



RUTH KAYLA HOPE

רות קיילע בריינא בת ברוך וחנה

**Daughter of
Anne & Bruce Hope**

*In honor of Ruth on her bat mitzvah,
Judy & Bevan Marvy and
Sharon & Bill Hope are sponsoring
the Kiddush and her parents are
sponsoring the 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 4:15 p.m.

Saturday:

Shaharit 9:00 a.m.
Spiegel Sanctuary

Apples & Honey 10:30 a.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Minha 4:30 p.m.
Fiterman Chapel

Havdalah 5:15 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.

Please join us for our
Apples & Honey Family Service
10:30 a.m. • Shabbat Morning
Fiterman Chapel

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.
- We appreciate your patience during construction.

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.

Va'yeitzei וַיֵּצֵא

Genesis 28:10-32:3 (pg. 166)

Haftarah

Hosea 11:7-12:12 (p. 194)

Erev Shabbat:

- Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m.
- Wedding Anniversary - Mazal Tov!
Steven & Gail Katz on their 45th on Dec. 18

Yom Shabbat:

- Todah to our Shabbat morning greeter:
Freda Golden
- Aliyah – Going to Israel: **Dan Mosow, David Seffren** and **Bob Karon**

Todah to our Shabbat Torah readers:

1:	Ruth Hope	28:10-22
2:	Howard Koolick	29:1-8 29:9-17
3:	Bruce Campbell Cindy Witkin Aaron Stern	29:18-22 29:23-35 30:1-13
4:	Jeff Toretzky	30:14-27
5:	Ron Plotsker Pennie Shapiro	30:28-31:5 31:6-16
6:	Gary Weinstein Nina Shragg	31:17-32 31:33-42
7:	David Hope Jim Bukstein	31:43-47 31:48-32:3
M:	Ruth Hope	32:1-3
Haftarah:		Ruth Hope

“Beth El Sings” welcomes Artist-In-Residence, Noah Solomon ...

this Shabbat for one final weekend of special soulful music and spiritual prayer. Join us for *zmrivot* (Shabbat singing) after lunch this Shabbat and don't miss the “Jammin’ with Noah” house party Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Judy and Jeff Victor.

If you haven't sung with Noah, now's your chance!



DROPS OF TORAH רְטִיטוֹת תּוֹרָה

Genesis 29:17 “Leah had weak eyes; but Rachel was beautiful and well favored.”

בראשית כ"ט: יז

וַיֵּינִי לְאֵהָ רַבּוֹת וְרַחֵל הָיְתָה יִפְת־תָּאֵר וַיִּפֶּת מְרָאָה :

Jacob duped his blind father with a case of forced mistaken identity. And now, Leah, with weak eyes, is the vehicle for tricking Jacob in a different case of mistaken identity. But is there something more to Leah's weak eyes than a leitmotif? According to the Talmud (BT Bava Batra 123a), it was understood, Rebekah had two sons (Jacob and Esau) and Laban had two daughters (Rachel and Leah). The older son would marry the older daughter and the younger son would marry the younger daughter. Thus, Leah was under the impression that she was going to have to marry Esau (known to be a highway-robber as opposed to the tent-dweller Jacob) and so she cried until her eyelashes dropped from their lids. She literally cried her eyes out. However, things did not work out the way she expected. Jacob wound up with both daughters. Perhaps this is a message that we should not cry over what might be, but, instead, take ownership of the now and work to change tomorrow. Ironically, that's what Laban did when he saw that Esau was out of the picture. -AO

Condolences to our congregants (members in bold):

- **Karen Burton** and **Naomi Rossman** and families on the loss of their mother, Brenda Zucker.
- The friends and family of **Gunther Stern**.
- **Tom Hymanson** and family on the loss of his father, Dennis Hymanson.

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.

December 4—Sponsored by Leonard, Brian and Morley Sobol in loving memory of wife and mother, Pessa Rachel (Paula).

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.

"Am I a Good Jew?"

Visiting JTS Scholar, Rabbi Abigail Treu continues her series of discussions on "God, Revelation, Who Wrote the Torah, and Why Knowing What You Think Can Change Your Life" on

Monday, December 12th
4:00 p.m. at Beth El.

The series continues with Rabbi Treu on: **January 30 and March 12.**
For more information, contact **Rabbi Davis at 952-873-7300,**



Siddur Hebrew Literacy

A class intended to help you learn prayerbook Hebrew, led by Cantor Art Shragg. Contact Cantor Abrams at aabrams@bethelsynagogue.org or 952-873-7317 for more information.

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). 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.

Aleph Preschool Shabbat Dinner

Bring the **WHOLE** family & friends on Friday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. for a delicious chicken dinner, yummy latkes, and irresistible sufganiyot! Plus lots of singing and ruach!! Please register by Monday, December 5th. Call the Aleph Preschool office at 952-873-7320.

Still time to give to the Torah Fund

If you have not already contributed, we invite you to do so. Your contribution to the Torah Fund Scholarship program makes a difference in the education of the students attending rabbinical schools because every student receives a scholarship from the Torah Fund. 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.

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.



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

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

Beth El Young Adults presents Iron Chef: Latkes

On Sunday, December 4th, Morimoto won't be anywhere in sight, but we still hope you'll join us for the latest battle in Kitchen Stadium, Iron Chef: Latkes. Grab your friends and form a team to try and fry up the best latkes Beth El has ever seen. Mystery ingredients will be provided - no two batches of latkes will be the same. And only one can take the title of Battle Champion. Not up to the challenge of cooking? Not a problem! It's not a competition unless there are people to feed, so even if your kitchen skills are totally lacking, please come hungry to Beth El from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring one unwrapped toy or \$5 to "vote" on the winner of our challenge!

Choir at Knollwood

The Beth El Choir sings at Knollwood once a month. If you have family at Knollwood Place, we encourage you to join us on the following dates:

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

"A Mighty Fortress"

Join the Bethelers at the Plymouth Playhouse for a production of "A Mighty Fortress" on Wednesday, December 21st. Cost is just \$22 and includes bus ride and show (Lunch is available, but not included in the price.). To learn more, or to RSVP by Dec. 7th, call Freada Golden at 952-922-6667.

UPCOMING IN THE COMMUNITY

Super Sunday is Coming—We need your help!

Callers are needed for the Minneapolis Jewish Federation's largest fundraising event of the year on December 11th. If you are interested in helping, register online at www.jewishminneapolis.org or can contact Andrea Nadel at 952-417-2334 or anadel@mplsfed.org.

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 2 – Friday, December 9, 2011
6 Kislev – 13 Kislev 5772

Shiva

BRENDA MALKA ZUCKER
GUNTHER STERN – YITZHAK BEN YA'AKOV V' LEAH
DENNIS HYMANSON
DR. EDWARD FELDMAN

Shloshim

Leah (Lillian) Feldman
Yitzhak (Arthur) Bolnick
Leah (Lille) Glasser Rosen

Yahrzeits

6 Kislev / Friday, December 2

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

7 Kislev / Saturday, December 3

Chava (Eva) Barr
Tuvia (Ted) Fischbein
Shlomo (Saul) Graf
Hannah (Anna J.) Oleisky
Raizel (Rose) Rudoy
Yehudit (Maxine) Sopsosnick
Aba (Albert) Tychman
Kay Vicker

8 Kislev / Sunday, December 4

Shmuel (Sam) Bix
Riba Haya (Ida) Blacker
D'vorah (Doris) Eisenberg
Ruvain (Robert) Friedman
Saba Graf
Aleksander (Alex) Levens
Aryeh Laib (Leo) Pikelnay
Ya'ir (Jerome) Seiler
Pessa Rachel (Paula) Sobol
Shmuel (Sidney) Wexler

9 Kislev / Monday, December 5

Yarden (Jordan) Friedman
Sora Pessa (Sarah) Friedman
Basha Malka (Beatrice) Goldberg
Faiga (Fay) Kraines
Bill Luftman
Yitzhak (Harry) Riesenberg
Shaindel (Jeanette) Schwartz
David Silverman
Arthur Stein
Channah Leah (Adrienne) Weinstein

10 Kislev / Tuesday, December 6

Frayda (Frieda) Beugen
Calman Hersheh Benes (Carl) Cowl
Shlait (Sally J.) Friedman
Lev (Leo) Haubenstock
Toba Faiga (Fanny Toba) Katz
Reuven (Robert) Kronick
David Landy
Sora (Sarah) Lavintman
Laibel (Leon) Malter
Ya'akov (Jack) Rosenberg
Suzanne Selcer
Oсна (Alice) Simes
Malka Freda (Mollie) Tankenoff

11 Kislev / Wednesday, December 7

Hirsch Baer (Harold) Dorshow
Yisroel Moishe (Sylvan) Goldstein
Nechama Ada (Adele) Goodkind
Nussan (Nathan) Kivens
Lonia Kuperman
Anna Silverman

12 Kislev / Thursday, December 8

Reuvain Aron (Richard Allan) Feldman
Frayda (Freda) Furman
Hinda (Ann) Radin
Haya (Ilene) Rosenberg
Rivka (Regina) Thorne

13 Kislev / Friday, December 9

Shamai (Simon) Ehrlich
Ya'akov (John) Engal
Nacha (Jeanette/Nettie) Fruen
Yisroel Yakov (Richard) Gittelson
Ita (Henrietta) Lazar
Rachel (Rochelle "Chelle") Resnick
Shmuel (Sam) Silverman
Avrohom (Abraham) Silverstein
Malka Wolf
Ya'akov Wolf

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

Army Pvt. Jackie L. Diener II, of Boyne City, MI, 11/21/2011
Marine Cpl. Zachary C. Reiff, of Preston, IA, 11/21/2011
Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Corral, of Danville, CA, 11/18/2011
Marine Cpl. Adam J. Buyes, of Salem, OR, 11/26/2011



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.

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