Alternatively, if a person transfers a share of stock directly to the charity and permits the charity to sell the stock, the capital gains tax is avoided. The donor makes a larger charitable gift and receives a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the share of stock.

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BETH EL

Memorial Park

The Beth El Memorial Park has served the needs of the Beth El Congregation and the entire Baltimore Jewish Community for more than two generations. A "Makom Kodesh" (a "holy place"), it is a beautifully maintained cemetery of more than 15 acres, located at 9700 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD.

*Many families choose to purchase lots well in advance of their time of need. This relieves families of an added burden during an emotionally stressful time. Individual or family plots may be purchased with convenient payment plans. Please contact Debbie Caplan at 410-484-0411 or **debbie@bethelbalto.com** for more information.*

SENIORS

Beth El Seniors next scheduled dinner meeting is on **Sunday, September 11, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. in the Offit Auditorium. Joining us on this evening will be the Chizuk Amuno and Beth Israel Seniors groups as guests. Our entertainment for the evening will be the fabulous and internationally known singer and musician, Ricky Pen, who has performed for us in the past and has always been one of our favorites. Reservations and payments are due by Friday, September 2, 2011. The cost for members is \$20, and guests are \$23. For further information call Ed Berkowitz at 410-296-8424.

There will be no dinner meeting in August or October of this year.

We wish all of our members and the Beth El congregation at large, *L'Shanah Tovah*, a year filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Beth El Seniors thank all those who participated in our Seniors *Shabbat* services on July 9th and helped plan our special anniversary dinner on July 10th.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

All people over 50 are welcome to join our group. Dues are only \$15 per person. For more information, contact **Ed Berkowitz** at 410-296-8424, **Betty Zlotowitz** at 410-484-9840, **Jerry Fineblum** at 410-653-2631, **Shirley Lipman** at 410-415-5588 or **Pauline Auslander** at 410-764-8011.

TORAH MAINTENANCE FUND

A project of the Beth El Seniors is to support the maintenance and repair of our synagogue's Torahs and *Megillot*. Contributing to a process that pays for caring for these sacred scrolls and preserving them for future generations is a *mitzvah*.

Torah Maintenance Fund cards are available at the Beth El Office or call **Dorothy Fineblum** at 410-653-2631. Our all-purpose cards are still six for \$10 or \$2 each.



The card features a drawing by world famous artist Ira Moskowitz. Born in 1912 as the son and grandson of rabbis, he has infused his work with the customs and traditions of our religion.



Beth El Congregation has 11 Torah scrolls and a number of Hebrew megillahs that require periodic maintenance. The Beth El Seniors organization is the fiduciary of a special fund for these purposes. Dorothy Fineblum is chair of the committee responsible for the administration of the funds. As part of their fund raising activities The Beth El Seniors sell Torah maintenance Mitzvah cards and solicit contributions from the congregation. Last month, all of the synagogue scrolls were inspected by Torah Sofers (scribes) and the Beth El Seniors were pleased to present the synagogue with a check for this service. Anyone interested in purchasing Mitzvah cards should contact either Dorothy or Jerry Fineblum at 410-653-2631. They may also be purchased from the receptionist at Beth El's front desk.

CULTURAL TRIPS FOR THE FALL OF 2011

GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE, HAMILTON, NJ

Thursday, September 15 (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)

Established in 1992 to promote greater understanding and appreciation for contemporary sculpture, Grounds for Sculpture is a 35-acre sculpture park and museum, located on the site of the former New Jersey Fairgrounds, with its three buildings that date from the early 1920's and the late 1940's. Almost 200 sculptures are sited throughout this lovely park. Many of these sculptures you will recognize as copies of famous paintings.

When our group arrives at the park, we will have a two hour docent led tour through the major areas of the park. Following this tour, our group will gather at the Peacock Café to obtain our pre-ordered lunch. You may choose to dine inside or outside in the bamboo-planted courtyard. After lunch, you will have time to explore at your leisure the sculptures and gardens. This is truly an unique experience that you don't want to miss.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS QUANTICO, VA AND OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA, VA

Tuesday, October 11 (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)



The National Museum of the Marine Corps opened in November, 2008. Its mission is to provide visitors the opportunity to experience United States history through the eyes of a Marine. In every American conflict, beginning with the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror, Marines have been there and this Museum allows you to experience this history. Through interactive exhibits you will have the opportunity to experience historical events as though you are there. As a result, these exhibits will bring you a deeper understanding of our rich American history.

Leaving the Museum, our group will travel to Old Town Alexandria, VA for lunch on your own. After lunch, you are free to explore the Torpedo Factory Art Center which is one of the largest visual art centers in the U.S. The building, consisting of three floors, contains 84 working studios, 5 galleries, 2 workshops, the Art League School and the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Besides the Torpedo Factory there are a number of interesting shops that you might wish to visit.

Cost: \$120.00 for both trips.

Contact **Marlene Siegel** at 410-484-1844 or **Judy Frankle** at 410-486-2672 to register or for more information.

Tisha B'av

Monday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

By Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Scheduling a wedding is never easy. Two families have to be accommodated, a place reserved, a caterer engaged, and, hopefully not least of all, a rabbi and cantor locked into a specific day and time. Further complicating matters, during the very height of the wedding season, the middle of the summer, Jewish tradition asks us to suspend our holding of weddings for a three week period – the famous “Three Weeks.” Where does this idea come from and what is it all about?

The “Three Weeks” is a period of sadness on the Jewish calendar that harks back to ancient times. It begins on the 17th day of Tammuz (this year the 19th of July on the secular calendar) with a minor fast (from dawn to dusk) and concludes on the 9th of Av (August 8th) with a major fast (a full 24 hours, the only such fast on the calendar besides *Yom Kippur*). The specific dates that begin and end the mourning period are associated with historic events, and the days between are observed as days of sadness – hence, traditionally, weddings are not performed. The final 9 days of the period, from the beginning of the month of Av to the 9th, are especially mournful. During these days traditional Jews will not eat meat, drink wine, or cut their hair.

The historic events commemorated during the “Three Weeks” revolve around the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. Tradition tells us that on the 17th of Tammuz, the beginning of the period, the walls of ancient Jerusalem were breached by the Babylonian armies in 586 BCE. Three weeks later, on the 9th of Av, the destruction of Jerusalem was completed when the Temple itself was burned to the ground. When the second Temple was destroyed in the year 70 CE, tradition ascribes the same date – the 9th of Av – as the final date of that calamitous event.

Over time, other tragic events in Jewish history have been associated with this period. The Mishnah understands that Moses broke the first set of Tablets after the Sin of the Golden Calf on the 17th of Tammuz; similarly, it remembers the 9th of Av as the day when the Israelites who left Egypt were told that their generation would not enter the Promised Land. In more recent Jewish history the expulsion of Jews from England in 1290 and Spain in 1492 are both supposed to have happened during the “Three Weeks.”

As Jews we know from our historic experience that national tragedies do happen. We also understand the importance of remembering those moments, not so that they define us, but rather so that we can learn from them and ensure they do not happen again. By remembering our history, we also develop an understanding of where we come from and what sacrifices were made so that we can be where we are today. The “Three Weeks” comes each summer to give us that opportunity to once again engage in our historical experience and by doing so connect in new ways to our tradition and our people.

This year join us for the *Tisha B'av* evening service, on August 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gorn Chapel. Each year at this service we gather together as a community to pray and to recall the sad events that the day commemorates through the reading of Eicha, the Book of Lamentations. In keeping with tradition we sit on the floor, surrounded by lit candles, as Lamentations is chanted in its plaintive melody. The service is filled with meaning, and it reminds us that even as we recall the sad events of the past, we should determine in our hearts to look forward to the future with hope and faith.



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