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**Just
show up**

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 22 at 7:15 pm

Please join us for a festive and delicious Shabbat dinner on Friday, November 22 at 7:15 pm, following Kabbalat Shabbat services at 6:00 pm. Rabbi Katz and Cantor Martin Levson will be leading the service. If you are unable to join us for dinner, feel free to Just Show Up for the service.

The dinner will be provided by Catering by Meital, and the menu includes: mixed greens with roasted sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges, dried cranberries, and an orange-champagne vinaigrette; sautéed chicken with bell peppers, zucchini and olives in a white wine sauce, wild rice with onion, dried apricots, celery and carrots, sautéed green beans, and apple crisp. A vegetarian option is available—please be sure to request it when making your reservation.

The cost is \$18 per person ages 18 & over; no charge for children ages 17 and under. R.S.V.P. by calling the temple office at 733-4149 by November 15. There will be open seating; tables of 8 may be reserved (please provide names of all 8 people with your reservation). Guests are encouraged to bring a bottle of kosher wine to share with their table. We regret that we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins. We hope to see you there!

Adult Hanukkah Party

Saturday, December 14 at 6:15 pm

Come and get in the mood for the holiday! The event will start at 6:15 pm with appetizers, followed by dinner at 6:45 pm. The menu includes: roasted chicken, potato latkes and applesauce, green beans, field greens with poached pears, and dessert. BYOB (kosher only). The cost of the dinner is \$18.50 per person.

At 8:00 pm, we will watch the film “Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas.” The movie tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Torme, Jay Livingston, Ray Evans, and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to the world’s most musical holiday. It’s an amazing look at the 20th century North American immigrant experience and the extraordinary outburst of musical energy from the children of those immigrants.

R.S.V.P. to Marie at sklc@tbespringfield.org or call 737-0170 by December 2.



Daniel Gordis to Speak at TBE

Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm

Dr. Daniel Gordis will be visiting the Lower Valley to talk about his newest book, *We Stand Divided: The Rift Between American Jews and Israel*. Relations between the American Jewish community and Israel are at an all-time nadir. Since Israel’s founding seventy years ago, particularly as memory of the Holocaust and of Israel’s early vulnerability has receded, the divide has grown only wider. Most explanations pin the blame on Israel’s handling of its conflict with the Palestinians, Israel’s attitude toward non-Orthodox Judaism, and Israel’s dismissive attitude toward American Jews in general. In short, the cause for the rupture is not what Israel is; it’s what Israel does.

These explanations tell only half the story. *We Stand Divided* examines



SKLC Annual Shabbaton

**Shabbat, December 7
from 2:00-6:00 pm**

This will be a Shabbat afternoon at TBE that you won’t want to miss! 75,000 Legos will be delivered and we will build the world’s largest menorah. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

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The deadline for the **January/February** issue is Friday, **November 15**.

Please email all articles or photos to communications@tbespringfield.org.

Rome Family's Twins Experience Their B'nai Mitzvah in Israel

Sue Kline

When Jane and Gary Rome started to think about the Bar and Bat Mitzvah of twins Sydney and Jake, Jane knew she wanted them to have an experience that would bring out the best in both youngsters and accommodate their different learning styles. The family had never been to Israel – and as Jane, the researcher of the family, reviewed various options, the idea of having the B'nai Mitvah in Jerusalem piqued Gary's interest as well. Most important, Sydney and Jake really liked the plan.

The next step was easy – making arrangements at Temple Beth El for them to learn the Torah portion they would read on August 8. Both Sydney and Jake felt they “lucked out,” finding in Reverend David Aminia an “awesome” teacher with whom both formed a special bond. “Our Jake might not be the most enthusiastic Hebrew School student,” said Jane, “but we never once heard him complain about going to Reverend Aminia!”

Their journey to Israel would involve much more than the day of the B'nai Mitzvah, which scheduled on Thursday, August 8 at the Western Wall (just one day

shy of Sydney and Jake's 13th birthday). Prior to the event, a dozen relatives and friends accompanied the Romes on an 8-day tour of northern Israel, including Tiberias and the Golan Heights as well as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Jane said their choice of Da'at Travel Educational Tours turned out to be perfect. “They planned the entire itinerary down to the last detail and incorporated many activities geared to the kids – like riding tornado boats on the Sea of Galilee! Our ‘tour educator,’ Mark Rogoff, was fantastic.”

Among highlights, Sydney and Jake said that they were moved by a jeep ride in the Golan Heights where they learned about the 1967 Six-Day War and saw firsthand how very close the enemy was positioned. “The sheer fact of the geography shocked us all,” said Jane. “The threat wasn't coming from across the ocean. It was right here, across a border we could see. We'll never forget it”



Soon the focus became the B'nai Mitzvah for which the family had prepared well ahead. Hiring a rabbi was one task they'd tackled together. “Da'at provided resumes of available clergy, which we and the children read carefully, narrowing the list to three and then to one. Like everything else, the process worked very smoothly.” They were able to secure the rabbinical services of their first choice, a warm and effusive woman who visited the family at the King David Hotel, where we were staying, made an effort to get to know the children, and ‘clicked’ with Sydney and Jake.” Since the B'nai Mitzvah would be attended by a small group of family and close friends, the rabbi gave everyone an appropriate role for the hour-long service.

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זמני תפילות Worship Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: beginning November 2, Shabbat afternoon services will be held at 5:00 pm.

Weekday Mornings

Monday through Friday 7:00 am
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Evenings

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday 5:45 pm*

*On Sunday, November 10, minyan will be held at 6:00 pm, following Dave-A-Palooza

Shabbat Worship

Erev Shabbat 6:00 pm
Shabbat morning 9:30 am
Shabbat afternoon 5:00 pm

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29
Morning Service 6:45 am

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am
No Evening Service
Friday, November 29 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Christmas

Wednesday, December 25 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1 (office closed)
Morning Service 8:30 am

Off the Bimah

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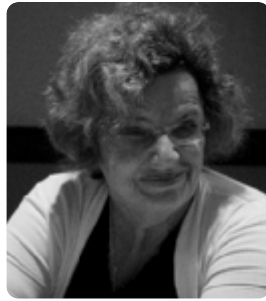
Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

The leaves have fallen and there are no Jewish holidays...It must be November! But wait...As I look more closely, I realize that there is indeed a Jewish holiday this month. It wears secular clothes, involves no extra synagogue services, and is celebrated by people of multiple religions and backgrounds, so it's easy to miss its Jewish character. The holiday, of course, is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving: The American Sukkot.

Granted, on Thanksgiving we generally eat indoors and not in a sukkah. We wave no *lulav* nor enjoy the scent of *etrogim*. Still, Sukkot and Thanksgiving have a lot in common. Both holidays celebrate the agricultural harvest, and both involve sharing good food in the company of others. The two holidays fall in pretty close proximity to each other (if you are Canadian, then the two are even closer; this year, Canadian Thanksgiving fell on October 8, coinciding with *Shmini Atzeret*, the day right after Sukkot). Many others have drawn the connection between Thanksgiving and Sukkot and some, including the Pilgrim historian Caleb Johnson, suggest that the Pilgrims indeed modeled a festive day on the biblical holiday Sukkot.

As a festive occasion, Thanksgiving is

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Rachel Korazim Returns to Our Community on November 3

A TASTE OF HARTMAN

Shabbat afternoon, November 2 from 4:30 - 6:15 pm
at Rabbi Katz's home

Come for a nosh, a taste of Hartman with Rachel Korazim and Havdalah.

Rachel Korazim, a charismatic and entertaining Hebrew literature teacher, will lead us in an exploration of *The Other as a Mirror*. Together we will study Israeli literary works of both Jews and Arabs. We shall explore images of Arabs in Jewish Israeli literature. We will then juxtapose them with Arab Israeli literary works.

Besides learning a little more about Israeli literature, we will discuss what it might be like for lay members of our community to travel to Israel and study together at the Shalom Hartman Institute Community Leadership Program. We hope you will consider joining a diverse group of learners as they meet in Israel to engage in thought-provoking and inspiring classes. The Jerusalem-based week-long seminar includes text study, small group seminars, encounters with public figures, field trips and cultural experiences.

It's an astounding, exciting and inspiring week. Plus living in the German Colony in Jerusalem...what could be better. I recommend it with 5 stars!" Susan Goldman

*"During the summer of 2018, I took a hiatus from my busy life to travel to Israel to immerse myself in a week of Jewish study at the Hartman Institute. This was my first time engaging in intensive Jewish study and I was a little apprehensive about whether it would be too rigorous. My apprehensions quickly disappeared when I found at the Hartman Institute an oasis in Jerusalem dedicated to supportive discussion, discourse and learning. A gathering of diverse teachers and students, all sharing a common thirst for knowledge, personal growth, and the desire to make the world a better place. The Hartman program is a thoughtfully organized examination of a contemporary issue (mine was an examination of *Derekh Eretz – The Way of the World – Common Decency*) through a Jewish lens, explored by world-class Jewish scholars who each brought a different perspectives to bear on the issue. I enjoyed the lectures, the smaller group discussions, the elective field trips, and making new friends. I cannot think of a better place to explore how our Jewish faith informs our lives than the beautiful city of Jerusalem with some of the brightest Jewish scholars in the world. It was an experience of a lifetime."* Susan Halpern

Make Israel a destination for you this summer, and be sure to take advantage of the \$1,500 funding subsidy available through the HGF. R.S.V.P. to the TBE office.

Many thanks

I have always believed the real strength of Temple Beth El can be found in the membership. So many of our members dedicate themselves to supporting the congregation in ways that reflect their passions.

Whether it is the people who regularly attend our morning or evening minyan, the dedicated souls who prepare food for the local shelter, the Sisterhood women who are reinvigorating our Sisterhood or the wonderful crew who attend Shabbat services and say "yes" to Cantor Barber and Reverend Aminia when they are looking for people to chant Torah and Haftarah.

I wanted to offer a special thank you to Susanne and Bob Osofsky who came to shul on Rosh HaShanah. Bob and Susanne recognized that having a guest cantor to lead worship while Cantor Barber recovered from surgery was an unexpected expense. They also realize that these unexpected expenses take a toll on the financial health of the congregation and so they reached out to TBE leadership and graciously volunteered to cover the cost.

Thank you Bob and Susanne for giving to our temple. Because of you, we have weathered a difficult time with more ease.

Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

From the Director of Education

Caryn Resnick



The Sandi Kupperman Learning Center is not just the religious school. The SKLC is a part of Temple Beth El that includes adult education, family education, youth groups and the school.

Our school is smaller in numbers than it was years ago, but this challenge is not unique unto us. Religious schools across the country are experiencing the same situation. We may be smaller, but we are strong and vibrant! We have changed our school model to respond to the population and are experiencing some real and meaningful successes this year. I would like to take credit for it all, but it isn't true. Any real and



Students enjoyed having an ice cream truck on opening day at the religious school.

lasting educational endeavor is always the result of many stakeholders pulling together to offer the best educational program they can. In our case, we should start by looking to our dedicated teachers: they are committed to working to provide our students with a wide and encompassing range of positive Jewish learning experiences. Our Board of Education, made up of committed lay leaders and parents, work to provide vision and guidance as we move forward. Our PTO supports everything that we do with their fundraising events.

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ילדים ונוער
Sandi Kupperman Learning Center

Sandi Kupperman Memorial Event and Hanukkah Celebration

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

Join us as we remember our friend Sandi and be entertained by our religious school students. The evening includes drama, music, dance, raffles and delicious Hanukkah treats. This event is for people of all ages. You will clap, sing and even kvell a little over our youth.

Tot Shabbat Programs

Our Tot Shabbat programs are for families with young children. Join Marlene Rachelle and her guitar on the third Friday night of each month and the first Shabbat morning of each month. The programs include music, prayer, body movement, dancing, and more! This program is for families with children ages 5 & younger.

The Shabbat morning program meets in the Katz Family Library from 11:00 - 11:45 am. Participants are invited to stay for Kiddush lunch following the program.



Friday night Tot Shabbat was so much fun.

Our new Friday night Tot Shabbat program meets from 5:15 - 6:45 pm. Dinner and socializing is from 5:15 - 6:00 pm. The musical program takes place from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. For more details, contact Caryn Resnick. Dinner is partially funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Rekindle Shabbat Grant. This program is for families

with children ages 7 and younger.

We will meet on Shabbat mornings on November 2 and December 7, and on Friday evening, November 15 (no program in December).

USY Updates

Max Rubin

The beginning of the USY year is off to a great start! We've got a great group of teens who are excited and ready to get involved. I'm really looking forward to working with them, especially since I'll have my sister, Sammi, by my side.

Our first meeting as a chapter went great! We've got a lot of really exciting events planned including go-karting, a



B'Yahad students in the kitchen

corn maze, and events with other chapters from as far away as West Hartford.

At B'Yahad after our first meeting all the teens helped cook and prepare food that we served at Shiloh Church. Community service is a huge part of USY and we will be going gleaned soon, which everyone is really looking forward to.

On October 6 we had our regional kickoff event, and it was wonderful! I went along with 3 teens from Temple Beth El, and everyone had a great time. The USYers

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Adult Education

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Book Discussion Group News

Liz Marinelli, Librarian



The book group will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. Inspired by true events, this novel revolves around a group of British female spies sent to France during World War II. Putting their lives at risk, they planted themselves as ordinary French citizens with plans to relay critical

information and perform acts of sabotage.

On Wednesday, December 18 at 10:30 am we will discuss *The Flight Portfolio* by Julie Orringer. In 1940, Varian Fry traveled to Marseille with a list of imperiled artists and writers that he hoped to help escape quickly, but the mission extended to more than a year. Combining literary inventions with complex facts, figures such as Marc Chagall make compelling appearances.

Everyone is welcome to join us.



An Evening with Author Karen Triege

Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

Temple Beth El and the JCC's Literatour program are co-sponsoring an evening with Karen Triege to be held on Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm at TBE. Karen is the author of *My Soul is Filled with Joy: A Holocaust Story*, which tells the story of

her in-laws, Sam and Esther Goldberg, as they survived the Holocaust and her odyssey of writing the book. Sam was one of the lucky few to have escaped from Treblinka, and met Esther in the surrounding Polish forest. For three days, they hid in a barn owned by Righteous Gentiles until the immediate danger had passed. Sam and Esther survived for a year in the nearby forest, with the help of this family. With in-depth research and a bit of luck, their daughter-in-law was able to find the three surviving children of those Righteous Gentiles. The book was the winner of the PNWA Nancy Pearl Award for Best Memoir (September 2019) and received the Bronze Medal Award from the Independent Publisher's Association (World History) in April 2019.



Books will be available for purchase and autograph. There is no charge to attend for TBE and JCC members; \$7 per person for the general public. Reservations are strongly recommended; call the JCC at 739-4715 to R.S.V.P.



Sundays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, December 8 & 15 at 9:00 am

We will continue reading Chapter 2 of Pirke Avot, a wonderful collection of ethics compiled around 200 CE. It is one of the best-known and most-cited Jewish texts. Newcomers are welcome—no previous knowledge is required. On November 3, outstanding Jewish educator Rachel Korazim will lead a discussion on the languages of Israel. See page 3 for details.

Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, December 4 & 11 at 12:00 pm

In Lunch & Learn, we are continuing to watch season 2 of *Shtisel*, the very popular Israeli TV series. This show follows the lives of an ultra-Orthodox family in Jerusalem. A lively discussion follows after each episode, led by Rabbi Katz. Please bring a dairy lunch and enjoy the show and conversation.



Project Zug: Learning That is Convenient for Your Life!

The Springfield Alliance for Jewish Education is excited to announce a new learning program for 2020, Project Zug. Project Zug (www.projectzug.org) is an online havruta (paired/one-on-one) learning platform, which seeks to connect Jews across the world with each other - and with Jewish tradition - through weekly, one-to-one paired learning. This program, a project of Hadar, is being brought to the Springfield community to encourage community members to engage in Jewish learning with a friend and on their own terms.

Project Zug is for people of all backgrounds and allows you to learn on your schedule from the comfort of your own home! The texts and commentaries are available online, and you can meet with your partner on your own schedule. If you want to meet weekly, that is wonderful. If monthly learning is more your speed,

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Do You Need a Mezuzah for Your Front Door? MyZuzah Can Help!

MyZuzah believes in connecting and protecting all Jews by putting a mezuzah on the front door of every Jewish home. A touchpoint that unites all Jews, the mezuzah's mystical power has connected and protected the Jewish people since the Exodus.

The root of the word mezuzah is zaz, meaning "movement." The mezuzah is a reminder, as we move from place to place, within our homes, as well as when we leave our homes and move through the world at large, to remember God is in all the many different places we may find ourselves.

We build homes and live in them so that we may be protected from the elements. The mezuzah on our front door transforms a mere physical dwelling into a sacred space wherein we can nourish the values and truths that build strong families and healthy individuals. Affixing the mezuzah to the doors of our home elevates and sanctifies an otherwise temporary dwelling into a gateway to the eternal.

The mezuzah, handwritten till today in the age-old specially prescribed manner and affixed to the right doorpost of every room in the Jewish home, contains the first two paragraphs of the Shema prayer: Shema Yisrael" and "Vehaya im shamo." These texts declare the unity of God and express God's assurance to us of the reward and blessing that will result from our observance of the Torah's teachings, as well as the results of not doing so. Our actions and choices make a difference.

When you leave the safety and protection of your home to face the outside world, you go with the kiss of the mezuzah on your lips.

If you do not have a mezuzah on your front door, visit www.myzuzah.org/me and input the code SPRINGFIELDMA as well as your address. They will send you a mezuzah and arrange for Rabbi Katz to help you hang it. The mezuzot are fair-trade and kosher.



Hesed Kitchen

This monthly program has provided many of our congregants with delicious and home-made food after an illness or following the loss of a loved one. Volunteers are invited to join Rabbi Katz in her kitchen to help prepare comfort food such as soup, kugel, bread, etc. which will be frozen and delivered to our members when the need arises. If you would like to help, call the TBE office at 733-4149 for upcoming dates.



Help Feed the Hungry in Our Community

Rabbi Katz invites our members to join her to serve lunch at the **Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen** at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut Street in Springfield on **Wednesday, November 6 and Wednesday, December 4 at 11:45 am.** There's no need to prepare food ahead of time – just bring a gallon of whole milk, and help serve the hungry in our community.

Please join us on **Sunday, November 24 at 4:45 pm** to prepare and serve dinner at **Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 797 State Street in Springfield. Food can be cooked at home or purchased. Please note that we will not be serving there in December. Contact our Social Action Chair, Susie Rosenberg, at pawssgr@comcast.net to sign up so she can coordinate who will bring different items.



Shabbat Zimrah Services

Our next Shabbat Zimrah services will be held on Friday, November 8 and Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. Please join us for this lively, one-hour service. On November 8, Cantor Martin Levson will lead the service and TBE's own Sam Blumberg will perform on percussion with guest musicians. During these services, we will recognize our members who have birthdays during the months of November and December.

TBE Celebrates Birthdays

Temple Beth El recognizes members' birthdays on the second Shabbat of the month, with a few exceptions. During our Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night service and again at our Shabbat morning service, we will serenade you, enjoy special birthday treats during the appetizer buffet and Kiddush lunch, and make a fuss over your reaching another birthday!

Our upcoming birthday celebrations will take place on Friday, November 8 and Shabbat, November 9, as well as Friday, December 13 and Shabbat, December 14.

Watch your mail during the month prior to your birthday for a special letter inviting you to let TBE be part of your celebration. If you do not receive this letter, it's possible that we do not have your date of birth in our database. Please call our office at 733-4149 so we can update our records.



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With the help of a 30' ladder, we will be able to light the menorah.

Following the construction, we will enjoy a Seudah Shlishit (third meal of Shabbat) and Havdalah.

There is no charge to attend this program, thanks to the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. R.S.V.P. to Marie, with the ages of any children who will be attending.

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the history of the troubled relationship, showing that from the outset, the founders of what are now the world's two largest Jewish communities were responding to different threats and opportunities, and had very different ideas of how to guarantee a Jewish future.

With an even hand, Daniel Gordis takes us beyond the headlines and explains how Israel and America have fundamentally different ideas about issues ranging from democracy and history to religion and identity. He argues that as a first step to healing the breach, the two communities must acknowledge and discuss their profound differences and moral commitments. Only then can they forge a path forward, together. Gordis will present his thesis and also field questions from the audience.

The program will be held at Temple Beth El on Tuesday November 19 at 7:30 pm. It is sponsored by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Hadassah, the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Temple Beth El, Sinai Temple, Bill & Susan Firestone and Dick & Betsy Gaberman.



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that works too! If you are going to be out of town, you can meet with your partner through Facetime, Skype, or Google Hangout. If you want to meet in person, you can grab coffee at Starbucks or come to the JCC and meet at the coffee shop.

Choose from over 30 courses developed by wonderful teachers. You can sign up with a friend, or select a class and be matched with someone else in the community based on your interests. You can make your own pathway and do some meaningful Jewish study on your own terms in a way that fits into your schedule.

Sign ups will begin in December, with a kick off to our learning in January 2020. The cost is \$18/person and payment is made to the Springfield JCC. Registration takes place at projectzug.com. When prompted for a partnership group, simply

select "SAJE." Be part of this new Jewish learning venture. Bring a friend or make a new one – come and learn!

This program is presented by Springfield Alliance for Jewish Education, with appreciation to Bill and Susan Firestone for their generous support.

Chai Tea at Temple Beth El

Tuesday, November 5 at 2:30 pm

The Adult Education Committee and our Sisterhood invite you to a Chai Tea on Tuesday, November 5 at 2:30 pm. We will enjoy tea, finger sandwiches and more, as well as a performance of "Latkes and Manischewitz," a short, interactive play about two elderly sisters. Fanny is the one who is ultra-feminine, frilly and ditsy. Her older sister, Lily, is straight-laced, ultra-serious and the smarter of the two. They have started a small family business of putting lonely old men out of their misery, but things take an unexpected turn when Fanny falls in love with their latest "welfare" care and decides that she wants to keep him—alive, that is. The audience will be invited to decide how things will turn out. Rima Reidel and TBE's own Ann Labb will be performing.

Refreshments include tea, finger sandwiches, scones and other fancy pastries. Feel free to wear your prettiest hat! The cost to attend is \$18 per person. R.S.V.P. to Marie at sklc@tbespringfield or 737-0170 by November 1.



Scene from "Latkes and Manischewitz"

not without its problematic aspects. The story so many of us learned as children (grateful Pilgrims sharing a neighborly meal with the Native Americans who befriended them) is pretty difficult to swallow, let alone celebrate, when one considers the actual history of relations between Europeans and American Indians.

So, as I start to contemplate Thanksgiving – a holiday I enjoy immensely – I find myself thinking of it through the prism of Sukkot, and finding ways that this association might help express what it is that I value in this quintessentially American holiday.

We call Sukkot *zman simchateinu*, "the Season of our Rejoicing." Sukkot is a holiday where we pause to enjoy our bounty. We move out of our comfortable homes to dwell (at least somewhat) in a sukkah. Doing so heightens our sense of vulnerability – remember how many sukkah meals this year were curtailed by mosquitoes and rain! – and at the same time, helps us appreciate what we have even without sturdy walls, including the simple-yet-essential pleasure of gathering to share a meal and precious time together.

For me, Thanksgiving also serves to focus my attention on appreciating what – and who – I have in my life. Part of that comes from the annual go around the table, sharing something for which we each are thankful. But it also comes from the simple fact of spending a day together – cooking, eating, and even watching a little football, together.

After the harvest was in and their taxes (tithes) were paid, after they had provided for the most vulnerable in their midst, the Israelites of antiquity were commanded to be joyful: "You shall rejoice in all the good which Adonai your God has given you" (Deuteronomy 26:11). A skeptic asked whether this meant one need only express gratitude when good things happen. A wise person responded to the skeptic that just being able to live is a blessing; therefore, every day we have something for which to be grateful. Every day we have reason to "rejoice in all the good."

This Thanksgiving, and indeed every day, may we each be blessed with the ability to rejoice in all the good which heaven has bestowed upon us.

Hanukkah How-To

Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz

HANUKKAH is a festival of light, of miracles and of celebration. And like many of the Jewish holidays, it is celebrated primarily in our homes. This year, Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 22.

We have all heard the story of this eight-day festival, which commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabean Jews' victory over the Hellenist Syrians in 165 BCE. We remember the miracle of a tiny flask of oil that kept the Temple's great menorah burning for not one, but eight days, until more purified oil could be obtained.

Here is a brief guide to the celebration of Hanukkah – a “how-to” manual that will help you bring the joy and meaning of the holiday into your own home.

WHERE TO LIGHT To best publicize the miracle, the Hanukkah menorah (“Hanukkiah”) is ideally lit outside the doorway of our house, on the left side when entering. If this is not practical, then the menorah should be lit in a window facing the public thoroughfare. If the menorah cannot be lit by the window, place it inside the house on a table, which at least fulfills the mitzvah of “publicizing the miracle” for members of the household.

WHEN TO LIGHT The menorah should preferably be lit immediately at nightfall. If necessary, however, the menorah can be lit late into the night. It is best to wait until all members of the household are present to light the menorah.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE FIRST NIGHT On the first night, place one candle in the menorah's far right (as you face the menorah) candle holder. Another candle is placed for the shamash (helper candle). Recite all three of the blessings (on the next page) and then light the candle using the shamash.

HOW TO LIGHT ON THE SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH NIGHT The second night, place two candles in the menorah's far right (as you face the menorah) candle holders. Another candle is placed for the shamash. Recite the first two blessings and then light the candles

using the shamash. Light the candle to the far left first and then light in order, from left to right. Follow this procedure for each night of Hanukkah.

CONCLUDING THE HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHTING

On all eight nights of Hanukkah, it is traditional to sing or recite Hanerot Halalu, an ancient chant mentioned in the Talmud (Soferim 20:6). It reminds us of the sacred nature of the Hanukkah lights that are lit to commemorate and publicize the Hanukkah miracles. The song states that our sole intent in kindling the Hanukkah lights is to publicize the miracle.

We conclude the candle lighting ceremony with the singing of Maoz Tzur. The lyrics were written about 800-900 years ago in Europe. The tune that is considered to be “traditional” in most parts of the Jewish world today is an adaptation of a German folk song.

Now it's time to enjoy latkes, sufganiot (donuts), gifts and the joy of the festival that our people have celebrated in this same tradition for many centuries!

EIGHT INTERACTIVE WAYS TO MAKE EACH NIGHT OF HANUKKAH MORE SPECIAL WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

1. Family History Night. One night of Hanukkah, invite family for candle lighting. Ask older members of the family to share some of their Hanukkah memories.

2. One night, have a personal or family “check-in.” Discuss how your family maintains a strong Jewish identity. Are there times that you or your family feel torn by the demands of the secular culture? How do you manage the challenges of being a minority in a majority culture?

3. Study readings on the theme of light.

By yourself or with guests, gather all of the items, poems, writings you can which bring light into the world. Ask each person to bring one object, poem, idea or something that has brought the pleasure of light into their life. They might bring it to share and show. Or, you might decide to swap with someone else to experience light in a new form! For

example, one year a friend brought a kaleidoscope, another year a beautiful sun catcher, another year a poem about light. A story about Nelson Mandela was brought by one person and that of Rabin by another, Hannah Senesh by another.

4. Israel Night. This is where everyone brings a clipping, item or idea about the modern Maccabees and their state: Israel. The clippings would be about both amazing and challenging things that are going on in Israel or about Israel. Alternatively, perhaps you want to watch an Israeli movie or television show. I have an extensive collection and am happy to lend to anyone in the congregation.

5. On one of the nights of Hanukkah, open all of the tzedakah boxes in the house and count the money in preparation for giving to a worthy cause. Have every person bring a clipping about a cause they believe needs funding in the most immediate way. Besides using the funds in the tzedakah box, consider setting aside money that would have been spent on gifts to support these worthy causes.

6. On another night of Hanukkah, remind yourselves of the origins of the Hanukkah story. Either search online or call the Temple office—we will have some resources for you. While many of us celebrate Hanukkah yearly, the details of the story can become confusing, and it is a good idea to refresh your memory from time to time.

7. Bring light into someone's life. No doubt you know of people in your life who are lonely or isolated. Reach out to these individuals and share the holiday with them. Alternatively, identify a shelter or nursing home in the community and find out when you could volunteer there. By volunteering, you are bringing light into another person's life.

8. A long-standing practice is to silently watch the candles burn. It is a form of Jewish meditation practiced as far back as the Talmudic period. Loosely focus your eyes on the menorah and savor the minutes of pure light. Notice what comes up for you, even after the last flame has burned out. What blessings have occurred for you during the eight nights of lights?

Hanukkah Blessings & Songs

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam , בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
A-sheer ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav , אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
V'tzi-va--nu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.*

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam , בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
She-a-sa ni-sim l'a-vo-tei-nu, ba-ya-mim ha-heim, , שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים
U-va-z'man ha-zeh . הָהֵם וּבְזַמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.*

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam , בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
She-he-chi-yanu, v'ki-y'ma-nu, , שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.
V'hig-i-ya-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

*Blessed are You Lord our God, sovereign of the universe,
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.*

HANEROT HALALU

Ha-nerot ha-la-lu a-nach-nu mad-li-kim הַנְּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מַדְלִיקִים
Al ha-ni-sim v'al ha-nif-la-ot, v'al ha-t'shu-ot עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת
V'al ha-mil-cha-mot she-a-si-ta l'a-vo-tei-nu , וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת,
Ba-ya-mim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh, , שְׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
Al y'dei ko-ha-ne-cha ha-k'do-shim . וּבְזַמְנוֹ הַזֶּה, עַל יְדֵי כַּהֲנִיךְ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים.

*We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders,
For the redemption and the battles that You made for our forefathers
In ancient days, and in our time, through Your holy priests.*

MAOZ TZUR

Ma-oz tzur ye-shu-ati, l'cha na-eh l'sha-bei-ach מְעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נָאָה לְשִׁבְחֲךָ
Ti-kon beit t'fi-la-ti, v'sham to-dah n'za-bei-ach . תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח
L'eit ta-chin mat-bei-ach, mi-tsar ham-na-bei-ach לְעֵת תִּכּוֹן מַטְבַּח מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ
Az egmor, b'shir miz-mor, chanukat ha-miz-bei-ach . אֲזִ אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ

*Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power,
You, amid the raging foe, were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us, but Your help availed us,
And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.*



High Holy Day Thank-Yous

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our High Holy Day services, whose different voices helped make our services beautiful, and to those who worked hard behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly!

To our Torah readers on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur: Mark Jackowitz, Gabby Zeller, Esta Farkas, Bluma Bier, Michelle Anfang, Ellen Ratner, Barry Bergman, Laura Broad, Adele Miller, Jacqueline Chipkin, Aleza Falk, Maxine Bernstein, Ilana Rapaport, Iris Linson

To our Haftarah readers on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur: Zachary Elfman, Leah Katz, Aleza Falk, Marissa Burstein, Dennis Gordan, Fred Brownstein, Ann Labb, Debbie Peskin, Jan Finkelstein, Phyllis Levenson, Michelle Greston, Heather Wasilewski, Heidi Thibodeau

To our singers: Aylee Elfant Weiss, Kayla Elfant Weiss, Talya Elfant Weiss, Leah Katz, Anna Gorfinkel

To our Ashrei readers: Scott Burstein and Eli, Elizabeth & Sophie Smith

To our shofar blowers: Judd Peskin and Alex Smithline; Fred Brownstein during the month of Elul

To our refreshment tent sponsors: Paul & Esta Farkas

To our flower sponsors: Allen & Wendy Mackler and Dave & Ellen Ratner

To our Break Fast underwriters: Fred Brownstein & Elaine Geha

To our office volunteers: Ellen Gold and Rae Davis

We'd also like to offer thanks to those who assigned the honors and those members of the Board of Trustees who helped greet our members and guests in the lobby during the holidays.

As always, a special **Yasher Koach** goes to Craig Kazin, our floor Gabbai extraordinaire whose expertise ensures that the services flow smoothly, and who makes everyone feel welcome.

Last but not least, we'd like to thank **our administrative staff** for their hard work in making everything run smoothly in the office during this High Holy Day season: Lisa Laudato, Debbie Peskin and Marie Sampson, as well as our maintenance staff, Al Hill and Jesus Barreto, with help from Jean Alvarez and Kevin Machuca, plus our kitchen help, Mila Miazga.

Tickets Available for Springfield Symphony Holiday Concert Featuring Cantor Barber

We have purchased a block of 30 tickets for a very special holiday concert with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus featuring Cantor Barber and other special guests on Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 pm. The guest conductor will be Nick Palmer. These orchestra tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$59.00 each.

Cantor Barber carries on the tradition of Cantor Morton Shames (z"l) by singing with the Springfield Symphony in its holiday concert. Cantor Barber's participation is made possible thanks to the generous support of Miriam Lieff and Robyn Newhouse. Last year, Temple Beth El purchased a block of tickets and they sold out very quickly. Many of our members who attended last year's concert gave it rave reviews. Don't miss out this year!

Call the office at 733-4149 to reserve your tickets today.



TBE Members Can Save on Airport Parking

Do you have travel plans? Z Airport Parking in East Granby, CT offers our members discounted parking rates, and Temple Beth El benefits as well. It's a win-win! Visit www.zairportparking.com and use the Promo Code TBE. Make your parking reservation through this portal and receive a discounted rate of \$5.95 per day, with the 7th day free (plus the added 10.6% airport access fee and 6.35% state tax that all airport parking companies must charge). This rate is lower than the regular rate of \$7.95 plus fees and tax.

TBE receives a monthly check from Z Airport Parking as part of this promotion. Please take advantage of this special opportunity to save money, and help your synagogue at the same time!



On **January 10, 2020**, we will honor Mila Miazga for 50 years of service to Temple Beth El. For five decades, she has ensured that our kitchen runs efficiently and has kept us well-fed. More details to come!



Sunday, November 3, 9:00-10:00 am
Katz Family Library at TBE

Hebrew and Arabic are the two official languages of Israel. Yet, in the background, the sounds of old country languages keep humming. Yiddish, Yeminite, Hungarian, Arabic and Spanish, each still reverberate in dreams, hushed voices, longing as well as outspoken rebellion.

Join Rachel Korazim, who will lead this fascinating hour-long discussion. Everyone is invited.

מעגלי חיים

Cycle of Life

For everything there is a season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Ari Powers

November 16
Parashat Vayeira

Ari Samuel Powers is the son of Yana Powers and Jeremy Powers and older brother to Victoria. He is the grandson of Roman and Yuliya Epshteyn and Cynthia Powers and the late James Bradford Powers.

Ari attended Heritage Academy in Longmeadow from kindergarten through 4th grade. He currently attends 7th grade at Glenbrook Middle School in Longmeadow, where he is an excellent student, participating in baseball, soccer and swimming. Since he was eight years old, he has been spending many of his summers at Camp Tel Noar in New Hampshire.

Ari loves all sports, especially swimming with the Cudas team at the Springfield Jewish Community Center. For his mitzvah project, he is volunteering at the JCC pool by working with smaller swimmers and teaching them safety and aquatic skills. Ari would like to thank Reverend David Aminia for his help in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

shalom! welcome!

שלום

A warm welcome to our new members:

Joan Goodman
Stewart Bromberg

מזל טוב!

mazel tov!

Doris Margolis on the engagement of her grandson, Alex Margolis, to Leah Kovach.

Nancy & Joseph Sklar on the birth of their grandson, Aaron Jackson Sklar. He was born on July 11 and the proud parents are Alex and Patricia Sklar of Atlanta, GA.

Ellen Freyman on being recognized as a distinguished member of the legal community and being honored by the Saint Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Springfield.

Anne and Elliot Bloom on the birth of their second grandchild, a girl named Charlie Hanna Bloom. Her parents are Matthew and Kim Bloom of Stamford, CT.

Eric & Margie Berg on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Jane, on August 29. Her proud parents are Matthew and Sara Berg of Philadelphia, PA.

A Message From One of Our Bat Mitzvah Students

My name is Isabel Baxter-Paris and I am studying for my Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El. I am hoping to involve the TBE congregation in a community service project I launched two years ago.

I started a knitting club at my old school, with the goal of making scarves and hats for the homeless. With the support of WEBS yarn store and Novel Knitters at the Storrs Library, we were able to collect nearly two hundred items for the homeless, which we tied to lamp posts and benches in Northampton's Pulaski Park for those in need.



This year, I would love it if our community could knit even more! If you are a knitter (or you know a knitter) please consider making a scarf or hat. If possible, please use washable yarn. There will be a collection box in the temple for you to drop off your scarves and hats, which we will leave in a local park for the homeless in mid-November.

WEBS continues to donate yarn for this project so I will leave some in the temple's office. Please use this yarn to make something beautiful for the homeless. Happy Knitting!



Barukh
dayan
ha-emet
ברוך דין האמת

Praised is the true judge.

We mourn the loss of the following members and loved ones of members from August 1 through September 30.

Dorothy Bayard Finkel
Mother of Edward Finkel

Janet Draymore
Mother of Mark Draymore

Myra Block

Sheila Adler
Mother of Louis Adler

תודה רבה

todayah

rabbah

thank you

IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

To our Torah Readers:

Max Chorowski, Sue Kliene, Bluma Bier, Adele Miller, Beth Cranna, Esta Farkas, Ed Kline, Marc Goldman, Fred Brownstein

To our Haftarah Readers:

Fred Brownstein, Stanley Light, Ellen Ratner, Debbie Lieberman, Andy Shemesh, Mark Jackowitz, David Hirsh, Dennis Gordan

To our Service Leaders:

Dennis Gordan

To our Shabbat Greeters:

Phyllis Altman, Maxine Bernstein, Elina DeAngelis, Adina Efant, Iris Linson, Nechama Katan, Arvi Roffe, Jody Smith, Steve Weiner

BREAKFAST SPONSORS:

Debbie Lieberman
in honor of her birthday

Charlotte Meyer
in memory of her dear ones

Jerry & Myra Gold
in memory of their loved ones

Susan Weiss Firestone
in memory of her father, Fred Weiss

KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Paul & Esta Farkas

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in celebration of the 60th anniversary of David's Bar Mitzvah

If you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush lunch to commemorate a special event, please contact Ralph Ritchie at the temple office at 733-4149.

www.tbespringfield.org

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Wishing Cantor Barber

a speedy recovery

Robert Friedlander
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In appreciation of TBE clergy and congregation

Hannah Blau

Happy Anniversary to

Larry & Mitzi Mackler

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Miriam Lief

Wishing good health

to Adelaide Firestone

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Yahrzeit of Samuel Korlick, beloved father

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In memory of Marc Newman
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**Wishing Nechama Katan
and her family good health
and happiness in their new
surroundings**
Sora Torff

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**Yahrzeit of Bernard S. Altman,
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speedy recovery**
Phyllis & Elliot Altman

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In memory of Steven Rosenfield
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**Mazel tov to Dorita Henderson
on her retirement**
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**Yahrzeit of Charlotte Bloom,
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Linda Newman-Goetzel, Ron,
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Wishing Cantor Barber the best
Myra & Jerry Gold
Wishing you a speedy recovery
The Zeller Family
Speedy return to Cantor Barber
Rhoda Mandell
**Wishing Cantor Elise "a renewal
of body"**
Laura Broad

TREE OF LIFE

*Leaves for the Tree of Life may
be purchased for \$250 and
stones may be purchased for
\$2,500 to honor a friend or
family member. Please contact
Ralph Ritchie at 733-4149 if
you would like to order a leaf
or stone.*

YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

A yahrzeit plaque was recently
purchased for:

Irving Chase
Burton A. Shaker

*Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting
way to remember a loved one's
yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are
displayed in the temple lobby
each year during the week of
the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375.
If you would like to purchase a
plaque, please contact Reverend
David Aminia at 733-4149.*

EDUCATION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

My belief that parents are a child's best teacher is underscored when they attend family and adult education programs. Learning together and modeling lifelong Jewish learning for their children validates every moment they spend in our classrooms, in our chapel, and on our field trips.



Jessie Sierra-Ross teaches our children how to make honey cake.

My goal is to work in partnership with our parents to help build their child's Jewish identity on the solid foundation of learning, experience, and modeled behavior.

I look forward to seeing many of you at school events, family and adult experiences and services as we move through another good year at the SKLC.



Kahoot!, a game-based learning platform, used as educational technology in the religious school.

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from Beth El are more energized than ever and came back from the event motivated to make our chapter the best it can be. We're looking forward to a great year and we can't wait for more people to join our chapter!



B'Yahad students cook dinner to be served to the hungry and homeless at Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church in Springfield.

Kadima News

The Kadima youth group has many fun and interesting plans for this year. Caryn Resnick and Rabbi James Greene will be facilitating the events. Our October event was a Shabbat dinner and calendar planning meeting at Caryn Resnick's home. In November we will join other chapters and perform the mitzvah of gleaning and delivering the produce to a food bank.

We have a busy calendar of events planned for the winter months. The December event will be shopping for and wrapping gifts to be donated to children in need at the holiday time. We will also travel to IT Adventure Ropes Course in New Haven, go snow tubing and have a Purim blast.

In the spring we will go river rafting, attend a play at the Bushnell, and compete in a Shavuot blintz and cheesecake cook-off.

Watch your mail for the specific details.

What's Happening @ Temple Beth El

Programs for Children

SKLC Classes - Mondays, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, and Wednesday, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, at 3:00 pm

B'Yahad - Thursday, November 7, 14, 21 & December 5, 11 (Wednesday), 19 at 6:30 pm

Tot Shabbat - November 2 & December 7 at 11:00 am

Tot Shabbat - November 15 at 5:15 pm

Babysitting - November 2 & December 7 from 10:00 am to end of services

Adult Education Programs

Katz Family Library Book Club - Wednesday, November 20 & December 18 at 10:30 am

Daniel Gordis - Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm

Programs for All Ages

Shabbaton - Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 pm

Sandi Kupperman Memorial Event & Hanukkah Celebration - Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

Social Action Programs

Loaves & Fishes - Wednesday, November 6 & December 4 at 11:45 am

Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church - Sunday, November 24 at 4:45 pm

Meetings

Board of Trustees - Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm

Shabbat Information

November 1 - Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 5:25 pm

November 2 - Shabbat Noah, Havdalah 6:25 pm
Bat Mitzvah Talya Weiss

November 8 - Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:17 pm

November 9 - Shabbat Lekh L'kha, Havdalah 5:17 pm

November 15 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:10 pm

November 16 - Shabbat Va-yera, Havdalah 5:10 pm
Bar Mitzvah Ari Powers

November 22 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:05 pm

November 23 - Shabbat Hayyei Sarah, Havdalah 5:05 pm

November 29 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:02 pm

November 30 - Shabbat Tol'dot, Havdalah 5:02 pm

December 6 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:00 pm

December 7 - Shabbat Va-yetzei, Havdalah 5:00 pm

December 13 - Shabbat Zimrah 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:00 pm

December 14 - Shabbat Va-yishlah, Havdalah 5:00 pm

December 20 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:03 pm

December 21 - Shabbat Va-yeishev, Havdalah 5:03 pm

December 27 - Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 pm, Candle Lighting 4:07 pm

December 28 - Shabbat Mi'ketz, Havdalah 5:07 pm

Office Closings

November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

December 25 - Christmas Day



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On a balmy Thursday morning in August, the B'nai Mitzvah twins and family gathered near the Robinson Arch, close to the Western Wall. Sydney and Jake chanted their portions, and each delivered a thoughtful D'var Torah. It was meaningful that their older brother, Will, chanted a portion as well. Afterwards guests danced and sang around Sydney and Jake, celebrating their achievement. The awe-inspiring setting and beauty of the moment touched everyone.

Asked about the trip, the Rome family, one and all, agree that it was incredible – the touring, the chance to spend quality time with relatives, and the incomparable family experience of marking this milestone at the Western Wall. Jane summed up their sentiments: “We are so grateful for the opportunity to see Israel this way with our family and embrace our Jewish tradition.”

High Holy Day Prep Workshop



Members of all ages gathered on Sunday, September 8, for our annual High Holy Day prep workshop.

Among the activities that took place in the kitchen was a lesson on making challah, led by Rabbi Amy Katz, shown above, and baking rugelach, shown below.

Cindy Lutz Kornet taught about Kintsugi, the centuries-old Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold, at left.

Other attendees learned how to blow the shofar and were taught about the Rosh HaShanah Seder, which included food tasting.



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