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*z"l May their memory be for a blessing



Dear Family and Friends of Congregation Beth El,

I hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer so far.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on July 3rd for our first *Shabbat* service of the season. By all accounts, it was a wonderful evening, with new faces and new friends joining together for meaningful prayer and the kind of connection that makes our little *shul* so special! A heartfelt *todah rabah* to all who helped make the evening such a success. Your dedication and enthusiasm continue to make Congregation Beth El a welcoming and vibrant place.

Our annual Ice Cream Socials will take place on July 19, August 9 and September 6. For only \$5 per person, enjoy all the ice cream you can eat! Browse through the book sale selections to enhance your summer reading!

Please save the date for one of the more recent and exceptional events held at Congregation Beth El, our annual **Dancing Under the Stars Gala**, on Saturday night, August 15. It promises to be a fun and memorable evening of food, music, dancing and friendship, all while supporting the future of our synagogue.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Congregation Beth El family. I look forward to seeing you at services and at the Gala!

On behalf of our Board, we wish all of you a wonderful summer!

Am Yisrael Chai!

Lisa



CBE Ice Cream Social/Book Fair
Sunday July 19 • 2 pm - 4 pm



With games for the kids: corn hole, Can Jam & badminton!

ALL you can eat for \$5 a person



Sandy & Peter Patten - Sponsored the *Oneg Shabbat* in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

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Congregation Beth El's

Tree of Life

If you are looking for a meaningful way to remember a loved one, or to commemorate a happy event, mark the occasion by adding a leaf or stone to our CBE Tree of Life! Please speak with **Mindy Jason** at **860-559-7557** or email her at **mindysjason@gmail.com** to arrange the wording and to place your order.



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Like to Join OUR Board?

A very special aspect of Congregation Beth El is that it is run entirely by volunteers!

We don't have the luxury of paid, fulltime staff members responsible for our congregation.

What we DO have is a dedicated group of people who are willing to share their time and talents to support our synagogue.

If you are interested in joining the CBE Board of Trustees for the upcoming calendar years 2026-2028, please contact Ruth Spitz at:

516-458-4440 or rspz123@yahoo.com



Upcoming Ice Cream Socials & Book Fairs



Sunday, July 19th
Sunday, August 9th
Sunday, Sept 6th

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Including games for the kids:
corn hole, Can Jam and badminton!
All you can eat for \$5 a person,
\$18 for a family of 4!



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

Friday, July	17	8:02 pm
Friday, July	24	7:56 pm
Friday, July	31	7:49 pm
Friday, August	7	7:46 pm
Friday, August	14	7:40:pm
Friday, August	21	7:34 pm
Friday, August	28	7:27 pm

CBE Welcomes New Board of Trustees Members

Melissa Rubock is the Director of Graduate Student Services at Northeastern University's College of Science. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and her Master of Science in Leadership, with a specialization in Higher Education Administration from Northeastern.

Melissa lives in Sharon, Massachusetts with her husband, Josh, and their two lively caique parrots, Kaibo and Mango. She is a founder and leader of Northeastern's Jewish Affinity Group (JAG) and serves on the Leadership Council of JewishERGs, a global network connecting and empowering Jewish Employee Resource Group leaders. She had the opportunity to participate in a leadership trip to Israel, an especially meaningful experience for her as a proud Zionist.



Melissa Rubock

In the summer, Melissa enjoys spending as much time as possible at OCB. Congregation Beth El is especially meaningful to her, as her great-grandfather Max was one of its founding members. She has cherished memories of attending Children's Services, especially the legendary chocolate bar.



Nancy Erman

My husband, Spencer, and I have been coming to Congregation Beth El in Old Lyme for the past two summers. We were struck by the friendly connections amongst the members here and the synagogue's welcoming feeling.

We lived in Avon/West Hartford since 2000, then downsized and retired to Niantic in 2024. We have two granddaughters living in Durango, California with our oldest son and his wife. Our daughter lives in Los Angeles, California and our middle son lives in New Haven.

I worked as a critical care nurse for 30 years, then returned to school for my master's in nursing and continued to work as a Nurse Practitioner for an additional 13 years before retiring. My husband was a Family Practitioner and has also recently retired.

We have been active *shul* members at several synagogues, including Beth El Temple in West Hartford. I look forward to contributing where help is needed at Congregation Beth El.

CBE Summer 2026 at a Glance

Friday Evening Services 7pm/7:30 pm

Join us as we welcome *Shabbat* together. Stay and schmooze at our tasty *Oneg Shabbat*. Youth Services begin at 7 pm, followed by Adult Services at 7:30 pm.

July 3 through August 28.

Sun, July 19th Ice Cream Social/Book Sale 2 pm - 4 pm

NOTE NEW TIME! Including games for the kids. All you can eat for \$5 a person, \$18 for a family of 4.

Sun, Aug 9 Ice Cream Social/Book Sale 2 pm - 4 pm

NOTE NEW TIME! Including games for the kids. All you can eat for \$5 a person, \$18 for a family of 4.

Sat, Aug 15 CBE Gala Under the Stars 7:30-10 pm

Our annual hit event returns! Hors d'oeuvres and dancing with live music. (7:30 – 8 pm schmoozing and food, 8 pm music begins.) BYOB, cover of \$30 pp. Watch for more details.

Sun, Sept 6 Ice Cream Social 2 pm - 4 pm

All you can eat 'til the ice cream is gone! No book sale, but games for the kids. \$5 a person, \$15 for a family of 4.

High Holy Day Services in Person and Zoom

Welcome 5786 with our CBE community. Join us for *Tashlich* as we walk to the beach during *Rosh HaShanah* and symbolically toss our misdeeds into the ocean.

Rosh HaShanah Fri, Sept 11, Sat, Sept 12, Sun, Sept 13

Yom Kippur Sun, Sept 20 Mon, Sept 21

On the 250th anniversary of America's founding, it is meaningful to read a message written by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (z"l) about the Hakhel, the biblical ceremony of renewing the covenant with God. Sacks compares this renewal with what he sees as the mission the United States set for itself in 1776, to constantly rededicate ourselves to achieving "liberty and justice for all."

Rabbi Aaron Benson

The moment had come. Moses was about to die. He had seen his sister Miriam and brother Aaron predecease him. He had prayed to God, not to live forever, not even to live longer, but simply, "Let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan." (Deut. 3:25) Let me complete the journey. Let me reach the destination. But God said no. "That is enough," the Lord said. "Do not speak to Me anymore about this matter." (Deut. 3:26) God, who had agreed to almost every other prayer Moses prayed, refused him this.

What then did Moses do on these last days of his life? He issued two instructions. One of them is known as *Hakhel*, the command that the king should summon the people to gather, "At the end of every seven years, during the Festival of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*), when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place He will choose, you shall read this law (the Torah) before them in their hearing. Assemble the people - men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns - so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (Deut. 31:10-13)

In these last commandments, God was teaching Moses, and through him, Jews throughout the ages, what immortality is – on earth, not just in heaven. We are mortal because we are physical, and no physical organism lives forever. We grow up, we grow old, we grow frail, we die. But we are not only physical. We are also spiritual. In these last two commands, we are taught what it is to be part of a spirit that has not died in four thousand years and will not die so long as there is a sun, moon, and stars.

Hakhel, the covenant renewal ceremony every seven years, ensured that the nation would regularly

rededicate itself to its mission. Rabbi Sacks argued that there is one place in the world where this covenant renewal ceremony still takes place: the *United States of America*.

Almost every Presidential Inaugural Address – every four years since 1789 – has been, explicitly or implicitly, a covenant renewal ceremony, a contemporary form of *Hakhel*. In 1987, speaking at the bicentennial celebration of the American Constitution, President Ronald Reagan described the constitution as a kind of "covenant we've made, not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind. It's a human covenant and, beyond that, a covenant with the Supreme Being to whom our founding fathers did constantly appeal for assistance." "America's duty," he said, is "to constantly renew their covenant with humanity, to complete the work begun 200 years ago, that grand noble work that is America's particular calling – the triumph of human freedom, the triumph of human freedom under God."

Things happen. We are blown by passing winds, caught up in problems not of our making, and we drift. When that happens, whether to individuals, institutions, or nations, we grow old. We forget who we are and why. Eventually we are overtaken by people (or organizations or cultures) that are younger, hungrier or more driven than us.

The only way to stay young, hungry, and driven is through periodic renewal, reminding ourselves of where we came from, where we are going, and why. To what ideals are we committed? What journey are we called on to continue? Of what story are we a part?

How precisely timed, therefore, and how beautiful, that at the very moment when the greatest of prophets faced his own mortality, that God should give him, and us, the secret of immortality – not just in heaven but down here on earth. For when we keep to the terms of the covenant, and making it new again in our lives, we live on in those who come after us, whether through our children or our disciples or those we have helped or influenced. We "renew our days as of old." (Lamentations 5:21) Moses died, but what he taught and what he sought lives on.

[Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks (z"l) was the Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth, a member of the House Of Lords, a philosopher, theologian and author. To read his complete article go to **To Renew Our Days at rabbisacks.org.**]



Community Gardening Party - June '26

Kol HaKavod to Sloan Danover & Jacob Samuels, Nancy Erman, Lisa Semel & Jonathan Guthart, Ruth & Andy Spitz and Sharon & Pres Waxenbaum, who helped to enhance CBE's landscape! *Todah rabah* to our program hosts, Nancy Erman and Andrea Fenton, and Programming Chair Jacob Samuels.

If you have 15 minutes once a week to help water the plants, please contact Jacob at **jacobrussellsamuels@gmail.com**.



photos: Sharon Waxenbaum



High Holy Days 2026/57877
 Rosh HaShanah Fri, Sept 11th - Sun, Sept 13th
 Yom Kippur Sun, Sept 20th - Mon, Sept 21st
 Services in Person & via Zoom • Watch for details!



Project Re-Connect

Congregation Beth El would like to re-establish connections with former members of our synagogue community, regardless of where they now live.

We maintain a database of emails, phone numbers and addresses of current and former members. If you know of people who might like to receive our newsletter and announcements and, perhaps, participate in a Zoom service, please send their names and email addresses to **Lucy Blatter** at:

beachshulmembership@gmail.com

Congregation Beth El Recycles!



CBE is collecting gently used paperback and hardcover books, CDs and puzzles (with all the pieces!) to be donated for sale at our Ice Cream Socials/Bookfairs.



Please contact Ruth Spitz at rspz123@yahoo.com or Sharon Waxenbaum at shanaaviv@gmail.com.

Please help us to improve our selections!

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Friday Evening Youth Services 7 pm



We are proud of our pre-B'nai Mitzvah-age children as they display their Hebrew and English reading skills during the summer, taking turns leading us in parts of the services.

Children can bring their parents and grandparents to services, which begin at 7:00 pm. They will begin on July 3rd and continue through Labor Day weekend.

Too shy to take a part? Join us anyway! Of course all children will receive their sweet Shabbat treat, a Hershey's chocolate bar!

Ruth Spitz

Congregation Beth El Note Cards



CBE stationery is now available! Blank inside, these 4.25 x 5.5 inch cards are great for a handwritten thank you or for dropping a quick note!

4 cards for \$18
10 cards for \$36

Please contact Carol Bojarski at cbojo9@hotmail.com.

Mail checks made payable to Congregation Beth El to Rick Hyne, 19 Danielle Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470 or Venmo: Congregation-Bethel.



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Judy Blume: A Life

By Mark Oppenheimer

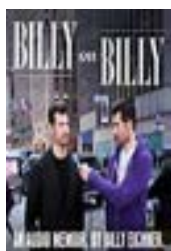
This biography chronicles the life of the beloved author, drawing from extensive interviews with Blume, her personal papers and analysis of her work. It explores her middle-class Jewish upbringing, her marriages, personal experiences with sexuality, loss and her legacy as a champion of free speech and advocacy against book banning. The author explores how her life experiences, including her progressive Jewish upbringing, influenced her frank and realistic writing for young people.



Loved One

by Aisha Muharrar

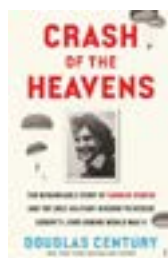
This debut novel is about a woman, Julia, who grieves the unexpected death of her first love, Gabe, by embarking on a journey to find his lost possessions, leading her to confront his last girlfriend and the complex truths of their shared past. The book is a contemporary, coming-of-age story that explores themes of love, grief, memory and ambiguous loss, blending humor with heartbreak. Muharrar was an Emmy-winning writer for shows like *Parks and Recreation* and *The Good Place*. She uses this emotional mystery to delve into how people reconcile contradictory truths about those closest to them.



Billy On Billy

by Billy Eichner

Eichner's first book, available exclusively as an audiobook, explores his upbringing as a gay kid in Queens and his path to creating "Billy on the Street." Listen as he evolves as an artist, staying true to himself, and includes a heartfelt tribute to his supportive parents. The memoir is praised for blending humor with poignant, personal stories, revealing the man behind his loud on-screen persona.



The Crash of The Heavens

by Douglas Century

A finalist for the 75th National Jewish Book Awards, this is an awe-inspiring and largely untold story of Hannah Senesh, a female paratrooper in World War II. When the Allies were unwilling to spare any forces from the war effort to save civilians in Eastern Europe, the Jewish community in Palestine came up with a daring plan. Working with British Military Intelligence, an elite unit of young Jewish paratroopers volunteered to return to Eastern Europe. Senesh was one of only three women paratroopers. Once behind enemy lines, they would use their expertise in the local languages and terrain to rescue thousands of downed Allied pilots and escaped POWs, who were trapped with no way to communicate. These highly trained airmen were desperately needed by the British and American air forces to fly more bombing missions. Though captured almost immediately after crossing the border into Hungary, Senesh refused to give up her radio codes or any information about her mission, despite enduring months of horrific torture. Her final act of defiance was to choose to die before a firing squad, rather than beg for clemency. This book offers a powerful reminder of the human spirit's ability to shine, even in the darkest of times.



Congregation Beth El has Cards for Every Occasion!

Acknowledge a loss or happy occasion such as a graduation, anniversary, birthday or wedding with a card from CBE! If you make a contribution to the synagogue, **Carol Bojarski** will send one for you!

Call her at 860-508-3635 or email her at cbojo9@hotmail.com.



We also have cards with a picture of the synagogue on the front and plenty of room for your message inside!



No Bake Tahini Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 5 Tbsp unsalted, melted butter
- 8.8 oz package of Biscoff cookies
(or BelVita crunchy cinnamon brown sugar)
- 1 1/2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 3/4 lbs brick style cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups full fat labneh or Greek yogurt
drained of excess liquid
- 1 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup tahini paste
- 1/2 cup raspberries

Instructions

1. Brush the bottom and sides of a 9 inch springform pan with a bit of melted butter, then line the bottom with parchment paper.
2. Set aside 4 cookies. Place remaining 28 cookies in large Ziploc bag and crush into fine crumbs with a rolling pin.
3. Add butter, brown sugar and 1/8 teaspoon of salt to the bag, reseal and shake until crumbs are coated.
4. Press crumbs firmly into the bottom of the pan. Then transfer to freezer while filling is made.
5. Fit a whisk attachment to a standing blender and beat the cream 2-3 minutes, until peaks form. Scrape whipped cream into separate bowl.
6. Add cream cheese, labneh, confectioners' sugar, corn starch, vanilla and remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt into mixer bowl. Beat for 3 minutes on high until fluffy.
7. Reduce speed to low, whisk in the tahini, then fold in the whipped cream by hand.
8. Remove the crust from the freezer. Spread the mixture evenly over the crust, cover with plastic wrap, then chill for at least 5 hours, but preferably overnight.
9. Uncover, run a hot knife around the edges of the pan, release the cake and transfer to serving dish.
10. Top with raspberries and crumbled reserved cookies.

Bloody Mary Gazpacho



Gazpacho is a perfect summer appetizer. It uses up some of those super fresh summer vegetables and won't keep you indoors slaving away at a hot stove.

This gazpacho is even for those people that swear they don't like it. And yes, since it is called, "Bloody Mary gazpacho," it really does have vodka. Don't want to include vodka? Just leave it out. Like yours super spicy? Add some more hot sauce and horseradish.

Ingredients

- 1.5 lbs plum tomatoes, seeded and quartered
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped
- 1/2 seedless cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1.5 Tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1.5 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1.5 cups all-natural tomato juice
- 1-2 Tbsp horseradish
- 2-3 tsp hot sauce (or more if you prefer it very spicy)
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup vodka (optional)
- 8 celery stalks, sliced for garnish (optional)
- Cornichon or other pickles for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. Place tomatoes, cucumber, onion and bell pepper in a food processor fitted with a blade attachment. You can add a few tablespoons of tomato juice to aid the processing.
2. Pulse until desired smoothness, but do not overprocess.
3. Add mixture to a large bowl. Add garlic, sherry vinegar, red wine vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, tomato juice, horseradish, hot sauce and salt and pepper.
4. Add vodka to taste if desired.
5. Garnish with celery and pickles.

A Jewish Paradise Between Two Oceans

Jewish travelers have many incentives to visit the lush, tropical paradise of Panama. The evolution of the country as a Jewish destination may be due to its status as the largest Jewish community in Central America. Panama City, the capital and home to most of the country's Jewish population, is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone and, unlike an increasing number of foreign destinations, levels of antisemitism are insignificant. For example, there is no issue with wearing a *kippah* on the street. Most of the country's Jews identify as traditional or Orthodox, and it boasts several synagogues, over 35 kosher restaurants and two kosher supermarkets. The Panama Kosher Fest, held annually in January, highlights both kosher cuisine and local culture.



The Jewish presence in Panama dates to the early 1500's with the arrival of Conversos escaping the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions. Many of the early Jewish settlers either assimilated or, if their faith was discovered in the New World, were forced to convert to Catholicism, resulting in no visible Jewish presence for several hundred years.

Jewish immigration to Panama resumed in the 19th century, when the Spanish empire began to fracture and many of its former colonies declared

independence. The opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 brought more Jews seeking economic opportunities.

After WWI, Sephardi Jews, many of Syrian origin, arrived after fleeing persecution and instability in the Middle East. With the rise of Nazism in Europe, Ashkenazi Jews began to immigrate to Latin America, including Panama. Following WWII, there was further immigration, as Jews from Arab countries were forced to flee their respective countries, following the establishment of the State of Israel. Jews continue to move to Panama, especially from the economically and politically volatile nation of Venezuela.

Today, Panama draws American retirees to its tropical climate and comfortable, more affordable

way of life. "Panama, as a country, has been very good to the Jews," says Max Harari, president of the Central Hebrew Community Council of Panama. Many local Jews have prospered in the fields of construction, real estate, trade and commerce. The country has had two Jewish presidents. With several day schools in the capital serving

Jewish children from Reform to ultra-Orthodox communities, "a huge majority of Jewish children have the privilege of a Jewish education." Also, unlike many smaller diaspora communities, "a very large percentage of the children return here," after completing their university education abroad.

This article, written by Lois Silberman Brauner, was edited for space. The complete article can be found in the March/April 2025 issue at hadassahmagazine.org



Listening to Grandparents

Grandparents are central to families' Jewish journeys and The PJ Library has data to back this up. In their 2024 triennial subscriber survey, 82% of subscriber parents reported that grandparents

are involved in their children's Jewish upbringing.

The PJ Library wanted to better understand their grandparent audience, how they perceived the Library and how it can help them connect meaningfully with their grandchildren about Jewish topics.

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The Sweet Jewish History of Jelly Beans

"The difference between a cow and a bean is a bean can begin an adventure." – Stephen Sondheim

Technically, Jelly Belly was not the first company to bring jelly beans to the United States market. That honor goes to Schrafft Candy, which in 1861 began selling beans, launching an advertising campaign encouraging people to gift them to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. The manufacturer that would evolve to become "Jelly Belly" was another nineteenth century confectioner known as Goelitz Candy Company.

Founded in 1869 by German immigrant Gustav Goelitz alongside his brothers George and Albert, the Goelitz Candy Company initially focused on "mellowcreme" candies (one of the earliest inceptions of which was candy corn). In 1924, Goelitz's son, Herman, relocated to Oakland, California to start his own candy business, and by the 1960s, his company had expanded its product line to include jells (think: Passover fruit jelly slices) and jelly beans. One such offering was known as the "mini jelly bean," a smaller version of the regular-size bean that boasted a similar hard shell and intense flavor. One of the earliest fans of this "mini jelly bean" was then-candidate for governor, Ronald Reagan).

Even with such well-heeled followers, the jelly bean

might never have become what it is today if not for David Klein, another Jewish California candy-maker. Klein started his career as a barrister, then pivoted to bonbons, launching the Garvey Nut & Candy distribution company in 1976. After developing a scheme to develop a new iteration of the classic jelly bean (with vibrant new flavors), Klein partnered with Herman Rowland (grandson of Herman Goelitz), then leader of Goelitz Candy Company, to assist in the production of this "Jelly Belly jelly bean." The name was designed to pay homage to blues musician, Lead Belly.

Klein first sold his new beans (in flavors that included root beer, licorice, very cherry, tangerine, green apple and cream soda) at Fosselman's Ice Cream in Alhambra, California. Customers were initially put off by the high price (approximately \$2 per pound), but positive press coverage significantly helped sales.

Over the next four years, Klein and the Goelitz Candy Co. launched additional innovative flavors, increasing the popularity of Jelly Belly. In 1980, however, Klein sold the "Jelly Belly" trademark to Rowland for roughly five million dollars. In 2001, Goelitz Candy Co. changed its name to Jelly Belly Candy Company. And Klein? He continues to make candy under his "Candyman Kitchens" company in Florida and still considers himself the inventor of Jelly Belly, despite being sued in 2022 by Jelly Belly.

Thank you to Joanna O'Leary Nosh 09.25



Listening to Grandparents

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Last year they launched a survey of of grandparents in the U.S. and Canada.

The results "made them smile."

Grandparents perceive the Library in a positive light and credit it, in part, with their grandchildren's Jewish connection. They learned that grandparents are hungry for age-appropriate activity ideas, holiday guides with stories, traditional books

that reflect the way grandparents today look and behave, and practical ways to weave Jewish values into everyday moments with their grandchildren.

When PJ Library was launched in 2005 by Harold Grinspoon, his vision was straightforward: to get Jewish books into the hands of more Jewish children and help families celebrate the joy of Jewish life. The Library has significant potential to affect Jewish identity, pride and resilience. Go to pjlibrary.org to sign up your children or grandchildren!



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Remembering is an essential Jewish value. Honoring those who have been in our lives, the beauty and struggles that they lived, and the hopes and dreams they passed down to us, are part of our own journeys.

In Jewish tradition, giving *tzedakah* on the occasion of a *yahrzeit* is a way to honor their memory by performing a good deed in their name.

We also welcome you to celebrate a happy occasion or honor an achievement by sharing the event with our Congregation Beth El community!

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Annual Membership Form

Welcome to our synagogue by the sea! We invite you to join our congregation!

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Membership Dues:

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