



Congregation Beth El

A seasonal, egalitarian synagogue affiliated with the Conservative Movement

Founded in 1947

32 Gorton Avenue ♦ Old Colony Beach ♦ Old Lyme, CT ♦ 06371

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*z"l May their memory be for a blessing.



Shalom Members and Friends!

Summer 2020 is upon us and the first newsletter of the season usually announces the events of our synagogue's calendar year. However due to the COVID-19 virus, we will not be able to welcome our congregation into our building.

BUT, CONGREGATION BETH EL IS STILL OPEN THIS SUMMER!

Friday evening services will be conducted online, most likely using the Zoom app. (If you are not familiar with Zoom, please reach out to a Board member and we will help you set it up!) An email invitation will be sent out before each service with the link and other information needed to join in.

You will also receive a link to download the *Siddur Sim Shalom* prayer book in order to follow along with the service. Services will begin on Friday night, **July 3rd at 7:30 pm** and continue through Labor Day Weekend on **September 4th**.

We plan to hold a family service so that both children and adults can participate. Our hope is to present different themes each Shabbat. Please have on hand candles, challah and wine for our virtual service so we can recite the blessings together. Details to follow.

Presently we anticipate that High Holy Day services will be conducted by Ari Kramer, also via Zoom. We will keep you posted.

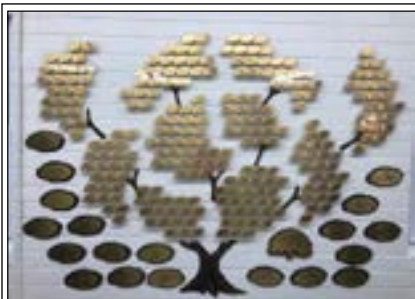
While this summer will not be what we're used to, with Zoom we hope to reconnect with former members who have moved away from CBE, and we have the opportunity to share this meaningful place with more people. The more we can connect as a community, the better chance we have of achieving our long term goal of maintaining Congregation Beth El as a viable synagogue for the Jews of Old Colony Beach and beyond.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you online July 3rd!

Lisa Semel, President, Congregation Beth El



Rosh HaShanah Sept 18-20 • Yom Kippur Sept 27-28



Congregation Beth El's

Tree of Life

Are you looking for a meaningful way to remember a loved one, or commemorate someone's accomplishment or a happy event? Mark the occasion by adding a leaf on our CBE Tree of Life!

Fill out the form on page 4. If you have any questions, please contact **Anita Kaplowitz** at **860-559-7836**.

Thank you to the following people for their generous donations:

The Rischall Family - In memory of Aunt Gloria & Uncle Milton Rulnick.

Gary, Brian and Karen Cutler - In memory of Elaine & Reuben Cutler.

Andrew, Drew, Jason and Michael Cohen - In memory of our parents and grandparents, Irene & Arthur Cohen.

Michael Cohen - Always and Forever, in memory of Irene & Arthur Cohen.

The Mandell Children and Grandchildren - In honor of Ellen & Joel Mandell's 55th anniversary.

Ruth & Andy Spitz and Family - In honor of Rebecca & Tom Fucella's wedding.

Sharon & Preston Waxenbaum and Family - In honor of Rebecca & Tom Fucella's marriage.

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| Josh Waxenbaum | June 2 |
| Sally Wallet | June 4 |
| Drew Cohen | June 6 |
| Aden Dennison | June 9 |
| Tovia Sillman | June 18 |
| Irene Smith | June 18 |
| Alexander Weisman | July 3 |
| Jackson Weisman | July 3 |
| Andy Spitz | July 5 |
| Anita Kaplowitz | July 7 |
| Jamie Summer | July 14 |
| Brad Dennison | July 18 |
| Steven Wallet | July 25 |



Milestones

Ellen & Scott Bobrow celebrated the marriage of their son, Austin Bobrow, to Sarah Hansen on September 27, 2019.

Deborah & Ira Feigenbaum celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Miriam "Mimi" Feigenbaum, to Mark Baruch on March 1, 2020. Mark is the son of Cindy & Mitch Baruch of Edison, New Jersey.

Deborah & Ira Feigenbaum celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Orli Kineret Levine, on April 29, 2020. She is welcomed by proud parents, Tamar & Jason Levine.

Michael DiBiase, son of **Cindy Filkoff & Armand DiBiase**, graduated from Syracuse University.

Beth Semel, daughter of **Donna & Scott Semel**, earned a PhD degree from MIT.

Sarah Semel, daughter of **Donna & Scott Semel**, became engaged to Sam Levine.

We invite you to share your good news! Send the details to: **Sharon Waxenbaum** at shanaaviv@gmail.com

Congregation Beth El has Cards!

Acknowledge a loss or a graduation, anniversary, birthday, wedding or any other happy occasion with a card from CBE!



There is a picture of the synagogue on the front and plenty of room for your message inside!

Purchase a packet of cards so you will have them on hand or contact **Denise Dickstein** and she'll send one for you! Contact her at **860-836-8811** or dickstein1@cox.net.



The Congregation and Board of Trustees offer their deepest condolences to the following:

Michael and Drew Cohen and Family - On the loss of their father, Arthur Cohen.

Jeffrey and Scott Bobrow and Family - On the loss of their brother, Randy Bobrow, on December 13, 2019.

Annette Gavens, Michelle Gavens and Family - On the loss of their husband and father, Seymour Gavens, on February 4, 2020.

Sandy Steinberg and Family - On the loss of their husband and father, Barry Steinberg, on March 26, 2020.

The Rosenholtz Family - On the loss of Abraham Rosenholtz.

Sponsor an Oneg!



In Hebrew, *Oneg Shabbat* means "Joy of Sabbath" and it often refers to the refreshments and celebratory gathering held after Friday evening services.

While we will be meeting in a virtual space this summer, it is still a custom to make a donation at this time in honor of or memory of a loved one. Friday night services will be held on:

July 3 • July 10 • July 17 • July 24 • July 31
 Aug 7 • Aug 14 • Aug 21 • Aug 28 • Sept 4

For a donation of **\$18** you may sponsor a virtual Oneg Shabbat during July or August. Please contact **Sharon Waxenbaum** at **631-748-8459/shanaaviv@gmail.com** to choose your Shabbat date. Please make your check payable to **Congregation Beth El** and send it to **Rick Hyne** at **19 Danielle Road, Wayne, NJ 07470**.



Candle Lighting Times

June	5	8:03 pm
June	12	8:05 pm
June	19	8:10 pm
June	26	8:10 pm

Membership Dues for 2020/5781

With full appreciation of the state of the world in which we find ourselves in today, synagogue membership dues will remain at the same rate as last season.

To our long-time members, who regularly contribute to Congregation Beth El, we thank you in advance for your continued loyalty. To those who are new to CBE, we hope that you will enjoy our online services and that you wish to support our little synagogue by the sea!

Please fill and submit the CBE membership form found on the next page. You are welcome to share this with others who may be interested.

Thank you!
 Lisa



Remember to bring candles to Friday evening Zoom services!



Yasher Koach to our Junior Congregation Participants! Summer of 2019/5780





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Annual Membership Form

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

Member Contact Information:

Name _____

Primary Address _____

Phone # _____

Beach Address (if applicable) _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____ Facebook _____

Membership Dues:

Although we are a seasonal congregation, our expenses are incurred year round.
We encourage you to be generous with your support.

_____ \$36 (minimum)	_____ \$118	_____ \$540
_____ \$54	_____ \$180	_____ \$720
_____ \$72	_____ \$360	_____ \$ Other

Please make checks payable to **Congregation Beth El**.

Please mail check and completed form to:

Lisa Semel, President • 70 Colony Road • Old Lyme, CT 06371

Brian Cutler, CBE VP Membership • 33 Gorton Avenue • Old Lyme, CT 06371

Rick Hyne, CBE Treasurer • 19 Danielle Road • Wayne, New Jersey 07470



Please help us prepare! Which of the 2020 High Holy Day Services do you plan to Zoom:

_____ Rosh HaShanah _____ Yom Kippur

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our children
Ephraim & Menashe
with love
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Jacobson

In celebration of
the marriage of
Rachel & Jake Isaacson

Rivkah & Isaac
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In memory of our
beloved mother
Yocheved Moses

Miriam & Aaron
Amramson

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Do you wish to have your donation acknowledged? Send to the person/family recognized at:

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Please make checks payable to **Congregation Beth El**. Mail your order & payment to Anita Kaplowitz:

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