



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

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

Service & Program Times

SHABBAT

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting..... 4:23 p.m.

Saturday

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

Minha 4:30 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 5:25 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!

Happy New Year! 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 952-920-3512, lgoldberg@bethelsynagogue.org

ואר"א Va'eira

Exodus 6:2-9:35 (pg. 351)

Haftarah

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 (p. 369)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Sisterhood Shabbat Morning Greeter: **Shayne Karasov**

**Cantor Abrams will be
out of town this Shabbat.**

**Apples & Honey will be
held next Shabbat, Jan. 8**

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Adina Goldstein	6:2-13
2:	Rabbi Alexander Davis	6:14-28
3:	Sylvia Keller	6:29-7:7
4:	Jesse Klein	7:8-15
	Jordan Klein	7:16-18
	Rachel Klein	7:19-8:2
	Josh Klein	8:3-6
5:	Ken Goodman	8:7-18
6:	Joe Rine	8:19-28
	Jim Bukstein	9:1-16
7:	Steve Bleher	9:17-35
M:	Steve Bleher	9:33-35
Haftarah:	Adina Goldstein	

DROPS OF TORAH רסיסי תורה

Exodus 7:15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning when he goes out to the water, and stand there to meet him by the bank of the river. The rod that was turned into a serpent, take in your hand."

שמות ו:טו

לך אל־פרעה בבקר הנה יצא המיִימה ונצבת לקראתו על־שפת הַיָּאָר וְהַמִּטָּה
אֲשֶׁר־יִהְיֶה לְנַחֵשׁ תִּקַּח בְּיָדְךָ:

When we plan for important conversations, we carefully choose the location. We plan ahead: a public place wanting to avoid a scene or looking for safety; a site that has nostalgia or special meaning for both parties; a private place for intimacy or discretion. Most of these important conversations do not take place standing at the urinal or sitting in the stall. Why does God instruct Moses to go out to the water to meet Pharaoh? Rashi believes that "the water" meant when Pharaoh went out to relieve himself. Because Pharaoh made claims to be a god, that is, that he did not need to relieve himself, and since he would arise early and go out to the Nile to "use the facilities," God wanted Moses to expose his humanity. But if this were to be a private meeting, again, we ask: why would God tell Moses to go meet Pharaoh in his outhouse? The Tur (Rabbi Jacob ben Rabbenu Asher) sheds a bit more light for us. Once Moses was uniquely aware of Pharaoh's humanity, Moses would be in a position to reveal this well-kept secret. Therefore, Pharaoh would need to depend on Moses' prudence. Pharaoh was about to get caught with his pants down—literally. This thus gave Moses the upper-hand. Next time you choose the bathroom as a place for conversation – as we learn from Moses and the Pharaoh – it's not only your words that you're sharing. -AO

Mazal Tov to our congregants:

- **Revital & Michael Furman** on the birth of their daughter.
- **Marnie & David Schuster** on the birth of their son.
- **Matt & Claire Swanson** on the birth of their daughter.

Condolences to our congregants:

- **Nan Posnick** and family on the loss of her husband, **Dr. Irving Posnick**.
- **Harold Smith** and family on the loss of his wife, **Mickey Smith**.

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 you play or have you always wanted to learn to play Mah Jongg?

PLAY, LEARN or TEACH with us on Sunday, January 2 and Sunday January 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at Beth El. Free and open to everyone! RSVP to Freada Golden at 952-922-6667 or Marcy Pearlman at pearlsam@comcast.net, 763-559-4593. Sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood.

Nosh and D'rash: Torah for Living

Next study will be Monday, January 3

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 learn more or RSVP, contact Roger Rubin at bikingdad@msn.com or 612-636-1598. For more adult learning opportunities, visit www.bethelsynagogue.org.

NOODLES! Benefit for Aleph School

Want an easy dinner on January 19? How about a delicious plate of pasta! 25% of proceeds made between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. will be donated to the Aleph Preschool. Please come to the Noodles in the new West End in St. Louis Park (5326—16th St West). Your support will help provide our children with a richer learning environment.

Aleph Preschool 2011 registration

Aleph Preschool registration packets for the 2011-12 school year are now available from the Preschool office. Please call 952-920-4169 or email Karen Burton at kburton@bethelsynagogue.org to receive a packet or for more information. Children who will be 16 months old by September 1, 2011, are eligible to enroll in our Toddler program. We offer morning Toddler, Preschool and PreK age classes in addition to early morning and extended afternoon care. We are excited to share our newly remodeled school with you and your child!

Feed My Starving Children

Many thanks to Beth El volunteers who packed 10,584 meals for children of Haiti on November 30. The next opportunities to pack food at Feed My Starving Children (ages 8 and up) are Tuesdays, January 18 and March 22 from 6:00-7:30p.m. at the Chanhassen site. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Polansky at rbpolansky@yahoo.com.

Sunday Morning Minyan Hevrah Breakfast

(Following services at 9:00 a.m.)

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

January 2—Co-sponsored by Dr. Michael and Michelle Appleman and children in memory of father and grandfather, Hyman Appleman. Co-sponsored by Linda & Jeff Freidson in loving memory of parents, Ida & Samuel Bialick whose memory is honored by your names: Chaya, Zoe and Samuel.

Beth El Young Adults After Party

Join the Beth El Young Adults group at the Minneapolis Jewish Federation Young Leadership Casino Night on Saturday night, January 29th, followed by the second annual "After Party" hosted by the Beth El Young Adults group. Location to be determined. Stay tuned for more details by following us on Facebook—just search "Beth El Young Adults."

Enhancing the Spirituality of Our Community and Ourselves through Music and Song!



Beth El Sings Kick-Off Weekend

January 14-15, 2011
Schedule of Events:

Friday Night Services January 14 • 5:45 p.m.

Led by members of SOULFARM, followed by Shabbat dinner and frailich Shabbat singing and table drumming! See registration form on page

10 of the December *Shofar* or go online to www.bethelsynagogue.org/soulfarm-dinner.

Shabbat Shira Morning Services January 15

Special "sermon in song" featuring members of SOULFARM as well as our Beth El M'shanim (musical ambassadors), Adult Choir, Yad B'Yad Kids' Choir, and YOU!

THREE Evenings of Active Learning 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

on Thursdays, February 10, 17, 24

Experience in-depth features and characteristics of one aspect of Jewish music through dancing, drumming, singing and text. Cost is \$18 (for the series). Any questions, contact Marilyn Weisberg at 952-873-7303, mweisberg@bethelsynagogue.org. See registration form on the Stern Book Cart in the Ring Lobby.

Loaves & Fishes

The next opportunity to serve with Loaves & Fishes will be Tuesday, January 25. We 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.

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. Contact Cantor Abrams for more information at 952-920-3512.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

Twin Cities Jewish Chorale Welcomes New Members

The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale welcomes new members as rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sabes JCC. Our first performance will occur on January 26 at the Jewish Humor Festival and culminate on June 12 at the Spring Concert at Hamline University, where the Chorale will contrast the music of Minnesota and Israeli composers. All voice parts welcome. More information about the Chorale and its inclusive and artistic mission can be found at twincitiesjewishchorale.org, or by contacting twincitiesjewishchorale@gmail.com.

Day on the Hill

Registration for JRLC's 2011 Day on the Hill is officially open! Register now and you may be among the first 10 registrants and get a free JRLC coffee mug! Join with hundreds of faithful advocates on February 17, 2011 to raise our voices for social justice. Help us present our legislative agenda to the new legislature and help set priorities for the rest of the legislative session. Early-bird registration ends February 1, so take advantage of the discount today. Register at jrlc.org/register-for-day-on-the-hill or call 612-870-3670. We look forward to seeing you at Day on the Hill!



**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.**

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahrzeits

Friday, December 31 – Friday, January 7, 2010
24 Tevet – 2 Shevat 5771

Shiva

**IRVING POSNICK - CHAYIM BEN DOVID V'ITTA
MAE "MICKEY" SMITH - MINDA LEAH BAT YOEL & DVORAH**

Shloshim

**Carole Gilbert
Baila Rivka (Barbara) Bigelow
Yosef (Joel) Cohn
Esther (Esther) Malka
Tzivia (Ziwa) Alexander Katz**

Yahrzeit

24 Tevet / Friday, December 31

Ya'akov (Jacob) Bearman
Osher (I.E.) Greenberg
Yitzhok Heller
Avraham (Abe) Odessky
Hana (June) Posnick
Hanna (Anna) Rawitch
Avram Reuven (Roger) Shanedling
Chana (Ann) Straelitz
Yosef Hayim (Gerald) Walder
Faiga Leah (Fanny Leah) Widetzky

25 Tevet / Saturday, January 1

Hyman Appleman
Haya Riva (Clara Rebecca) Bleet
Yehudit (Della) Burnett
Sarah (Sophie) Feldman
Elimelech (Milton) Frank
Shmuel Laib (Sam) Gold
Wolf Hampel
Malka (Mildred) Jordani
Penina (Penny) Maldo
Zlotta (Zelia) Rosenzweig
May Feder Sussman
Chaia (Ida) Winikoff

26 Tevet / Sunday, January 2

Toba Bearman
Geraldine Brooks
Faiga (Fanny) Friedman
Malka (Milly Nancy) Goldish
Bayla Malka (Bonnie Mae) Kieffer
Shmuel (Steven) Koval
Sima (Sylviette) Magy
Barucha (Betty) Miller
Jay Pieser
Shaina Laya (Belle) Rutman
Sora Etta (Shirley) Sigal
Moshe Pesach (Marvin) Steinberg
Sender Hakohain (Samuel) Steinman
Gitel (Kay) Riesenberg

27 Tevet / Monday, January 3

Channa (Ann) Abrahamson
Irwin Bell
Sura (Sarah "Sally") Charney
Hayim Abba (Hye) Chodos
Yitzhak Zelig (Jacob) Ehrlich
Zena Feldman
Idy Garon
Liba (Lillian) Garston
Mordechai Bear (Max Bear) Geller
Reuvein (Ruben) Miller
Mayer Shmuel (Merle) Morris
Shana D'vorah (Jean) Oxman
Libba Ariel (Louise) Rothstein
Shmual Ruvain (Robert) Silvers

28 Tevet / Tuesday, January 4

Avraham (Dr. Abe) Baker
Brucha (Bernice) Berkowitz
Yehezkel (Archie) Hurwitz
Mort Liss
Otto Rosenbaum
Avraham (Arthur E.) Snyder
Sadie R. Solon
Dov (Donald) Spector
Nessi (Jeanette) Spencer
Shmuel (Sam) Wolf

29 Tevet / Wednesday, January 5

Chayim (Charles Allen) Goldstein
Yenta (Anita) Grossman
Earl Holzman
Laya (Leah) Katz
Shushana (Ida) Lazarus
Shoshanna (Amy Susan) Raskin
Ya'akov (Jacob) Rosenzweig
Itta (Ethel) Schwartz
Shifra (Sophie) Yarosh

1 Shevat / Thursday, January 6

Chaia (Ida) Arnold
Aharon (Arthur) Bush
Sherley Confeld
Mordecai (Milton) Frank
Chaya Etta (Adele) Gildin
Necha (Nettie) Greenberg
Esther Paykel
Brocha (Beatrice) Perper

2 Shevat / Friday, January 7

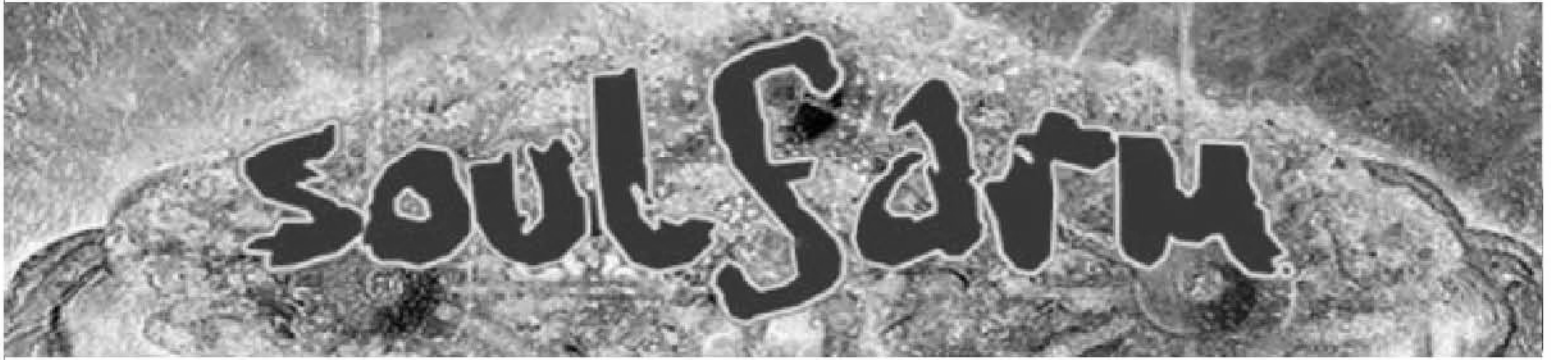
Yehuda (Louis) Ansel
Tzila (Stepha) Berman
Shnuerr Zalman (Solomon) Brochin
Judith (Lea) Brody
Ya'akov (Jacob) Burke
Dora Ciubata
Raizel (Rose) Cohen
Devorah (Dorothy) Farkash
Boruch Natan (Ben) Fischman
Yahiel Mordecai (Jack M.) Fiterman
Rut (Ruth) Garelick
Eedel (Ike) Katzovitz
Moshe (Mason) Krelitz
Avraham (Abe) Percansky
Harold Rosenzweig
Mendel (Manly) Rubin
Ya'akov (Jacob) Schwartz

Is someone you love in the hospital or homebound? Because of privacy restrictions, the synagogue is no longer notified by area hospitals when they have Jewish patients. Please call Barbara Parks at 952-920-3512, ext 7313 if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound, and tell us the patient's name and location.



Treat yourself to a night out!

Beth El Music and Arts Coffeehouse Series
presents the musical stylings of



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8:00 p.m. • Beth El Synagogue

Pizza, refreshments and dessert will be served.

Purchase tickets online at

www.bethelsynagogue.org/bema-coffeehouse

OR fill out and detach this order form and send with payment to:
Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W 26th St, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

ENERGIZE YOUR SOUL

with the acoustic world beat of this dynamic New York-based group in an intimate concert! SOULFARM has been wowing crowds around the world for more than 15 years, weaving a musical tapestry of blues, folk, Celtic and Middle Eastern influences.

Get a preview of their music at www.soulfarm.net.

BEMA Coffeehouse featuring SOULFARM
January 15, 2011

_____ @ **'30** for ONE advance-purchased ticket
\$35 at the door. General Seating.

_____ @ **'400** for a Patron front-row table of eight
Limited availability.

Enclosed is a check made payable to Beth El Synagogue, ATTN: BEMA

Please charge my Visa / MC (circle one)

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Name (As it appears on your card) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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