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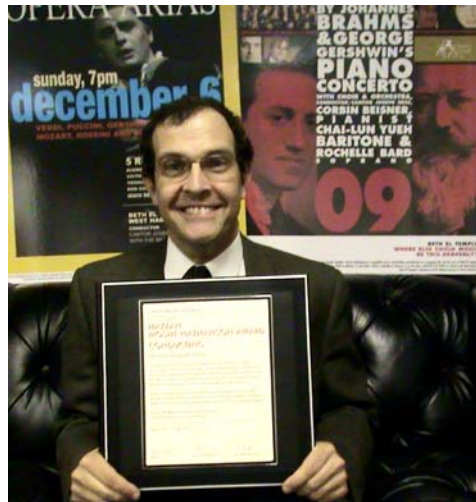
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Cantor Ness Receives Prestigious Award!

A hearty Mazal Tov to Cantor Joseph Ness for receiving the prestigious Moshe Nathanson Conducting Award from the Cantors Assembly, the largest professional organization of Cantors in the world. The award was presented at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Cantors Assembly on May 5, 2010 in New York City .

Congregational Meeting

June 13, 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast sponsored by Men's Club

Shabbat Under the Stars

June 18 at 5:45 p.m. *rain or shine*

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!

Join us for a beautiful service under the stars!

\$12 adults, \$8 children, RSVP by 6/17 at noon.

Hands Across the River Golf Tournament!

June 23, 12:00 p.m. at Wintonbury Golf Course

Join Beth El, The Emanuel, Kol Haverim, and Beth Hillel.

\$175 per player for lunch, dinner, golf, and extras

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Rabbi's Report by Rabbi Ilana Garber

I remember vividly my summers at Camp Ramah in New England, when one night each summer we would assemble together as a camp, sit on the floor of the largest building, and read *Megilat Eicha* by candlelight. I was too young to understand what was happening – I only remember being quite uncomfortable sitting on the floor in a cramped space for so long. And yet, the haunting melody of the *Eicha* trope would stick with me for days to come.

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month Av, comes in the middle of the summer, when many are away at camp or on vacation. It is a long day, often a hot day, and frequently an ignored day on the Jewish calendar. And yet, as it is one aspect of the official kick-off of our High Holiday season (Rosh Hashanah begins September 8), it is a day not to be forgotten. So many tragedies happened to the Jewish people on this day (such as the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem) and it is our duty to mourn and to remember (hence we refrain from eating and drinking; we sit on the floor to read the Book of Lamentations, known in Hebrew as *Eicha*; and we observe other laws of mourning from sunset the eve of July 19 through after sunset on July 20).

The book of *Eicha* begins with the word “*eicha*” which is translated as “how.” The first sentence is usually translated as “how lonely sits the city once full of people,” referring to Jerusalem after the destruction of the Temple and the exile of the Jewish people. The word “*eicha*” has the same Hebrew letters as the word “*ayeka*” meaning “where are you?” This is the question God poses to Adam after he sins by eating the fruit in the Garden of Eden. When we encounter the question “*ayeka*” we are challenged to really figure out who we are, where we are, and what we stand for. It is truly sad if the answer to “*ayeka*” becomes “*eicha*” – we would never want our city, our community, or our synagogue to be lonely and empty of people.

And so this summer, as we approach Tisha B'Av and we read *Eicha*, I encourage you to think about how you might answer the question “*ayeka*.” And not just at any one point, but throughout the summer, throughout the High Holiday season, and throughout the year. We need you here at Beth El Temple. We need your support of our daily minyan, we need your involvement in our committees, and we need your engagement in our learning opportunities. The summer months afford us opportunities to experiment with our services and programs – please join us as we craft our community together. Help to build our congregation – we have so many young families joining us these days, it's truly a blessing to watch our *mishpacha* flourish! It is up to each and every one of us to make the commitment to our community so that we are able to answer the question “*ayeka*” with one very positive answer: “where am I? I am here.” May your summer be safe and fulfilling.



President's Report by Gary S. Starr

The largest and generally the most difficult issue the Board of Trustees grapples with is the budget. Each year the finance committee, working with Michael Moses and the other professional staff, carefully reviews the current budget and spending projections and estimates for the coming year. The Board receives multiple drafts of the budget, along with updates on the process and thinking that goes into the finance committee's proposal, and the Board has the opportunity to ask questions and provide guidance. The end result is a budget that attempts to fulfill our mission within our financial constraints for the coming year. Like all budgets, it changes as revenue and expenses either meet or don't meet what was anticipated.

Moving beyond this year's budget, a task force has been looking at the Temple's organizational structure, trying to balance our mission with various membership projections and long-term financial constraints. They have worked very hard and have presented several alternatives for the Board's consideration. The Board will be spending the next several months examining how the recommendations fulfill our vision, and if, and when, steps are needed to restructure. The hope is that growth in membership and endowment funds will help avoid drastic changes. To support that goal, the *Keshet* committee has been working to encourage families to remain committed to Beth El, while working hard to attract new members. Certainly the Bebe, Tumbling with Torah, and PJ Shabbat programs have brought new families to us, and we are building on these efforts as we continue to communicate what a wonderful, welcoming community we are. In this regard, each of us can help by telling unaffiliated Jews, and those new to the community, that we are a place to be a part of. Building a greater sense of community is very important to me and the Board. To that end we keep exploring ways to attract younger families, and to signal to intermarried families that Beth El is receptive to their involvement.

On a long term basis, we need to grow our endowment through gifts now or as part of legacy planning. To those who have already established an endowment fund for the benefit of Beth El, or included Beth El in estate planning, thank you. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated. Endowment gifts will help sustain Beth El for years to come.

I hope that all of you can join me at this year's Annual Meeting on June 13. Along with the election of trustees for the coming year, we will be presenting another important agenda item. The Board has approved a bylaws change to provide the Chai Society with an automatic seat on the Board, once it has adopted bylaws and had those bylaws approved by the Board. This requires a vote of the membership and is therefore on the agenda for the annual meeting. The Board has long recognized the contributions of the Chai Society and seeks the support of the membership to make this change.

Engaging Generations

Congratulations

Alice and Adam Leshem on the birth of granddaughter, Orla Rebekah Lechem.

Condolences

Barbara Aaron and family on the loss of mother, Adele Rita Slitt.

Bobbi Schmidt and family on the loss of mother, Lorraine Parker.

Nancy Schwartz and family on the loss of husband, father, and grandfather, Milton Schwartz.

Marcia Lazowski and family on the loss of father and grandfather, Milton Schwartz.

Celia Sholovitz and family on the loss of daughter, wife, and mother, Sandra Gamzon.

Marguerite Weinberg and family on the loss of brother, Joseph Perets.

Mazal Tov and Appreciation for Hosting an Oneg or Kiddush

Taste of Shabbat

The Wachtel family on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Julius (Yuddie) Wachtel.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Shaun Howes, by parents Jodi Keane and Tim Howes.

Alyssa, by parents Jayne and Mark Freiman.

Gabriella, by parents Clarisse and Amir Tulchinsky.

Matthew, by parents Robin and Jonathan Cohen.

A Warm Welcome To New Members

Betty and Donald Leef

Contact the Temple Office for
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations in June and July

Religious School Alumni

The Religious School is beginning to create a history of our graduates. If you want to share information on what you are presently doing, please let us know. We plan to share this information in upcoming issues of Temple Topics. Please send your name, present address, occupation, and any other information you would like to share to Sidra Sperling at Sidramarvin@gmail.com, or mail responses to the Temple attn: Sidra Sperling.

Havurah:

The Original Jewish Social Networking

Havurah-a Jewish fellowship, especially an informal one that meets regularly for camaraderie, discussion, or holiday celebrations in the homes of Beth El Temple members, will be forming this summer. If you have interest in joining a warm, nurturing social group, and in personally interacting with fellow Temple members, please contact: Barbara Samberg sambergbr@yahoo.com or 860-233-1385.

Worshipping Together

Shabbat at Beth El Temple

Kabbalat Shabbat services begin at 6:00 p.m., and Shabbat morning services, in general, begin at 9:30 a.m. With so many Shabbat-related activities, be sure to check Temple Topics, the weekly bulletin, or the Beth El website (www.bethelwesthartford.org) for complete updated information on services, service times, and all RSVP forms.

Friday, June 4:

Beth El Babies Exploring - bebe (every Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) Rabbi Garber leads this informal pre-Shabbat group for babies and their moms. Enjoy coffee and snacks while you meet and network with other moms, and your children play with age-appropriate toys. Beth El membership not required.

Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbat (7:30 p.m.) Kabbalat Shabbat Services led by members of the Men's Club and Sisterhood for the Installation of their Board officers and members, and to honor the many volunteers who are the backbone of these two arms of Beth El. A celebration Oneg follows.

Friday, June 11:

bebe (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

PJ Shabbat (5:45 p.m.) Children through age 5 experience the joy of Shabbat with dancing and singing, stories and play. And it wouldn't be Shabbat without chicken! So kids, don your PJs, bring your teddy bear, invite a friend, and join our fun circle. No knowledge of Shabbat songs or prayers is necessary, you'll learn on the spot! Please RSVP to the school office at 233-9891.

Saturday, June 12:

Beth El Studies Pirkei Avot: Ethics of the Fathers (9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.) The wisdom of Jewish sages is as relevant today as it was centuries ago when it was first set down. We continue our synagogue-wide exploration of Jewish ethics with this Rabbi led discussion.

Friday, June 18:

Bebe (11:00 a.m. - noon)

Shabbat Under the Stars (5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. service) – Welcome Shabbat and schmooze with friends at this fun and festive barbecue dinner and service, under the stars. This is a great chance to bring prospective members. Just let us know they are coming, and we'll have them as our guests. Rain or shine! The regular chapel service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 25:

Bebe (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Shabbat Live! Unplugged & Community Dinner (Service at 6:00 p.m., dinner follows) Kabbalat Shabbat is a service designed to quiet our souls as we awaken to the beauty and magic of Shabbat. Join us as we share in the melodies that have captured the hearts of generations of Jews and that currently energize *minyanim* such as BJ in New York and *Shira Chadasha* in Jerusalem. A traditional dinner with Shabbat prayers and singing will follow at approximately 7:15 p.m. Please be sure to RSVP in the office **no later than noon on June 23.**

Friday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Bebe (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Tisha B'Av Information and Service Schedule

For the past several years, the Conservative Jewish community of West Hartford has held joint *Tisha B'Av* services at the different Conservative synagogues in the area. This year, the community services on *Erev Tisha B'Av*, with the reading of *Eicha* (Lamentations), will be held on July 19. *Shacharit* on July 20 at 7:00 a.m., with the community *Mincha* Service at 1:30 p.m. At the time of publication, the place for the community service has not been determined. Please see messages on the website and the Shabbat brochures for the location.

Tisha B'Av, or the 9th of Av, according to the description in the book, *Jewish Literacy*, by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, is the "saddest day in Jewish history." On this day, the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple in 586 B.C.E., and the Romans burned down the Second Temple in 70 C.E. Rabbi Telushkin goes on to say that many of the most tragic events in Jewish history occurred on the 9th of Av. The Jews of England were expelled from that country in 1290, the Jews of Spain were expelled from that country in 1492, and during the Holocaust, the Nazis used that day to escalate their persecution of the Jews.

Jews around the world gather in the synagogue on *Tisha B'Av* where it is customary to sit on the floor as mourners do for the loss of a loved one and chant *Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations, by candlelight. *Tisha B'Av* is also a day of fasting from sunset on July 19 until after sunset on July 20.

Celebrate Your Birthday at Beth El Temple

In February, we began celebrating all Beth El birthdays (from 1-120) with an *aliyah*. Once a month, at a Saturday morning service, all those with birthdays that month will be called up for a group *aliyah*. This will be done on *Shabbat M'varchim*, the Shabbat preceding Rosh Chodesh when we bless the coming Jewish month.

On July 10, and August 14, we will celebrate the Beth El birthdays during the Shabbat service. Please join us for a joyous Shabbat experience.

Lifelong Learning

Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing!



We are recruiting for Fall 2010! Are you a girl currently in 5th or 6th grade? Do you like to: socialize with other girls, learn about Jewish values, do social action projects, and have a lot of fun?

Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing! might be for you! Registration for Fall 2010 is now open. Contact Rabbi Garber via email at igarber@bethelwh.org.

Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing!

Over the past couple of months the "RoHo" girls have been discussing body image and messages displayed by the media. Hopefully you heard Rabbi Garber's sermon a few weeks ago about Victoria's Secret and whether or not the company is "holy". As Rabbi Garber stated, prior to our Rosh Hodesh lesson, she thought Victoria's Secret had too many "holes."

The girls involved with Rosh Hodesh wrote letters to the CEO of Victoria's Secret expressing their concerns about women's body image and their opposition towards using models that are not the "norm" of women. The CEO wrote back and included gift cards for the girls to do some shopping at Victoria's Secret.

Rather than indulge themselves with products from Victoria's Secret, and support a store that they so adamantly disagreed with, the girls decided to purchase sensible items for teenage girls at Klingberg safe home. The "RoHo" girls felt it was important to help the Klingberg girls feel good about themselves and provide them with new undergarments, something they wouldn't receive otherwise.

Over the past two years, the girls involved with **Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!**, have grown, learned, matured and realized there is a world out there that needs confident women. Shopping at Victoria's Secret, although it sounds like a luxury, was actually a mitzvah and a self-image lesson all in one. Both our RoHo girls and the Klingberg girls benefited from the Victoria's Secret gift cards, and from the lesson on women and body image.

Heather Toyen



Rosh Hodesh Girls after using the gift cards to buy undergarments for the girls at the Klingberg Center



Educational Director's Report

by Rabbi Howard Rosenbaum

As you read this article, the 2009-2010 school year has come to an end, but it was full of activity throughout the month of May. On Sunday afternoon, May 2, twelve Religious School students participated in the Greater Hartford Israel Folk Festival, dancing under the direction of teacher Steve Elson. Dancing to the songs "Chag Ha-Asif" and "Shibboleth Ba-Sadeh", our students comprised the only religious school group to dance in the festival. They did a beautiful job and we are very proud of them.

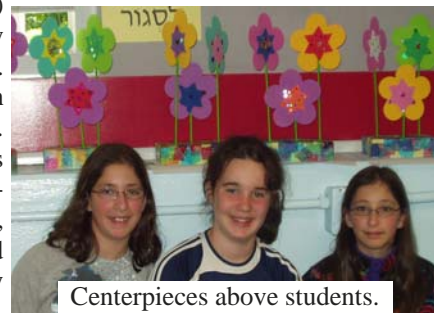
Making ruggelach.



Leading up to the festival of Shavuot, students in grades Aleph through Hai participated in a learning fair on the topic "The Ten Commandments". Each class studied one of the commandments and prepared a project showing what they learned. These projects were displayed outside the Sanctuary during Shavuot and the following week. During the last weekdays of school, students participated in a scavenger hunt which reinforced many of

the ideas contained in the projects.

On Shabbat, May 22, about 50 people participated in our "Celebration of Shabbat". Following Mishpacha m Minyan and Kid-dush luncheon, participants enjoyed a special dessert reception, which consisted of desserts which the students of the Religious School made during special *chugim* (clubs) which took place on Sunday mornings, May 2 and May 16. Tables re decorated with student made centerpieces. Student made *Challah* covers and boards were also on display. During these *chugim*, students also baked *challah* and rehearsed skits on the weekly *parsha*.



Centerpieces above students.

Registration materials have been mailed out for 2010-2011 and families are encouraged to return them to the school office as soon as possible. We wish all of our school families a safe and relaxing summer vacation and look forward to seeing them in September.



Students making challah.

Enjoying Beth El

BEMA-Beth El Music and Arts

A hearty Mazal Tov to Cantor Joseph Ness for receiving the prestigious Moshe Nathanson Conducting Award from the Cantors Assembly, the largest professional organization of cantors in the world. The award was presented at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Cantors Assembly on May 5, 2010 in New York City.

If you've never experienced the Music Series offerings at Beth El Temple or have been away for awhile, please join us for "Tonight, Tonight", our **2009-2010 Season Finale Orchestral Concert on Sunday, June 6 at 7:00 pm**. Beloved, fun-filled, family-friendly, orchestral masterpieces from Chopin's Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor, to Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue," to Bernstein's toe-tapping show tunes will await you. Vocal soloists will be Talya Smilowitz, soprano, Robin Gelles, mezzo-soprano, and Floyd Higgins, tenor. Cantor Joseph Ness will conduct the Beth El Orchestra. Enjoy this uplifting cultural offering in the company of family and friends while building community pride. Tickets are available in advance from the Temple office or at the door. Admission is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students, FREE to children 12 and under.

Chai Society is hosting a **pre-concert dinner on Sunday, June 6 @5:00 pm**. All Beth El members and guests are invited. Please see page 12 for more information.

BEMA is the recipient of the Solomon Schechter Silver Award For Excellence in the Performing Arts (2003-04) and the Solomon Schechter Gold Awards for Excellence in the Performing Arts (2005-06 and 2007-2008).

Date: June 27, 2010

One Day, 2 Great Events!

Fun in the Sun with Beth El Temple!

TOUR DE SHULS

8:30 a.m.



Tour de Shuls Bike Ride

The Ride, an initiative of the Connecticut Valley Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, will benefit the Tikvah Special Needs Program of Camp Ramah New England. Select from one of four routes, 5, 10, 30, or 50 miles. All routes begin and end at The Emanuel Synagogue in W. Hartford. Register to ride or donate to the Tour de Shuls at tourdeshuls.org. Contact Dave Diamond at 673-6885/daviddiamond2@comcast.net or Lisa Levin at 675-7400 lisasuelevin@aol.com.



1:35 p.m.

Beth El Day at the Rock Cats

Spend the afternoon at the New Britain Stadium with friends and family from Beth El! Watch the Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins) vs. Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox), and enjoy a father-child catch on the field after the Game! \$8 per person, children 4 and under do not require a ticket if they are sitting on a parent's lap. Please RSVP by June 15 with cash or check made payable to Beth El Temple. Please note "Rock Cats Tickets" on front of envelope. Gates Open 12:05 p.m., parking is \$3 per car the day of the game.

Softball Season In Full Swing For Beth El Softball Team

The Beth El Softball season starts on June 6. It isn't too late to get in on the fun and heart-pounding action this summer. We are a Co-ed team and a long-time member of the Greater Hartford Synagogue Softball League. Our games are played on Sunday mornings at the CIGNA and Elizabeth Park softball fields.

As always, we are on the lookout for any veterans or rookies who want to join the most enthusiastic team in the league. Don't let a few years away from the game discourage anyone from restarting their athletic career on the Beth El team. We encourage anyone with a passion for slow-pitch softball and an interest in interacting with members of the congregation in an "athletic" setting, to sign-on with the team.

We especially encourage women to sign up, as the League requires a minimum of two women to be on the field at all times. We have had occasions last summer where our female ranks have been pretty thin so we can use additional women recruits. Minimum age for players is 16. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Captains:

Alan Cetel 860-232-9515 or
Lance Reiser 860-232-5110



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Making Connections

Sheila Diamond,
President



Sisterhood News

On Sunday, May 2, the Women's League of Conservative Judaism (WLCJ) held their spring conference at the Emanuel Synagogue. Several of our Sisterhood members attended. The theme was the environment and we discussed recycling efforts in our homes, in our Temples, and how to live healthier, self-sustaining lives. We learned

that what's healthy for us is usually healthy for our planet as well. Interestingly, we also learned that the Emanuel Synagogue is eliminating the use of paper plates and cups at their events. All of the food at the conference was served on glass plates and glass mugs. We should follow their lead.

Sisterhood donated approximately 30 children's books which were used as centerpieces for the tables and later donated (by Sharon Levine-Shein) to the West Middle School in Hartford. In keeping with the environmental theme, the books, which were in excellent condition, were purchased from the Avon Library Sale and "recycled" to the West Middle School.

I am pleased to announce that our Sisterhood received an "Award of Honor" at the conference for meeting its Torah Fund Campaign goal this year. Torah Fund supports the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. It was presented to us by our own Sharon Levine-Shein, the North Atlantic Region's Torah Fund Chair. Congratulations again to Roz Hahn, who chaired this year's campaign, and to Sharon Efron and Leah Katz.

The "Women of Distinction" award ceremony was held after mincha. It was a joy to watch Jeanne Elman, receive her award for many years of dedicated service to Beth El and the community. We are busy planning for next year and have some exciting programs in the works.

Sisterhood has an established Flower Fund—the monies of which go toward flowers for the bima. Please feel free to honor your loved ones by supporting Sisterhood through donations to the Flower Fund or to Sisterhood.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to e-mail me at stdiamond@comcast.net or call me at 860-673-6885.



Jeanne Elman receiving her "Women of Distinction" award

Donations to Sisterhood

Fredda and Jon Goldstein in honor of Jeanne Elman receiving the "Women of Distinction" award.

Fran Feltman in honor of Jeanne Elman receiving the "Women of Distinction" award.

Sisterhood Board, in memory of Arthur Goldschmidt, father of Leah Katz.

Martin Melnick,
President



Men's Club News

The life blood of our Temple is made up of the thousands of volunteer hours contributed by our members for the betterment of our community. Last month the Men's club recognized our Past Presidents with a breakfast, the unveiling of a new Men's Club Presidents Plaque, and the awarding of a beautiful Past Presidents Lapel Pin that did not exist when they served. It was so touching to see the appreciation from each President, and especially from the families who attended to honor a past president who no longer is with us. Along with our past presidents, I want to personally thank all of the volunteers, present and past, of the Men's Club and of our entire Temple for your volunteer service.

June Programs

Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Men's Club / Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Annual Board Meeting. Watch your e-mail for the location.

Sunday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. Men's Club Breakfast and Annual Congregational Meeting.

June 10-13 Laymen's Institute at Camp Ramah.

This event is a wonderful mix of relaxation, sports, eating, learning, prayer, spirited singing, and camaraderie. The schedule is centered on our two Scholars in Residence, each of whom will deliver multiple presentations. Other activities include our famed "Minyan in the Grove," a learner's minyan, softball, tennis competition, swimming, boating, bike rides and "Hearing Men's Voices" program, where men have the opportunity to talk about many key personal issues facing us today. The fee for first time attendees from Beth El is only \$100. Contact Phil Schulz, philschulz@sbcglobal.net or 651-0072.

June 27 at 8:00 a.m.: Our first Tour de Shul bike ride. Please see page 6 for the contact information.

I look forward to your feedback and recommendations to help make our Men's Club the best that it can be. I can be reached at 523-5881 or bmwimaging@snet.net.

Have a wonderful summer and look forward to more Men's Club programming in September.

Save the date: Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Sisterhood and Men's Club will celebrate Shabbat and the installation of their Board members by leading the Friday night Shabbat service together. A special Oneg will follow the service.

Judaica Craft Gallery

Our gift shop has a fresh new look. We invite you to take a quick peek at the front window, and come in to see. We have many handmade and Israeli gifts for all occasions. New items arrive weekly. How about getting a new beautiful Israeli tablecloth, *tallit*, *kippah* or *yad* for that special someone or yourself? We carry items for men and women, young and young at heart. Arielle Mills is helping to put our incredible inventory online so you can look before you shop! Open by appointment over the summer, by calling Barbara Samberg 860-233-1385, Jill Jones 860-236-7895, or Alison Demarest 860-810-2084. Shop early and shop often! Have a fund and safe summer! We are also looking for volunteers to help a few hours a month starting in the fall.

Alison Demarest

Supporting Beth El

Thoughtful Contributions

Cantor's Music Fund

Barbara & David Brown in memory of Gershon Weil, husband of Jean, step-father of Michele Kostin.

Reeva Cremer in memory of Helene Glantz.

The Danitz family in memory of Lorraine Parker, mother of Bobbi Schmidt.

Stacey & Ron Dresner & daughters in memory of Helene Glantz.

Gloria Goldenberg in honor of Cantor Ness receiving the conducting award from the Cantors' Assembly.

Felice Goldman & family in appreciation of Cantor Ness.

Herb Hoffman in memory of mother, Toby Hoffman.

Maya Margulis for the yearzeit of husband, Anatoly Margulis.

Harold Mindell for the yearzeit of mother, Helen Mindell.

Howard Zern in appreciation of Cantor Ness; in memory of mother, Fay Zern.

Chai Society Fund

Gloria Goldenberg in honor of the 100th birthday of Anne Goldfield; in memory of Leonard Garber, husband of Betty.

Betsy Kosovsky in honor of the 90th birthday of Alfred Rosenthal.

Gloria & Milt Rulnick in memory of Freda Hartstein Bernstein.

Abe Weinberg wishing a speedy recovery to Gloria Rulnick.

Education Fund

Cyvia Scharmett in honor of nephew, Gary Jones' appointment as Director of CT ADL.

Friends of Ari Santiago

Building Accessibility Fund

Sheila & Howard Mark for the yearzeit of mother, Jean Mark.

Library Fund

Eileen & Allan Driscoll in memory of David Saul Gordon.

Constance Mindell for the yearzeit of father, Michael Lobenthal.

Prayer Book Fund

Harriet & Jerome Gilson in honor of the bat mitzvah of granddaughter, Jennifer Shavitz.

George Louis for the yearzeit of father, Albert Louis.

Abby Weiner for the yearzeit of uncle, Sam Lebowitz.

Rabbi Garber's Discretionary Fund

Herb Hoffman in memory of mother, Toby Hoffman.

Rabbi Rosen's Discretionary Fund

The following donations were received in memory of David Goldman, husband of Felice, father of Jim:

Barbara & Dr. Robert Green, Ann Cohen, Lois Ellovich, Helene Lefkowitz, Marlene Passman & family, Eleanore Reiner & family, Ida Ressler, Judy & David Rosenthal.

Barbara & David Brown in memory of Freda Hartstein Bernstein.

Amy & Steven Dembo in memory of Rochelle Rosenberg, mother of Barry.

Dr. David Epstein in honor of Rabbi James & Nancy Rosen's Chai celebration.

Harriet & Jerome Gilson in honor of the bat mitzvah of granddaughter, Jennifer Shavitz.

Felice Goldman & family in appreciation of Rabbi Rosen.

Barbara & Dr. Robert Green in memory of Jean Ellen, mother of Harriet Cudrin.

Donna & Burt Greenspon in memory of Freda Hartstein Bernstein.

Herb Hoffman in memory of mother, Toby Hoffman.

Mimi & Jeff Kaplan in honor of the 90th birthday of uncle, Alfred Rosenthal.

Phyllis & Sherman Katz in memory of Sylvia Federman, sister of Ernest Sherry.

Diane & Alan Kosan & family in memory of Mary Rosen, mother of Rabbi James.

Gilda Liebowitz & Joe Israel in honor of the bat mitzvah of Jennifer Shavitz, granddaughter of Harriet & Jerome Gilson.

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Dorothy Rosenberg in honor of Lonni Schulz & Judy Schulz on Mother's Day.

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Susan & Michael Schenker in memory of Jean Ellen, mother of Harriet Cudrin.

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Jane Field for the yearzeit of husband, Nathan Field.

Tybie Katz in honor of the birthday of Jane Field.

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Sandra & Marshall Rulnick wishing a speedy recovery to Jeffrey Kaplan.

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Clara Sowalsky for the yahrzeit of sister, Jean Trigg; of brother, Max Greenberg; of sister-in-law, Mildred Greenberg.

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Leigh Newman & Gary Starr in honor of the 83rd birthday of Selma Starr.

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Steven Stier for the yahrzeit of uncle, Albert Weinstein.

I. Milton Widem Adult Education Fund

Selma Widem for the yahrzeit of aunt, Esther Marmar.



Endowment News

Help to Continue to Pass On Family Traditions and Values:

The Anna Heineman Memorial Fund

Our mom loved Beth El. She created a full and empowering life for herself when she moved to West Hartford at the age of 72. Her philosophy of life involved learning something new each day and she immersed herself in the many programs and educational opportunities Beth El has to offer. At the age of 90, she fulfilled her lifelong dream of reading Torah and by 92 she became a Bat Mitzvah along with her classmates in the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. She actively sought Torah readings for the Shabbat services and the joy she experienced after reading was palpable and heartwarming.

We know that our mom reaped immeasurable fulfillment by attending the Lunch and Learn classes, the Chai Society, Sisterhood and Men's Club programs, and the BEMA concerts. She created and sustained her connections with this caring and giving community of Beth El members. We firmly believe that Beth El was instrumental in our mom's longevity. It is for that reason that we chose to honor her memory and give back to Beth El by establishing this Endowment Fund in her name.

The fund is unrestricted and the income earned will be used to support the greater good of our Beth El community.

Steven and Francine Stier, Barbara Fertig and Hattie Kaufman

If you would like to discuss establishing a named Endowment Fund or leaving a Legacy Gift for Beth El, please contact Executive Director Michael Moses or Endowment President Stephen Kreinik at 860.236.1304 or skreinik@comcast.net

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June, 2010 Sivan/Tammuz 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 19 Sivan 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 5:45 p.m. Endowment Committee 8:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board 8:00 p.m. Ritual Committee	2 20 Sivan 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study 6:00 p.m. 2010-11 Program Committee 7:00 p.m. Rosh Hodesh: It's A Girl Thing! 8:00 p.m. Torah Trope Class 8:00 p.m. 2013 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting	3 21 Sivan 8:00 a.m. Bible & Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	4 22 Sivan 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m. Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat 8:03 p.m. Candle Lighting	5 23 Sivan Parsha Shelach 9:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sussman 8:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
6 24 Sivan 5:00 p.m. Chai Society Pre-Concert Dinner 6:30 p.m. Minyan 7:00 p.m. BEMA Concert	7 25 Sivan	8 26 Sivan 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees	9 27 Sivan 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	10 28 Sivan 8:00 a.m. Bible & Breakfast 6:00 p.m. Minyan 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Jim & Nancy Rosen Chai Celebration	11 29 Sivan 11:00 a.m. bebe 5:45 p.m. PJ Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:08 p.m. Candle Lighting	12 30 Sivan Parsha Korach Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 9:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Eric Seltzer 9:30 a.m. Pirkei Avot Learning 8:15 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
13 1 Tammuz Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 9:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting 12:00 p.m. Celebrate West Hartford	14 2 Tammuz	15 3 Tammuz 12:00 p.m. Last Lunch & Learn 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Annual Board 8:00 p.m. Education Committee	16 4 Tammuz 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	17 5 Tammuz 8:00 a.m. Bible & Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	18 6 Tammuz 11:00 a.m. bebe 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Under The Stars 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11 p.m. Candle Lighting	19 7 Tammuz Parsha Chukkat 9:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Lindsay Finman 8:20 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
20 8 Tammuz Father's Day 10:00 a.m. KNITZvah Group	21 9 Tammuz	22 10 Tammuz	23 11 Tammuz 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study 12:00 p.m. Hands Across the River Golf Tournament	24 12 Tammuz 8:00 a.m. Bible & Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	25 13 Tammuz 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Live! Unplugged & Community Dinner 8:12 p.m. Candle Lighting	26 14 Tammuz Parsha Balak 9:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of Paul Zeuschner 8:20 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
27 15 Tammuz 8:00 a.m. Men's Club Tour de Shuls 1:30 p.m. Beth El at Rock Cats	28 16 Tammuz	29 17 Tammuz Fast Of Tammuz	30 18 Tammuz 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study 5:30 p.m. Chai Sunset Picnic	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Service Schedule</p> <p>Mornings: Mon. through Fri. 7:00 a.m. Sun. 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>Evenings: Sun. through Thur. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shabbat: Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m., Shacharit 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah: Please see calendar</p> </div>		

July, 2010 Tammuz/Av 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 19 Tammuz	2 20 Tammuz 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:11 p.m. Candle Lighting	3 21 Tammuz Parsha Pinchas 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8:20 p.m. Miincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
4 22 Tammuz Independence Day	5 23 Tammuz 9:00 a.m. Minyan	6 24 Tammuz	7 25 Tammuz 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	8 26 Tammuz	9 27 Tammuz 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09 p.m. Candle Lighting	10 28 Tammuz Parsha Matot/Masei 9:30 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Morgan Lloyd 8:15 p.m. Miincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
11 29 Tammuz	12 1 Av Rosh Chodesh Av 7:30 p.m. Men's Club	13 2 Av 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees	14 3 Av 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	15 4 Av	16 5 Av 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	17 6 Av Parsha Devarim 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8:15 p.m. Miincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
18 7 Av	19 8 Av 8:00 p.m. Reading of Eicha 8:22 p.m. Fast of 9 th of Av Begins	20 9 Av Tisha B'Av 7:00 a.m. Shacharit 1:30 p.m. Mincha 7:30 p.m./ Ma'ariv 8:02 p.m. Fast Ends	21 10 Av 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	22 11 Av	23 12 Av 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m. Candle Lighting	24 13 Av Parsha Vaetchanan 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8:10 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah
25 14 Av	26 15 Av	27 16 Av	28 17 Av 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study	29 18 Av	30 19 Av 11:00 a.m. bebe 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53 p.m. Candle Lighting	31 20 Av Parsha Eikev 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m. Miincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Epstein

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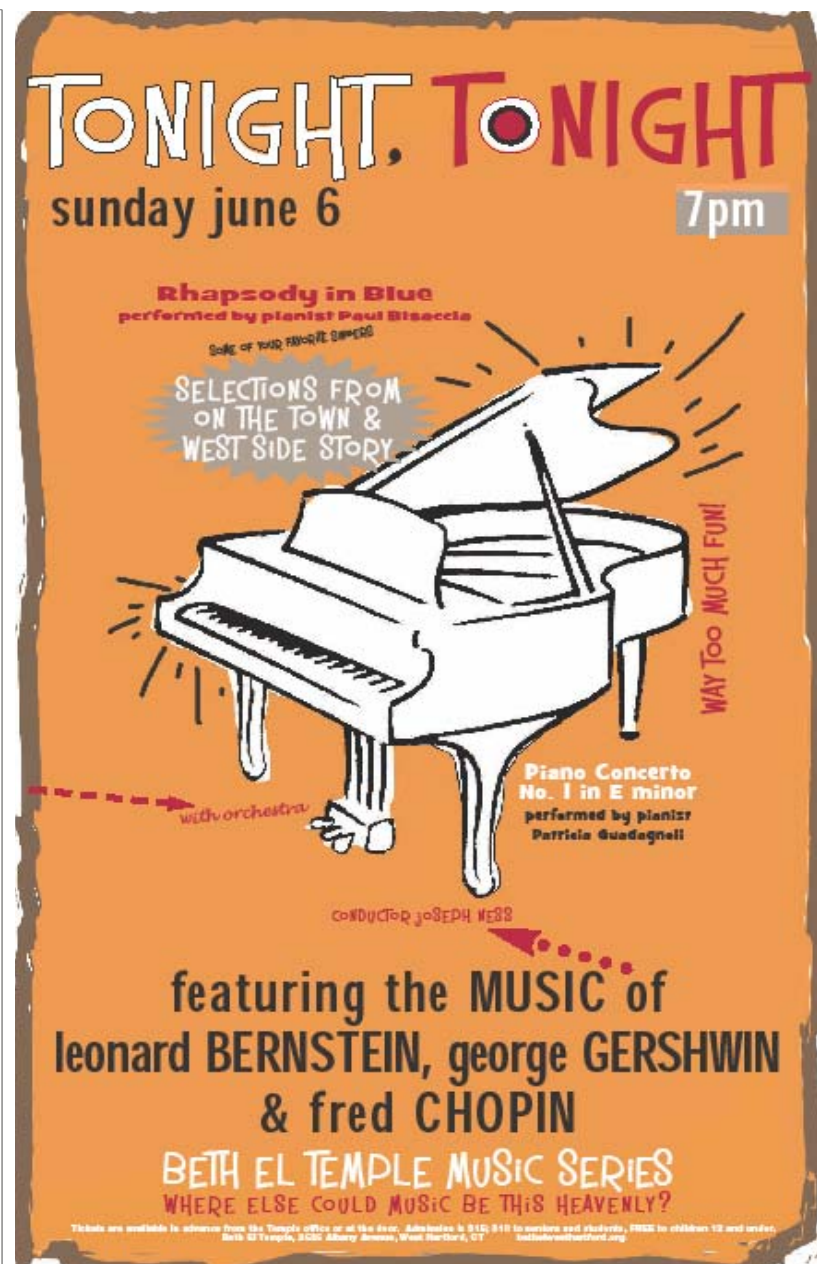
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