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Did you know that prior to the 1800s it was traditional for most rabbis to only give two sermons a year? Once at Kol Nidre and once the Shabbat before Passover, also known as Shabbat Hagadol (the Great Shabbat.) Because these were special events, the sermons would last upwards of two hours, especially for Shabbat Hagadol because the rules of Passover would be reviewed. You'll be happy to know this is not a tradition I'll be reviving, but I did want to share some on-line resources about Passover. I encourage you to check them out, especially if you want to reinvigorate your Seder, your Passover menus, or simply your knowledge of this important holiday.

General Learning:

<http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/passover-pesach/>

http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/default_cdo/aid/109747/jewish/Passover.htm

<http://www.ujafedny.org/passover/>

<http://www.ritualwell.org/passover>

Food:

whatjewwannaeat.com

<http://fairtradejudaica.org/make-a-difference/fair-trade-jewish-holidays/fair-trade-your-seder/>

Kids:

<http://www.jgateways.org/resources/passover>

Interfaith Families:

http://www.interfaithfamily.com/holidays/passover_and_easter/Guide_To_Passover_For_Interfaith_Families.shtml

Social Justice:

<https://ajws.org/who-we-are/resources/holiday-resources/passover/>

Come Celebrate With Us

Rabbi Nina has been nominated to receive an award from the Central Susquehanna Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of PA. There is a dinner to honor the nominees.

Dinner will be held April 3rd from 4-7pm at Front Street Station in Northumberland. We would like to reserve a table for the Congregation.

Dinners are \$25.00 each - for beef, vegetarian or poultry and \$27.50 for salmon and include tossed salad, green beans, rolls, mashed potatoes, coffee or tea. The cost includes tax and gratuity.

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

We have so much going on that I need to keep this short. In March the sisterhood is organizing a dinner and seeing the Klezmatics. We will also have another joint event with Ohev Sholom, painting and glazing Passover ceramics. Lest we forget Purim, we are planning a wine and chocolate and mask making evening to get in the Purim mood. Passover is coming up in April, and we will have our community Seder as well as other programs. While we have been unable to confirm the date as of this writing, we hope to hold our spring fundraiser in June, which will include a performance of Israeli dancing, dance lessons (so much fun!) and of course great Israeli food! Not only will you not want to miss this, you will want to bring your friends. So check out the rest of the bulletin for details, and stay involved.

Meanwhile, I and several committees are keeping busy with Congregational business, including working with a new web developer, finalizing the contract with the Rabbi, and talking to people who have expressed interest in volunteering with the school. And it is not too late to let me know if you are able to assist in the school next year!

We really do have a busy and active congregation, with room to do more if you have an idea and are willing to help implement it. Let me know. And for now, as I write this in mid February, may we all enjoy the upcoming Spring, Passover, and each other.



Tikkun Olam - Perform a Mitzvah

Volunteers needed. Monday April 4 - 5:00-7:00pm come and help serve a meal at St. Andrews in Milton. Email Edye at laffatlife04@yahoo.com if you can volunteer.

Mishaberach List

Esther Berger
Barbara Frank
Joseph Klick
Mariana Sosland
Elliott Weiss

Ann Silverman
Walter Hershman
Hal Levy
Lucy Toye
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

Sanford Marateck	Sandra Glick	Robert Newman
Lois Shirley	Roberta Maslow	Paul Heim
Daniel Buckler	Robert Weis	Mel Wolfberg

*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.*

Sisterhood



Do you wish you could spend more time with other Jewish adults? Are you interested in building a sense of community while also having fun? Then Sisterhood might be for you. We will meet every other month for some fun and camaraderie. If you are interested in hearing about the latest month's activity or have a suggestion for a class or an outing please send Sharon an e-mail so you can be added to the e-mail list.

Sharon Simone
sharonsimone@ptd.net

Join Us For Dinner & Music



Everyone is invited to the March 9th
Sisterhood Night Out
6 PM Dinner and The Klezmatics
at The Campus Theatre

Let's plan to attend this fun night out! We can have dinner at Mancini's on Market Street and then head across to the Campus Theatre together. Ticket purchase info is below – please purchase the tickets on your own once you RSVP to me at sharonsimone@ptd.net to let me know you are interested.

The Klezmatics are world-renowned and Grammy-winning superstars of the klezmer world. They revitalized klezmer which incorporates contemporary themes with eclectic musical influences including Arab, African, Latin and Balkan rhythms, jazz and punk. They have released nine albums of wild, spiritual, provocative, reflective, and ecstatically danceable music.

Tickets can be purchased through the Weis Center -

<http://www.bucknell.edu/boxoffice>

listed under Weis Center Events – March 9th at 7:30pm

Bucknell Employees and Retirees (limit 2): \$5

Adults: \$10; Seniors 62+ and Subscribers: \$8

FUND RAISING

We have several fun and interesting events planned for the coming year...

May 15: Spring Bazaar. We will host all comers who are interested in setting up a table in the parking lot for your garage sale items or crafts. Cost to reserve a space is \$18, which benefits Beth El. We all have goodies that someone else may need and love. Here's your chance to benefit the Congregation, make a little money, and enjoy the company of members and non-members alike. Want to help? Be sure to let friends and neighbors know! The more vendors, the more everyone benefits. Rain date: May 22.



Sept. 18: Livingston Taylor Concert. You won't want to miss this! Livingston Taylor, musician and songwriter, will perform at the Campus Theater. All proceeds will benefit Beth El. To learn more about

the Livingston Taylor concert, go to <http://lvtaylor.com/>.

June: Israeli Dance Performance, Dance lessons, and Israeli Food: Although the date is still under negotiation, our major fund-raiser this year will involve a wonderful time with family and friends. You will enjoy a performance of Israeli and Middle Eastern dance, learn more about dancing traditional dances, and enjoy a catered Israeli feast.



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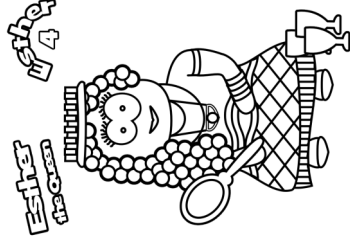
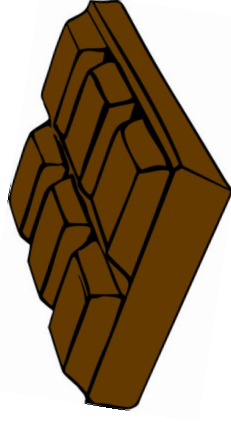
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March Calendar of Events

- Mar 4-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Mar 5-Full Shabbat Morning Service, 10am
- Mar 6-Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Mar 11-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Mar 12-Torah Study, 10am
- Mar 13-Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Mar 18-Family Service with Pot Luck Supper, 6:30pm
- Mar 19-Torah Study, 10am
- Mar 19-Purim Chocolate, Wine, and Crafts, 7:30pm
- Mar 20-Purim Carnival, 9:30am
- Mar 20-Passover Pottery Painting, 4pm
- Mar 23-Purim, Megillah Reading, 7pm
- Mar 25-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Mar 26-Torah Study, 10am
- Mar 27-Hebrew School, 9:30am



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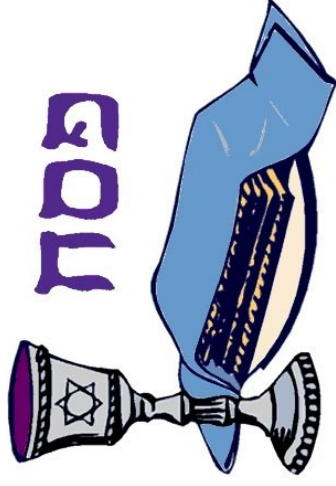
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Second Day of Passover	First Day of Chol Hamoed	Second Day of Chol Hamoed	Third Day of Chol Hamoed	Fourth Day of Chol Hamoed	Seventh Day of Passover	Eighth Day of Passover

April Calendar of Events

- Apr 1-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Apr 2-Full Shabbat Morning Service, 10am
- Apr 3-Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Apr 8-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Apr 9-No Torah Study
- Apr 10-Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Apr 15-Family Service with Pot Luck Supper, 6:30pm
- Apr 16-Torah Study, 10am
- Apr 17-Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Apr 22-Passover-First Seder, no Shabbat Service
- Apr 23-Community Seder, 7pm
- Apr 24-No Hebrew School
- Apr 27- Matzah-Mashup Dinner, 6pm
- Apr 29-Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Apr 30-Passover Shabbat Morning Service with Yizkor, 10am



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Due to popular demand, the next round of shirts will be available in grey (other colors available) with the same design on front and back. Get your order in quickly! You can return this form with a check, to:

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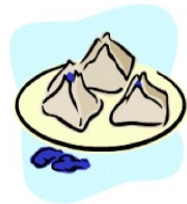
Please contact Jen Bayer at j_bayer@hotmail.com for more information.



The Gift Shop will be open during the Purim Carnival!

Purim Celebrations

March 19, 7:30pm: Chocolate, Wine, and Crafts! Why let the residents of Shushan and the kids have all the fun? Get in the Purim mood by enjoying chocolate treats, wine and beverages, and a chance to make masks, graggers, and other Purim crafts. Feeling competitive? Join in the Tzedakah Poker Tournament! Beverages and crafts will be provided.



March 20th: Purim Carnival. We start the day with a kid-oriented Megillah reading at 9:30, followed by a costume contest, then on to the fun, games, and prizes. Pot-luck dairy lunch begins at noon. Everyone is invited.

March 23rd, 7pm: Megillah Reading. Join us for the community Megillah reading. Costumes encouraged for EVERYONE!!

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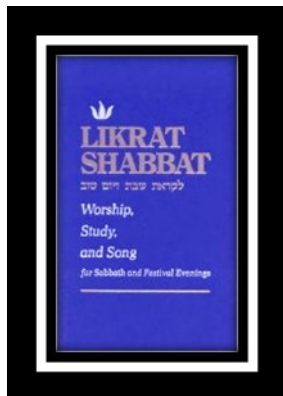
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March/April Jahrzeit

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Julius Stoler	21	Adar I	Mar 1
Julius Voss	21	Adar I	Mar 1
Lillian Rosenblatt	22	Adar I	Mar 2
Louis Hershman	23	Adar I	Mar 3
Olga Machauf	24	Adar I	Mar 4
Barnie Banks	26	Adar I	Mar 6
Rabbi Norman Perman	27	Adar I	Mar 7
Milton Carmel	28	Adar I	Mar 8
Simon Hutterer	28	Adar I	Mar 8
Reed Payne	29	Adar I	Mar 9
Hattie Biow	2	Adar II	Mar 12
Joan Nach	5	Adar II	Mar 15
Helene Rand	16	Adar II	Mar 26
Anna Kranich	19	Adar II	Mar 29
Blanche Bernstein	22	Adar II	Apr 1
Anne Schneider	24	Adar II	Apr 3
Dr. Irving Cherry	25	Adar II	Apr 4
Barbara Kaufman	1	Nisan	Apr 9
Saul Sosland	1	Nisan	Apr 9
Howard Lawrence	2	Nisan	Apr 10
Kurt Machauf	2	Nisan	Apr 10
Lynn Abowitz	3	Nisan	Apr 11
Scott Klick	4	Nisan	Apr 12
Karl Sosland	4	Nisan	Apr 12
Michael Fremont	5	Nisan	Apr 13
Edith Lavine	5	Nisan	Apr 13
Max Rosenblum	7	Nisan	Apr 15
Lena Solomon	7	Nisan	Apr 15
Joseph Buntman	13	Nisan	Apr 21
Sophie Irwin	13	Nisan	Apr 21
David Moskowitz	13	Nisan	Apr 21
Grace Rosenblum	15	Nisan	Apr 23
Eleanor Gedrich	16	Nisan	Apr 24
Pearl Golden	17	Nisan	Apr 25
Robert Newman	18	Nisan	Apr 26



Special Events:

Passover

Customize Your Seder with Passover Pottery Painting: March 20th, 4pm-6pm. We're joining Congregation Ohev Sholom at The Glaze to Be, 201 Basin St. Williamsport. You can decorate a pre-fired piece of pottery while enjoying the company of old and new friends. Special items for Passover include: Seder Plate, Elijah's Cup, Star of David Plate, Kiddush Cup, and Frog Face Cup. Or paint something from their shelves.



Passover items must be ordered in advance from The Glaze to Be, 570-322-7967, by March 6.

← **The Annual Congregation Beth El Community Seder will be held at 6:00 pm on April 23rd, the second night of Passover.** As in years past, this will be a potluck, dairy Seder.

All members are welcome, including visiting friends and family, but please RSVP to by April 21st so we can plan the seating accordingly.

******In your RSVP, please indicate: Number of guests; if you will be bringing an appetizer, main course, salad, side dish, dessert, wine, seder plate items, or something else (please specify).

If you are available for set up before (5:00pm); or available for clean up after, please contact Rabbi Nina.

In order to keep within the guidelines of Passover practice, please bring your Passover friendly foods to the synagogue in **DISPOSABLE** serving containers **only**. Heavy duty aluminum pans, large plastic food storage bags, and microwave-safe paper containers are all appropriate. They are readily available in supermarkets and party supply aisles of "big-box" stores. We will supply serving utensils and platters. Large soup pots will be available for reheating soup, but it should be brought from home in a disposable container. Items in aluminum foil may be reheated but nothing can be cooked on site.

You should bring enough food for your entire party plus a few extra. If you have questions about whether a food is appropriate, please contact Rabbi Nina directly.

******While there is no charge for the seder, visitors are encouraged to make a donation to Congregation Beth El.

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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.

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Please send bulletin donations directly to our treasurer or donate on line.

More Passover Special Events

Matzah-Mashup Dinner, April 27th, 6pm.

Do you transform your matzah into amazing Passover dishes? Want to show them off? Bring your best Matz-chos, Matza-pizza, Matzagna, or whatever else it is, to a special pot-luck dinner. Because you know you'll be looking for something different to try by then!! For more information, contact Rabbi Nina:

rabbi@beth-el-sunbury.org

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