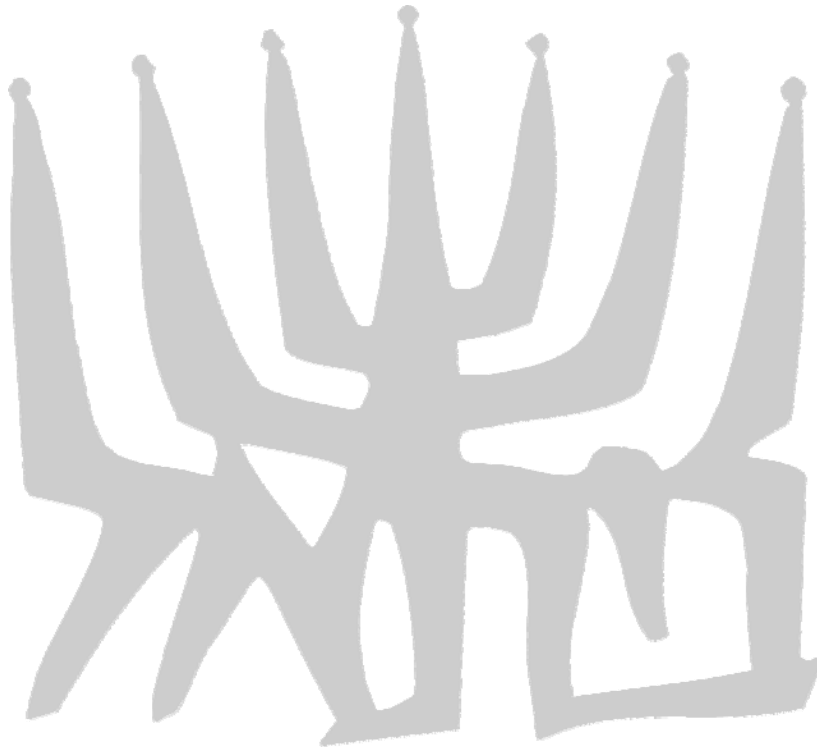


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Reflections from the Rabbi

These past weeks I have had the bittersweet experience of learning first-hand how Jewish community at its best works. After the death of my father, I knew that one simple phone call would set in motion all the plans necessary. I can not adequately express how grateful I am for the outpouring of support I received from Congregation Beth El—from service coverage, to shiva, to notes, phone calls, and e-mails—everyone jumped in.

Over the rest of the month, our congregation rose up to comfort several more families and I was amazed at the generosity of spirit with which people gave their time, energy, baking skills, and even money in the form of memorial donations. All of these actions are deeply rooted in Jewish concepts of *mitzvah* and *gemilut hasadim*. Mitzvah is of course the spiritual obligation defined by Jewish tradition to bring holiness into all aspects of our lives. It is a mitzvah to comfort the mourner—a social responsibility—not just a nice thing to do. Gemilut Hasadim are acts of loving-kindness. These are the things that we do not out of obligation, but out of a desire to act with compassion and kindness—such as preparing meals for mourners so they don't have to worry about cooking. These two traditions--spiritual obligations and compassionate acts—are steeped in history and practice, and help bring meaning to our lives in Jewish community. Each time I experience this, whether in celebration or mourning, I hold us all in awe. Thank you all for being here to comfort me.

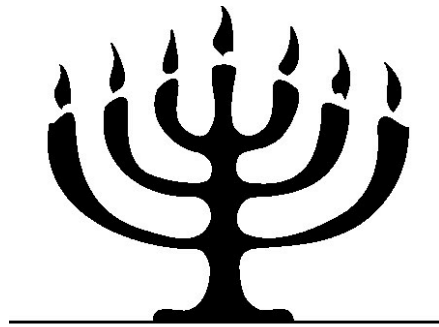
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P r e s i d e n t i a l A d d r e s s

[Michael Wolfberg was voted into office as President of Congregation Beth El in June, 2009]

I would like to share with you my vision for Congregation Beth El over the next few years, but before I do that and introduce myself, I would like to thank several individuals for contributions made to Beth El. The entire Congregation joins me in wishing Rich Daniels a hearty Mazel-Tov upon completion of his term.

I, personally, have considered it an honor to have worked with you as a fellow Officer and as a friend. At a critical juncture in our history, you utilized your wit, energy, commitment, sense of humor and intellect to lead us as President of this Temple. Together with The Executive Committee consisting of Jan Byron, Roger Hoffman and Dave Jacobson, you brought professionalism, short and long term fiscal responsibility and transparency, operational excellence and an innovative approach to the pursuit of a vision for the future of Congregation Beth El. I hope to be able to build on the momentum and vibrancy demonstrated by your leadership.

I would like to thank my fellow Congregants for bestowing upon me the privilege of serving as your next President. Be it confidence, respect, or desperation, I gladly accept this responsibility and am humbled by the trust that you have placed in me.

I look forward to meeting all of you who do not know me well. For those individuals who do know me well, I would like to apologize. I was born into Congregation Beth El 53 years ago. I

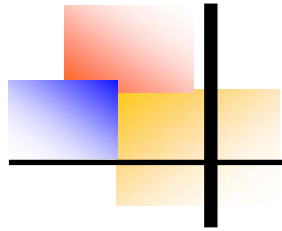
have been a member of Beth El all of my life. This gives me both the advantage of having a lifelong local perspective of Judaism coupled with the disadvantage of not being able to experience our heritage and religion on a grander scale. I am both enlightened and bound by this background. Therefore, I continue to solicit and appreciate the counsel and encouragement that you provide.

It is an extraordinary time to become President of Congregation Beth El. Our recent wandering is (almost) ancient history. Our new school year is about to begin, High Holidays are fast approaching, we welcome a new Executive Committee and new Board Members, a trip to Israel is being discussed, adult education continues to grow and fiscal and social long term goals are being formulated. We continue to come together to pray, learn, socialize and celebrate the end of our week and beginning of our weekend at Shabbat Services. We must continue to provide the opportunities to partake in the spiritual, educational, social and cultural activities of Congregation Beth El.

Think about what Congregation Beth El means to you. I look forward to pursuing this vision with you for the next several years.

Shalom,
Mike Wolfberg
President





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1/11 Av
2/12 Av	3/13 Av	4/14 Av	5/15 Av	6/16 Av	7/17 Av 8:00p Candle lighting Shabbat Service, 8pm	8/18 Av
9/19 Av	10/20 Av	11/21 Av	12/22 Av	13/23 Av Red Cross Blood Mobile at the synagogue	14/24 Av 7:51p Candle lighting Shabbat Service, 8pm	15/25 Av
16/26 Av	17/27 Av	18/28 Av	19/29 Av	20/30 Av	21/1 Elul 7:41p Candle lighting Shabbat Service, 6:30pm	22/2 Elul
23/3 Elul	24/4 Elul	25/5 Elul	26/6 Elul	27/7 Elul	28/8 Elul 7:30p Candle lighting Shabbat Service, 8pm	29/9 Elul
30/10 Elul	31/11 Elul					

High Holy Day Schedule

The New Year 5770 is fast approaching. The following is the schedule of programs and services for September. Once again this year, a full-year's calendar of events will be available at Rosh Hashanah.

September	Sat, 12 th	Selichot-7 pm	
	Fri, 18 th	Erev Rosh Hashanah	8 pm
	Sat, 19 th	Rosh Hashanah	10 am
	Sun, 20 th	Rosh Hashanah	10 am
		Tashlich	12:30*
	Sun, 27 th	Kol Nidre	6 pm
	Mon, 28 th	Yom Kippur	10 am
	Afternoon service	5:30 pm	
	Neilah	6:30 pm*	

*these times are approximate

News from Sisterhood

The July Sisterhood meeting was a Beth El Family & Friends Pool Party Picnic. About 35 enjoyed the beautiful sunny afternoon and the fantastic cooking of the talented Beth El chefs. Children from 2 to 80 were on hand and a good time was had by all at this second Sisterhood sponsored event. Thank you to everyone who attended and provided the wonderful dishes to share.

In August there will be no Sisterhood meeting as it is a time for family vacations and getting the kids ready for back to school.

September's meeting will be held on the 13th, the second Sunday of the month. The third Sunday, when we normally meet falls, during Rosh Hashanah. Vice President Diana will become the next Sisterhood President at this meeting! To help get the new year of Sisterhood off to a good start mark your calendars and join us for this meeting. More information will be out prior to the meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Karen Teichman

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Please purchase Weis cards from Congregation Beth El. The congregation profits 10% from all purchases. To date, we have sold over \$100,000 in cards. That means we have profited around \$10,000. This has had a huge impact on our budget.

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The Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to Congregation Beth El! On August 13th, after 1pm, a Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the social hall.

For more information
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Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask for the strength to see our friends and family through times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring healing to those in need:

Nettie Amdurer

Shelly Bernstein

Anita Buckler

Claire Goodman

Shari Gutfinger

Dean Klick

Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter

Ron Shane

Norma Yohai

M i S h e b e r a k h :

The traditional Jewish prayer for the sick

May the One who blessed our ancestors — Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah — bless and heal those who are ill.

May the Holy Blessed One overflow with compassion upon them, to restore them, to heal them, to strengthen them, to enliven them.

The One will send them, speedily, a complete healing — healing of the soul and healing of the body — along with all the ill, among the people of Israel and all humankind, soon, speedily, without delay, and let us all say: Amen!

Yahrzeit

August/Av

1/11 Abraham Berman
 Else Voss

2/12 Lillian Man Kronberg

4/14 Sylvia Rosenblum Henry
 Bert Rich

5/15 Jay Wolfberg

8/18 Julius Cohen

11/21 Roslyn Levine

14/24 George Frank
 Miriam Koch

15/25 Morris Hirsch

17/27 Gustave Huppert

19/29 Frank Karniol
 Sara Rosenstein Newman
 Fannie Oberson
 Elsie Schwartz

20/30 Stanton "Sam" Rosenberg

August/Elul

21/1 Marvin L. Buckler
 Charlotte Jacobson

22/2 Rose Jacobson
 Seymour Jacobson

23/3 Arthur Spector
 Reuben Zynger

25/5 Martin Hutterer
 Saul Miller

26/6 Jennie Ullman
 Joseph Ullman

27/7 Morris Apfelbaum

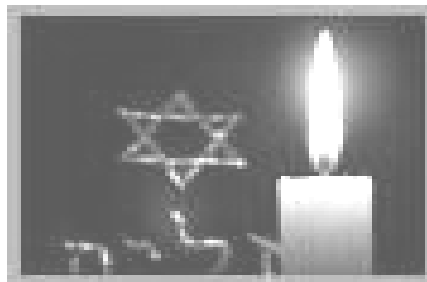
29/9 Kurt Machauf

Those in the first year of passing

Irene Barreto
 Sarah Klapper
 Pearl Baum Golden
 Mildred Daniels
 Harriet Schwartz
 Myron Mandel
 Muriel Hess

Remember to kindle the
 memorial candle on the
 evening before the
 yahrzeit date.

May their memories be
 bound up in the Book of
 the Righteous.



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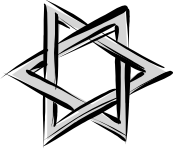
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