



**MAXWELL JACOB
SIGAL**

מאיר יעקב בן נדב ושרה

Son of
Susie Sigal

*In honor of Max on his bar mitzvah,
his mother will be 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 4:24 p.m.

Saturday:

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Spiegel Sanctuary

Minha 4:30 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 5:23 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. To learn more about Beth El, contact Linda Goldberg at lgoldberg@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7302.

Toledot תולדות

Genesis 25:19-28:9 (pg. 146)

Haftarah

Samuel I 20:18-42 (p.1215)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Shabbat morning greeter:
Jodi Lebewitz-Davis
- Aliyah – Going to Israel: **Caleb Hausman**
- Guest Darshan: **FCM Ian Cameron** of the
United States Naval Academy

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Max Sigal	25:19-26:5
2:	Sarah Parnes	26:6-8
	Danny Goldstein	26:9-12
3:	Adina Goldstein	26:13-22
4:	Chris Brand	26:23-29
5:	Jesse Klein	26:30-35
	Jordan Klein	27:1-4
	Rachel Klein	27:5-27
6:	Joe Rine	27:28-38
	Eli Witkin	27:39-28:4
7:	Max Sigal	28:5-9
M:	Max Sigal	28:7-9
Haftarah:		Max Sigal

DROPS OF TORAH רטיסי תורה

Genesis 28:5 "Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Lavan, son of Betuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, mother of Jacob and Esau."

בראשית כח:

וישלח יצחק את יעקב וילך פדנה ארם אל לבן בן בתואל הארמי אחי רבקה אם יעקב ועשו:

Sometimes even our great Sages don't know the answer. It seems so obvious and redundant that, about the above verse, Rashi confesses: "I do not know what this teaches us." That is to say, we already know that Rebekah is the mother of Jacob and Esau (as the entire *parashah* teaches us), so then what is the point of giving her such an epithet (mother of Jacob and Esau)? Hizkuni rationalizes and suggests that we need this clarification so that we are not surprised when the wicked are born from the righteous. But perhaps there is something much deeper. We know that Rebekah helped Jacob trick Isaac and push Esau out of the picture. At the end of the day, however, we must recall that she was still his mother, and deep down, she still had love for him just as much as she loved Isaac. And this is why we have this epithet. A boy is always a son to his mother irrespective of how terrible a person he is or is to become. -AO



**The Beth El Youth Department presents Disney's
"Beauty and the Beast"**

December 15 @ 7-9:00 p.m.

December 17 @ 7:30-9:30 p.m.

December 18 @ 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Special Character Lunch for kids 12 & under and their families on Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Victor Hall.

Tickets available online at www.besyn.org/usy-play

Help support the play by placing an ad in our ad book.

For details or to order tickets, call 952-873-7330 or email mollie@bethelusy.org.

Sunday Morning Minyan Hevrah Breakfast (Following services at 9:00 am)

Pay tribute to a loved one by sponsoring one of these community building breakfasts, which take place every Sunday following minyan services at 9:00 a.m. To sponsor a breakfast in memory, honor or in appreciation of friends and loved ones, please call Steve Moldo at 952-545-4198, Lou Jurisz at 612-396-9270 or David Jurisz at 612-987-7644.

November 27—Sponsored by the Sunday Morning Hevra. Join us for bagels, juice and coffee after the Sunday minyan.

UPCOMING AT BETH EL

For more information on these programs and events, call the Beth El office at 952-873-7300, or visit www.bethelsynagogue.org.

Noah's coming BACK!



Noah Solomon returns for one final weekend of amazing music and spiritual prayer on Dec. 2-3. See the back of this Hakol for details or go to www.besyn.org/noah to learn more.

Help make a Minyan

To help ensure that those in mourning have a minyan in which to recite Kaddish, please support the daily minyan. Besides being a support to those in their hour of grief, it is a mitzvah! Bring a friend. Come with a relative. We have had struggles with the evening (5:45pm) minyan and the winter time can be particularly difficult. For those willing to join a rotation or cadre of “minyanares,” please contact the rabbis.

Kibbitz & Play

Back by popular demand! Join us Tuesday, November 29, 2011 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Beth El Gruman Social Hall for games games and more games! Snacks will be served all day with a delicious dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Prizes will be given out all day. Cost is \$14 (\$15 at the door). Bring a friend! Have some fun! For reservation information, contact Marion Dorfman at 952-544-3004 or Myrna Feldman at 952-545-3651.

Have you lost your tallit?

Several were found in the Fiterman Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Sussman at 952-873-7314.

“Am I A Good Jew?”

Join visiting JTS Scholar, Rabbi Abigail Treu for a series of discussions on God, Revelation, Who Wrote the Torah, and Why Knowing What You Think Can Change Your Life at 4:00 p.m. on Mondays - December 12, January 30 and March 12 - at Beth El. For more information, contact Rabbi Davis at 952-873-7300.

Siddur Hebrew Literacy

Navigating the siddur and “prayerbook Hebrew” class beginning after the first of the year. Contact Cantor Abrams at aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7300 for more information.

The Beth El Choir will be at Knollwood on:

December 16	March 9
January 13	April 20
February 10	May 11



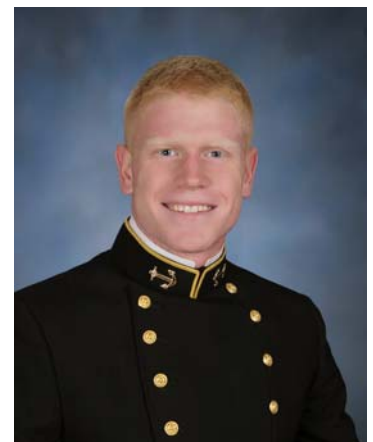
The Changing Look of Beth El!

Construction happening at Beth El The foundation for our phase 2 additions has now been completed. The wall has been cut for the new side entrance. Extensive renovations have also begun in the choir loft, coat room and chapel bathrooms. Plumbing and electrical work are well underway, and a special restoration project has begun which will be revealed at a later time. Also during this time, we are working to update our sound system. During this time, we apologize but our hearing devices will not work. We appreciate your patience as we work to make everything sound “crystal clear!”

Pardon Our Dust As the crew begins the dismantling of the façade of Beth El, please note that the main entrance is now inaccessible. Use the 26th Street Entrance (The chapel door is still accessible for minyan). We ask that you reserve the closest parking spaces for those in need of the accessibility and also keep a close eye on your curious little ones! If you should need extra help, please call the facilities office at 952-873-7308 at least 48 hours prior so that we can have help available for you.

Guest Darshan

Ian Cameron is a First Class Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy. He majors in Arabic and has traveled throughout the Middle East, witnessing the Egyptian Revolution sweep into Tahrir Square last January. In June of 2011, Ian traveled to Oświęcim, Poland with 13 other Cadets and Midshipmen to learn about the Holocaust and the imperative for ethical military leadership.



At the Naval Academy, Ian serves as the President of the Class of 2012, sings Tenor II in the Glee Club and runs marathons. Ian is a native of Rochester and the founder of the Minnesota Student Energy Project, a non-profit corporation which installs solar arrays on high schools to educate students about renewable technology possibilities. In May, Ian will graduate and receive his commission in the United States Marine Corps. Immediately after graduation, Ian will pursue a MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford on a Marshall Scholarship.

ECJFE Winter Registration NOW OPEN

8-week session classes begin Thursday, February 2nd and continue every Thursday, 5:45-6:45 (Complimentary sibling care provided). Designed for families with babies age 0-24 months to meet other Jewish families, discuss relevant parenting topics and explore ways to integrate Judaism into your family, develop realistic attitudes and expectations for raising children, and so much more! **TO REGISTER** call the Aleph Preschool at 952-873-7320 or log on to www.bethelsynagogue.org/ecjfe.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

What is the Hag Sameach Program?

Hag Sameach has provided holiday gifts for 19 years to referred families and individuals who are in need or isolated. Please drop off donations any time through November 28 at the drop box by the Aleph Preschool or the Sabes JCC. What is needed? Monetary donations, theater tickets and gift cards are greatly appreciated. All donations, including new unwrapped gifts, are accepted year-round. For more information, contact Joanne Savitt, Hag Sameach Coordinator, at 952-542-4870 or jsavitt@jfcsmpls.org.

Camp Ramah...where fun and friendship build Jewish lives

Enrolling now...Camp Ramah in Wisconsin located in Conover, Wisconsin. Camp Ramah is committed to fun and learning in an environment where Hebrew and Jewish values are integrated into the daily camp activities of swimming, sports and making friends. For children who will be in 4th grade through 11th grade next fall. For more information, contact Barrie Orloff, Twin Cities Ramah Representative, at borloff@ramahwisconsin.com. Check out the website and Ramah video at www.ramahwisconsin.com.

We bring to mind those in our congregational family* who serve in the military and pray for their wellbeing and speedy homecoming.



Joshua Amberger, US Navy
Rabbi Josh Sherwin, US Navy/US Marine Corps
Patrick Downs, US Marine Corps
Brad Downs, ROTC/National Guard
Mitchell Bennett, US Marine Corps
Isaac Reich, US Marine Corps

**If you have a friend or loved one serving in the military, please contact one of our clergy at 952-873-7300 so that we might add them to our weekly list of heroes.*

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 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.

Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahzeits

Friday, November 25 – Friday, December 2, 2011
28 Heshvan – 6 Kislev 5772

Shiva

Shloshim

Bernard Feiler
Sarah (Sari) Robins
Leah (Lillian) Feldman
Yitzhak (Arthur) Bolnick
Leah (Lille) Glasser Rosen

Yarhzeits

28 Heshvan / Friday, November 25

Beverly Cohen
Avraham (Abe) Daniel
Dov Bear (Barney) Greenberg
Itzhok Laib (Jacob) Hecker
Miriam (Marion) Hunegs
Bayla Fagel (Barbara) Kass
Esther Rivkah (Esther Ruth) Michlin
Nachman Leib (Lewis) Mirviss
N'hama (Anna) Newman
D'vorah (Dorothy Dolly) Ornstein
Ruchel (Ruth) Warsett

29 Heshvan / Saturday, November 26

Abba (Arnold) Berman
Yitzhok (Irving) Binder
Barel (Ben) Chargo
Matityahu (Max) Dorfman
Dovid (David) Groll
Nechama Emmy Koppel
Rivel Korsh
Rossle (Rachel) Rappaport
Rifke (Trudy) Wolf

1 Kislev / Sunday, November 27

Yitzhak (Irving) Karpe
Tova (Gertrude) Barbush
Yehuda (Julius) Chanen
Sam Cooper
Shmuel (Samuel) Edlavitch
Beatrice Fine
Tziporah (Florence) Gillman
Dovid (David D.) Greenberg
Yehuda Zvi (Jules) Herstein
Gladys Lowenstein
Aviva (Vivian) Mann
Shlomo (Solomon) Ostrow
Macy Orman Schick
Bobsie (Betty) Solom
Miriam (Mitzi) Spiegel

Yarhzeits

2 Kislev / Monday, November 28

Gedaliah (David) Dubester
David Goldenberg
Raizel (Rosalin) Hyman
Batsheva Esther (June) Kauffman
Esther Landy
Sora (Sara) Oxman
Yehudah Yitzhak (Ivan) Sanderson
Neha (Nelli) Weiss
Moishe (Morris) Yerys

3 Kislev / Tuesday, November 29

Fraydel (Fanny) Dorfman
Leah (Lore) Lang
Moshe (Moe) Rubinger
Elya Ruven (Albert) Stein

4 Kislev / Wednesday, November 30

Marta Baila (Martha Bailey) Benenson
David Catcher
David Cohen
Yecheil (Isedor) Goldetsky
Yitzhak (Isadore Gilbert) Goldstein
Yehudah (John) Lebow
Yehudah Leib (Leonard) Ribnick
Simha (Sam) Rosen
Ruben Starr
Chana Adel (Helen) Steinman
Ya'akov (Jacob) Stern
Natan (Nathan) Sussman

5 Kislev / Thursday, December 1

Yochanan (John) Broude
Freda Catcher
Esther Charon
Shlomo (Stephen) Davidson
Shimon (Samuel) Deutsch
Otto Feher
Abe Kvasnik
David Ratner
David Reich (pronounced "rich")
Layah (Lilyan) Shields

6 Kislev / Friday, December 2

Emily Gelperin
Zeiv (Wallace) Harris
Zeiv (William) Rubin
Shmuel (Dr. Samuel) Schwartz

We recall with sorrow the recent losses of our brave military personnel:

Army Pfc. Adam E. Dobereiner 11/18/11
Army Spc. James R. Burnett Jr. 11/16/11
Army Pfc. Matthew C. Colin 11/16/11
Army Spc. Sean M. Walsh 11/16/11
Army Spc. David E. Hickman 11/14/11



Do you need a hand? We're here!
Call our Yad V'lev hotline
952-873-7300 ext. 7350
Can you lend a hand? We need you!
Contact Jo Ann Gruesner at 952-873-7300
or jgruesner@gmail.com.

Noah's back!!
December 2-3



As our Beth El Sings Initiative starts to wind down, Noah Solomon, our artist-in-residence throughout this year, will join us for one more weekend of amazing music and spiritual prayer.

**Join us for Friday Night Services (5:45 p.m.) and Dinner*
 Saturday Services with After Lunch Singing
 & Saturday Night Program**

**Register online at WWW.BESYN.ORG/NOAH or detach and mail this form with payment to Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W 26th St, St. Louis Park, MN 55416*

If you haven't sung with Noah, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

If you HAVE, don't miss another opportunity!

Dinner Registration - December 2nd

Name(s): _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$16 per person
 Number Attending: _____ @ \$8 per child under 10
 (children's menu provided)

Total Enclosed:
 \$ _____

I can also bring a bottle of Kosher wine to share.



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December 10, 2011
7:30 p.m.

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 *\$20 after Dec 1st and at the door

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