



SAMANTHA ROSE BEUGEN

שושנה בת יעקב ורחיה

Daughter of
Mara & Troy Beugen

In honor of Samantha's bat mitzvah,
her parents are sponsoring
the Kiddush.

All are invited to attend in the
Gruman Social Hall.

Service & Program Times

SHABBAT

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting 7:13 p.m.

Saturday

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Spiegel Sanctuary

Club Hallel 10:30 a.m.
Gruman Social Hall—Stage Side

Minha 5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 8:16 p.m.

SUNDAY

Minyan 9:00 a.m.

Minha 5:45 p.m.

DAILY MINYAN

Shaharit 7:00 a.m.

Minha 5:45 p.m.

Help Us Keep the Spirit of Shabbat

In Honor of Shabbat, please refrain
from the following activities:

- photography or writing
- using cell phones or other electronic devices
- wearing perfume or cologne (the person sitting next to you may be allergic)

And at the conclusion of services,
please pick up papers from the
pews and discard appropriately.

~Thank you!

Welcome to Beth El Synagogue! If you are new to Beth El, we'd love to meet you! Please introduce yourself to the greeters, clergy or officer sitting on the bimah. We invite you to learn more about Beth El and to discuss joining our congregational family by contacting our Executive Director, Linda Goldberg at lgoldberg@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-920-3512.

Shabbat Parah

Sh'mini שמניני

Leviticus 9:-11:47 (p. 630)

Maftir

Numbers 19:1-22 (p. 880)

Haftarah

Ezekiel 36:16-36 (p. 1286)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Women's League
Shabbat Morning Greeters:
Helen & Shel Resig

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Samantha Beugen	9:1-10
	Beverlee Rockler Fine	9:11-16
2:	Benji Bloom	9:17-19
	Rabbi Avi Olitzky	9:20-23
3:	Rachel Klein	9:24-10:7
	Maddie Youman	10:8-11
4:	Sophia Temkin	10:12-15
5:	David Hope	10:16-20
6:	Steve Rose	11:1-6
	<i>On the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah</i>	
	Michael Bleher	11:7-32
7:	Rabbi Alexander Davis	11:33-44
	Samantha Beugen	11:45-47
M:	Nina Shragg	(Numbers) 19:1-22
	<i>On the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.</i>	
Haftarah:	Samantha Beugen	

DROPS OF TORAH רסיסי תורה

Leviticus 10:20 "Moses heard, and it was good (*vayitav*) in his eyes."

ויקרא י כ:

וישמע משה ויטיב בעיניו :

Sometimes we pass judgment on our fellow human beings far too quickly and far too often. The above verse, comes just after Moses chastised his brother Aaron (after Nadav and Avihu are killed). Aaron responds with what seems like a latent cry of mourning and weakness, throwing his hands up in the air, essentially pleading, "I have no strength left to give." Moses, as the verse indicates, is calmed and recognizes that perhaps he came on too strong. Moses had assumed God's role of judging his brother. In the previous verses, as Moses scolds his kinsmen, it is as if he raises his hand to strike as the words come out of his mouth. Here we read *vayitav*—a play on God looking back at God's creation in early in the Torah and understanding that it is *tov*, but also indicating that Moses recognized his hubris, assuming God's role. He needed to take a step back from Creation. He then lowered himself to his normal state of humility, as a mortal, and did not attempt to become God, especially in dealing with Aaron and his kinsmen. So too, we should leave the judgment and chastisement for the Holy One Above—especially when it comes to family. And perhaps, it will all become *tov* for us as well. -AO

Condolences to our congregants (*members in bold*):

- The friends and family of **Celia Cohen**
- **Darlene Schwartz** and family on the loss of her brother, Arlyn Jay Pomush.

Sunday Morning Minyan Hevrah Breakfast

(Following services at 9:00 am)

To sponsor a breakfast, contact Steve Moldo 952-545-4198 or Lou Jurisz at 612-396-9270 or David Jurisz 612-987-7644.

March 27—Beverlee Rockler Fine and family in loving memory of Ralph Fine.

April 3—Sponsored in honor of Murray and Marlene Brandys on their 57th wedding anniversary. May you have many more.

UPCOMING AT BETH EL

For more information on these programs and events, call the Beth El office at 952-920-3512, or visit www.bethelsynagogue.org.

Do a Mitzvah: Make a Minyan

Your presence is needed to ensure Beth El has a daily minyan. Evening minyan is 5:45-6:10 p.m. Morning minyan runs from 7:00-7:45 a.m. Come for yourself. Come to support fellow congregants.

Don't miss DEEPAK CHOPRA at Beth El April 11

Over 900 tickets already sold! Join us for "An Evening with Deepak Chopra: Healing, Transformation and Higher Consciousness" as part of our ongoing "Inspiring Minds" Series, on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. A variety of ticket options are selling quickly at www.bethelsynagogue.org/vip-deepak or by calling 952-920-3512.

Special Women's Seder benefiting Jewish Domestic Abuse Collaborative (JDAC)

On Tuesday, April 5, please join us for a special Women's Seder benefiting the Jewish Domestic Abuse Collaborative (JDAC). A light, vegetarian, Passover-style dinner will begin at 5:45 p.m. Our featured guest speaker will be Betsy Sitkoff, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis Manager of the Jewish Community Health Awareness Initiative. Register by March 29. Questions? Contact Jacki Broze via e-mail or by phone at 763-546-7381. Sponsored by Beth El Synagogue Women's League.

Aleph Preschool Speaker Series presents Dr. Robert Karasov, M.D.

Join us for Aleph Preschool Speaker Series with Robert S. Karasov M.D. on Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 10:15 a.m. (Beth El Synagogue) The topic will be "Vaccine Safety Issues and What to do when your child is sick." Coffee and a nosh, and a Construction Tour to follow. Babysitting will be available – MUST RSVP to Karen Burton at kburton@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-920-4169.

Nosh 'n Drash: Torah for Living

Next study will be Monday, April 4 (No Study on the 18th)

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. For \$5, you get a dose of Torah and a scrumptious lunch. Enjoy the class and conversation regularly, or drop in every now and again. To RSVP, contact Roger Rubin at bikingdad@msn.com.

Passover in The Matzah Aisles

Passover shopping lists making you a little nervous? Looking for a few new recipes and the ingredients you need for your upcoming Seder and the week of Passover? Head to Byerly's St. Louis Park on March 29 and 31 and April 3, 12 and 14. Shop for all of your Passover needs from the extensive kosher for Passover selection of grocery products, wonderful wines, etc. Stop by the Jewish Outreach Institute/Beth El "Passover in the Matzah Aisles" table for a few delicious samples, literature on Passover, recipes and coupons too. Come support Beth El and Byerly's, as together we partner to make your seder one to remember.

Sacred Chanting

Sacred chanting is a spiritual practice that is meditative, contemplative, and a great way to lower your blood pressure. Chants and melodies using Hebrew phrases from the Bible that help us to understand the text on a deeper level and open our hearts and minds spiritually. Sacred Chanting is on the 1st Tuesday evening of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The Next Sacred Chanting is April 5. Contact Cantor Abrams for more information at 952-920-3512.

Noah Solomon (lead singer of SOULFARM) Returns to Beth El for a Special "Beth El Sings" Shabbat

Beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, April 15th, Noah will lead us in ruah-filled Shabbat evening services followed by a pre-Pesah Shabbat dinner with singing, dancing and, of course DRUMMING! RSVPs are a MUST! See flyer on the book cart in the lobby for registration and further information for this spirited Shabbat!



B'nai Mitzvah Israel Bond Program

Beth El and Israel Bonds continue to offer our B'nai Mitzvah an opportunity to invest in Israel Bonds. Through the generosity of our congregant, Fern Badzin, Beth El is able to match the amount of the investment. Please call the synagogue office for more information.

Gifts Presented to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah

A bar/bat mitzvah is a celebration not just for an individual family but for the entire Jewish community, indeed the entire Jewish people. Beth El Synagogue and the Minneapolis Jewish community generously give the following gifts in celebration of b'nai mitzvah:

- A personalized kiddush cup by Beth El's Sisterhood & Men's Club for Shabbat and Festivals.
- A ring of trees planted in Israel by the Jewish National Fund through the generosity of Beth El congregant, Naomi Rotenberg, in honor of the bar/bat mitzvah.
- A matching contribution for those who invest in Israel Bonds through the generosity of Beth El congregant, Fern Badzin, to solidify the bond between b'nai mitzvah and Medinat Yisrael.
- A free year's membership to the Sabes Jewish Community Center including use of fitness and teen centers.
- A partial scholarship toward an Israel trip for young adults who continue their Jewish education from the Louis Herman Israel Experience Fund, an endowment of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation.
- The *Etz Hayim Humash* for students of the Talmud Torah to encourage ongoing Torah study.
- A Pirkei Avot book for students of the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School to commemorate their passage through the doorway of Jewish adulthood.

Songs of Songs

What are the 100 greatest Jewish songs ever?

Tablet Magazine's musicologists rank them all, from sacred to pop to hip-hop. Excerpt from Dec. 2010 article: www.tabletmag.com/arts-and-culture/music/53984/songs-of-songs

#6. "My Mammy" (1918)

Before Frank Sinatra, before Elvis Presley, before Michael Jackson, there was Al Jolson, the 20th century's first pan-media "rock star." With his dynamic stage act and rafter-rattling voice, he was for millions of fans the embodiment of pop modernity—the poster boy for ragtime, which was unmooring America from its Victorian past one raucous song at a time. But Jolson was not just a New American; he was vividly, unapologetically a Jewish American, with a fearless devotion to schmaltz and a "tear in a voice," his birthright as a cantor's son.

He was also, infamously, history's most famous practitioner of blackface minstrelsy. Today, we are rightly repulsed by Jolson's blackface act. But to shunt Jolson to history's margins is to betray history. Listening to his signature song, "My Mammy"—the 1918 hit that he reprised in the landmark first film talkie, *The Jazz Singer*—we confront the sheer weirdness of pop music's early days, when beauty and vulgarity, Jewish immigrant striving and primordial American racism were inextricably enmeshed. Jolson was a pop vocal genius whose art most majestically took flight when he slathered his white skin with burnt cork, affected a broad "darky" accent, and belted out an Oedipal ode to his little old Jewish mother. It's not a comfortable story, but it's a true one. (JR)

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

Setting Your Seder Table:

A Plateful of Learning - An Evening of Fun

Join us for this Pre-Pesah program on Monday, April 4, 2011 from 6:45-9:30 PM, at Bnai Emet Synagogue. The evening begins with registration at 6:45 PM, followed by "Community Sing—Traditional and New Passover Melodies and More!" at 7:00 p.m. (Feel free to bring a recording device.) At 7:30 PM experience "What's on Your Seder Plate?" with your choice of sessions* - one for each seder plate item. At 8:40 PM, experience "What Else Is on the Table... or Could Be?" with your choice of sessions.* For more information, contact Beth El at 952-920-3512. Open to the Community with a \$5.00 suggested donation. *Choice of sessions led by Rabbis Davis and Olitzky along with other Twin Cities Conservative Rabbis with Special Guests: Rabbi Gil Nativ, Magen Avraham Congregation, Omer, Israel and Zivah Nativ, Director, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs, Israeli Masorti Movement.

Pasture-Raised Kosher Beef, Lamb, Poultry

Bring your values to the table and delight your guests this Pesah with healthy and delicious, glatt kosher, pasture-raised beef, lamb, chicken, turkey or duck. At KOL Foods we know our animals and tell you their story so you can feel good about the meat you eat. For example, our turkeys are organic-raised on the pastures of Aaron and Roman's Amish farms especially for KOL Foods. Order through our Pesah Twin Cities Buying Club to get Reduced Shipping April 5th. (Our Pesah home delivery continues until April 13th.) Extra proceeds from the Buying Club will be donated to the Greater Lake County Food Bank. Questions? Contact Susan Cobin at 651-644-1508 or susan.cobin@gmail.com. You can also visit www.kolfoods.com or call 888-366-3565.

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahrzeits

Friday, March 25 – Friday, April 1, 2011
19 Adar II – 26 Adar II 5771

Shiva

ARLYN JAY POMUSH – AYA TZVI BEN YISROEL LIPMAN V'
RIVA BAYLA

Shloshim

Ronald Ungerman, Sr.
Sarah (Helen) Lubet
Miryam (Mary) Doroshov
Yitzhak (Irwin) Rubenstein

Yahrzeit

19 Adar II / Friday, March 25

Gershon (George) Berman
Chai Zesal (Lucille) Ehrlich
Shoshanna (Rose) Glassman
Molly Litt
Sarah Skirven

22 Adar II / Monday, March 28

Genia Yankel Kushner
Chana (Ann E.) Weinberg

23 Adar II / Tuesday, March 29

Bila (Bela) Kowalski

20 Adar II / Saturday, March 26

Sora Leah (Sara Lee) Clayman
Ariel Laib (Jim - Lowell) Resig

24 Adar II / Wednesday, March 30

Rachel (Ruth) Wernick

21 Adar II / Sunday, March 27

Nechama Ostrow Margolis
Binyamin Yosef (Ben) Permack

25 Adar II / Thursday, March 31

Elchanan (Hyman) Sedransky
Zlotta Channa Rochail (Jessie) Simkins

26 Adar II / Friday, April 1

Tevya (Theodore) Kawer

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Dancing With The Stars— The Beth El Way!

Vote
Now!

Sunday, April 3, 2011 ♦ 7:00 p.m. ♦ Beth El

Everyone is invited to a star-studded evening, with your fellow congregants taking center stage!

You're the judge!

Some of Beth El's most talented couples will attempt to dance their way to the *Beth El Glitter Ball* trophy.

Guest judges: **Art & Cheri Rolnick** and **Mickey Greenburg**.

Host: Former TV news anchor and Beth El's own **Jordana Green!**

Two Awards: 1 Chosen by a Panel of Judges, 1 People's Choice!

3 Ways to Vote for "People's Choice" Winner:

1. Attend the event. Your \$20 donation provides admission and refreshments along with one free vote to be cast the night of the event.
2. Buy additional votes the night of the event for just \$1 per extra vote.
3. Vote in advance for \$1 per extra vote. Even if you cannot attend, you can dedicate your dollars to as many couples as you choose.

Sponsorships Available:

GOLD SPONSOR: \$400 = 400 votes and 12 tickets to the event

SILVER SPONSOR: \$250 = 250 votes and 8 tickets to the event

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$120 = 120 votes and 4 tickets to the event

All profits will go directly to Beth El to support programs and other services.



You can order tickets and vote online at www.bethelsynagogue.org/dancing or send this order form along with your check by March 27 to Beth El: 5224 W. 26th St. St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Contact Linda Estrin with ticket questions at 763-545-4301.



Dancing with the Stars – The Beth El Way – Ticket & Voting Form

_____ # of tickets at \$20 each (Includes one free vote per ticket, which you'll receive and cast at event.)

Additional votes are \$1 each. Please indicate the number of additional votes per couple below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jim and Marlene Bukstein
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabbi Alexander Davis & Esther Goldberg-Davis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Craig and Riva Kupritz
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debbie and Gil Mann
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy and Gary Fine

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabbi Avi Olitzky and Cantor Audrey Abrams
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ben and Joanie Rischall
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donald Rowe and Sandra Uri
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Torodor and Sharon Farsht Torodor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Yousha and Judy Victor

I cannot attend, but am donating \$_____ now to support the above dancers.

I/We would like to be a sponsor (circle one): **GOLD** **SILVER** **BRONZE**

How would you like to be listed in the program: _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Total enclosed: \$_____ (Please make checks payable to Beth El Women's League)