

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE SHOFAR

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notable times

Candle Lighting נרות הדלקת

December 24:15 p.m.
December 94:14 p.m.
December 164:15 p.m.
December 234:17 p.m.
December 304:22 p.m.

Havdalah הבדלה

December 35:15 p.m.
December 105:14 p.m.
December 175:15 p.m.
December 245:18 p.m.
December 315:23 p.m.

Services תפילות

Friday Evening ערב שבת
Kabbalat Shabbat5:45 p.m.

Shabbat שבת

Shaharit9:00 a.m.
Minha4:30 p.m.

Sunday & National Holiday Minyan

9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Daily Minyan מנין

7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

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a view from the bimah מהבמה



The Maccabees Versus The Vikings

by Rabbi Alexander Davis

Arden Hills or Downtown? Having completed the first phase of Beth El's renovations, I understand the desire for a new Vikings stadium. Especially now when the team is struggling, a new facility could boost morale and reinvigorate fan support.

The questions surrounding a new stadium are extremely complicated and divisive; is it necessary? If yes, where, for how much, etc.? As I write, the stadium debate drones on. I do not have answers. But looking ahead to Hanukkah provides an opportunity to consider Jewish teachings about the significance of sports.

When the author of the Book of Maccabees describes the negative influence of Greek life on the Jewish community, his first reference is to sports: the Jews "built a gymnasium in Jerusalem in the heathen fashion."

The "gymnasium," or sports-stadium, was the symbol of the Greek way of life. Ancient Greeks loved sports and most cities in had public gymnasia where people gathered to train and relax. Competition focused on individual rather than team sports and included footraces, long jump, javelin throwing, wrestling, boxing and more. Not only did the Greeks prize a healthy body and enjoy athletic games as entertainment, sports were considered good preparation for war.

Why did the Maccabees so object to the Greek games? After all, Judaism teaches the importance of a healthy body (Rabbi Olitzky spoke about it last Kol Nidre.) In part, the objection had to do with modesty. Greek athletes trained and competed in the nude (gymnós from "gymnasium" means "naked.") This practice was said to encourage aesthetic appreciation of the male body and was a tribute to the

Greek gods for whom the sporting events were dedicated (gods such as Zeus and Apollo).

Exercise and entertainment were fine. But sports were part of a system of false gods. Sports figures were considered god-like; gyms became Temples and the human body was worshipped not for housing the soul but when it sported a six-pack. Thus, for the Maccabees (and later for the rabbis who witnessed violent Roman sports), athletic games became a primary symbol of everything objectionable about Hellenization.

Sound familiar?

I competed on various sports teams throughout high school and college. I still try to work out a few times a week. I read the sports page every morning over breakfast and root for our Minnesota teams. So I appreciate their allure. But often I think that that the Maccabees were right. For many Americans, sports (and the fame and fortune that follow) has become a cult of pagan worship- athletes are gods and competition has warped our priorities. Here we are facing unprecedented local, national and international challenges on a wide variety of issues (financial, social, ecological, etc.) and we are debating a stadium?!

This issue is no less relevant closer to home in our Jewish community. Here we are trying to raise Jewishly knowledgeable and committed adults and stem the very tide of assimilation against which the Maccabees fought. And yet increasingly we are seeing sports win out over Jewish education, synagogue and youth group programming, to say nothing of quality family time.

Don't get me wrong. I believe exercise is essential. I know first hand that there are values and life lessons to be learned from participating in team sports. And playing and watching sports is just plain fun. At the same time, it is a struggle to be involved in sports and still lead a rich Jewish life. And while I don't claim to have all of the answers, I know

**We welcome our newest members!
B'ruchim Habaim!**

Clarice Cutts
McKenzie Brink
Dana Rees & Ivan Guzman, Andre , Leonardo
Mary Chanan Smith
Scott Miller
Susan Rees



Beth El Gift Shop
**Hanukkah
Boutique**
December 10th
during the "Beth El Sings"
CD Release Party



**WE APOLOGIZE IF YOU
CANNOT HEAR US**

We are in the process of updating our sanctuary sound system over the next few months. Please bear with us as we work to make everything crystal clear!" Please also note that, during this time, hearing devices will not work.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:
PARDON OUR DUST**

The main entrance from the parking lot to the Ring Lobby will have limited access. Please use the new 26th Street entrance, or, for Minyan, the direct access door to the Chapel. At other times, please note signs directing you to available access to the building. If you should need extra help, please call the facilities office at 952-873-7308 at least 48 hours prior so that we can have help available for you.

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the solution requires difficult choices and thoughtful prioritization.

The sainted Rav Kook, Israel's first chief rabbi, introduced PE into yeshiva curricula saying, "When Jewish children will be strong, sound and healthy, the air of the world will become holy and pure." I think he is right but only when Torah outshines touchdowns, God overshadows goals and when hesed is more than a half-time activity. Then will a light originally lit by the Maccabees continue to brighten our lives whether we cheer in Arden Hills or downtown.

Beth El Young Adults presents Iron Chef: Latkes

On Sunday, December 4th, Morimoto won't be anywhere in sight, but we still hope you'll join us for the latest battle in Kitchen Stadium, Iron Chef: Latkes. Grab your friends and form a team to try and fry up the best latkes Beth El has ever seen. Mystery ingredients will be provided - no two batches of latkes will be the same. And only one can take the title of Battle Champion. Not up to the challenge of cooking? Not a problem! It's not a competition unless there are people to feed, so even if your kitchen skills are totally lacking, please come hungry to Beth El from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring one unwrapped toy or \$5 to "vote" on the winner of our challenge!

Nosh 'n Drash: Torah for Living

Eat and learn with Rabbi Olitzky from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at Beth El. Get a dose of Torah and a scrumptious lunch for just \$5. To RSVP, contact Roger Rubin at bikingdad@msn.com.
Next studies: December 5th and 19th.

"Am I A Good Jew?"

Join visiting JTS Scholar, Rabbi Abigail Treu for a series of discussions on God, Revelation, Who Wrote the Torah, and Why Knowing What You Think Can Change Your Life at 4:00 p.m. on Mondays - December 12, January 30 and March 12 - at Beth El. For more information, contact Rabbi Davis at 952-873-7300.

Siddur Hebrew Literacy

Navigating the siddur and "prayerbook Hebrew" class beginning after the first of the year. Contact Cantor Abrams at aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7300 for more information.

The Beth El Choir will be at Knollwood on the following dates:

December 16, January 13, February 10,
March 9, April 20, and May 11



The Devil Would Call My Name & Hanukkah

by Gil Mann, Beth El President

These are some of my favorite lyrics from one of my favorite songs, “Loves Me Like a Rock” by Paul Simon (of Simon and Garfunkel fame):

*When I was a little boy,
(when I was just a boy)
And the devil would call my name
(when I was just a boy)
I'd say, "Now who do,
Who do you think you're fooling? "
(when I was just a boy)*

Well, when I was just a boy at Beth El, in Bar Mitzvah training, the devil did call my name from time to time... to tell the truth, almost every Saturday morning at shul. Anyone who knows me would not find that too shocking.

I'd like to share with you one escapade of mischief that in retrospect is comical, but was obviously wrong.

Some of my friends and I discovered, that in the old chapel, when we rubbed the red carpet, fuzz came off. This was cool. We used to sit in services and scrape the carpet with the edges of our shoes, creating lots of red fuzz balls.

Over the weeks we had accumulated quite a bit of the stuff and we needed to do something with our exquisite collection of red fuzz. We found the perfect location. There was a large arrangement of artificial flowers that sat on the front of the bima. We secretly, methodically and carefully filled every single flower with our fuzz balls. We were quite proud of our little prank and believe it or not, the flowers looked pretty good.

In fact, they looked so good, that one day, some adult took the flowers and placed them on the bima in the main sanctuary! We were delighted.

Unfortunately for us, eventually, someone noticed our floral handiwork (I should say footwork) and was not delighted. I think we were caught in part, because our shoes were falling apart and covered in red fuzz, raising the suspicion of some of our moms.

Anyway, that was the end of our fun -- at least in the chapel.

What in the world does this have to do with Hanukkah? One of the main reasons we celebrate the holiday is to commemorate the rededication of the Temple. In the last year, we have dedicated our new building at Beth El. This project was a huge investment of many millions of dollars donated by our generous congregation.

The results speak for themselves. The compliments have poured in and we have a new beautiful home that we hope will last us for decades. We are like the Maccabees who cleansed and renovated the Temple, looking forward to a bright future.

But we have a problem and need your help. Just as when I was a boy, the devil continues to call the name of some of our kids and we have already experienced some damage to our new spaces.

We aren't surprised, because kids will be kids. We understand this and we love kids at Beth El. We cherish the energy and life they bring to our shul. We also want kids to love to be at Beth El too. We want them to have fun but at the same time we need them to be respectful of our building and others.

Please help us. If you see kids jumping on furniture (as kids will do,) carrying food around the building (as kids will do,) or in general messing around inappropriately, (as kids will do,) please ask them NICE-LY to stop and offer them an alternative behavior.

For example, say “I am glad you are at Beth El and I want you to have fun here, but please don't jump on the cushions because people need to sit on them, jump in the gym instead; or eat your food in the social hall instead etc.”

In addition to these kinds of wear and tear concerns, we have had some goofing around problems of late. For example, one day, some kid or kids locked all the stalls in one of our bathroom. (My brother-in-law told me “this shouldn't be a problem as our congregants have gotten used to not having bathrooms to use.”) We are also having problems with kids bothering others by their endless or loud talking in the sanctuary during services.

For all of these issues, we need help from our parents and grandparents to guide our kids. In addition, any congregant can and should speak with kids when behavior is out of line and teach them gently yet firmly.

Again, we want our kids here and we want them to enjoy their time. But when the devil calls their name, we need our congregants to be angels and help them get back on high road. We should be guided by these additional lyrics from Paul Simon's “Love Me Like a Rock:”

*My mama loves me, she loves me
She get down on her knees and hug me
Like she loves me like a rock
She rocks me like the rock of ages
And loves me
Thank you and happy Hanukkah!*

PS When I wrote this column, I did not realize the coincidence that in this song is the phrase “rock of ages” translation in Hebrew: Maoz Tzur! Yet another connection to Hanukkah.



A Message from the Director

Karen Burton, Aleph Preschool Director

December is always a busy month for Aleph Preschool. Our children decorate their classrooms and hallways with their magnificent art work in anticipation of Hanukkah. It is a lively and exciting month.

Please join us for a Musical Shabbat on December 2nd at 9:30 am in the Fiterman Chapel. It is always a lovely way to start Shabbat. We are grateful to the Beth El's Women's League for sponsoring the refreshments each month.

HMJDS (Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School) will visit on December 5th, for Hanukkah programming with our children. It is part of the "My Jewish Year" series.

"Dads and Dreidels and all Special People" will take place on December 9th. The children's "special guests" are invited to spend time in their classrooms. The morning is filled with Hanukkah festivities, arts and crafts, singing and would not be complete without treats to eat.

Living Legacy visits us on December 14th, with an olive press demonstration. The children will be able to participate in pressing the olives to make olive oil for the Hanukiah.

Our next Parent Committee Meeting takes place at the Aleph Preschool, 9:30 am, December 14th. Please join us to help plan the many upcoming events and fundraisers scheduled for the school year.

We invite you to join us for our annual Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner on December 16th. Everyone enjoys the relaxed atmosphere, children's service, delicious food and special activities for the children. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Space is limited. *See pg 14 for details.*

Wrapping up the month we will have an all school Hanukkah celebration on December 21st. Each class will entertain us with a melody of Hanukkah songs and dances.

Aleph Preschool registration packets will be mailed out this month for the 2012-2013 school year. To request a packet, please call 952-873-7320 or email: kburton@bethelsynagogue.org

We have begun the Hag Sameach Program gift collection drive which we participate in each year. The Hag Sameach (Happy Holidays) program at the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis (JFCS) has provided holiday gifts to referred families for many years. Aleph Preschool is proud to support this special program. We have a box next to the Reading Nook for you to donate new, unwrapped children's gifts. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Teachers and children will take time to relax and enjoy Winter Break. Aleph Preschool resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.



The Shirley R. Abelson Aleph Preschool of Beth El Synagogue brings you



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD LET US BE A PART OF YOURS

Early Child Jewish Family Education

Education for your parenting journey in a safe, supportive, and nurturing Jewish environment.

Winter Registration NOW OPEN

8-week session classes begin February 2nd

Thursdays 5:45-6:45 (Complimentary sibling care provided)
Designed for families with babies age 0-24 months.

These parent-child classes provide young families with a community to:

- Meet other Jewish families and be part of an instant support network.
- Discuss relevant parenting topics and explore exciting ways to integrate Judaism into your family.
- Develop realistic attitudes and expectations for raising children and so much more!

TO REGISTER call the Aleph Preschool at 952-873-7320 or log on to

www.bethelsynagogue.org/ecjfe

Facilitated by: Amy Paster and Michelle Yousha, Parent Educators



Youth Department Presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

Mollie Feldman, Youth Director

After six weeks of hard work and bonding, the USY Play is about to be a finished product! The cast and crew for 'Beauty and the Beast' have worked hard since October 16, and now is the chance to honor the efforts of our participants by attending the performances and showing your support. The play isn't the only way to be involved in December, keep these other events on your calendar:

ISRAEL SUMMER PROGRAM INFO NIGHT: December 1, 6pm – Want to learn more about summer trips in Israel? A Twin Cities Information Night will be held at Beth Jacob Congregation (1179 Victoria Curve, St. Paul) with Ben Varon, the Recruitment Coordinator for USY Summer Programs.

USY 'BRINGS IT TO LIFE': December 3, 7-9pm – USY will take a new approach to celebrating Hanukkah. Come with your friends for food, prizes, and a hilarious performance by the USY board.

KADIMAH & B'RESHEET HANUKKAH EXTRAVAGANZA: December 4, 1:30-3pm – Don't miss this holiday tournament with plenty of food, prizes, and entertainment! Join a group of your friends to compete in different challenges from pie-eating to trivia, or just relax and have snack – there will be something for everyone!

USY PRESENTS, 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST': Come support the group of 7-12th in the USY Play! Performances are as follows:

- Thursday, December 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, December 17 @ 7:30 p.m. *USY Night*
 - Sunday, December 18 @ 2:00 p.m. *Character brunch for kids at 1:00 p.m.*
- To reserve and purchase tickets for a performance or the character brunch, please visit www.besyn.org/usy-play.

Looking Ahead...

- **JAN. 8: BOWLING.** Show off your bowling skills at The Park Tavern bowling alley! This event is for B'resheet and Kadimah, cost is \$13 per person, and you can RSVP online at www.besyn.org/berusy. (The Park Tavern, 3401 Louisiana Ave S, St. Louis Park)
- **JAN. 14: BETH JACOB USY PLAY NIGHT**
- **JAN. 17: USY SPA-GHETTI LOUNGE NIGHT.** Take an hour to escape stress from finals to have dinner with friends and enjoy a complimentary spa service.
- **JAN. 29: USY WINTER LUAU.** Cold weather getting you down? Warm up at the USY Winter Luau. Come for an island party complete with beach games and 'cocktails!' The luau will be open to USY, Kadimah, and B'resheet at different times during the day – stay tuned for details!



Check online at www.besyn.org/berusy for additional events and details! Want information about volunteering with the Youth Department? Contact Mollie Feldman: mollie@bethelusy.org, (952)873-7330.



Lihyot B'Kesher Sends Out Eco-friendly Hanukkah Gifts

Lihyot B'kesher's second package of the year reached our young adults in time for Hanukkah. Knowing that our young adults care about the environment, we sent a popular-styled eco-friendly drinking cup that's popping up on campuses nationwide. Of course no package is complete without a few treats so we included some Hanukkah chocolate, too. Several more mailings are planned for the year including a festive package for Purim.

It is the goal of Lihyot B'kesher, Beth El's "Keep in Touch" committee, to maintain contact with our young adults through age 25, whether they are away at school, living at home or on their own. To cover costs, registration is \$36 for one young adult (\$60 for 2, \$72 for 3 or more).

Questions? Contact the Lihyot B'kesher co-chairs: Marlee Kaminsky at marlee.kaminsky@gmail.com, 952-449-9410 or Julie Weisberg at jbweis12@aol.com, 763-557-6629.

Important 2011-2012 TaRBuT Dates

Dec. 10	TaRBuT Parents' Hour
Dec. 24-31	NO Sessions - WINTER BREAK
Jan. 7	NO Session - WINTER BREAK
Feb. 18	NO Session - PRESIDENT'S DAY
March 31	Grandparents & Special People Day
April 14 & 24	NO Session - PASSOVER
May 12	Session #28 - TaRBuT Parents' Hr
May 19	Session #29 - Shabbat Hinukh

Celebrating Bnai Mitzvah...



December 3, 2011 • 7 Kislev 5772 • *Va'yeitzei*

RUTH KAYLA HOPE

רות קיילע בריינא בת ברוך וחנה

Daughter of Anne & Bruce Hope

Honoring Ruth on her bat mitzvah, Judy & Bevan Marvy and Sharon & Bill Hope will be sponsoring the Kiddush and her parents will be sponsoring the congregational Shabbat Lunch.

Mitzvah Program: I observe many mitzvot in my home on a regular basis such as keeping kosher, observing shabbat, and chagim. I enjoy helping to set up the family sukkah each year and help clean for Pesaḥ. I really have enjoyed participating in VOICE, a day of service at the HMJDS each year, which includes packing meals for Feed My Starving Children. Recently, I helped unload the truck full of food at STEP following the Yom Kippur Food Drive. I look forward to performing many more mitzvot in the future.



December 10, 2011 • 14 Kislev 5772 • *Va'yishlah*

ARIELLE BUSLOVICH

אריאל בת לב וחיה מלכה

Daughter of Dina & Lev Buslovich

Honoring Arielle on her bat mitzvah, Genya and Joseph Buslovich, Estelle Weiss and Steve Shablott will be sponsoring the Kiddush.

Mitzvah Program: I was born at 8 ½ weeks early. Even though I was only 3lbs 9oz, my parents were told I was big and healthy for being a preemie. I was in the Special Care Nursery at Children's Hospital for 4 weeks before I could go home. For my mitzvah project I wanted to give back to the Special Care Nursery. I am too young to help on the unit but, I was able to volunteer for a 3K walk at the Fair Grounds to raise money for all of the amazing kids and staff. I met so many kids who were preemies like me. I got to show others how I grew up healthy and strong. Also, I am collecting videos and games from neighbors and friends. The money raised will help get items on the Hospital wish list. Part of my Bat Mitzvah money will also be donated to help other kids who need the care that I got.



December 17, 2011 • 21 Kislev 5772 • *Va'yeishev*

JORDAN ELLIOT LEHMAN

מנדל בן שמואל חי ושושנה

Son of Deborah & Todd Lehman

Honoring Jordan on his bar mitzvah, his parents and grandfather, Dr. Lowell Baker will be sponsoring the Kiddush and the congregational Shabbat luncheon.

Mitzvah Program: One mitzvah that I enjoyed doing and meant a lot to me was visiting the Shalom Home. We played Jeopardy and it was a fun activity. I also felt good about unloading trucks of food at STEP. My main mitzvah project revolves around something very important to me...food. I love breakfast food and feel all kids should have the opportunity to start their day out right. I am contributing non-perishable breakfast items to the food program at People Serving People.



January 7, 2011 • 12 Tevet 5772 • *Va'yehi*

TAYLOR ROSENZWEIG

יפה נעמי בת דוב וברכה

Daughter of Barbara & Barry Rosenzweig

Honoring Taylor on her bat mitzvah, her grandparents, Henry & Gertrude Goldstein and Jean Rosenzweig will be sponsoring the Kiddush.

Mitzvah Program: I volunteered and assisted residents at the Shalom Home. I enjoyed discussing Jewish traditions with the elders. I liked knowing that everyone is capable of continuing to learn. One of my favorite mitzvot was volunteering in school assisting children with special needs. I loved getting to know the students and helping them to feel comfortable. I have a special interest in studying the Holocaust since my late grandfather, Ben Rosenzweig, was a survivor. I enjoyed learning from him and now I help to teach others. I will continue to perform mitzvot, because it makes me feel good and I know it makes others feel great!



Anniversaries Mazal Tov!

Dr. Charles & Doris Gay Moldow
December 445th
Perry & Cindy Witkin
December 6 30th
Colin Smith & Wendy Lovell-Smith
December 8 15th
Marc Meirovitz & Caron Rubin
December 8 20th
Zhan & Anna Berkovich
December 16 55th
Steven & Gail Katz
December 18 45th
Joseph & Helen Abrahamson
December 2565th
Dr. Howard & Heidi Gilbert
December 28 45th
Lee & Barbara Resnick
December 3150th

Condolences to (members in bold)...

- **Greg Pomish** and family on the loss of his stepfather, Bernard Feiler.
- **Judy Wolson** and family on the loss of her mother, **Sari Robins**.
- **Michael Bolnick** and family on the loss of his father, Arthur Bolnick.
- **Hy Glasser** and family on the loss of his sister, Lille Glasser Rosen.

Mazal Tov to...

- **Helen & Don Rosen** on their 70th wedding anniversary on October 21st. Married in 1941, they have four children: Sharon (Joel) Waller, Larry (Linda) Rosen, Leenie (Jim) Gantman, Bonnie (Ed) Engler; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. These lovebirds are each 90 years old and still nesting!
- **Marlee & Dan Mogelson** on the birth of their son, Jack on October 27th.
- **Nina & Bryan Badzin** on the birth of their son, Nathan on November 6th.
- **Shanna Baumgarten** on her engagement to David Jadwin (Chicago). Parents of Shanna are **Mary & Jack Baumgarten**.

S'maḥot (members in bold)...

December 10th: David, Audrey, Rachel and Sally Abrams, Stan Eisenstein, Chaya, Jon and Eve Sulman and Marvin Eisenstein are sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wife, Annette Eisenstein, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.



Learn more about Gemilat Hesed at bethelsynagogue.org/acts-of-kindness

Socks for Tzedakah Drive

On Sunday, December 25, 2011 volunteers from Beth El will join volunteers from Adath Jeshurun, Bet Shalom and Temple Israel to provide a delicious holiday meal at our Loaves and Fishes site in South Minneapolis. We will serve 200-250 guests, mostly adult men. This will be our fifth year

providing this meal for people with no where else to go on this holiday.

Each year we have asked Beth El members to consider donating warm new socks as gifts for our guests. The gratitude of these guests, many of whom spend their days walking the cold, wet streets of Minneapolis, is touching. Many of our guests have been moved to tears by your generosity in past years. We have been able to bring as many as 800 pairs of warm new socks as gifts.

You can provide this simple comfort for people struggling with issues of poverty and homelessness. We are asking that you consider purchasing multi packs or individual pairs of socks and donating them by putting them in boxes that will be provided at Beth El's main entrance (by the elevator) and by the Aleph School classrooms. Wool blends are most popular due to their ability to wick moisture away when they become wet, but all socks will be gratefully received. Thank you for considering this mitzvah.

Pack for Feed My Starving Children

Do you have a couple hours to help with a critical need? Please volunteer to pack meal packets at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen! Packing will be done every other month and all are welcome to help (young children recommended to be at least in 3rd grade and accompanied by an adult). Food is then delivered to countries in need worldwide. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Norma Kaplan at skaplan6@comcast.net or 612-584-3099. The next opportunity to pack food will be Tuesday, January 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Chanhassen. After that we will again pack food on Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 pm., in Chanhassen.

Loaves & Fishes

We help provide a wonderful meal for people in need in South Minneapolis. Call Diana Rosen at 952-922-7389 to reserve a place on our serving team. The next opportunity to serve will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

**Do you need
a hand?
We're here!**

Call our hotline at
952-873-7300 x 7350

**Can you lend a hand?
We need you!**

Contact Jo Ann Griesner at
jgriesner@gmail.com
or call 952-873-7300 x 7350



SHABBAT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to provide transportation to Beth El from Knollwood Place. If you are able to drive two Knollwood residents to Shabbat Services once or twice a month, please contact Margie Goldfine at smaa-home@aol.com.

KNEAD A HAND!

We need volunteers to pick up and deliver daily leftover baked goods from Seven Stars Coffee Shop to local food shelves such as PRISM, located in Golden Valley, Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis and The Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. If you would like to volunteer for this mitzvah, even one day a month, contact Jo Ann Griesner at jgriesner@gmail.com.



Women's League News

Submitted by Karen Rubin, President

Women's League had a busy November. We started with a bang. Shayne Karasov planned a great program with Beth Pearlman, the producer for Andrew Zimmern. She really helped us understand what is happening in the media. Joyce Prohofskey worked with Spirit of Asia to guarantee a great meal. Thank you also to Helen Resig and Chick Held for their help with the luncheon.

On November 29th we had our annual Kibbitz & Play. Marion Dorfman and Myrna Feldman made sure everyone had a great time with games, conversation and delicious fare!

BOARD MEETINGS: Please remember that our board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. They are open to all Women's League members. Freada Golden always makes sure that our hostesses have goodies galore for us to eat. It is well worth the effort to join us. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so we can save a place at the table for you!

SHABBAT MORNING GREETERS: Each Shabbat Artice Silverman organizes Shabbat Greeters. You do not need to be a Women's League member, or even a woman, to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer as a greeter, please give Artie a call.

POTATO KNISHES: Potato knishes are available all year. Please call Ronnie Burstein at 763-544-4974 to place your order.

TORAH FUND CARDS: We are happy to provide a variety of note cards for purchase, benefitting the Torah Fund Scholarship Program. We offer lovely cards for simchas, get well and speedy recovery, thinking of you, sympathy and in memory of. The cards are \$5.00 each. Members can mail their checks to Bobbi Friedman, 6495 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. For more information, call Bobbi at 763-544-5489.

Still time to contribute to this year's Torah Fund

Your support of the Torah Fund Scholarship program will benefit students at the following institutions:

- **The Jewish Theological Seminary** in New York, NY (www.jtsa.edu)
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- **Seminario Rabinico Latinamericano** in Buenos Aires, Argentina (www.seminariorabinico.org.ar)

Please indicate your gift by checking a box:

- Chai \$18
- Double Chai \$36
- Koach \$54

Special Gifts A donation within the following categories will entitle you to a gift of the lovely Torah Fund pin for 5772:

- Plain \$180 (Benefactor)
- Enhanced with:
- Pearl \$300 (Guardian)
- Ruby \$600 (Assoc. Patron)
- Diamond \$1,200 (Patron)

Gifts payable over 2 years.

- Scholarship Patron \$2,500
- Keter Kavod \$5,000

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please detach and mail this form with your check made payable to TORAH FUND to:

Lisa Heilicher, 30 Western Terrace, Golden Valley, MN 55426

Name: _____

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I am interested in becoming a Member of the Women's League. Please contact me with more information.



Join the Bethelders at the



for the production of . . .

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

♪ \$22 (includes musical and bus ride)

♪ Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m. sharp from the Beth El parking lot.

♪ Show at 1:00 p.m.

Please note: Lunch will be available at an additional cost.



The 4TH All New Musical

It's 1960 and Beverly gets her first pair of high heels for confirmation; Pastor announces his impending nuptials; Mrs. Snustad and Mrs. Gilmeron plan a food booth at the County Fair to raise money; and Mrs. Engelson embarks on a spontaneous driving lesson. Through it all these "bulwarks never failing" stand strong in their faith and in their friendships. With more crazy antics, more great new songs, and more lessons reluctantly learned, the Church Basement Ladies are at it again in their new musical comedy, **A MIGHTY FORTRESS (Is Our Basement)!**



Gracious me! It's a whole new show!

Reservations must be received by December 7, 2011
Friends and guests are invited to attend in addition to spouses. All are welcome.

Please make your \$22 check payable to: Bethelders
Send it with the form below to:
Freada Golden, 2600 Toledo Ave. So., St. Louis Park, MN 55416
Questions? Call Freada at 952-922-6667.



RESERVATION FOR "A Mighty Fortress" - December 21, 2011

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

YAD HAZAKAH AWARDS Shabbat B'reishit 5772/2011

Last Shabbat B'reishit, we presented the twenty-seventh annual Yad Hazakah awards to Beth El Torah readers for their significant contribution throughout the year. Each recipient had fulfilled the requirement of reading a minimum of seven aliyot. We are committed to cultivating our skilled readers and to honoring them in this fashion. We thank our synagogue lay leadership along with Marilyn Sussman, our *M'rakezet* (Torah Reading Coordinator) whose dedication makes this program work.

We also acknowledge the establishment six years ago of the "Judy Silverman Memorial Yad Hazakah Program Fund" which financially supports Yad Hazakah. Judy, *aleha hashalom*, was an outstanding social worker with Jewish Family and Children's Service for most of her career, and the consummate Torah reader here at Beth El Synagogue. The Fund itself was initiated by Marion Gepner, Judy's mother; Orlin Silverman, Judy's husband; and their children in loving memory. We thank all of them for their generosity.

Congratulations to all the members of *Hevrat* Yad Hazakah! All of these Torah readers are very dedicated and have spent much time and worked very hard to attain quality Torah readings. Their hard work and service to our congregation is very much appreciated.

Thank you and Mazal Tov!

<u>1st Year Recipients</u> Yair Emanuel Yad, Certificate, silver engraved disc Deb Deutsch Shayan Gilbert Burke Bruce Campbell Jamie Halper Jordan Klein Delia Koolick Shoshana Leviton Mike Tilton Emily Weinberg AJ Yablonsky	<u>4th Year Recipients</u> Linear Rashi-B'reishit Zackary Gilbert Burke Caleb Hausman	<u>9th Year Recipients</u> The Jewish Book of Why— The Torah Joshua Klein Joe Rine	<u>13th Year Recipient</u> Studies in Shemot Part Two Steve Rose	<u>23rd Year Recipient</u> Or Hadash Pennie Shapiro
<u>2nd Year Recipients</u> Korein Tikkun Danny Goldstein David Hope	<u>5th Year Recipients</u> Linear Rashi-Shemot Louise Ribnick	<u>10th Year Recipient</u> Kippah Rachel Klein Dana Yugend-Pepper Janet Shanedling	<u>16th Year Recipient</u> Studies in Bemidbar Jenny Hage	<u>24th Year Recipient</u> Seder K'riat HaTorah Richard Spiegel
<u>3rd Year Recipients</u> Simanim Tikkun 5 Vol. Chris Brand Rabbi Avi Olitzky	<u>6th Year Recipients</u> Linear Rashi-Vayikra Steve Bleher 7th Year Recipients Linear Rashi-B'midbar Jesse Klein Randi Rose	<u>11th Year Recipient</u> Studies in B'reishit Sid Konikoff Larry Pepper	<u>19th Year Recipients</u> Simanim Tikkun Richard Ozer Cindy Witkin	<u>25th Year Recipient</u> Mahzor Lev Shalem Jim Bukstein
	<u>8th Year Recipients</u> Linear Rashi-D'varim Cantor Audrey Abrams Amy Stern Eli Witkin	<u>12th Year Recipient</u> Studies in Shemot Part One Rabbi Alexander Davis Beverlee Rockler Fine	<u>20th Year Recipient**</u> Chanting the Hebrew Bible—The Complete Guide to the Art of Cantillation Ken Goldfarb	<u>26th Year Recipients</u> Shabbat at Home Michael Bleher Harriette Burstein
			<u>21st Year Recipient</u> Etz Hayim Ron Plotsker	<u>27th Year Recipient</u> Special Surprise Adina Goldstein

What is the Hag Sameach Program?

Hag Sameach has provided holiday gifts for 19 years to referred families and individuals who are in need or isolated. Please drop off donations any time at JFCS (13100 Wayzata Blvd) through December 16 at the drop box by the Aleph Preschool or the Sabes JCC. What is needed? Monetary donations, theater tickets and gift cards are greatly appreciated. All donations, including new unwrapped gifts, are accepted year-round. For more information, contact Joanne Savitt, Hag Sameach Coordinator, at 952-542-4870 or jsavitt@jfcsmpls.org.

Camp Ramah...Where fun and friendship build Jewish lives.

Enrolling now...Camp Ramah in Wisconsin located in Conover, Wisconsin. Camp Ramah is committed to fun and learning in an environment where Hebrew and Jewish values are integrated into the daily camp activities of swimming, sports and making friends. For children who will be in 4th grade through 11th grade next fall. For more information, contact Barrie Orloff, Twin Cities Ramah Representative, at borloff@ramahwisconsin.com. Check out the website and Ramah video at www.ramahwisconsin.com.

Beth El Endowments and Program Funds provide an important source of income, enabling Beth El to offer added services and programs and to make improvements to the facility. You can honor or remember family members and friends or special events with contributions to any of the Beth El Endowment Funds or Program Funds. Send donations to: Beth El Synagogue, 5224 West 26th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Indicate the fund to which you want to contribute, the purpose of the contribution, and to whom you would like an acknowledgement sent. A complete listing of funds are available by calling the front desk at 952-873-7300 or donate online at www.bethelsynagogue.org (click on "Donate") If you would like to establish a new fund in your name or in the name of a loved one, please contact Marilyn Weisberg at Beth El, at 952-873-7303.

Beth El Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions

This list reflects donations made to funds from October 1-October 31, 2011. Contributions received after October 31, 2011 will be listed in the January 2012 issue of the *Shofar*. If you **do not** want your name listed, please include a note when you make your contribution.

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"The Life has ended, but the light can never be extinguished"

It is our custom at Beth El to memorialize our departed loved ones with memorial plaques. These beautiful plaques are placed in the memorial alcove outside of the Fiterman Chapel for the entire first year and then the entire month of the Yahrzeit date each year after that.

The cost of a plaque is \$500, with the proceeds supporting programs at Beth El throughout the year.

Please contact Marilyn Weisberg at 952-873-7303 for more information or to order a plaque.





Aleph Preschool Hanukkah Shabbat Family Dinner

Friday, December 16

Beth El Synagogue Gruman Social Hall

5:30 Family Service * 6:00 Dinner

Bring the **WHOLE** family & friends
for a delicious chicken dinner, yummy latkes,
and irresistable sufganiyot!
Plus lots of singing and ruach!!

Questions? Contact Cara Strauss at carastrauss@gmail.com or call the Aleph Preschool office at (952) 873-7320. If cost is a concern, please contact Karen Burton at the number above.

Family Name: _____

of Adults _____ x \$16.00= _____

of Children _____ x \$8.00= _____
(Kids under 1 are free)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
(Make checks payable to the Aleph Preschool)

Please check all that apply:

- I've ordered a challah through school for this night and would like to donate it for use at this dinner
- I have enclosed *extra money to help subsidize the cost for families who cannot pay in full
- I would like to help out with set-up/take down on the day of the dinner, you can contact me at:

Please fill out
and return this portion of
the flyer to your child's
teacher **BY MONDAY,**
DECEMBER 5th.

*Any amount of extra money that you feel comfortable with will help greatly, whether its \$1 or \$100 it's much appreciated. Thank you.



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