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# Beth El Bulletin



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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

Anyone remember their middle school curriculum? While I do not remember the details, I do recall that these were years of forging new ground. Math class taught more complex systems; History seemed more relevant; Science pushed us to think, and try, new things; English class introduced us to books with adult themes and symbolism. I may not have loved (or excelled at!) every topic, but I had a sense of leaping forward in my education. That's why I ask you to imagine what it would be like if all your education ended after middle school. Sure, you might have gone on to learn new things on your own, but you also might have serious gaps in your knowledge especially in areas that are part of societal norms and expectations. With educational opportunities running out before we reach intellectual maturity, we would face limitations in some vital areas of functioning in the world.

Now think about Hebrew School. Did your formal Jewish education end at age 13? How about your informal Jewish education? In many non-Orthodox Jewish communities, the educational system is meant to nurture (or push) students through the Bar and Bat Mitzvah process. After that, it's common to leave pursuing a Jewish education up to the student. As we know, this often leads to the end of formal engagement with Jewish learning. When many of those 13-year-olds grow into adults, they think that either there is nothing left to learn about Jewish life, or that Jewish life holds no meaning for them. Without the benefit of a more mature engagement with Jewish learning, that may seem true.

Fortunately, there are Jewish learning opportunities to be had. Last year and this, a robust Adult Education class has been meeting to discuss everything from Jewish moral practice to mysticism. We are fortunate to live in an area with many colleges and universities that often bring in speakers of interest to the Jewish community. And of course, there's the internet—a virtual yeshiva for whatever topic you want to study. I encourage you all to (re)engage with Jewish learning. You might be surprised at all there is find.

### Shavuot Brunch



We will celebrate the holiday of Shavuot this year on June 9<sup>th</sup> with a Blintzes Brunch. Please join us for some learning and lots of dairy delights. We might finally figure out why Shavuot is known as the Dairy holiday. Brunch begins at 11:30am.

# PLEASE ATTEND

## General Membership Meeting Sunday, June 2, 2019 10 AM

### Topics:

- \* Voting for executive board
- \* Update on security upgrades
- \* Update on building maintenance
- \* Update on financial status

We want your input!

Please be there to support the congregation!



# Presidential Address

It's been a frustrating year for us having to continue coming back to you all with financial crises, and at the same time we recognize that many of you have a different level of interest in engaging with synagogue programs.

That's why we're trying something different for this year: In the past we have invested synagogue funds and volunteer resources to plan a big Spring Fundraiser. In reality, in the past years this has not fulfilled fundraising goals, or the goal of bringing more people together. However, we still need donations in order to meet our yearly budget.

Instead of a fundraiser, we are going to do general fund drives, asking each member to pledge a donation. You can expect a letter from us in the coming months.

We have never charged for synagogue special events, like the Passover and Hanukkah seders and the Purim party, and we still won't; but, we will be asking you to make a donation if you are in attendance. This will help us cover the additional program costs for some of our most beloved events.

An upcoming event that we hope you will attend is the general membership meeting on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10 AM. This meeting serves as a congregation update and is important for the continuity of our congregation. During this meeting, we will be voting on the executive board. We will also discuss security, building maintenance and our current financial status.



# Nissan 5779 May 2019 Ayar 5779

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Nissan 26	Nissan 27	Nissan 28	Nissan 29
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nissan 30	Ayar 1	Ayar 2	Ayar 3	Ayar 4	Ayar 5	Ayar 6
Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ayar 7	Ayar 8	Ayar 9	Ayar 10	Ayar 11	Ayar 12	Ayar 13
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ayar 14	Ayar 15	Ayar 16	Ayar 17	Ayar 18	Ayar 19	Ayar 20
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Ayar 21	Ayar 22	Ayar 23	Ayar 24	Ayar 25	Ayar 26	

# May Calendar of Events

- May 1: Adult Education, 7:30pm  
May 3: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
May 4: Shabbat Service, 10am  
May 5: Hebrew School Closing Day  
May 10: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
May 15: Adult Education, 7:30pm  
May 16: The Takery, 4:30-6:30pm  
May 17: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
May 19: Board Meeting  
May 24: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
May 25: Shabbat Service, 9:30am Violet and Ellis Bender called to Torah as B'nei Mitvah  
May 29: Adult Education, 7:30pm  
May 31: Shabbat Service, 8pm



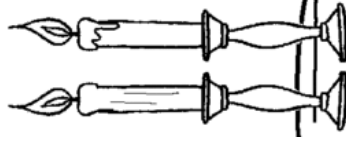
# Ayar 5779      June 2019      Sivan 5779

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Ayar 28	Ayar 29	Sivan 1	Sivan 2	Sivan 3	Sivan 4	Sivan 5
		Rosh Chodesh				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sivan 6	Sivan 7	Sivan 8	Sivan 9	Sivan 10	Sivan 11	Sivan 12
Shavout	Shavout					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sivan 13	Sivan 14	Sivan 14	Sivan 15	Sivan 16	Sivan 17	Sivan 18
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sivan 19	Sivan 20	Sivan 21	Sivan 22	Sivan 23	Sivan 24	Sivan 25
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Sivan 26						



# June Calendar of Events

- Jun 1: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jun 2: Congregation Meeting, 10am
- Jun 7: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jun 8: Shabbat Service, 9:30am Grant Facktor called to Torah as Bar Mitzvah
- Jun 9: Shavuot Brunch, 11:30am
- Jun 12: Adult Education, 7:30pm
- Jun 13: The Takery, 4:30-6:30pm
- Jun 14: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jun 21: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jun 26: Adult Education Closing, 7:30pm
- Jun 28: Shabbat Service, 8pm



# Tzedakah

Deborah Abowitz  
David Connuck and Bonnie Anne Salbert  
Anne Doctor and John Bodinger  
Mike Glazer and Cara Glazer  
Norma Mandel  
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Between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2018, we earned \$19.25 and we hope with your participation this number can grow!

## May Yahrzeit

Florance Banks	1	Iyyar	May 6
Mel Wolfberg	2	Iyyar	May 7
Edward Rosenblum	4	Iyyar	May 9
Joseph Spritzler	5	Iyyar	May 10
George Dennis London	6	Iyyar	May 11
Gertrude Kutno	7	Iyyar	May 12
Ignaz Machauf	7	Iyyar	May 12
Gerald Abowitz	9	Iyyar	May 14
Lewis Banks	10	Iyyar	May 15
Maurice Green	10	Iyyar	May 15
Walter Cohen	14	Iyyar	May 19
Larry Gedrich	14	Iyyar	May 19
Jack Bernstein	15	Iyyar	May 20
David Bernstein	17	Iyyar	May 22
Sigmund Millner	17	Iyyar	May 22
Eva Wolitsky	17	Iyyar	May 22
Phillip Cohen	19	Iyyar	May 24
Lina Friedman	19	Iyyar	May 24
Jerry Lovesky	19	Iyyar	May 24
Benjamin M.Katz	20	Iyyar	May 25
Bev Fiedler	21	Iyyar	May 26
Beatrice Davis Spritzler	21	Iyyar	May 26
Walter Weisberg	21	Iyyar	May 26
Dean Klick	24	Iyyar	May 29
Abe Rosenblum	25	Iyyar	May 30
Ryan Daniels	26	Iyyar	May 31
Helen Abrams Stoler	26	Iyyar	May 31



## June Jahrzeit

Emanuel Goldman	27	Iyyar	Jun 1
Charles Frank	29	Iyyar	Jun 3
Sally Deborah Schwartz	29	Iyyar	Jun 3
Harold Stoler	2	Sivan	Jun 5
Maurice Banks	3	Sivan	Jun 6
Albert Gerstein	3	Sivan	Jun 6
Sandy Diamond	4	Sivan	Jun 7
Paul Heim	4	Sivan	Jun 7
Israel Noah Arnow	7	Sivan	Jun 10
Estelle Lyons	8	Sivan	Jun 11
Rebecca Miller	8	Sivan	Jun 11
Dr. Hyman I. Henry	9	Sivan	Jun 12
Myron Mandel	11	Sivan	Jun 13
Calvin J. Wolfberg	11	Sivan	Jun 13
Jack Belgard	12	Sivan	Jun 14
Lillian Freedman	12	Sivan	Jun 14
Charles Gardner	12	Sivan	Jun 14
Harold Stiefel	12	Sivan	Jun 14
Lillian Fremont	13	Sivan	Jun 15
Samuel Kahn	13	Sivan	Jun 15
Rebecca Berman	14	Sivan	Jun 16
Albert Teichman	15	Sivan	Jun 17
Ilene Daniels	16	Sivan	Jun 18
Louis Cohen	17	Sivan	Jun 19
Ruth Kolbert	17	Sivan	Jun 19
Harold, Dr. Arnow	19	Sivan	Jun 21
Pauline D. Kass	20	Sivan	Jun 22
Jean Pearl Hirsch	21	Sivan	Jun 23
Minnette Katz	21	Sivan	Jun 23
Jean Shumka	22	Sivan	Jun 24
Josephine Hutterer	23	Sivan	Jun 25
Abe Lyons	23	Sivan	Jun 25
Sarah Feldstein	25	Sivan	Jun 27
Sarah Goldsmith Werner	25	Sivan	Jun 27
Hyman Lev	25	Sivan	Jun 27
Molly Stiefel	25	Sivan	Jun 27
Yetta Putterman	26	Sivan	Jun 28



# Mishaberach List



Jan Byron

Walter Hershman

Bernice Speck

Gloria Schwartz

Norma Yohai

*\*\*Please note: Names have been removed from the Mishaberach List if we have not heard from you in over a year. If you would like to add a name, please contact Rabbi Nina:  
rabbi@beth-el-sunbury.org*

Please check our website for updates on the  
Mishaberach list.

## 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



## Those in the First Year of Passing

Ira Sommerson

Anne Silverman

Saul Putterman

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



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



# Please help!

Have you been wondering how you can best help at Congregation Beth El? We always emphasize a need for volunteers but we are now in need of donations.

We are currently undergoing roof and AC repair. Our building is 10 years old and we need to keep up with necessary maintenance to help sustain us for the future.

You can help by making sure that next time you donate you specify that your donation go towards the operating fund. This fund allocates your donation to our operating budget and then your money can go towards anything needed for the Congregation in the months ahead.

If you would like to donate you can either send a check made out to Congregation Beth El to the Temple address or you can go to the website and donate online. Again, please indicate that your donation should be applied to the Operating Fund

As always we appreciate any donation, large or small.

Thank you.



## Beth El Bulletin Sponsors

We hope you are finding the bulletin informative and entertaining. The congregation's bulletin has a long history. Over the years and across decades it has served as an engine to inform the Beth-El community of temple events as well as the comings, goings, arrivals and passings of our friends and neighbors in our small but vital Jewish community.

Stretching back through the years, the Congregation Beth-El Bulletin has been edited by members who have given their time, and a little bit of sweat, dedicated to the task of keeping our temple family informed and involved. The current editorial staff hopes that with this incarnation of the temple bulletin we live up to the good work of our predecessors. Let us know what you think.

We would also like to invite businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring the bulletin to contact us.

You can also see the current bulletin as well as archived issues on our website.

# Support

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