



*Hag Urim Sameah!
Happy Hanukkah!*



*We gratefully acknowledge
the Beth El Women's League
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Service & Program Times
throughout the year.*

SHABBAT

Friday: All are invited

Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Fiterman Chapel

Candlelighting 4:17 p.m.

Saturday:

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.

Spiegel Sanctuary

Minha 4:30 p.m.

Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 5:18 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!

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.

Shabbat Hanukkah

Miketz מִקֶּץ

Genesis 41:1-44:17 (pg. 250)

Haftarah

Zekhariah 2:14-4:7 (p. 1269)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Shabbat morning greeter:
Rachel Parnes

Morning services will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **December 26th and January 2nd** in observance of Federal Holidays.

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Adina Goldstein	41:1-14
2:	Mark Rotenberg	41:15-33
	Bruce Campbell	41:34-38
3:	Nina Shragg	41:39-52
4:	Rachel Klein	41:53-42:18
5:	Chris Brand	42:19-25
	Michael Bleher	42:26-43:15
6:	Cantor Art Shragg	43:16-29
7:	Ari Witkin	43:30-44:17
M:	Polly Lehman	(Numbers) 7:30-35
	<i>On the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.</i>	
Haftarah:	Adina Goldstein	

DROPS OF TORAH רִטְסֵי תוֹרָה

Genesis 43:11 "Their father Israel said to them, 'If so, here, this is what you must do: Take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels, and take an offering to the man, a little balm, a little honey, some gum, labdanum, pistachios and almonds.'"

בראשית מג יא

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיהֶם אִם-כֵּן | אִפּוּא זֹאת עֲשׂוּ קָחוּ מִזִּמְרַת הָאָרֶץ בְּכֻלֵּיכֶם וְהוֹרִידוּ
לְאִישׁ מִנְחָה מֵעֵט צָרִי וּמֵעֵט דָּבֶשׁ נֹכָחַת וְלֵט בְּטָנִים וּשְׂקָדִים :

The last time Jacob (aka Israel) sent a gift was to his brother Esau, in fear of battle, ahead of his arrival. The Italian commentator Rabbi Ovadaiah Sforno reminds us of this event and clarifies that the younger Jacob sent a gift of quantity—hundreds of this and hundreds of that. The older and wiser Jacob believes that this man (Joseph) to whom his sons must return is a man of power who already owns everything. Therefore, he will not be impressed by quantity, but rather, by quality. Sforno hence teaches that Jacob directed his sons to bring rare items in appropriately small quantities so as to emphasize their uniqueness. We see from this verse alone that Jacob has matured and grown wiser in his old age. And we, too, understand that quality is sometimes better than quantity. -AO

REMINDERS:

- Kindly **reserve closer parking spaces** for those in need of accessibility.
- The outside Chapel door is accessible.
- A coat rack is available inside the Chapel door.
- The Memorial Alcove has been temporarily relocated to the back of the Fiterman Chapel.
- While we improve our sound system, temporarily, our current hearing devices will not work.

We appreciate your patience during construction.

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

- The friends and family of **Bertha Smith**.
- **Marc Meirovitz** and family on the loss of his mother, Sara Meirovitz.

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

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.

January 1—Sponsored by Mickey and Sandra Greenberg in loving memory of Sam and Sally Greenberg and Michael Wolf.



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.

Pizza and Prayer – *Keva and Kavannah*

Beginning on January 10th, and continuing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month, from 6:15-7:30 p.m. (following evening minyan). Rabbi Olitzky and Cantor Abrams will team teach an in-depth exploration of the Siddur and Liturgy. This series will focus on the content, context and customs surrounding prayer, as well as the spirituality, intentionality and mindfulness needed for a satisfying worship experience. And you can fill yourself not only with learning, but also with dinner. For a mere \$5, each attendee will be able to munch on two slices of pizza, salad and soda. Join us for Pizza and Prayer! For more information, contact Bruce Campbell at bmcampbell5150@gmail.com or 612-418-1984.

Women's League Study Group

Please join us for the Women's League Study Group on January 10th at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Gerr 952-938-1774 or carolyngerr@gmail.com for details.

Siddur Hebrew Literacy

A new 10 week class with Cantor Art Shragg, Sunday mornings, beginning January 15, from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (after minyan and minyan breakfast). The class will examine the structure of the liturgy, both daily (hol) and Shabbat, as well as build basic siddur hebrew vocabulary helping to make the prayers come more alive. Sign up required in order to reach a minimum class size. RSVP to Carol Weingart at cweingart@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7313.

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. *Next study: January 16th*

Want to Learn Hebrew? Adult Classes now available through the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis Choose from Beginner or Intermediate classes taught by Dr. Yaakov Levi. Classes begin January 10th and 12th. For more information, please call 952-381-3300.

Get Your Very Own "Beth El Sings!" CD



Every Beth El family is entitled to a CD and songbook – feel free to stop in and pick one up. If you would like additional CDs and/or songbooks, there is a suggested donation of \$15/\$18 dollars. (Makes a great gift all year long!) Any additional donations to this project are welcome.

Plot Sale Extended through December 31st

Beth El Memorial Park 2011 Lot Sale has been extended through December 31, 2011. This will be your final chance to purchase burial lots at very reduced prices. For more information, contact Superintendent Michael J. Morris at 612-998-0077 or michaeljmorris@comcast.net.

"Yah Sure, You Betchya!"

Do YOU speak Minnesotan? It's okay if you don't (and we promise not to teach you), but if you are a "transplant" to the Twin Cities, we'd love to get together for a hotdish! Whether you've recently moved to Minnesota, or have been here awhile and would like to make more connections, we invite you to a fun and relaxed Minnesota House-Warming Party on Sunday, January 29, 2012, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Oh yah - We hope you can join us, ya know, at the home of recent transplants, Steve & Laura Silberfarb (2617 Natchez Ave S, St. Louis Park). RSVP to Marilyn Weisberg 952-873-7303 or mweisberg@bethelsynagogue.org.

"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 - January 30 and March 12 - at Beth El. For more information, contact Rabbi Davis at 952-873-7300.

ECJFE Winter Registration NOW OPEN

8-week session classes begin Thursday, February 2nd and continue every Thursday, from 5:45-6:45 p.m. (Complimentary sibling care provided). This class is 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.besyn.org/ecjfe.

Help Us Reach Our Goal for 2011!

Your contribution to the Torah Fund Scholarship program makes a difference in the education of the students attending rabbinical schools. Each gift strengthens and perpetuates Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world. To make a contribution, please go to www.besyn.org/wl-donate, or send a check made payable to "Torah Fund" to Lisa Heilicher, 30 Western Terrace, Golden Valley, MN 55426.

Hamantashen Time is here again!

Come help "Make and Bake" Hamantashen every Sunday morning in the months of January and February from 9:15 to Noon, in the Beth El Kitchen - If you have baked for Women's League before come again. If you have never baked come and learn the art of Hamantashen rolling, cutting, filling and klepping or pinching. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! We put the "fun" fundraiser! Any questions contact Linda Tell at 952-938-7177 or LRNTELL@gmail.com.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

To Walk In God's Ways: Perspectives on Illness, Loss and Healing

Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski, Chaplain and nationally renowned speaker, will present "The Theory and Practice of *Bikur Holim* (Visiting the Sick)" on Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at Congregation Darchei Noam (5224 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park), 9:00-10:30 a.m. The presentation is part of a series on Jewish perspectives for providing comfort to those who are ill, dealing with end of life challenges or grieving. For more information, call 612-920-3424.

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, December 23 – Friday, December 30, 2011
27 Kislev – 4 Tevet 5772

Shiva

HAROLD KLANE – HANOKH BEN SHMUEL V' SARAH
LILLIAN BENENSON – LEAH BAT YOSEF V' SARAH
BERTHA SMITH – BEILA BAT BENZION V' RIVA
SARA MEIROVITZ – SARAH BAT AVRAHAM V' ESTHER

Shloshim

Brenda Malka Zucker
Yitzhak (Gunther) Stern
Dennis Hymanson
Dr. Edward Feldman
Yale M. Rutzick

Yahrzeits

27 Kislev / Friday, December 23

Avraham Shmuel (Alan) Corson
Eleazer (Leonard) Friedman
Carole Gilbert
Eliezer Moshe (Louis) Kamenow
Ya'akov (Jacob) Kaplan
Leon Levin
Mordecai Tzvi (Marvin) Lieberman
Velvel (William) Rosenzweig
Hayim (Hyman) Shapiro
Shmuel (Sydney) Simon
Lucy Shults

28 Kislev / Saturday, December 24

Baila Rivka (Barbara) Bigelow
Rifka (Adeline) Chargo
Nahum (Nathan) Fisher
Jack Katzman
Broche (Bernice) Kamesar Lee
Martin Muscplatt
Zorach (Julius) Schmitzer
Baila (Barbara) Tenenbaum

29 Kislev / Sunday, December 25

Mendel Gershon (Max) Caplan
Chaim (Hyman) Fitterman
Pesah (Philip) Gruesner
Badina (Beverly) Kranzberg
Boroch Tevye (Benjamin T.) Miller
Kroina (Connie) Robinson
Yitzhak (Donald) Sandler

Yahrzeits

30 Kislev / Monday, December 26

Yehudit (Eudyce) Carp
Rose Pauline Deutsch
Etai (Quentin) Dachis
Eleanor Goldman
Hana (Ann) Goldstein
Batya Git (Blanche) Kaplan
Mayer Ring
Malka (Molly) Segal

1 Tevet / Tuesday, December 27

Isaac Label (Leonard) Brown
Aharona Alta (Amy) Harer
Z'eiv (William) Katz
Shmuel (Stephen) Lieberman
Yisrael (Isadore) Zeesman

2 Tevet / Wednesday, December 28

Avraham Yehezkel (Abraham) Eurist
Esther Packer
David Rose
Avraham (Abraham) Saxon
Avraham (Abraham) Schwartz
Follie Sher
Grena (Gertrude) Weinberg

3 Tevet / Thursday, December 29

Meir (Eugene) Albersheim
Shimon (Sam) Chazankin
Sam Harry Gelfand
Rasel (Rose) Goodman
James C. Hansen
Hana Sora (Anna) Miller
Hana (Anna) Moses
Itta (Elaine Hampel) Rosenfield
Ernst Rosenzweig
Rochel (Florence) Shapiro

4 Tevet / Friday, December 30

Luise Bernstein
Zelda Epstein
Todros Yitzhak (Dr. Theodore) Goldman
Benjamin Kristol
Baruch (Bert) London
Herbert Pomish
Gerald Schwartz
Irene Siegel

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

Army Sgt. Ryan Sharp, of Idaho Falls, ID, 12/3/2011



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.

 BETH EL SYNAGOGUE
"INSPIRING MINDS" SERIES

PROUDLY PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH

*Gloria
Steinem*

"Feminism: The Longest Revolution"

April 17, 2011
Beth El Synagogue



For more information and tickets, go to bethelsynagogue.org/gloria
or call 952-873-7300. Partnership opportunities available.

Beth El "Inspiring Minds" Series presents Gloria Steinem "Feminism: The Longest Revolution"
April 17, 2012 • Beth El Synagogue Register online or mail this form to 5224 W 26th St, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

_____ @ \$500 - **Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!** Includes one premium ticket with special, upfront assigned seating and admission to a private VIP reception with Gloria Steinem prior to the public presentation. \$435 is tax deductible.*

_____ @ \$180 - One seat in a special reserved section near the front and a copy of one of Gloria's books. \$140 is tax deductible.*

_____ @ \$60 - One general admission ticket. \$35 is tax deductible.* (Limited Availability)

_____ @ \$25 - One senior / student general admission ticket; one seat in the general seating section (ID is required). (Limited Availability)

Payment options:

Enclosed is a check made payable to "Beth El Synagogue" in the amount of \$ _____ (Total Tickets)

Charge my **Visa / MC / AmEx / Discover** (circle one) in the amount of \$ _____ (Total Tickets) + \$2.50 (Credit Card processing fee PER TICKET)

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Sec# _____

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

* The amount paid above fair market value is a contribution to Beth El Synagogue, a charitable organization, tax deductible in accordance with United States Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations.