



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

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.

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

Today to our Torah readers on Pesah Day 7 • April 25 • 21 Nisan

B'shallah 13:17-15:26

1:	Adina Goldstein	13:17-22
2:	Adina Goldstein	14:1-8
3:	Cantor Audrey Abrams	14:9-14
4:	Cindy Witkin	14:15-25
5:	Sid Konikoff (Shirat Hayam)	14:26-15:26
M:	Deb Deutsch	(Numbers) 28:19-25
Haftarah:		Cindy Witkin

Today to our Torah readers on Pesah Day 8 • April 26 • 22 Nisan

R'ei 15:19-16:17

1:	Harriette Burstein	15:19-23
2:	Harriette Burstein	16:1-3
3:	Harriette Burstein	16:4-8
4:	Harriette Burstein	16:9-12
5:	Harriette Burstein	16:13-17
M:	Deb Deutsch	(Numbers) 28:19-25
Haftarah:		Ron Plotsker

DROPS OF TORAH רְסִיסי תּוֹרָה

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 בְּכוּרֵי 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

UPCOMING AT BETH EL

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

"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 fraulich part of our services from 10:00 – 11:00 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.

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.

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.

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 misiegel@jtsa.edu or 248-258-0055.

Small Consumer Electronics Recycling

Donate your used handheld 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](mailto:rbspolansky@yahoo.com) or 952-544-1462.



**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 Gruesner at 952-920-3512 or jgruesner@gmail.com.

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

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13613 Orchard Rd. Minnetonka, MN 55305
952-933-8525

Auxiliary parking
available at Hopkins
West Junior High,
3830 Baker Road.
Shuttle buses provided.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

7:00 P.M.

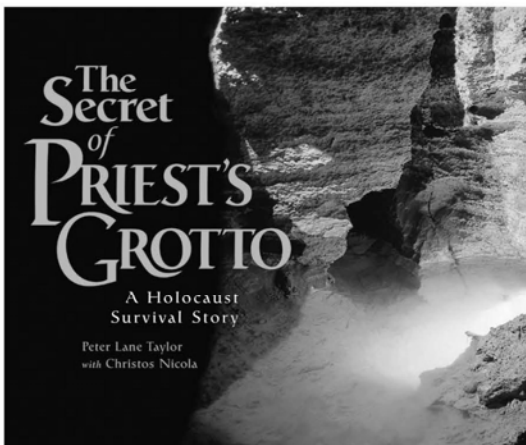
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LEGACY:

THE WRITING OF
SURVIVOR STORIES

Featuring CHRISTOS NICOLA, author of *The Secret of Priest's Grotto: A Holocaust Survival Story*

When a team of experienced cavers decided to explore the caves in a remote part of the Ukraine, they made a remarkable discovery—artifacts belonging to a Jewish family that survived the Holocaust living in the caves known as Priest's Grotto.



Free of charge and open to the public



ALSO FEATURING: Photographic exhibit of survivor portraits "Transfer Of Memory"

Yom HaShoah Commemoration co-sponsored by Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC), Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Minnesota (CHAIM), Minneapolis Jewish Federation, United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul, and Bet Shalom Congregation. For more information about the program, contact the JCRC at 612-338-7816.



It's time to celebrate Israel's 63rd Independence Day!
Yom Ha'atzmaut May 11

Yom Ha'atzmaut

(Israel's Independence Day)

5-8:30 p.m.

Sabes Jewish Community Center
Barry Family Campus
4330 S. Cedar Lake Rd.,
Minneapolis

Enjoy Israeli food, music,
dancing, and arts & crafts!

Plus, stay for a
performance and "shira
betzibur" (sing-a-long) by Mark
Bloom and Vanessa Dembo of
Kavanessence as well as
Israeli folk dancing with Shira
Schwartz. Free admission!

For more information,
contact the Israel Center at
952.417.2321,
eharel@mplsfed.org,
or log on to
[www.jewishminneapolis.org/
calendar](http://www.jewishminneapolis.org/calendar)

and click on May 8 or May 11

Note: Food available for a charge

DON'T FORGET!

Israeli soldiers from the Paratroopers
Reconnaissance Unit will join us for
both nights' events!



Yom Hazikaron

(Israel's Memorial Day)

7-8 p.m., May 8

Beth El Synagogue

5224 W. 26th St., St. Louis Park

Commemorate fallen soldiers and those who gave
their lives for the state of Israel.

This is a Twin Cities-wide event sponsored by the Minneapolis
Jewish Federation, Beth El Synagogue, United Jewish Fund and
Council of St. Paul, and the St. Paul JCC.

Yom Ha'atzmaut
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