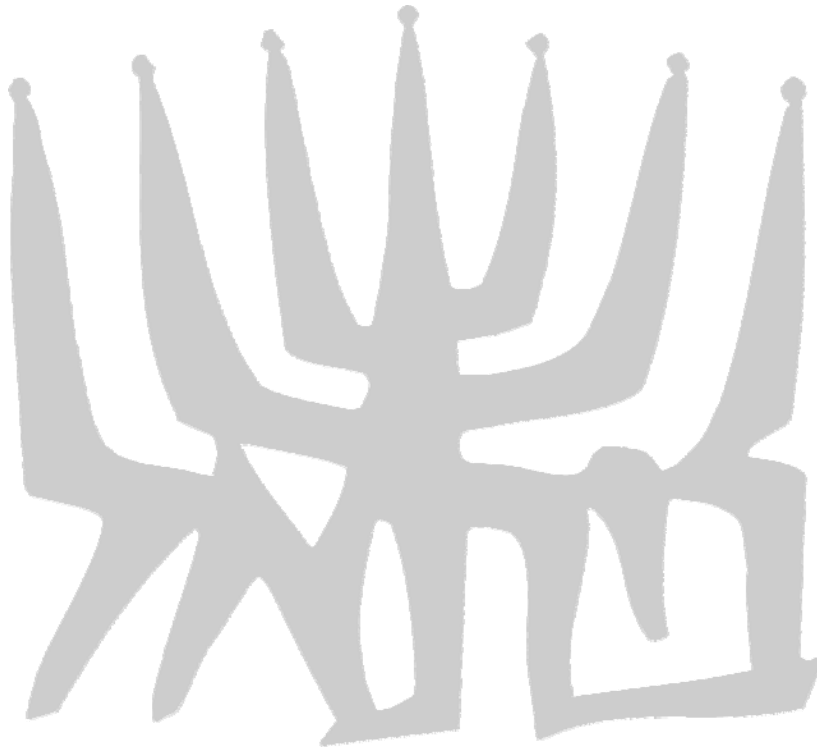


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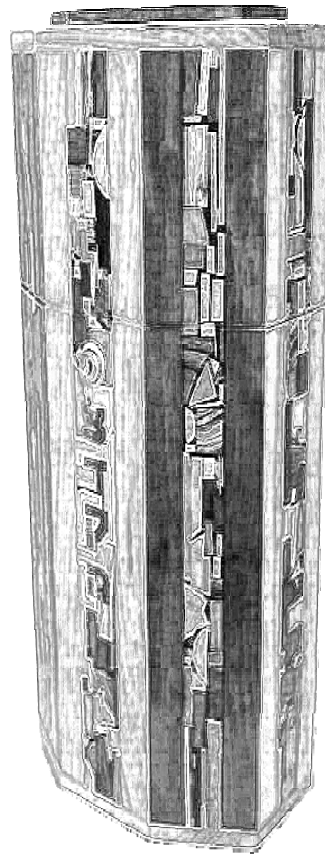
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R e f l e c t i o n s f r o m t h e R a b b i

Tu B'shevat, the New Year for the Trees, is held each year on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. For a number of years we have celebrated this day during Hebrew School with a seder to taste fruits and nuts indigenous to Israel. The seder itself is actually based on a kabbalistic practice in which the different kinds of foods are given mystical qualities.

This year, in addition to our Hebrew School seder, we will be observing Tu B'shevat community-wide with a book and stationary exchange. Since the holiday is meant to bring our awareness to the important resources trees provide us, this is the perfect opportunity to recycle just one of those resources: paper.

On the evening of January 30th, at 5pm, we will gather to swap books and stationary items we may have accumulated and just don't know what to do with! Any left over products will be donated.

Tu B'shevat is not just for the kids—it's an important way to remember our responsibilities toward the environment and the trees upon which we so heavily rely.

Rabbi Nina Mandel



Talmud Torah Returns!

The adult education Talmud Torah series is getting a late start this year, but hopefully many of you will be able to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. As in years past we will be studying various topics of interest to Jewish life in consecutive 3 and 4 week sessions. Our first topic of study is Jewish Identity. We will be exploring ancient and contemporary texts to understand how the question of “who and what is a Jew?” has been answered throughout history, and how both the question and answer has changed over time.

For more information, contact Rabbi Nina directly.

Jan

20 Jewish Identity
27 Jewish Identity

Feb

3 Jewish Identity
10 Jewish Identity
17 Jewish cuisine
24 Jewish cuisine

Mar

3 Jewish cuisine
10 Jewish Cuisine
24 Passover intensive

Apr

7 tbd
14 tbd
21 tbd
28 tbd

May

5 tbd
12 tbd

Tu B’shevat Paper Swap

Do you have piles of books you have read but cannot bring yourself to throw away? Have you accumulated paper, folders, notepads, and other stationary items that you just can’t use?

On January 30th, at 5pm, we will celebrate the holiday of Tu B’shevat—otherwise known as the New Year for the Trees—with a book and stationary exchange.

On that evening, bring books and stationary you no longer want and we’ll have tables set up to display everyone’s wares. At the end of the evening, whatever is leftover will be donated to agencies that can best recycle these tree-based treasures.

Of course we’ll have the opportunity to eat and since it’s Tu B’shevat everyone is invited to bring a fruit or nut based treat to share. Juice and wine will be provided.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Rabbi Nina.

P r e s i d e n t i a l R e p o r t

Congregation Beth El Board **MEETING SCHEDULE** 2009 - 2010

Sunday, November 22, 2009 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, December 13, 2009 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, January 24, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Semi Annual Congrega-
tional Meeting)

Sunday, February 21, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, March 21, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, April 18, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

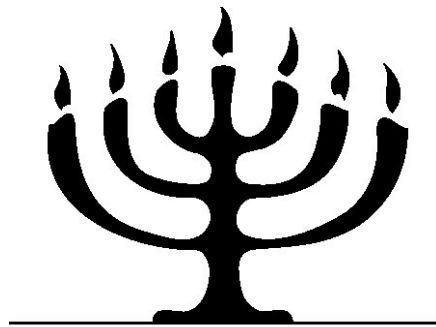
Sunday, May 23, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, June 27, 2010 @ 7:00 PM (Semi Annual Congregational
Meeting)

Beth El Gift Shop

Shabbat & Holiday Candles, Mezuzot,
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All Kinds of Special Order Judaica



Just Give Us A Call And Let Us Know
What You Need And How We Can Help!

See the new display at the Synagogue
or call anytime.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

January 2010

You have a purpose in life. You know in your heart what's most important to you. Knowingly or unknowingly, your mission and values are expressed every day by how you live your life.

We are all unique. What is of importance to one may not be important to all. As products of our past, we are what we have been. We are all different, yet we are also the same.

Confused? Is this rhetoric a bit esoteric? Not too clear? Need clarification? Yes, we do...

The Board of Directors of Congregation Beth El is currently writing a mission statement and we would like your input. This statement should be a clear and succinct representation of Beth El's purpose for existing. What are our needs? What are we doing to address these needs? What principles or beliefs guide our work? These are the questions that must be answered before we can construct a statement representative of the entire Congregation.

We have begun to meet within the structure of town meetings and informal group sessions. When invited to a meeting please attend and have your voice heard. If so motivated, respond to your Executive Board with any words, phrases or ideas that come to mind with respect

to the organization and the aforementioned questions. We need your help! In your eyes, why do we exist? What are our values as an organization? What do we want to accomplish? What do we represent? What is our purpose?

I thank those voices who have made themselves heard and I await those of you who have not yet spoken.

Shalom,

Mike Wolfberg

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
David Bernstein
Shelly Bernstein
Anita Buckler
Claire Goodman
Shari Gutfinger
Dean Klick
Karen Kutno
Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter
Danielle Ross
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

January/
Tevet

January/
Sh'vat

1/15	Israel Heyman	16/1	Frances Goldman Ross
3/17	Barney Friedman	17/2	Evelyn Stoler Bernstein
6/20	Arnold Sukenik		Robert Heyman
8/22	Sylvia Glazer Green	18/3	Israel Katuna
	Ida Seidler	20/5	Olymp Dainoff
	Harry D. Zabitz	22/7	Jeremy Haimes
9/23	Margot Boraks		Samuel Reimer
	Abraham Kornsweet	23/8	Edna Bernstein
10/24	Ellen Cohen		Bernard Salesky
	Sharon Glazer	25/10	Hannah Kaufman
11/25	Sonia Kornsweet		Anna Moscowitz Rosenberg
	Max Schneider	28/13	Ralph Harris
12/26	Selma Grossberg		Michael Krust
	Henrietta Rubenstein		Edith Schwartz
13/27	Samuel Adler	29/14	Minnie Levy
	Max Kronberg		Richard A. Solomon
15/29	Mable Klick	31/16	Max B. Friedman
	George Winett		

Those in the first year of passing



Irene Barreto	Harriet Schwartz
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Pearl Baum Golden	Muriel Hess
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Congregation Beth El appreciates your generous support. We look forward to your continued involvement and interest in our community. Any and all donations are tax deductible, a receipt will be furnished for your records.

Should you feel the desire to contribute, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Congregation Beth El
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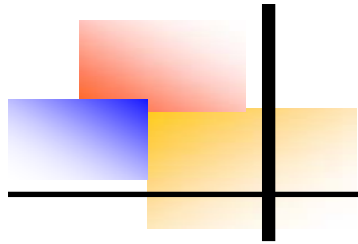
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- Send a check or money order.
- Donate online using a credit card by going to: <http://www.beth-el-sunbury.org>, and clicking on the "Donate Here" link on the left hand side.
- Donate Securities such as stocks or mutual funds
- Transfer funds directly from your IRA (There may be tax advantages for this, check with a financial advisor).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1/15 Tevet Shabbat Service 6:30p Candles 4:22p	2/16 Tevet Shabbat Service 10a
3/17 Tevet No Hebrew School	4/18 Tevet	5/19 Tevet	6/20 Tevet	7/21 Tevet	8/22 Tevet Shabbat Service 8p Candles 4:38P	9/23 Tevet
10/24 Tevet Hebrew School	11/25 Tevet	12/26 Tevet	13/27 Tevet	14/28 Tevet	15/29 Tevet Shabbat Service 6:30p Potluck Dinner Candles 4:46p	16/1 Sh'vat
17/ 2 Sh'vat Hebrew School	18/3 Sh'vat	19/4 Sh'vat	Sh'vat 20/5 Talmud Torah 7p	21/6 Sh'vat	22/7 Sh'vat Candles 4:52p	23/8 Sh'vat
24/9 Sh'vat Hebrew School 31/16 Sh'vat Hebrew School with Tu B'Sh'vat	25/ 10 Sh'vat	26/ 11 Sh'vat	27/12 Sh'vat Talmud Torah 7p	28/13 Sh'vat	29/14 Sh'vat Candles 5:01p	30/15 Sh'vat Tu B'Sh'vat Paper Swap 5p