



DELIA MELISSA KOOLICK

דוידה חיה

בת חיים יהודה ואסתר מלכה לאה

Daughter of
Elaine & Howard Koolick

*In honor of Delia's bat mitzvah, her
parents are sponsoring the Kiddush
and congregational Shabbat lunch.*

*All are invited to attend in the
Gruman Social Hall.*

Service & Program Times

SHABBAT

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting 4:57 p.m.

Saturday

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Spiegel Sanctuary

Minha 4:30 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 5:59 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.

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

משפטים Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18 (pg. 456)

Haftarah

Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26 (p. 481)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Women's League

Shabbat Morning Greeters:

Ione & Alan Steigler

The February Shofar
is now available online at
www.bethelsynagogue.org/shofar

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1: Delia Koolick	21:1-19
2: Jessica Koolick	21:20-27
Howard Koolick	21:28-22:3
3: Jim Bukstein	22:4-26
4: Esther Haskvitz	22:27-30
Adina Goldstein	23:1-5
5: Richard Spiegel	23:6-19
6: Ethan Friedman	23:20-22
Rabbi Davis	23:23-25
7: Rachel Klein	23:26-24:11
Delia Koolick	24:12-18
M: Delia Koolick	24:16-18
Haftarah:	Delia Koolick

רסיסי תורה DROPS OF TORAH

Exodus 23:20-21 "Behold, I will send an angel before you, to guard you on the way, and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Be careful in his presence and heed his voice. Do not rebel against him; for he cannot bear your transgression, as My Name is in him."

שמות כג:כ-כא

(כ) הנה אנכי שלח מלאך לפניך לשמרך בדרך ולהביאך אל המקום אשר
הבטתי: (כא) השמר מפניו ושמע בקלו אל תגמר בו כי לא ישא לפשעכם כי
שמי בקרב:

Even in the holiest of moments, we often do not hear an angelic chorus, but angels do walk among us. Not all angels are created equal, however. Each angel has a very specific function and mission, and specific skills to complete that mission. Who is the angel that God sends before Moses? Rabbenu Hananel suggests that this is the angel Michael. Michael is the general of generals and the prince of God's armies. Michael is here to protect and defend, and to wage war if need be. War-drums beating and War-trumpets blaring—no angelic chorus here. As opposed to angels of healing and restoration of vigor, Michael is an angel of might and confrontation. Michael's swinging sword carves a path for Moses forward through the rest of his journey. When we turn to God for help, sometimes we welcome God's Mighty Arm over God's gentle touch. For the Israelites, it was the Mighty Arm in the form of Michael. For us today, we'll keep listening for those choruses and war-drums—and we'll wait patiently with anticipation for God to guide the angels. -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):

- **Judy Levin** and family on the loss of her brother, James Robert Liman.
- **Eileen Strauss, Andy, Adam and Scott Strauss** and family on the loss of husband and father, **Jerry Strauss**.
- **Bruce Waller** and family on the loss of his sister, Anna Specktor.

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.

January 30—Sponsored by Jim & Marlene Bukstein in loving memory of Rose Bukstein.

February 6—Co-sponsored by Linda and Brian Tell in honor of all the volunteer Hamantashen bakers. Co-sponsored by Marian Perling is co-sponsoring Feb 6 in honor of Judie Liszt's birthday.

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.

Want to learn to chant Megillat Esther?

Join Cantor Art Shragg on Sundays, January 30, February 6 and February 13 from 9-10 a.m. to learn to chant for this fun and spirited holiday. To sign up contact Cantor Abrams at aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-920-3512.

Mah Jongg Anyone?

PLAY, LEARN or TEACH with us on Sunday, January 30, February 6 and February 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at Beth El. Lunch will be served—cost is \$5 per person. 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 Women's League.

"The Haman Dilemma - Is It a Hat, Ear or a Purse?"

Come join us on Sunday, February 6 for the Hevrah Breakfast following minyan service at 9:00 a.m. and hear Rabbi Davis discuss the "The Haman Dilemma - Is It a Hat, Ear or a Purse?" Feel free to come early at 8:45 a.m. and bake hamantashen, break for the breakfast and this "fascinating dilemma" and then bake some more...with a new perspective! Questions? Contact Linda Tell at 952 938-7177 or lntell@gmail.com. Come and bake with us! Every Sunday through March 13 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All ages welcome!

Afternoon Book Reviews begin February 22!

Exercise your mind! Read a great book and explore it with fellow bookworms! Whether you are a literary connoisseur or just casually enjoy a good read —EVERYONE is welcome to attend. This month, Phyllis Harris reviews "All Other Nights" by Dora Horn on February 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gruman Social Hall. Light snacks will be provided. RSVP to Marcia Oleisky at 952-935-4961.



Brunch for Ronald McDonald House a HIT!

The first Sunday of the month, Beth El Synagogue sponsors the brunch at the Ronald McDonald House. A dedicated group of volunteers who deliver food brought to Beth El or help serve the brunch. If you would like to participate, please bring food donations to Beth El by 9:00 am on the first Sunday morning of each month. You can also volunteer to make an egg bake, scramble eggs, potatoes, hard boiled eggs or pick up juice, bagels, or fruit. For monthly reminders, please send your name and email address to Margie Goldfine at smmaahome@aol.com or leave a message at 952-525-1248.

Nosh and D'rash: Torah for Living

Next study will be this Monday, February 7

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.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

Day on the Hill—

EARLY BIRD registration ends February 1st!

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. Register at jrlc.org/register-for-day-on-the-hill. We look forward to seeing you at "Day on the Hill!"

Medical Clown to Visit Twin Cities Hospitals and Schools

David "Dudi" Barashi - known as a medical clown or "dream doctor" - will be speaking at 7: 30 p.m., Wednesday, February 2 at the Sabes Jewish Community Center (4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Mpls), and on Thursday, February 3 at the Ronald McDonald House. "Dudi the Clown" is from Israel where he works with sick children at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem.

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.

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



Beth El Sings House Parties

Would you like to host a singing house party? You provide the food and friends—WE'LL provide the music! If you are interested in hosting a Beth El Sings House Party, please contact Terry Krider Kleinbaum at kriderst117@hotmail.com.

Check the Display Case in the Ring Lobby for
Upcoming Beth El Sings Programs!

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

#2. "Hava Nagila" (1918)

Harry Belafonte has sung it. So has Chubby Checker and the Boss. Dick Dale shredded it; Lionel Hampton swung it. It's been Latinized, technoized, and Bollywoodized. It's the Little Freylekh That Could—the Jewish party song that belongs to the world.

The history of "Hava Nagila" is shadowy. The tune is thought to have originated in 18th- or 19th-century Eastern Europe as a *niggun*, or mystical musical prayer, possibly among the Sadigorer Hasidic sect. By 1915, the melody had migrated to Palestine, where it was transcribed by the musicologist and folklorist Abraham Zvi Idelsohn, who was then serving as a bandmaster in the Ottoman Army. Three years later, he played the song in a concert commemorating the British victory over the Turks. Idelsohn added a Hebrew text based on some biblical verses, and "Hava Nagila" was born.

To millions who know no better, "Hava Nagila" is Jewish music. Of course no musical culture, particularly one as rich and variegated as ours, can be represented by a single tune. Still, it's hard to imagine another song doing the job so well. Like all great dance music, "Hava Nagila" puts the emphasis on joy and community—on the ecstatic fellowship forged by an infectious tune and insistent beat. "Hava nagila, hava nagila/ Hava nagila ve-nismeha/ Hava neranena, hava neranena/ Hava neranena ve-nismeha" (Let us rejoice, let us rejoice/ Let us rejoice and be glad/ Let us sing, let us sing/ Let us sing and be glad)." That's not a half-bad philosophy of music or, for that matter, of life. (JR)

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahrzeits

Friday, January 28 – Friday, February 4, 2011
23 Shevat – 30 Shevat 5771

Shiva

ANNA SPEKTOR – HANA BAT PINHAS V' RIVKAH
DOROTHY SANDVIK
JERRY STRAUSS – YOSEF BEN Z'EIV V' ETHEL

Shloshim

Sydney Levinsohn
Bentzion (Beni) Katz
Yosef Bar Or
Julia Anderson
Hana (Hannah) Bialick

Yahrzeit

23 Shevat / Friday, January 28

Esther Chase
Anne Haydnet Cowl
Benyomin Mashe (Benjamin) Desnick
Florence Giffis
Beatrice Hechter
Ya'akov (Kurt) Kaufmann
Aryeh (Leon) Lehman
Miryam (Miriam) Noodelman
Shlomo Gedalia (Steven) Rice
Hinda (Hilda) Weisburd
Herbert Hillel Rosengard

24 Shevat / Saturday, January 29

Pesha (Elizabeth) Epstein
Yitzhok (Irving) Goldstein
Bassa (Bertha) Green
Chaim (Hy) Kirschner
Boruch (Samuel) Rovner

25 Shevat / Sunday, January 30

Fagel (Frances) Barry
Gittel (Geliza) Baruch
Margaret Bass
Bayla (Bertha) Bearman
Hillel (Earl "Buddy") Bernstein
Irving Cooper
Yehudit (Irene) Dorn
Sarah Frohlich
Hershel (Harry) Plitman
Avrom (Abel) Prohofsky
Yehudit (Jeanette) Rubenstein
Haya (Ida) Stein
Rayzel (Rose) Swirnoff
Pessa (Pauline) Tolchner
David Ziskin

26 Shevat / Monday, January 31

Avraham Lazar (David) Borken
Matla (Matilda) Graus
Benyomin (Banes/Ben) Koval
Sarah Rovner
Ya'akov (Jacob) Scherling
Herschel (Harry) Yellen

Yahrzeit

27 Shevat / Tuesday, February 1

Batya Tillya (Bessie) Fink
Guadalupe Smith
Rivka (Rita) Vertelney

28 Shevat / Wednesday, February 2

Moshe (Morrie) Arenson
Gertrude Brady
Shmuel (Sam) Jacobs
Moshe (Morris) Liss
Sally Saturn
Shlomo (Sol) Singer
Constance (Connie) Kahn Tynan

29 Shevat / Thursday, February 3

Shaney Barke
Baruch (Bernard) Benjamin
Fruma Laya (Frances L.) Goldberg
Ya'akov (Jacob "Jake") Jurisz
David (Donald) Litin
Sarah Moreino
Reuvain (Robert) Noodelman
Chaya (Anna) Papermaster
Feivel (Fred) Silverman
Sora (Sarah) Starr
Yehudit (Judy) Streigold

30 Shevat / Friday, February 4

Rachele Anzel
Yitzhak (Al) Bass
Pesach (Benjamin) Berkowitz
Ethel (Ethyle) Tapper Birnberg
Raizel (Rose) Bukstein
Yosef (Joseph) Fahndrich
Natan (Nathan) Fink
John Finkelman
Rachel (Rachel) Hershstein
Eliyahu (Louis) Mass
Judy Murphy
Chaya Necha (Adelyne) Pinchot
Pinhas (Peter) Shapiro
Pessa (Bess) Spiller
Lenore Wasser
Fishel (Phillip) Weiner
Isser Ya'akov (Isadore) Widetsky

Bishop Piché was ordained to the priesthood in 1984 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, following his theological studies at the Saint Paul Seminary. He holds a Master of Arts degree from the Seminary and Master of Philosophy degree from Columbia University in New York. Throughout his career, Bishop Piché has served as a Pastor at several churches throughout the Twin Cities. From 2000 to 2008, Bishop Piché also served as Chair of the Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Father Piché as the Titular Bishop of Tamata, in modern-day Tunisia, and as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This Shabbat, he joins us in conjunction with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC).

3 Evenings of Active Learning

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, February 10 & 17 & 24, 2011

Dancing • Drumming • Singing • Music & Text

This is an opportunity to study, in-depth, features and characteristics of one aspect of Jewish music.

- Join **Shira & Michael Schwartz** in Israeli Dance
- Spend time drumming the beats of our tradition with **Andy Halper & friends**
- Sing some “oldies” learn some “newies” with **Cantor Audrey Abrams**
- Examine the relationships of music and text with **Rabbi Alexander Davis**

For more information, contact Marilyn Weisberg at 952-873-7303, mweisberg@bethelsynagogue.org.

Register online at www.bethelsynagogue.org/active-learning or return this form to:
Beth El Synagogue, Attn: Marilyn Weisberg, 5224 W. 26th St, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

Class: (Check One) Dancing Drumming Singing Music & Text

Can't decide which class? Don't worry, there will be another series of classes in November.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment of \$18.00: check enclosed or charge my VISA MC AMX Discover

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Sec # _____



Beth El Sings is supported in part by a grant from the Legacy Heritage Innovation Project of Legacy Heritage Programming, an affiliate of the Legacy Heritage Fund.

Join the Bethelders for a production of

The Marvelous Wonderettes!

Sunday, February 13, 2011 • Plymouth Playhouse

♪ Cost is \$25 (includes musical and bus)

♪ Bus leaves at 1:00 p.m. sharp from the Beth El parking lot. Show at 2:00 p.m.

Reservations must be received by February 1, 2011

Friends and guests are invited to attend. All are welcome!



Please make your \$25 check payable to **Bethelders** and send it with this form below to: Freada Golden, 2600 Toledo Ave. So., St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Questions? Call Freada at 952-922-6667.

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____