



Congregation Beth El

A seasonal, egalitarian synagogue affiliated with the Conservative Movement

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*z"l May their memory be for a blessing



Shalom Congregation Beth El members and friends,

Summer is here and our 75th year in operation is underway. We would not be able to continue without our members stalwart support, especially during the pandemic. I want to thank every one of you for keeping the faith in our little *shul*.

Our Board of Trustees has decided to hold our Friday night services in person, as we did last summer. The first services will be held on Friday, July 1st with Children's Services at 7:00 pm and Adult Services at 7:30 pm. Masks are required and we will have them available at the *shul*.

Of course, we will give out Hershey bars for all children who attend. Ruth Spitz continues her role leading the Children's Services so if you want to sponsor the Candy Fund in honor of someone, reach out to Ruth at rspz123@yahoo.com. We will offer *Oneg Shabbatot* after Adult Services. If you would like to sponsor an *Oneg*, please contact Sharon Waxenbaum at shanaaviv@gmail.com.

Given the recent surge in Covid 19 cases in the Northeast, the Board is still deciding whether to hold our ice cream socials and other events. We will update you as soon as we determine what is safe to do.

On behalf of the Board, we look forward to seeing you this summer!

Lisa



Friday Evening Services

July 1st - Sept 2nd

Jr Congregation 7:00 pm

Adult Services 7:30 pm

In order to treat one another with safety and consideration, masks are required.



Thank you for your generous donations!

Pam & Len Grossman - In honor of the birth of Deborah and Ira Feigenbaum's grandson, Ayal Levine.

Pam & Len Grossman - Congratulations to Amy Spitz and Alan Khorshidi, and to grandparents, Ruth & Andy Spitz, on the birth of Ariel Noa.

Lisa Semel & Jonathan Guthart - In honor of Ruth & Andy Spitz's new grandchild, Ariel, with congratulations to parents, Amy Spitz and Alan Khorshidi.

Ruth Spitz and Sharon Waxenbaum - In memory of Wendy Tucker Mendlinger Savin, daughter of Sy Tucker.

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Marian & Rick Hyne - In memory of Robert Darefsky, son of Roz Darefsky, and brother of Marla Severance and Elyse Darefsky.

The Waxenbaum and Spitz Families - In memory of Robert Darefsky, son of Roz Darefsky, and brother of Marla Severance and Elyse Darefsky.

Erin & Brad Dennison and Family - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Erin & Josh Waxenbaum and Family - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Sharon & Preston Waxenbaum - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Irene & Craig Smith - With our sincere condolences to the Spitz Family in memory of Helen Spitz.

Carol & Larry Bojarski - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Claire Sookman & Brian Cutler - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Sandra & Richard Slomovitz - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Natalie Mandell - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Michele Grigorian & David Fromson and Zac Fromson - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Pam & Len Grossman - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Lisa Semel & Jonathan Guthart - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

Cindy & Phil Rischall - In memory of Helen Spitz, mother of Andy Spitz.

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Browse through our photo gallery!
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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times



Friday	June 3	7:51 pm
Friday	June 10	7:54 pm
Friday	June 17	7:56 pm
Friday	June 24	7:58 pm
Friday	July 1	7:58 pm
Friday	July 8	7:58 pm
Friday	July 15	7:56 pm
Friday	July 22	7:54 pm
Friday	July 29	7:51 pm



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

Seymour "Sy" Tucker - On the loss of his daughter, Wendy Tucker Mendlinger Savin, on April 22, 2022.

Michael Bernstein - On the loss of his mother, Evelyn Bernstein, on May 4, 2022.

Andy Spitz - On the loss of his mother, Helen Spitz, on May 26, 2022.

Zichrono livracha - may their memory be for a blessing.

Milestones & Mazal Tovs

Amy Spitz and Alan Khorshidi celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ariel Noa, on April 26, 2022. She is welcomed by grandparents, Ruth & Andy Spitz, and her Dennison, Fucella, Spitz and Waxenbaum aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cassidy Brooke Siso celebrated her marriage to Corey Richardson on June 9, 2022. Cassidy is the daughter of Jamie Summer and granddaughter of BJ & Bill z"l Diefenbacher.

Sandy & Peter Patten will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 10, 2022.

Rena Patten was accepted to Muhlenberg College on a full academic scholarship. Her proud family includes parents, Andrea & Marc Patten, and grandparents, Sandy & Peter Patten.

z"l is a Hebrew abbreviation placed after someone's name to indicate that they have passed away and are fondly remembered. It stands for zichrono livracha, may their memory be for a blessing.



Rosh HaShanah
Sunday, Sept 25 - Tuesday, Sept 27

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, Oct 4 - Wednesday, Oct 5

Congregation Beth El has Cards for Every Occasion!

You can 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! Purchase a packet of cards and you will have one on hand!



Happy Birthday!

Josh Waxenbaum	June 2	Alexander Weisman	July 3
Sally Wallet	June 4	Jackson Weisman	July 3
Drew Cohen	June 6	Andy Spitz	July 5
Aden Dennison	June 9	Anita Kaplowitz	July 7
Cole Daly	June 11	Jamie Summer	July 14
Alexandra Lewis	June 15	Brad Dennison	July 18
Tovia Sillman	June 18	Steven Wallet	July 25
Irene Smith	June 18		

Happy Anniversary!

Sandy & Peter Patten	June 10
Becky & Tom Fucella	June 30
Carol & Larry Bojarski	July 12

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.

It is a custom to make a donation at this time in honor of or memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion. Friday night services will be held on:

July 1 • July 8 • July 15 • July 22 • July 29
Aug 5 • Aug 12 • Aug 19 • Aug 26 • Sept 2

Please contact Sharon Waxenbaum at 631-748-8459/shanaaviv@gmail.com to choose your *Shabbat* date. Use Venmo or please make your check payable to Congregation Beth El and send it to:

Rick Hyne at 19 Danielle Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470.



Project Re-Connect

Congregation Beth El would like to re-establish connection 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 **Brian Cutler** at:

beachshulmembership@gmail.com



Read...
Relax...
Renew!

Top 10 Jewish Best Sellers

FICTION

1. *Three Sisters*
by Heather Morris
2. *Woman on Fire*
by Lisa Barr
3. *The Books of Jacob*
by Olga Tokarczuk
4. *The Cellist*
by Daniel Silva
5. *Our Country Friends*
by Gary Shteyngart

NONFICTION

1. *Left on Tenth:*
A Second Chance at Life
by Delia Ephron
2. *Brazen: My Unorthodox Journey*
from Longsleeves to Lingerie
by Julia Haart
3. *Lies My Mother Told Me:*
Tall Tales From A Short Woman
by Melissa Rivers
4. *All About Me:*
My Remarkable Life in Show Business
by Mel Brooks
5. *The Betrayal of Ann Frank:*
A Cold Case Investigation
by Rosemary Sullivan

This list is courtesy of **MyJewishBooks.com**, an online discount Jewish bookstore.



Candy Fund

Ruth & Andy Spitz - In honor of their children and grandchildren Dylan and Ariel.

Sharon & Preston Waxenbaum - In honor of their children and grandchildren Aden, Wes and Kinsey.

Contact Ruth Spitz at rspz123@yahoo.com to sponsor!



Congregation Beth El's

Tree of Life

If you are looking for a meaningful way to remember a loved one, or to commemorate someone's accomplishment or a happy event, you could mark the occasion by adding a leaf to our CBE Tree of Life!

Please contact
Lisa Semel 917-913-9722
or
lisasemel@gmail.com



Zionist Home Goods

A look around your home, and those of your parents or grandparents, will likely yield examples such as a bronze menorah with a relief of the 12 Tribes of Israel, plates decorated with agricultural motifs or small bowls with a green patina, all picked up as souvenirs on a trip to Israel or bought at a Zionist fundraising fair in America. Once dismissed as *tchotchkes*, these objects are now valuable both historically and, for rare finds, monetarily. And while some experts only consider metalware to be Israeliana, collectors have expanded the category to include ceramics and glass items as well as ephemera such as posters and postcards.

Interest in Israeliana is growing at auctions and museums are recognizing its importance as well.

"We judge these items based more on their historical rather than artistic value, but with the perspective of time they have become increasingly appreciated," said Sharon Weiser-Ferguson, a senior curator for the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Israeliana is both affordable and accessible and it is not difficult to break into collecting using online resources and second-hand shops. If you are interested in collecting, Etsy and eBay are good places to start. Search the sites for "Israeliana" or the names of designers and manufacturers.

Auction houses such as Kedem and Kestenbaum & Company frequently feature items created pre-statehood and during the early decades of the Jewish state.

With thanks to Renee Ghert-Zand, Hadassah Magazine May/June 2022



"The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do"

The Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan
new exhibition opens July 1st

This timely presentation of Holocaust history is told through personal stories, photos and film. It shares accounts through a lens rooted in the objects donated by survivors and their families, many of whom settled in New York and nearby places.

It also features artifacts from Jewish communities around the world including Libya, Tehran, Ukraine, India and Shanghai. This exhibit illuminates the global impact of the Holocaust and the breadth of experiences that shaped families and communities for generations.

Each room and each object contains generations of experiences and information about what life was like during the period of European modernization, World War I and the political and social movements that brought about the rise of the Nazi Party. Within the Holocaust's experiences of legalized racism and fascism, pogroms, ghettos, mass

murder and concentration camps are also instances of personal and global decision-making, escape, resistance and resilience and ultimately liberation and new beginnings.

Since opening its doors in 1997, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, located on the southernmost tip of Manhattan, has been committed to education, remembrance and illuminating personal and powerful stories of hope, resilience, courage and compassion during one of the darkest chapters in human history.

Explore **The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do**. Bear witness with us, and illuminate your understanding of the story of Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust.

For info on other exhibits, hours, tickets and directions to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Manhattan, please visit:

www.mjhnyc.org



Barry Levinson's latest film, *The Survivor*, is based on the real life story of boxer Harry (Herschel) Haft, played by Ben Foster. Harry was a Polish survivor of multiple concentration camps.

Half the film is set in the camps where Harry, at age 16, is trained to box by an SS officer and forced to compete in a series of brutal matches

with fellow prisoners for the amusement of the Nazi guards. Harry escapes the Nazis in 1945, but not the experience.

After the war Harry settles in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, where he became a prize fighter. He suffers from PTSD and, plagued by anger and guilt, lashes out at everyone, including his wife and children. He also remains resolutely silent about his concentration camp experiences.

Hadassah magazine movie reviewer, Curt Schleier, was fascinated by an emotion rarely conveyed in discussions about survivors, "the desperate hope they carry that somehow the loved ones whom they lost

touch with survived."

Harry longs to be reunited with his childhood sweetheart, Leah, whom he last saw being carted away to the camps. He presses for a match with Rocky Marciano, convinced that press coverage will let Leah know he's still around.

Director Barry Levinson may have been a Hebrew School dropout, but he didn't leave his *Yiddishkeit* behind. While he is known for his award-winning movies such as *Rain Man*, *Good Morning Vietnam* and *Bugsy*, in certain circles his fame comes from films based on his personal life and background as the descendant of Jewish immigrants such as *Avalon* and *Liberty Heights*.

Levinson grew up Baltimore, sharing a house with his extended family. When he was about 5, "this man shows up at the door and we found out that he was my grandmother's brother." His grandmother had never mentioned that she had a brother.

The silence around the Holocaust and the suffering of survivors stayed with him. The question *The Survivor* asks, Levinson said is, "Now that it's over, how do you go on with your life when the demons keep hanging around your head?"

The Survivor is presently on HBO Max.



Peter Patten has obtained new JNF tzedakah boxes. If you would like a new box, please contact him at:
peterpatten@att.net

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Member Contact Information:

Name _____

Primary Address _____

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Email address _____ Facebook _____

Membership Dues:

Although we are a seasonal congregation, our expenses are incurred year round.
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_____ \$36 (minimum)	_____ \$118	_____ \$540
_____ \$54	_____ \$180	_____ \$720
_____ \$72	_____ \$360	_____ \$ Other

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Please mail check and completed form to:

Lisa Semel, CBE VP Membership • 70 Old Colony Road • Old Lyme, CT 06371
(off season at 312 W. 119th Street • New York, NY 10026)

or

Brian Cutler • 55 Old Colony Road • Old Lyme, CT 06371

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