



**IMARA MONICA  
HIXON**

מירי בת אל אוריאל ושיירלי

**CHA VICTORIA  
HIXON**

טלי בת אל אוריאל ושיירלי

Daughters of  
Sheri & Al Hixon

*In honor of Cha and Imara on their  
b'not mitzvah, their parents are  
sponsoring an extended Kiddush.*

*In honor of their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary,  
LEE & BARBARA BEARMON  
are co-sponsoring the Kiddush.*

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

**We wish a safe journey to  
the Beth El members travelling  
on the American History Tour.**

**Turn your clocks  
BACK one hour this  
Sunday, November 6th.**

**Service & Program Times**

**SHABBAT**

**Friday:**

Kabbalat Shabbat ..... 5:45 p.m.  
Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting ..... 5:40 p.m.

**Saturday:**

Shaharit ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Spiegel Sanctuary

Apples & Honey ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Fiterman Chapel

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

Havdalah ..... 6:39 p.m.

NOTE: Minha will start at 4:30 p.m.  
beginning November 12.

**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 lgoldberg@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7302.

**Lekh Lekha** לך לך  
Genesis 12:1-17:27 (pg. 69)

**Haftarah**  
Isaiah 40:27-41:16 (pg. 94)

**Erev Shabbat:**

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.
- Wedding Anniversaries-Mazal Tov!  
**Don & Helen Rosen** on their 70<sup>th</sup> on Oct. 21  
**Anthony Cohen & Susan Greenberg**  
on their 15<sup>th</sup> on Nov. 3  
**Kathy & Tyler Rendleman** on their 15<sup>th</sup>  
on Nov. 30  
**Allan & Kathy Share** on their 25<sup>th</sup> on Nov. 30  
**Stuart & Cindy Tapper** on their 20<sup>th</sup> on Nov. 30

**Yom Shabbat:**

- Todah to our Shabbat morning greeters:  
**Mort and Artice Silverman**
- Aliyah-Wedding Anniversary-Mazal Tov!  
**Lee and Barbara Bearmon** on their 50<sup>th</sup> on Nov. 5

**Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:**

<b>1:</b>	<b>Cha Hixon</b>	<b>12:1-9</b>
	<b>Adina Goldstein</b>	<b>12:10-13</b>
<b>2:</b>	<b>Hannah Goldenberg</b>	<b>12:14-16</b>
	<b>Rabbi Avi Olitzky</b>	<b>12:17-20</b>
	<b>Shoshana Leviton</b>	<b>13:1-4</b>
<b>3:</b>	<b>Rabbi Avi Olitzky</b>	<b>13:5-10</b>
	<b>Howard Koolick</b>	<b>13:11-18</b>
<b>4:</b>	<b>Dana Yugend-Pepper</b>	<b>14:1-10</b>
	<b>Larry Pepper</b>	<b>14:11-20</b>
<b>5:</b>	<b>Amy Bearmon</b>	<b>14:21-15:6</b>
<b>6:</b>	<b>Jenny Hage</b>	<b>15:7-21</b>
	<b>Michael Bleher</b>	<b>16:1-17:6</b>
<b>7:</b>	<b>Rachel Klein</b>	<b>17:7-27</b>
<b>M:</b>	<b>Rachel Klein</b>	<b>17:24-27</b>
	<b>Haftarah:</b>	<b>Imara Hixon</b>

**Geniza Burial**  
We will be performing a Geniza Burial ceremony in the construction site for the new education center next Thursday, Nov 10th. If you would like to include anything in the burial, bring it to Beth El no later than Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**Apples & Honey begins THIS Shabbat**, kicking off a monthly Shabbat morning Young Family Service. Join us from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M. in the Fiterman Chapel for a service filled with singing, participation and always an element of surprise!

**DROPS OF TORAH רסיסי תורה**

Genesis 15:15 "As for you, You shall come to your fathers in peace..."

בראשית טו: טו  
ואתה תבוא אל אבותיך בשלום...

Knowing that after we die we are reunited with our ancestors and deceased relatives could be a very comforting thought for us—unless a person did not get along with his/her relatives. At this point in our biblical narrative, we recall the midrash about Abraham as a young boy with his father Terah (Abraham was the rebellious son of an idol-making and -worshipping father). Rashi asks what may be an obvious question: "His father was an idol-worshiper and God prophesies that he will join him?!" We know that Abraham rebelled against his father's idolatry and subsequently cut all ties with him. But Terah eventually "came around." Rashi provides us with the comforting closure that Abraham's father Terah repented after he died (and therefore had a portion of the World to Come—Genesis Rabbah 38:12). Of course Abraham would want to be reunited with his father; he was probably even quite eager. According to our tradition, even after we pass away, though we should not depend on it, we have the opportunity to make reconciliation with our loved ones, reuniting with them, spending our days in Eternity in complete peace. -AO

**Condolences to our congregants (members in bold):**

- **Greg Pomish** and family on the loss of his stepfather, Bernard Seiler.
- **Judy Wolson** and family on the loss of her mother, **Sari Robins**.

**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 6**—Sponsored by Lori and Mike Shannon and family, Dr. Freeman & Shirley Rosenblum and family, and Allan Sopotnick in loving memory of Marvin Rothstein.

**November 13**—Co-sponsored by Sharon Fischman in honor of her mother, Lois Lavick. Co-sponsored by David and Nancy Goldstein in loving memory of David's father Sylvan Goldstein.

## 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](http://www.bethelsynagogue.org).

### "Am I a Good Jew?"

*I love being Jewish, but...*

*I don't believe in God*

*When I go to shul I go through the motions but it doesn't move me or mean much.*

*I don't really think the Torah was given by God to Moses at Sinai.*

*I don't know what I think*

*Am I a Good Jew?*

Join visiting JTS Scholar, Rabbi Abigail Treu for her first in a series of discussions on "God, Revelation, Who Wrote the Torah, and Why Knowing What You Think Can Change Your Life" on

**Monday, November 14th**  
**4:00 p.m. at Beth El.**

The series continues with Rabbi Treu on: Dec 12, Jan 30 and March 12.

For more information, contact Rabbi Davis at 952-873-7300, [adavis@bethelsynagogue.org](mailto:adavis@bethelsynagogue.org).



### Nosh 'n Drash: Torah for Living

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. Get a dose of Torah and a scrumptious lunch for just \$5. To RSVP, contact Roger Rubin at [bikingdad@q.com](mailto:bikingdad@q.com). Next study is Monday, November 7th.

### Bethelders in Cancun, Mexico!

Join the Bethelders in Cancun this January! Trip is all inclusive meals, drinks, tours, flight and insurance. Call Freada Golden at 952-922-6667 for information.

### Noah's coming BACK!



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 Dec. 2-3 for Friday Night Services (5:45 p.m.) and Dinner,\* Saturday Services with After Lunch Singing & a Saturday Night Program. If you've not yet experienced singing with Noah, don't miss this chance! \*Online registration available soon or call Carol Weingart in the Beth El office at 952-873-7313.

### 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.

### Honoring our Veterans

Please join us for a special commemoration of Veteran's Day during Shabbat services on November 12th.

## UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

### Mental Health Conference

Twin Cities Jewish Community 11<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Mental Health *See Us Now Creating Harmony in our Lives*, a collaborative program of Jewish Family & Children's Service of Minneapolis and Jewish Family Service of St. Paul. This free program will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel. The featured presenter is Meg Hutchinson, an award-winning singer/songwriter. To learn more and register go to [www.jfcsmpls.org](http://www.jfcsmpls.org).

### Donations for the Humane Society through Nov 15

Items most needed are: Kongs, Peanut Butter, Soft Dog Treats, Bleach, Gentle Leaders, 6ft. Nylon Leashes, Lint Rollers, Laundry Detergent, Canned Kitten Food, Pig-Ear Dog Chews. Drop donations in the collection box by the reception desk at Beth El or donate at Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet in Plymouth. For more information, please call 763-551-7901.

### Safam in Concert THIS Sunday, November 6th

This Sunday, November 6, Adath Jeshurun Congregation will host a special concert by the musical group, Safam at 7:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to [www.adathjeshurun.org](http://www.adathjeshurun.org). Presented by TAMID and the Adath Women's League.

## Special Israel Shabbat with Gil Hoffman Nov 18-19, 2011 at Beth El

- "Israel and the Arab Spring"
- "Red States, Blue States and the Jewish State"
- Communal Shabbat Dinner—(RSVP by Nov 14)

Called "the most optimistic man in Israel" by Israel Television, Gil Hoffman's television appearances and popular column provide a behind the scenes look at the intrigue and humor in the Israeli political arena. He is the chief political correspondent and analyst for *The Jerusalem Post*.



To register for dinner by November 14th, email Jeremy Wynes at [jwynes@aipac.org](mailto:jwynes@aipac.org) or call 312-253-8985 or go online to [www.aipac.org/Shabbaton2011](http://www.aipac.org/Shabbaton2011)

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## Shiva, Shloshim, and Yahzeits

Friday, November 4 – Friday, November 11, 2011  
7 Heshvan - 14 Heshvan 5772

### Shiva

**BERNARD FEILER**  
**SARI ROBINS – SARAH BAT YEHIEL V' HINDA**

### Shloshim

**Hana (Helen) Dobrin**  
**Sarah (Sally B.) Levitan**  
**Meira Nisan (Vicki) Walzer**  
**Nafa (Nancy) Kaplan**  
**David Hoffman**

### Yahrzeits

#### 7 Heshvan / Friday, November 4

Tovah (Taube) Fitterman  
Tziviva (Dr. Sally) Goldberg  
Raisa (Rose) Goldstein  
Miriam (Mary) Katzovitz  
Avraham (Abraham) Plesser  
Heika (Ida) Weinblatt

#### 8 Heshvan / Saturday, November 5

Peninah (Polly) Braunstein  
Shifra Yehudat (Shirley) Fisher  
Chana (Jeanette) Goldman  
Elhanan (Larry) Groll  
Yisroel Lebowitz  
Reuven (Russell Forrest) Lederman  
David Pollack  
Paul Rode  
Ya'akov Yehuda (Jacob) Weisman

#### 9 Heshvan / Sunday, November 6

Harav David (Rabbi David) Aronson  
Sora (Sarah) Balick  
Nechele (Nancy) Beugen  
Sima (Selma) Bordenave  
David Cantor  
Ruth Pomish  
Meir (Marvin) Rothstein  
Zev (Wolf) Strauss

#### 10 Heshvan / Monday, November 7

Sima Leah (Lil) Bialick  
Zev Velvel (William) Cohn  
Yosef (Joseph) Grass  
Sora (Sarah) Harris  
Nicholas Kahn  
Merle Lyons  
Moshe Yosef (Morris J.) Ring  
Zev (Wesley) Siegel

#### 11 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 8

Pesah Lazer (Perry) Burke  
Tzipporah (Pauline) Kirschbaum  
Sylvan J. Orloff  
Jack Kalman

#### 12 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 9

Sarah Berman  
Josef Leb Bunin  
Yisrael (Allan) Cohen  
Norman Cohen  
Sophie Herstein  
Mordecai (Martin) Hoffman  
Moishe (Maurice) Karpel  
Leah (Lois) Lavick  
David Leib Levitt

#### 13 Heshvan / Thursday, November 10

Fruma Laya (Fanny) Berenberg  
Ya'akov (Jacob) Heisner  
Brindel Sara (Barbara) Pentelovitch  
Faigala (Fannie) Permack  
Eliezer (Louis) Resnick  
Fishel Mayer (Frank) Rosen  
Rana (Rose) Snyder  
Pinchas (Phillip) Waller

#### 14 Heshvan / Friday, November 11

Era (Earl) Farkash  
Hannah (Annie) Fisher  
Bassa (Bessie) Glasser  
Sarah Goldberg  
Shayle Hakohain (Samuel) Heft



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.



**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](mailto:jgruesner@gmail.com).

**WE APOLOGIZE IF YOU CANNOT HEAR US!** We are in the process of updating our sanctuary sound system over the next few months. Please bear with us as we work to make everything "crystal clear!" Please also note that, during this time, hearing devices will not work.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: PARDON OUR DUST.** The main entrance from the parking lot to the Ring Lobby will have limited access. Please use the new 26th Street entrance, or, for Minyan, the direct access door to the Chapel. At other times, please note signs directing you to available access to the building. 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.

# Beth El Sings

Invites you to a premiere

## CD Release Party & Zimriah Music Festival

Live Music!

December 10, 2011

Luscious "Singi-tinis"

7:30 p.m.

Savory hors d'oeuvres

\$15\* per person by Dec 1st  
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Complimentary "Beth El Sings" CD!

Beth El Youth Department  
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# Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



December 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

December 17 @ 7:30 p.m.

December 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

*Special Character Lunch for kids 12 & under  
and their families on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the  
Victor Hall (Reserve your spot by calling 952-873-7330)*

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For details or to order tickets, email [mollie@bethelusy.org](mailto:mollie@bethelusy.org) or call 952-873-7330.