



*We gratefully acknowledge
the Beth El Women's League
for providing funds for
un-sponsored kiddushim
throughout the year.*

*The congregation and
friends are invited to attend
in the Gruman Social Hall.*

Service & Program Times

SHABBAT

Friday:

Kabbalat Shabbat5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting.....7:49 p.m.

Saturday:

Shaharit.....9:00 a.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Iyun T'fillah.....9:15 a.m.
Spiegel Sanctuary

Minha.....5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah8:51 p.m.

SUNDAY

Minyan.....9:00 a.m.

Minha.....5:45 p.m.

PESAH DAY 7

Festival Services.....9:00 a.m.

Minha.....5:45 p.m.

PESAH DAY 8

Festival Services / Yizkor...9:00 a.m.

Minha.....5:45 p.m.

DAILY MINYAN

Shaharit.....7:00 a.m.

Minha.....5:45 p.m.

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 Hol Hamoed Pesah

Exodus 33:12-34:26 (p. 538)

Haftarah

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 1307)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Women's League Shabbat Morning Greeter: **Joyce Prohofsky**
- Thank you to the **Beth El Choir**, under the direction of **Bill Torodor**, for participating in Shabbat morning services.

Todah to our Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesah
Torah Readers • Ki Tissa 33:12-34:26

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| 1: | Chris Brand | 33:12-16 |
| 2: | Jenny Hage | 33:17-19 |
| 3: | Jenny Hage | 33:20-23 |
| 4: | Jenny Hage | 34:1-3 |
| 5: | Jenny Hage | 34:4-10 |
| 6: | Judy Zwiebel Weisenberg | 34:11-17 |
| 7: | Judy Zwiebel Weisenberg | 34:18-26 |
| M: | Judy Zwiebel Weisenberg | (Numbers) 28:19-25 |
- Haftarah:** Richard Spiegel

**MEGILLAT SHIR HASHIRIM READERS
CHAPTER/VERSES:**

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| 5:1-16 | John Orenstein |
| 6:1-12 | Cantor Audrey Abrams |

**REMINDER: Yizkor will be
recited on the 8th day of Pesah—
Tuesday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m.**

Iyun T'fillah—Enjoy a special Iyun T'fillah service today from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fiterman Chapel. Designed to nurture the soul and open ourselves deeper into prayer.

DROPS OF TORAH רְסִיטֵי תוֹרָה

Exodus 34:26 "The first fruits of your land, you shall bring to the House of Adonai, your God. You must not cook a kid in its mother's milk."

שמות לד:כו

רֵאשִׁית בְּכוֹרֵי אֲדָמָתְךָ תָּבִיא בֵּית ה' אֶ-לֶהֶיךָ לֹא-תִבְשֵׁל גְּדִי בְחֵלֶב אִמּוֹ :

Abstaining from the consumption of *hametz* during Passover speaks to our spiritual journey taking root in concrete applications. We cut out anything "risen." We rid our lives of loftiness, arrogance and hubris. It is quite fitting that the closing verse of our Shabbat Torah reading is connected to the laws of *kashrut*. Though they may seem to have a different motivation than Passover dietary laws, our year-round laws of *kashrut* also have spiritual implications. The concrete application of the above baby goat and its mother—this is the prohibition against mixing meat with dairy, as Rashi reminds us. But we read this verse in tandem with its other two references in the Torah. Rashi takes hold of these three and explains: "It is repeated three times in the Torah: once regarding eating, once regarding benefit from it, and once prohibiting the cooking of it." This is not only about eating—the prohibition against boiling a kid in its mother's milk is to teach us a lesson about sensitivity and compassion for life-giving and living things in this world. The message is driven home amidst our observance of holiday-specific dietary laws meant to help rid us of arrogance and loftiness. And so we finally understand that freedom from egoism and selfishness is our common goal not only during our Feast of Freedom, but year-round. —AO

**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!

Condolences to our congregants (members in bold):

- **Janet Shanedling** and family on the loss of her father, Harold Rosenberg.
- The friends and family of **Faye Weinberger**.

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.

April 24—Please join us for our traditional “Matzah Brei Breakfast” co-sponsored by Elliot Miller in loving memory of his parents Ruben & June Miller and in honor of his son Jeffrey’s masters degree from Columbia College; David Lasky in loving memory of his wife Elayne Lasky; and Marty & Sharon Kieffer in loving memory of their parents, Martha & Abe Weiner and Marry & Louis Kieffer.

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.

"The Jewish Ethics of War" with Professor Michael Broyde as part of U of MN Lecture Series

The Center for Jewish Studies at the U of MN presents its 7th Annual Community Lecture Series with Michael Broyde and “The Jewish Tradition and the Ethics of War.” This event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2011, at Beth El Synagogue. Battlefield ethics is among the hardest issue any legal system confronts because the starting point is that there are situations in which you can kill innocent people on the battlefield. Michael Broyde explores when, if, and how people may be killed in the course of battle in the Jewish tradition. This issue has implications both for the Israeli military and for Jewish soldiers outside of Israel.

Club Hallel

Come learn Hallel melodies for this very frailich part of our services from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. on April 30th. Hallel is recited on Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot, Hanukkah, and Rosh Hodesh. These songs of praise cover all of Jewish history from the birth of our nation to the establishment of the Messianic Era. In Hallel, we express our joy at past miracles and our faith in future miracles.

Aleph Preschool 2011 Registration

Space is still available in the following Fall 2011 classes:

- Toddler 2 day program (Must be 2 yrs old by 9-1-11)
- Preschool 3 day program (Must be 3 yrs old by 9-1-11)

Please contact Karen Burton at 952-920-4169 or kburton@bethelsynagogue.org to receive a packet or for more information. We are excited to share our new school with your child.

YOW 2011: Back to the Dells!

USY is taking YOW back to the Wisconsin Dells, April 29th - May 1 at the Perlstein Center. The weekend is FREE and a wonderful opportunity to see what USY is all about. We are able to take 55 USYers in grades 8 - 12. Register online at www.bethelsynagogue.org/yow.

Israeli Song of the Month Club

Give yourself a break and join us Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jonathan and Ruth Paradise (8515 Duluth Street Golden Valley) enjoy an evening of singing some current hits and some old favorite Israeli songs, conversation and nosh! RSVP appreciated or for more information, contact Ruth Paradise at 763-593-9679 or ruthparadise40@gmail.com. *A program of the Beth El Sings initiative.*

Beth El USYers to take in a Twins Game

7th-12th graders are invited on Tuesday, May 10th to watch the Twins take on the Detroit Tigers with all of the Twin City USY chapters. Tickets are \$25 (Limited availability). We'll be leaving from the Beth El parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and returning at 10:30 p.m. RSVP to Amy Goldfine at amy@bethelusy.org.

Blood Drive—May 22

Memorial Blood Centers will be holding a blood drive at Beth El on May 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To register, contact Terry Cohen at 763-544-1676 or Judy Radel at 763-522-7202, or go to allstarclub.mbc.org/mbc/mobilesch/bdc_company.php and enter code 0570.

Additional sources to learn more about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and Jews in the labor movement at the turn of the twentieth century—presentation by Riv Ellen Prell last Shabbat:

- Ric Burns created an excellent documentary in “The American Experience” series about labor and politics in New York City that has a very powerful section on the fire. See www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/introduction/triangle-intro.
- Cornell University has an outstanding website about the fire and labor with photos, newspaper accounts, and other great historical sources. See www.ilr.cornell.edu/trianglefire.
- The Jewish Women’s Archive, www.jwa.org, is an online, digital archive about American Jewish women’s history and experiences.
- David Von Drehle’s *Triangle: The Fire that Changed America* (2003) is the best book on the subject and it reads like a novel.
- Annelise Orleck’s *Commonsense and a Little Fire: Women and Workingclass Politics in the United States 1900-1965* (1995) is a wonderful book about the four Jewish women who were central to organizing women workers in the garment industry, who witnessed and lived through the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, and whose collective biography she presents.
- *The Forward* is doing a special issue about the fire this month.



Registration for Chaverim
B'shemish Summer Camp
ALMOST FULL!

Call 952-920-4169 for details.

THE MOURNER'S KADDISH: How an Old Wives' Tale Became One of Judaism's Most Central Prayers

On Monday, May 2, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue, Rabbi Abigail Treu will present THE MOURNER'S KADDISH: How an Old Wives' Tale Became One of Judaism's Most Central Prayers. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested. To RSVP, please contact Beth El Synagogue at 952-920-3512 or rswanson@bethelsynagogue.org. For more information regarding JTS, please contact Michele Siegal at misiegal@jtsa.edu or 248-258-0055.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

The Twin Cities Jewish Community Remembers Debbie Friedman

Join Debbie's family and friends for a *kumsitz* (sing-along) of Debbie's music at 2:00 pm Sunday, April 24, 2011, at the Sabes Jewish Community Center. Free of charge; all are welcome! Born in New York, and raised in St. Paul, when Debbie died on January 9th, she left behind a lifetime of inspirational music and prayer that has influenced generations of Jews. Her birthday would have been February 23rd and to honor her memory we'll follow her charge to "Turn our Mourning into Dancing." Bring your timbrels, your instruments, your voice and your spirit, and let's sing! The Twin Cities Tribute to Debbie Friedman is sponsored by her family, friends and community, in partnership with the Sabes Jewish Community Center. For more information contact Jeff Schachtman 763.923.2252, jschachtman@oakridgefinancial.com or Wendy Goldberg: wengold@comcast.net

Celebrating 100 Years of JFS of St Paul

Join us as we celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Jewish Family Service of our first 100 years and kick-off the next 100 years of making a real difference in the lives of many. The celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. at the historic James J. Hill House on Sunday, May 8th. Enjoy a concert by members of the SPCO, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine and docent-led tours of the Hill House. Visit www.jfssp.org for more information.

Celebrate Israel's 63rd Independence Day and Day of Remembrance

The Israel Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and Sabes Jewish Community Center are helping the Minneapolis Jewish community come together to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 63rd Independence Day. Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at the Sabes Jewish Community Center. The family-friendly celebration will include Israeli food, music, dancing, and arts & crafts. The event will also feature a special performance and "shira betzibur" (sing-a-long) by Mark Bloom and Vanessa Dembo of Kavanessence and Israeli folk dancing with Shira Schwartz. This event is free and open to the public. Food will be available for purchase. A special service is also being held for Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 at Beth El Synagogue in St. Louis Park. This Twin Cities event will commemorate fallen soldiers and those who gave their lives for the state of Israel. Israeli soldiers from the Paratroopers Reconnaissance Unit will be present for both events. For more information, contact the Israel Center at 952.417.2321 or eharel@mplsfed.org or online at www.jewishminneapolis.org/calendar and click on May 8 or May 11.

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahrzeits

Friday, April 15 – Friday, April 22, 2011
11 Nisan – 18 Nisan 5771

Shiva

JAN RIBNICK – FRUMA BAT DAVID
FAYE SCHWARTZ – FAIGA BAT SHLOMO V' RIVKAH
IRENE SILVERMAN
FAYE WEINBERGER—FLIGEL BAT GIDALIA V'MASHA

Shloshim

Yitzhak (Irwin) Rubenstein
Aya Tzvi (Arlyn Jay) Pomush
CeCe Rayna (Celia) Cohen
Esther Milgrom
Sora Ettel (Sylvia) Schwartz
Yitzhak Lev (Irving L.) Rudoy

Yahrzeit

11 Nisan / Friday, April 15

Tsiril (Sarah) Idelkope
Yehuda (Julius) Lasky
Osmah (Hattie) Levinsohn
Wolf (William) Liebo
Rachmeil Leib (Milton Louis) Munic
Yehuda (Joel) Rappaport
Sadie Rosenbaum
Nahum (Nathan) Rubin

12 Nisan / Saturday, April 16

Michael (Michael) Golden
Yitzhak (Isadore) Goldstein
Shlomo (Sam) Hersch
Yosef Aharon (Joseph) Kaplan
Baruch (William) Kasdan
Zalman (Sol) Krishef
Esther Porch
George Prottas
Peter Slater
David Jack Cohen

13 Nisan / Sunday, April 17

Chaim Tzvi (Herman) Jordani
Tevya (Theodore) Kohn
Chayim (Charles) Segelbaum
Aryeh Leib (Louis) Wolf

14 Nisan / Monday, April 18

Shlomo Nisan (S.N. "Bunny") Bearman
Yehudit (Ellen) Burstein
Esther Malka (Mildred) Halter
Sachnee (Sidney) Karon
Toba (Della) Marcus
Sylvia Ratner
Melech (Millard) Rosenberg
Shelema Laya (Shirley) Zatz

15 Nisan / Tuesday, April 19

Yisrael (Irving) Davis
Adene Goldberg
Rayzel (Rose) Kasdan
Razel (Rose) Lazarus
Yehekel (Kenneth) Livingston
Hannah (Ann) Orman
Aharon (Dr. A. A.) Papermaster
Yetta (Sylvia) Prager
Sam Saturn
Frank Sherman
Josef (Gerald) Sudit
Yosef Shlomo (Richard) Vinitzky

16 Nisan / Wednesday, April 20

Sora Sasha (Sara) Berman
Yacov (Jacob) Feldman
Harriett Friedman
Zaev Tzvi (William) Juster
Channah (Anne "Peggy") Liss
Haya (Ida) Schuster
Hinda (Helen) Witebsky
Yisrael Dov (Bernard) Wolson

17 Nisan / Thursday, April 21

Shimon David (Sherman) Ansell
Rochail (Ruth) Chapman
Chava (Eva) Hersch
Channa (Anna) Sherman

18 Nisan / Friday, April 22

Morris Blumberg
Laib (Leon) Katz
Sholem Isser Boruch (Sam) Katz
Mayer (Meyer) Michlin
Loretta Straus Levi
Leah Golda (Lee) Weisberg



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

**Call our Yad V'lev hotline
952-920-3512 ext 7350**

Can you lend a hand? We need you!

Contact Jo Ann Guesner at 952-920-3512 or
jguesner@gmail.com.

**Have health questions? Call our *Shul* Nurse,
Hadassah Zohara at 952-920-3512, ext 7356.**



Small Consumer Electronics Recycling

Donate your used hand-held electronics by bringing them to the Beth El office during regular business hours. Your items are tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished by nonprofit Recycling Fundraiser (formerly EcoPhones). All proceeds go directly to Beth El programs. The acceptable items are: cellular phones, inkjet printer cartridges, laptop/notebook computers, MP3 players, digital cameras, digital picture frames, and portable navigation and GPS devices. For more information, contact Committee Chair Mike Frisch, 952-933-3169.

Knead A Hand?

Yad v' Lev, Beth El's Caring Community, in partnership with Seven Stars Coffee House. Seven Stars is a Kosher certified restaurant and coffee shop located in Edina. needs volunteers to pick up and deliver the food left at the end of the day to local food shelves such as PRISM, located in Golden Valley, Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis and, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, also located in Golden Valley. Every day of the week a YVL volunteer is providing a mitzvah to those who are hungry in our community. If you would like to volunteer for this mitzvah, even one day a month, contact Jo Ann Gruesner at jgruesner@gmail.com.

Loaves & Fishes

The next opportunities to serve with Loaves & Fishes will be Tuesday, May 24. Help provide a wonderful meal for people in need in South Minneapolis. Servers volunteer from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Call Diana Rosen at 952-922-7389 to reserve a place on our serving team.

Feed My Starving Children

The next opportunity to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen (grade 3 and up) is Tuesday, June 14 from 6:00-7:30p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Polansky at rbpolansky@yahoo.com or 952-544-1462.



**Beth El Synagogue Women's League
2011 – 2012 Installation of Officers**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011
12:00 Noon Luncheon**

Beth El Synagogue Gruman Social Hall
Cost: \$15 per person

Enjoy a Special Sing-a-Long Featuring
Cantor Audrey Abrams and the Beth El M'shanim

Slate of Officers:

- Karen Rubin – President
- Shayne Karasov – Executive VP/Programming
- Debra Deutsch - Administrative VP
- Rita Cook – Ways and Means VP
- Carolyn Gerr – Education VP
- Jodi Davis – Membership VP
- Marilyn Lieberman – Financial Secretary
- Penny Stillman – Corresponding Secretary
- Rosa Stein – Recording Secretary
- Barbara Gottlieb - Treasurer



Register online at www.bethelsynagogue.org/wl-officers or detach this form and send with a check made payable to "Beth El Synagogue Women's League" by April 27, 2011 to: **Joyce Prohofsky - 7709 W. 24th St. – St. Louis Park - 55426**

**Beth El Synagogue Women's League
2011 – 2012 Installation Luncheon – May 3, 2011**

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

_____ @ \$15 per person

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____