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# Beth El Bulletin



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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

We all know the “Stone Soup” story: in a town where everyone has very limited resources, people were going hungry. So someone offered their soup pot filled with plain water to put on the communal fire, but said they had nothing more to offer other than a stone, which they put in the pot. Another person came along and said, “I have nothing to offer, but I did find a single carrot I can put in the pot.” Seeing that, someone else remembered they had some parsley growing wild in the backyard and brought a bunch to throw in the pot. Slowly, but surely, people remembered they had just a little to offer and the pot filled up until it became a delicious soup.

I have a similar story to share, but this time it’s about the Kiddush Barrel. In a different town, where everyone was very busy and short on resources, the synagogue was about to run out of Kiddush wine. The rabbi brought the wine barrel to the front of the building and made an announcement: “If we do not do something soon, there will be no Kiddush wine at the synagogue. Would everyone please contribute whatever of their own wine they can. Pour it into the barrel anonymously, and in that way, we’ll get enough for the synagogue to keep going.” With that, she poured some wine into the empty barrel to get it started. Over the next week, people could be seen bringing cups, pitchers, and bottles to add to the barrel. Just before Shabbat, the community gathered in front of the synagogue and when the rabbi moved the barrel, it was full. Everyone cheered and got their cups ready for Kiddush. But when the first cup was poured from the tap, only water came out. The rabbi said: “I don’t understand. I’ve been watching people pour wine into the barrel all week, and now it’s full. How is there only water in here?” Finally, one person stepped forward and admitted: “I figured that since everyone else was pouring in wine, if I only put in water, it wouldn’t make a difference.” Person after person stepped forward and admitted the same thing. Some had very little wine of their own. Some felt they had contributed wine for many years, it was someone else’s turn. Some people just didn’t want to share, but didn’t want anyone to know they weren’t. No matter the excuse, people just poured in water because they counted on someone else to put in wine, and thought their contribution would not be missed.

We are low on soup and wine, figuratively, and need everyone in the congregation to think about what they can offer, no matter how little or seemingly insignificant. In the months ahead we all need to think about which story best describes ongoing participation and vitality in the congregation, and then commit to bringing what time, energy, ideas, and participation we can offer. (Spoiler alert: we need stone soup!)

# Introducing Second Sunday Social Club

at Congregation Beth El

First gathering: July 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm,  
and on subsequent second Sundays  
each month.

**Come Visit!** with friends,  
old and new, young and old  
**Come Play!** Cards, Mahjong,  
Board Games



**Come Imagine!**



What do you want to do?

Watch movies?

Have a knitting circle?

Lectures?

This is a big building that can  
accommodate lots of activities.  
If you have an idea, or would like  
to teach/lead an activity, please



contact Joan, 570-271-1083 or

[jabrabander@yahoo.com](mailto:jabrabander@yahoo.com).



Out of respect for the protection of our  
multi-generational participants, please  
wear a mask for these gatherings

# Congregants' Corner

## Mensches to Mention!

Here are just some of the people doing special work on our behalf.  
Please let Rabbi Nina know who should be on the list next!

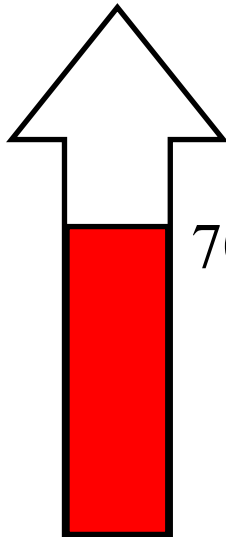
Jessica Charles, Co-chair, Hebrew School

Marc Lichtenfeld, Co-chair, Hebrew School

Harriet Shane, Chief Gardner, Silver Polisher, & Red Cross Maven

## Capital Campaign

We have received commitments for \$140,300 out of our \$200,000 campaign, or 70% of our goal. If you have not yet done so, please consider contributing to the Capital Campaign to ensure the long-term future of our congregation. You can find out more information here: <https://www.beth-el-sunbury.org/capital-campaign>.



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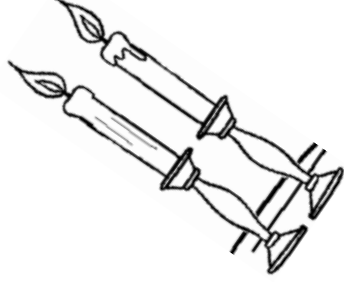
# Tamuz 5782      July 2022      Av 5782

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

# July Calendar of Events

All events are on Zoom unless otherwise noted

7/1: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
7/8: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
7/15: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
7/21: Takery, 7pm  
7/22: Shabbat Service, 8pm  
7/29: Shabbat Service, 7pm



**AV 5782**

**August 2022**

**Elul 5782**

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



# August Calendar of Events

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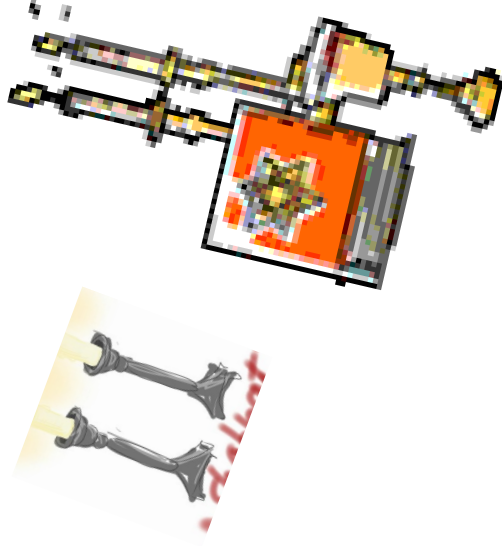
8/5: Shabbat Service, 8pm

8/12: Shabbat Service, 8pm

8/18: Takery, 4pm

8/19: Shabbat Service, 8pm

8/26: Shabbat Service, 7pm



# Tzedakah

Deborah Abowitz  
Deborah Abowitz  
Dr. Madi Alvi

Beverly Bayer  
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Susan Bernstein  
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Bonnie Anne Salbert  
David Diel and Mia Nicolai Diel  
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Matthew and  
Sharon Silberman  
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Elayne Sobel  
Philip and Renee Sosland

Capital Campaign  
Dues rounded up  
In honor of her Jewish mentors:  
Dr. Kaplan and Dr. Schnure

Capital Campaign  
Payment rounded up  
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund –  
Ukranian Refugee Family  
Dues rounded up  
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Ukranian Refugee Family  
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Capital Campaign  
Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot  
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Dues rounded up  
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund –  
Ukranian Refugee Family  
Adult Education - In Memory  
of Pauline D. Kass  
Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot  
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund –  
Ukranian Refugee Family  
Capital Campaign - Celebrating  
Morty Hershman's 90th Birthday  
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund -  
Ukranian Refugee Family  
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For the Website



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## July Yahrzeit

Victor Gubin	2	Tammuz	7/1
Renee Brandt	3	Tammuz	7/2
Bernice Gubin	3	Tammuz	7/2
Jean Banks	4	Tammuz	7/3
Hilda Karniol	6	Tammuz	7/5
Nathan Banks	7	Tammuz	7/6
Max Michelson	7	Tammuz	7/6
George Glazer	9	Tammuz	7/8
Harriet Schwartz	10	Tammuz	7/9
Hyman Rosenblum	14	Tammuz	7/13
Edith Shyster	15	Tammuz	7/14
Sigmund Boraks	16	Tammuz	7/15
Jeffrey Levitan	16	Tammuz	7/15
Julius Levitan	16	Tammuz	7/15
Dr. Nathan Hirsch	17	Tammuz	7/16
Joseph Salesky	17	Tammuz	7/16
Dr. Lou Jacobson	18	Tammuz	7/17
Benjamin Banks	23	Tammuz	7/22
Michael Miller	23	Tammuz	7/22
Louis Lipman	26	Tammuz	7/25
Jeanette Cherry	27	Tammuz	7/26
Hannah K Haft	27	Tammuz	7/26
Helen Hyman	27	Tammuz	7/26
Jack Gold	28	Tammuz	7/27
Charles Goodman	28	Tammuz	7/27
Dr. Moritz Jacobson	1	Av	7/29
Lillian Liachowitz	1	Av	7/29
Juel Lewis	1	Av	7/29
Lester H. Solomon	1	Av	7/29
Fred Goldstein	2	Av	7/30



## August Jahrzeit

Samuel Berman	5	Av	8/2
Sarah Gubin	6	Av	8/3
Hyman J. Ross	6	Av	8/3
Rose Frank	9	Av	8/5
Abraham Feldman	10	Av	8/6
Louis Jacobson	10	Av	8/6
Abraham Berman	11	Av	8/7
Else Voss	11	Av	8/7
Rose Goldstein	12	Av	8/8
Sylvia Rosenblum Henry	14	Av	8/11
Reba Hirsch	14	Av	8/11
Anna Mosenson	14	Av	8/11
Bert Rich	14	Av	8/11
Jay Wolfberg	15	Av	8/12
Marc Kornfeld	17	Av	8/14
Julius Cohen	18	Av	8/15
Barton Bloom	19	Av	8/16
Jerome Goodman	20	Av	8/17
Haskel Diamond	21	Av	8/18
Rose Greenburg	21	Av	8/18
Roslyn Levine	21	Av	8/18
Robert B. Newman	22	Av	8/19
Stanley Adler	23	Av	8/20
George Frank	24	Av	8/21
Miriam Koch	24	Av	8/21
Morris Hirsch	25	Av	8/22
Gustave Huppert	27	Av	8/24
Florence Putterman	27	Av	8/24
Frank Karniol	29	Av	8/26
Sara Rosenstein Newman	29	Av	8/26
Fannie Oberson	29	Av	8/26
Elsie Schwartz	29	Av	8/26
Marvin Buckler	1	Elul	8/28
Charlotte Jacobson	1	Elul	8/28
Rose Jacobson	2	Elul	8/29
Seymour Jacobson	2	Elul	8/29
Arthur Spector	3	Elul	8/30
Reuben Zynger	3	Elul	8/30



## Those in the First Year of Passing

Aaron Bender

Ruth Newman

*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.*

## 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

## Mishaberach List



Walter Hershman

Norma Yohai

Alan London

Gail London

*\*\*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:  
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Please check our website for updates on the  
Mishaberach list.





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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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